

other countries for a year and promised to make sure that players were all from the same region and the correct age.

Taiwan Little League pitcher Chih Hsiang Lin (right) hugs catcher Chih Wei Chang after winning the World Series title.

got in the big leagues this year. Brown (6-8) gave up four hits and one run in 7 2-3 innings. He had gone 12 starts, including six losses, since last winning on June 2. Doug Jones gave up Salmon's

Palmeiro homered in the ninth. Notes: Huson made his first start for the Orioles at second base in place of Manny Alexander, out with a pulled groin muscle.

# This team has No Fear about improving horizons

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CANYON COUNTRY — As if the No Fear tournament soccer team didn't have enough advantage on the field, now they'll have the mental edge, too.

No Fear, an 11- and 12-year-old squad from AYSO region 677, had quite a summer. It won five of the seven tournaments it entered, outscored the opposition 89-16 and amassed a record of 28-6-5, having to come back to win four times in tournament championship or semifinal matches. Most recently, it took home the Tournament of Champions trophy from the competition at Irvine. All the while, the boys followed Coach Rick Llamas' motto: A team that passes is a team that wins.

Their on-field exploits are documented. Now, the boys are taking the game to the next level, learning the games' strategy.

The team spent two days earlier this week at Canyon High playing the game on a grid, which would give the players a chance to see how to move to the ball, get open for a pass and pass short distances, said Bo Potter, the founder of the game and the Potter International Soccer League.

"Mainly, the idea is to learn ball control, so on the field, the team works as a unit," said Potter, who was on hand the entire day to act as referee.

What he saw was typical of boys that age. On the field, they might click together, but they're still boys and open to the squabbles and teasing that happen.

No one seemed to escape being called a cheater. The odd part was that the boys might have been learning how soccer is a game where people always try to get an edge whenever and wherever possible.

Still, the boys loved playing the game, so much so that Jason Cooper didn't want to leave and Luke Llamas wanted his father to buy one. Two teams even traded players.



The No Fear boys soccer team recently completed a highly-successful summer, posting a 28-6-5 record as well as using special games to help learn about the sport.

The team has been together for four years, with Rick Llamas seeking three ingredients: players who were aggressive, had good ball-control skills, and who had fun parents. Luke Llamas, Nick Hernandez, Garrett Marxen, Eric Moore, Matt Nelsen, Cameron Robinson and Stephen Schaefer are the original seven who are

still with the team.

At the beginning of this season, Llamas said he was lucky to have half his team at practices because so many play other sports, especially baseball. He didn't mind, though, because multi-sport athletes fit in with the type of player he sought.