

Seminar 5 takes Softball Championship

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Seminar 5's championship softball team gathers with family members around home plate to celebrate their victory over Seminar 13 during the Carlisle Barracks Softball Championship, Carlisle Barracks softball fields, Oct. 10

Seminar 5 blew through Seminar 13 like the wind as they claimed Carlisle Barracks softball championship during a double elimination tournament held here Oct. 10.

Going through the tournament undefeated, Seminar 13 had only to win one of two games in the double elimination tournament to claim the crown, but Seminar 5 had seemingly planned strategically to halt Seminar's 13 run through the tourney the night before.

In the first game, Lt. Col. Jayson Putnam, Lt. Col. Will Arnold and Dr. Craig Bullis led Seminar 5 with a three-run triple, each. Seminar 5 put the game away in the third inning with an onslaught rarely seen on the fields of Carlisle Barracks as they scored 19 runs. Arnold had the big bat in the third with five RBIs. Seminar 5 won the first game, shortened to four innings, 30 – 7, to force the "IF" game.

The second game saw a more competitive action as each team scored three runs in the first inning. Seminar 13 lead off the first with two singles by Lt. Col. Steven Gventer and Col. Eric Crider. They then took advantage of four consecutive walks with two outs to take a 3 – 0 lead. Seminar 5 came back with three runs of their own when Lt. Col. Thomas Gibson, Lt. Col. Tony Verenna and Dr. Andrew Lippert each got hits.

The second inning saw only Seminar 5 scoring with an RBI double by USMC Lt. Col. Michael Cable. In the third, Seminar 13 again took advantage of five walks and an RBI double by Lt Col. Kevin Neumann to retake a 6 – 4 lead. In the bottom of the third Seminar 5's Verenna hit an in-the-park-homerun to make it 6 -5 after three.

The fourth inning was all Seminar 13 as they scored three more runs on five walks and RBI singles by Col. Jason Fleming and USAF Lt. Col. David Siemion, Seminar 13, 9 – 5 after four.

It was only a matter of time before the bats of Seminar 5 woke up again as they scored five more runs in the fifth and sixth innings. With five consecutive hits including a double by Putman knocking in two, a costly error in the outfield had Seminar 5 feeling back in the game with a 10 - 9 lead. Seminar 13 managed to tie the game at 10 in their top half of the sixth, only for Seminar 5 to score five more with five hits in a row, then with bases loaded Cable hit a deep drive to left center for a triple bringing in three. After six complete innings, 15 – 10 Seminar 5.

Seminar 13 made it interesting in the top half of the seventh but with bases loaded and two outs the next batter only managed to hit a roller back to the pitcher for the final out of the game and their run for the championship over. Seminar 5 won 15 – 10 making an improbable comeback to win the Carlisle Barracks Softball Championship.