



Take bat! Bristol Badgers' Luke Looney playing for the Great Britain junior team against his usual team-mates at Failand last weekend

Looney pitches up to help GB juniors defeat his club side

BRISTOL Badgers suffered defeat at the hands of the Great Britain junior side in a specially-arranged friendly at Failand on Sunday.

The GB team played at Failand just weeks before setting off for Florida to contest the USSSA Gold Medal Games against a host of international rivals.

Will Lintern's side, which included promising Badgers pitcher Luke Looney, showed their class to see off the challenge of the runaway AAA

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South league leaders in both games of a double-header.

Looney maintained his hot run of form on the mound by pitching three strong innings to keep his usual team-mates, which included his dad

Dan, in check. The GB team showed their intent early on by taking a three-run lead in the first game before managing to hold on to claim an 8-5 victory.

The promising youngsters then turned on the style in the second game, cruising to a 16-5 win.

"The GB side are an impressive group of young ball players," said Badgers chairman Rem Scouten.

"They certainly have the ability and their awareness of the game is beyond

their years. All credit goes to coach Lintern and his squad. We wish them the best in Florida."

The event was arranged to assist the GB baseball programme. More than £300 was raised on the day which will help fund the junior squad's trip to America.

The Badgers, meanwhile, will continue their AAA South League bid with a game against defending champions Oxford Kings at Failand on July 17 (noon).