Taiwan shuts out Nevada 7-0 for first LLWS title since 1996

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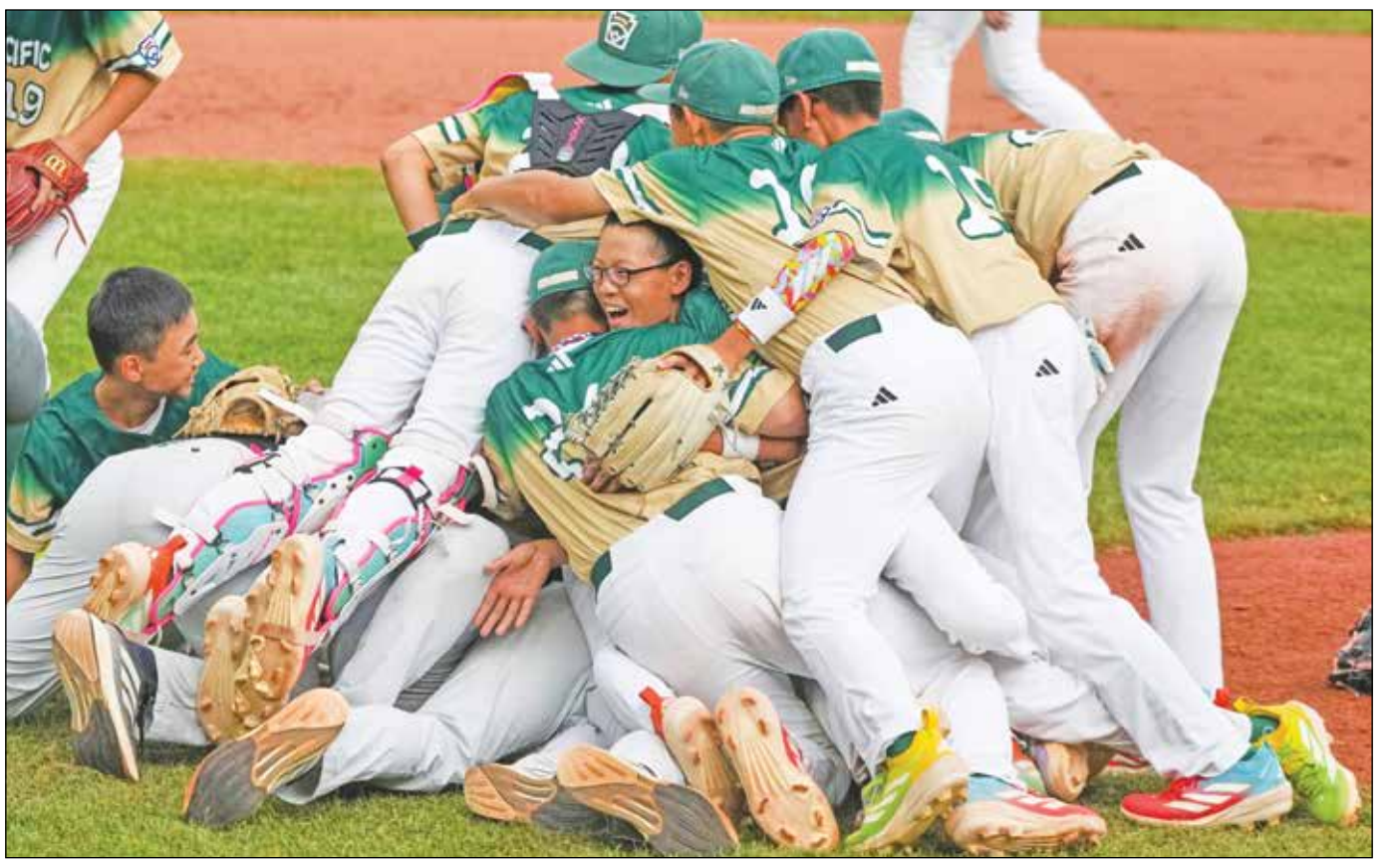

Taiwan players celebrate winning the Little League World Series championship Sunday in South Williamsport, Pa. AP PHOTO/GENE J. PUSKAR

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — It might not have been perfect, but for Taiwan it was still pretty great.

Lin Chin-Tse retired the first 13 batters he faced and allowed just one hit in five innings as Taiwan beat Nevada 7-0 in the Little League World Series championship Sunday, ending a 29-year title drought for the Taiwanese.

Taiwan won its first LLWS since 1996, although its 18 titles are the most of any country beside the United States, including five straight from 1977 to 1981.

When Chen Yi-Reng caught a fly ball in left field to end the game, Taiwan's gloves went flying into the air as the team piled in front of the mound.

"We're really happy that we have a chance to recapture the championship," manager Lai Min-Nan said.

Lin, a 5-foot-8 right hander, also smashed a three-run triple in Taiwan's five-run fifth. The 12-year-old from Taipei hit more than 80 mph with his fastball multiple times during the tournament; to batters it looks much faster because the plate in this level of baseball is only 46 feet (14 meters) away. His velocity appeared much the same on Sunday.

Lin's longest start before Sunday was three innings in Taiwan's opening game against Mexico. He allowed only one hit in a subsequent victory over Venezuela.

"I am very excited," Lin said through an interpreter. "In the first inning, I was very nervous, but after that it was smooth."

Min-Nan said Taiwan's strategy throughout the LLWS was to "leverage the defense as the offense. If the other team cannot get any runs, there's no way they can win this tournament."

That plan worked pretty well. The Taiwanese gave up just three runs during their stay in Williamsport, all to Venezuela in a 7-3 victory.

Garrett Gallegos broke up the perfect game with a single into left field in the fifth inning but was caught in a double play when Grayson Miranda lined out to second. Nevada was appearing in its first championship game.

"I think you will judge this whole story, not by this one last chapter, but the whole book here," manager T.J. Fescher said. "They will be heroes upon arrival in Las Vegas."

Offensively, Taiwan capitalized on four wild pitches and a passed ball. Jian Zih-De worked a walk leading off the bottom of the second and later scored when he beat the throw home after one of the wild pitches.

Chen Shi-Rong scored Taiwan's second run in the bottom of the third when he ran home on a Nevada throwing error to first base.

After his triple in the fifth made it 5-0, Lin got caught in a rundown between third and home on Tsai Yu-Ge's ground ball, but he was bailed out on a throwing error that went deep into left field. Lin scored and so did Tsai.

The last international team to win the tournament was Japan in 2017.

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great benefit.

"They know what I expect of them. There's no new things going on. They know the standard that I bring; same thing in basketball … same thing required here. This has been a smoother transition than I thought it was going to be. Having that experience prior was great for this."

Shane Wade and Brandon Sigmon assist Vance; they both have been head coaches at Northeast (Wade baseball, Sigmon girls basketball). Vance served as an assistant for two years with previous head coach Mark Manriquez.

The Vikings finished last season 0-9, experiencing a rough first season playing 8-man football. They were outmanned and overpowered by opponents such as West Elk and Oswego.

"We're going to be much different than last year," Vance said. "I hope for us to be more of a run-pass option team and spread out and use our athletic ability. We're not overly big, so we're going to have to spread out and use space to our advantage. They've got some big kids on their team; we've got a couple, but as a whole from top to bottom, we're still a small team. We're going to have use speed and quickness to really stay in or win ballgames."

The conversation begins almost the same every year for Northeast football, and that's numbers.

"We have 26 … at the moment," Vance said. "Pretty good numbers for us."

By comparison, the Vikings had 14 players in 2022, 18 two seasons ago and 20 last season.

Northeast opens the season Sept. 5 at home with St. Paul; the Vikings have their preseason jamboree this Friday at Central-Burden with the host Raiders, St. Paul and Marmaton Valley.

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people by stepping up and contributing in a big way. Eve and Dani have done an outstanding job encouraging the younger golfers. Their leadership and the team bond they're building are already evident both on and off the course.

"I'm most excited to see how our young players grow and push each other. I believe this group has the drive to accomplish something special together. If our golfers trust their preparation and continue to support one another, I believe we'll put ourselves in position for a successful season.

"Our goals are to win the CNC League, secure a first- or second-place finish at regionals, which we are excited to host at Crestwood Country Club, and finish in the top three at the state tournament in Salina."

Yaghmour is considered among the golfers to watch in 3-1A this season by KSHSAA Covered along with Goodland's Allison and Natalie Cure and Tori Jones, Silver Lake's Kailyn Hanni, Jefferson West's Izzy Higgins, Hesston's Elizabeth Hosford, Syracuse's Bronwyn Lewis, Osage City's Peyton Pitts, Caney Valley's Aiva Price, Jayhawk-Linn's Celeste Schneider, Thomas More Prep-Marian's Brynn Schoepf and Prairie View's Harley Wade.

The article mentioned Wade as one of the favorites to capture the state title this season since she was the highest-finishing underclassmen in 3-1A last season (third place).

Yaghmour finished 11th at state with a two-day score of 175; Colgan and Silver Lake tied at 718 and the Panthers earned the state title by one stroke with the fifth-golfer tiebreaker.

Yaghmour also finished 12th at state during her freshman year with her 182 score; Colgan's four-person team score of 729 placed the Panthers third behind Silver Lake (701) and Colby (729).

The Panthers have won state titles in four of the last five seasons, including three straight from 2020 through 2022.

The Panthers open the new season Thursday, Sept. 4 at Columbus and their varsity tournaments are Crestwood (Sept. 11), Girard (Sept. 18), Chanute (Sept. 22), Galena at Schifferdecker (Sept. 25), Dub's Dread (Kansas City Piper), Garnett (Oct. 6) and Baxter Springs (Oct. 7) before hosting the regional tournament Monday, Oct. 13 at Crestwood.

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USD #249
2025-2026

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 249 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 6:05 PM at 208 S Cayuga, Frontenac, KS 66763 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	8,246,622	20.000	8,624,372	20.000	9,127,772	554,424	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	2,671,289	15.387	2,852,524	15.483	3,033,004	615,996	15.422
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	523,133		329,838		161,898		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	30,284		30,000		60,000		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	1,143,297		1,220,538		1,320,000		
Bilingual Education	14	62,806		90,863		113,000		
Virtual Education	15	38,750		28,270		75,000		
Capital Outlay	16	1,443,091	7.996	319,648	7.996	1,400,000	322,569	8.000
Driver Training	18	8,336		10,564		18,000		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	620,917		632,301		738,000		
Professional Development	26	40,126		74,999		125,000		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	1,481,605		1,636,285		2,053,800		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	394,986		408,116		500,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	362,092		247,948		201,909		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	878,194		848,106		938,854		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	48,568		55,158				
Activity Fund	56	67,580		80,482				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	1,296	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES[1]								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	18,061,676	43.383	17,490,012	43.479	19,867,533	1,492,989	43.422
Less: Transfers	105	3,223,649		3,548,494		4,153,000		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	14,838,027		13,941,518		15,714,533		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,365,940		1,416,544		1,492,989		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	70,750	1.670	68,100	1.528	68,100	57,977	1.452
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	70,750	1.670	68,100	1.528	68,100	57,977	1.452
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$1,424,134		$1,474,750		$1,550,966		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$27,444,374		$25,986,342		$27,721,208		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$34,738,154		$37,967,151		$39,942,582		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$35,019,474		$37,932,388		$40,321,144		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	550,000		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	550,000		0		0		

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Board President

Julie Underwood
Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Revenue Neutral

	2024-2025				2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	$519,727	20.000	$519,745	18.749	$554,424	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$589,734	15.483	$587,875	14.718	$615,996	15.422
Adult Education	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	$307,083	7.996	$306,118	7.592	$322,569	8.000
Cost of Living	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Assessment	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Temporary Note	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Historical Museum	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	$0	0.000			$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$1,416,544	43.479	$1,413,738	41.059	$1,492,989	43.422
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$896,817	23.479	$893,993	22.310	$938,565	23.422

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