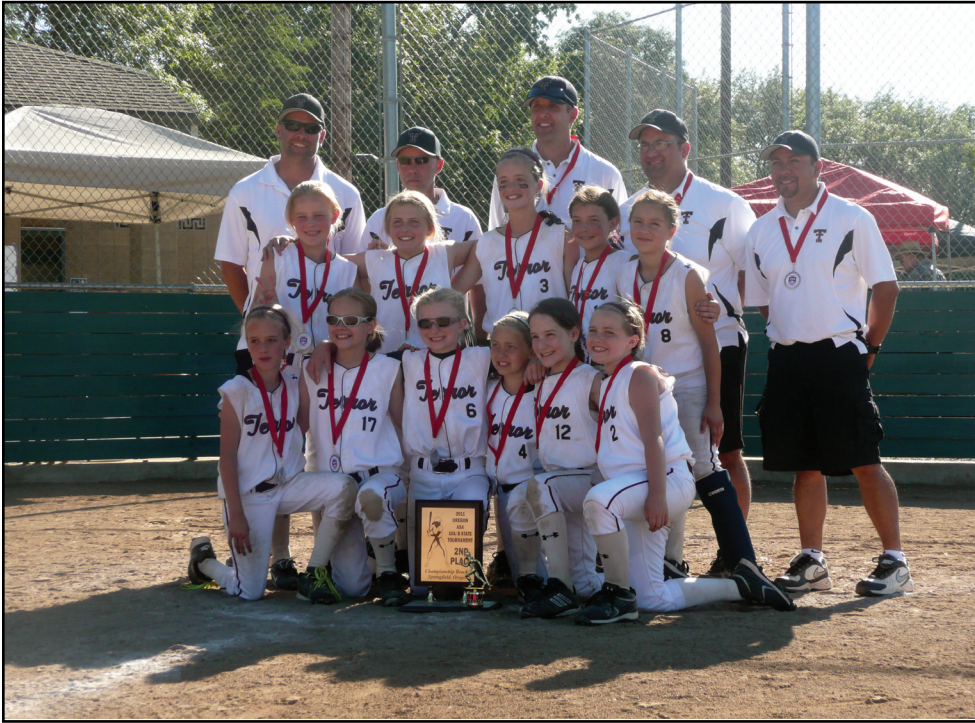


Tualatin Terror Takes 2nd at State



Coaches Row: Coach Penny, Coach McPherson, Coach Newton, Coach Laird, Coach Gomez Back Row: Danielle Nickel, Marin Penny, Eva Newton, Megan Talbert, Andrea Gomez Front Row: Kayla Laird, Reagan Holmes, Hailee Swiger, Maddy Schwiemer, Gabby Pinto, Lilly McPherson

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Tualatin terror, a team of 10 year old girls from Tualatin placed 2nd at the ASA 10u A/B State Championships in Springfield, OR. In their first game the Terror jumped out to an early lead against the wildcats from Canby and never looked back winning 16-0. Kayla Laird, Lilly McPherson and Hailee Swiger combined for a two hitter shutting out Canby. Marin Penny led the offensive charge going 4-4 with a home run and Andrea Gomez helped the offensive punch going 2-3 with Maddy Schwiemer adding a 2-2 outing at the plate.

In their second game, the Terror made quick work of the Silver Bullets beating

them 12-2 allowing only 3 hits. Gabby Pinto provided the offensive spark the Terror needed to break the game open. She battled the Silver Bullets pitcher to a full count, fouling off 6 additional pitches before hitting a 2 run double to right center. "It was a pivotal at bat for us because we had girls in scoring position and we needed for something to happen" "It was the hit that turned the game and broke it open" coach McPherson said. Tualatin was down 1-0 when Pinto got her hit that allowed Tualatin to score 4 in the inning and take the lead for good.

The third game proved to be a little tougher but the Terror battled to an 11-9 win over

the Saboteurs. Megan Talbert was the offensive spark 3-4 with two doubles and 3 runs scored. Penny, Gomez & Eva Newton all added two hit a piece.

Tualatin lost the semi final game to OC Nightmare; the eventual champions setting up a match against cross town rival Tigard Blast. "We were nervous to play them because we have had trouble with them all year" pitcher Lilly McPherson said but the nerves never got in the way as Tualatin played almost a flawless game allowing one run on one error

Beating the Blast 2-1 sending Tigard home with third place. Danielle Nickel had the key hit and eventually scored the go ahead run on Penny's hit to take the lead for good in the 5th. Reagan Holmes provided a key defensive play in the third to cut a scoring threat.

Tualatin didn't fair much better against OC in the second game losing 6-1 and taking 2nd at State. "It was a great weekend for ASA and for our girls" Coach McPherson said "They have worked hard all year in the gyms and it's good to show the girls that hard work pays off. They will remember this for a long time". Tualatin will finish their season with a trip to Fresno, CA for the Western Nationals in August.

Tualatin Terror is coached by Wayne Laird, Michael Newton, Lelo Gomez, Derrin Penny & Roy Swiger and managed by Scott McPherson.

The Terror plays ASA softball under the TYSA umbrella. For more information about the team or TYSA rec. & comp. softball go to: www.tualatinsoftball.org