

Texas Prospects showcasing Bullard and ET talent

Rumbelow throws perfect at Perfect Game Showcase at Twins MetroDome

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Bullard's Nick Rumbelow has been making a lot of noise this summer as a member of the Texas Prospects-Black team. Playing any infield position is a plus, but his pitching is what has turned the heads of several big Division I programs as well as some Major League Baseball advisors.

Rumbelow and his team recently participated in the Perfect Game Tournament in Huntsville, which showcased the top Texas talent in high school baseball.

Rumbelow was so impressive at the Texas tourney, the senior to be was only one of three Texas players invited to play at the Perfect Game Series in Minneapolis. Minnesota, and play at the MetroDome.

"It was just a honor to be selected to go up there and play, and then when you walked out on the field it was just awesome," said Rumbelow after returning. "The stands were full of college scouts and MLB scouts, and we were playing against the best the nation high schools have to offer."

Rumbelow was among 200 players that were split into 10 teams for the showcase in Minnesota.

The loaded rosters only permitted limited playing time for all the players but Rumbelow made the most of his two innings on the mound. Nick struckout four, got an easy ground out and a pop-up to the infield for a perfect two innings in front of the prestigious crowd.

Bullard head coach, Ronnie Dent has been in attendance at many of the Prospects games and had nothing but praise for his all-state, and all East Texas nominee.

"I think Nick really matured a lot during our school season, and it has shown this summer because he has been playing some really good ball this summer," Dent said about his returning key player. "He put a lot of un-due pressure on himself this past year at Bullard because he felt like he had to carry the load, and he did a great job.

"Nick already had a lot of good programs interested in him, but after the summer he has had, I have been getting calls from multiple schools that haven't even been in the recruiting picture yet."

Schools like Rice, Mississippi State, LSU, Texas A&M, and Arkansas are just a few of the schools Rumbelow mentioned having heard from in since Minnesota.



At top, Rumbelow gets a hit for The Prospects in recent action. Above, a shot of Rumbelow in his Texas Prospects gear. Below is a picture of the combined Prospects two teams. Team members for the Prospects include for the 18U Red team, Tyler Clakely (Chapel Hill), Nolan Rose (Bullard), Kobie Lee (Henderson), Grant Brandon (Whitehouse), Hayden Hawkins (Mineola), Jared Murrar (Grapeland), Set Cashion (Whitehouse), Ryan Bell (Whitehouse), Josh Holley (Chapel Hill), D.J. Stanley (Gilmer), Dustin Russell (Carthage), Miles Peloquin (Spring Hill), Lucas Quarry (Mt. Pleasant), Jake Shelly Gilmer). The Texas Prospects 18U Black Roster includes, Andrew Ector (Kilgore), Dusty Jordan (Henderson), Jackson McCurdy (White Oak), Brock Vinson (Henderson), Jarrisk Hagan (Lufkin-Central Heights), Beau Bayliss (Marshall), Blake Ware (White Oak), Ryan Small (Spring Hill), Connor Lloyd (Harleton), Justin Jenkins (Hallsville), Garrett Methvin (Spring Hill), David Perkins (Pine Tree), Mikie Scruggs (Kemp), Trent Smith (Jefferson), Nick Rumbelow (Bullard), and Jim Gossett (Henderson).

Prospects program; showcase Rumbelow and Rose with big test to play the best

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The inaugural Texas Prospects July 4th Showcase ended up coming down to the two locally-based team of high school all-stars to battle for the top spot. So despite the verdict, the Prospect were going to win.

The final game was halted after one-inning with lightning threats all around Herrington Field on the University of Texas at Tyler campus. The two teams earned the finals spot, with earlier wins on Sunday.

The Texas Prospects Black beat the San Antonio Wranglers, 9-1 in the first semi-final in the morning.

Spring Hill's, and Arkansas-bound, Garrett Methvin went the first four inning, striking out 12. Justin Jenkins of Hallsville came on to close out the win. Offensively for the Prospects-Black, Connor Lloyd of Harleton homered.

The Prospects-Red followed that up with a 9-1, win over the Waco Buzz to set up the one-game finale. Mount Pleasant's, Lucas Quarry was stout on the mound and to get the win, while Jake Ashley doubled, and four teammates had multiple-hit games.

The Texas Prospects-Black will play in Shreveport next weekend in the Centenary University Showcase.

The Prospects-Red squad will travel to Waco to participate in the McClellan College Shootout.

Other teams in Tyler and Whitehouse for the four-day first-time event in the 18U division included the highly-ranked, Dallas Tiger; Texas Blackhawks, Ft. Worth Cats, Waco Buzz Lightning, San Antonio Wranglers, Dallas Dragons, Texas Stix, Austin Centex Crush, Texas Prospects-Red, Texas Prospects-Black. These are Texas Showcase League members.

Other win for the Texas Black team came with a 12-3 win over Austin Centex Crush, beating the San Antonio Wranglers 11-1, in one game and 9-1 in the semi-final, and The Prospects Red team started with a 12-2, win over the Texas Stix, then beat the Texas Blackhawks, 12-4.

Friday second day results had the Red team take a 8-2 win over the Fort Worth Cats, and the Black team stayed undefeated with a 11-7 win over the Waco Buzz Lightning.

Saturday, the Black team advanced with a 6-3, win over the Fort Worth Cats, and the Red team beat the Dallas Dragons 11-9, for the semi-finals bid.

EBCC Junior Golf Camp slated for July

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Mark Kote, the Eagle's Bluff Pro of the Year, will be holding a Junior Golf Camp at Eagle's Bluff Country Club, from July 14-17; July 21-24; July 28-31, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. The cost for the camp if you are an EBCC member is \$85, and \$105 for guests of EBCC Members.

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Smith has primarily played catcher for the Hammers this season, but can play virtually anywhere his coaches put him. Smith was a Hammer representative at the BBA All-Star Play Day in the 8U division. Smith is also a Pop Warner football player, and a hoopster as well on the hardwood.

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