

IN THE NEWS

August, 2007: Bulldog 10's win National Championship - Daily News reports the Bulldog 10 year olds Win of the Triple Crown Summer Nationals. It was also reported in the Park Slope Courier on August 10, 2007

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SID FERNANDO recounts the Bulldogs' triumph

THE BROOKLYN BULLDOGS 10-and-under youth baseball travel team went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., last month as a contender in the Triple Crown Sports Summer Nationals; they returned to Park Slope as the national champion. The pride of the 78th Precinct lost their first game and then ran the table, defeating five straight opponents and carting home the national crown. Bulldogs manager Sid Fernando traces the team's trajectory, and explains what made their bite so strong.

"The tournament started with two seeding games, and then it switched to single-game elimination the rest of the way through. We were seeded seventh and we played the No. 1-seed North Wake Hurricanes. They beat us 10-8 in extra innings, but

we didn't lose again. We came back to win our second seeding game, 21-18 over the eighth-seeded Piedmont Braves from North Carolina. We only play six innings, and they led 13-5 in the fifth inning. We rallied and won, 21-18.

The games' scores were so high because all teams were saving their aces for elimination games. The game was also significant because we ran our side and (Piedmont) ran their side in single-elimination, and our teams wound up meeting in the championship.

In the finals against Piedmont, we had Rafael Quezada — our ace in the hole. He's one of the hardest-throwing 10-year-olds out there. He can get up to 70 mph. He pitched a complete game and had two RBI. My son Joe Fernando went 2-for-3 and scored two runs. Brandon Leftwich went 2-for-3 with an RBI, too, and we won, 4-1. It was thrilling."

Brooklyn Bulldogs Baseball

Bulldogs Are National Champs



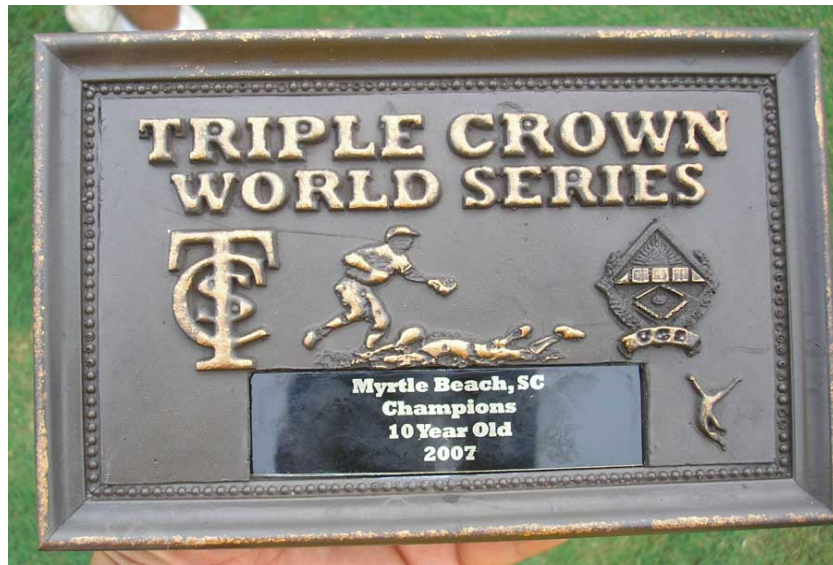
Pictured above, the victorious Brooklyn Bulldogs smile with their coaches and their championship plaques.

As a contender in the Triple Crown Sports Summer Nationals in late July, the Brooklyn Bulldogs 10 and under youth travel baseball team went to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and returned to Brooklyn as the national champion.

Having won a bid to the Nationals by winning the 7th Annual Triple Crown Sports Tournament in North Branford Ct. in April, the Bulldogs traveled to South Carolina to face some of the country's best 10 and under baseball teams. The first two games were seeding games and the Dawgs lost their first game to the number one seeded North Wake Hurricanes from N.C. 10-8 in extra innings. They came back to win their next five games in the four day tournament with a 21-18 come from behind extra inning win to the Piedmont Braves of N.C. The scores were so high because all the teams were saving their aces for the single elimination games which followed the seeding rounds.

In single elimination games, the seventh seeded Dawgs defeated Upstate Big Dogs, S.C. 15-0 with Caleb Kerbs earning the win. The quarter finals against the second seeded North Carolina Baseball Academy, saw the Bulldogs ace Mark Maguire go the distance in a 7-3 victory. Maguire went undefeated during the season and posted a 7-0 record in tournament play this year. Joe Fernando pitched a 9-8 game against STIX Team, N.C. in the semi's. The championship game against the Piedmont Braves had Rafael Quezada, one of the hardest throwing 10 year olds out there, who can throw up to 70 mph, pitched a complete game in a 4-1 victory to clinch the national championship.

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Standing (middle): Mark Maguire, Avery Hogue, Nick Dulchin, Ben Rothman, Michael Taormina, Joe Fernando, Ralfie Quezada, Dennis Maddocks

Last Row: Coaches Sid Fernando, Johnny Fernando, Andrew Bakst, Mike Dulchin, Steve Layne

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