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Orinda "Beast" Reaches Regional Tournament

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The Orinda nine-and-under all-stars, "the Beast," played in three summer tournaments finishing first or second in all three to earn a berth to the Pony Regional tournament on July 13 in Brentwood.

The team reached the semi-finals of the Pony Regional by beating Blossom Valley and Brentwood to reach the semi-finals, but lost to Morgan Hill and Paso Robles to finish in third place and end their summer season.

The team had to learn to play with "leads" and "pick-offs" in tournament play because the OBA does not allow it in their regular season.

The team won the Moraga Madness tournament June 18-19 and then placed second in the United States Specialty Sports Association tournament in Turlock June 25-26. The team placed second behind Bel Passi in the Pony Sectionals June 29-July 3. Despite the loss, the second place finish was enough to qualify for the Pony Regional tournament.

Top row, from left: Brad Catron, Dennis Wong, John Dean; middle row: Matt Meredith, Declan McManus, Zachary Donner, AJ Fraser, Stevie Wilder, Declan Curran; Bottom row: Kyle Jasper, Charlie Mollahan, Campbell Hoskins, Bennett Millham, Nicholas Wong, Nicholas Bohm, Hayden Catron. (not pictured, Tanner Zwhalen) Photo Cathy Bohm

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