

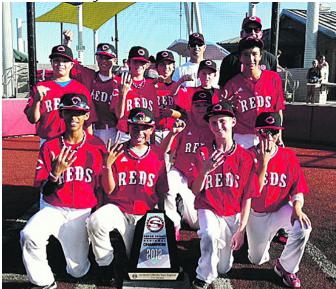
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Bay Area Reds Qualify for State Championships

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From left, front row: Dalen Carter, Nathan Nicosia, Grayson Carper, Graeme Farrell; middle row: Jeremy Gunderson, Donovan Robles, Will Bishop, Vince Mossotti; back row: Lucas Allen, Adrian Hyatt, Coach Joe Kemper, Luka Brown and Coach Shawn Brown. Photo provided

The Bay Area Reds won the Super Series Super Regional held at the Mather Sports Complex outside Sacramento on June 2-3. By defeating the third ranked Central Valley Cobra's 6-0 in the final, the Reds earned a berth for the State Championships to be held July 19-23.

The Reds played solid defense throughout the weekend and got two great pitching performances to defeat the pre-tournament favorite CV Cobra's, twice. In the semifinal game, the Reds overcame a two run deficit with a leadoff single from Moraga standout, Lucas Allen. Allen stole second and scored on a single by Dalen 'X' Carter, who later tied the score on a balk.

With two outs another Moraga product, Luka Brown, stepped to the plate and delivered an inside the park home run that put the Reds ahead, 6-5.

Coach Shawn Brown is pleased with the progress of his team, which was formed through a suggestion from parents who wanted their children to play consistently higher competition outside Lamorinda.

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