

BIG BOYS BANG FOR AN OLD FRIEND

Three cities from the west take over the Mike Davis Memorial



Top: Bryson Baker hits one of his many 350 plus feet homeruns over the weekend. Right: The "Big 3" from Combat with their new signature series bats (Scott Brown, Bryson Baker & Johnny McCraw). Danny Mascote photos.

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ANTIOCH, CA— The 20th annual Mike Davis Memorial softball tournament was the largest in its history. The tournament was held May 30-June 1 and featured 30 of the best teams across the nation. This year's champions, Dan Smith/Menosse/Combat, hail from San Jose.

Mike Davis was the manager and player of the Dan Smith team for 18 years. His passion for softball and his efforts furthering the game led his friends and family to create a memorial tournament for him after his death. The event is an open tournament with one division.

The Dan Smith team took this year's championship title with ease while they went undefeated in all four games and scored 92 runs.

The second and third place teams also come from the west – C-Town from Boise, Idaho came behind in second place while Canes/Worth Softball from Phoenix, Arizona were in third place. C-Town was actually pretty unstoppable in the tournament with a 6-1 record and 157 runs scored until they ran into Dan Smith. Canes/Worth finished with a 4-2 record and scored a total of 60 runs during the two-day event.

In Dan Smith's first two match-ups against Silva's and Spider Pigs, Dan Smith beat both teams with a score of 24-8. In its last two games Dan Smith demolished its competition against C-Town 16-6 and Canes/Worth 28-2.

Up until C-Town forfeited the championship game (because of

injuries and early plane flights) they were on fire stomping Nor Cal Ballers 32-0 in their first game and Got Mana 20-1 in the second game. Canes/Worth also did well as they beat Tykoon 13-7, Getterdun/Worth 11-4 and K&C Graphics 17-5.

The tournament MVP was Dal Beggs from Dan Smith and Antonio Mack from C-Town was named the offensive MVP. For Canes/Worth, Chris Powell and Justin Moore were named to the all-tournament team.

