

## Cal Eliminates Top-Seeded Pirates in Semi-Finals

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Tampa, FL – The Bears of Cal-Berkeley defeated East Carolina Club Baseball by a score of 11-6 on Wednesday afternoon at The University of Tampa Baseball Stadium. With the win, the Bears advance to the National Championship game on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Pirates struck first, putting up one run in the top of the second on two singles and a timely double from junior Nick Thrasher. East Carolina senior Jim Leggett silenced the Cal offense through two innings, but the Bears took advantage of two walks, two wild pitches and roped two hits in the bottom of the third to put up a three-spot to take the lead.



Cal kept up the momentum at the plate and scored one more in the fifth and another four runs in the sixth to take a comfortable 8-1 lead heading to the final innings of the game.

The Pirates mounted a comeback in the top of the seventh, scoring four runs on three hits and one walk to cut the lead to three. But the Bears kept on scoring. Cal added another two runs to its lead in the bottom of the seventh and another in the eighth to seal the deal and take the game by a final score of 11-6.

The Bears let their offense shine in the big semi-final win, tallying a total of 16 hits on the day. Cal's senior left-fielder Ryan Clough was named the most-valuable player of the game. Clough went 2-for-4 with a triple, two runs scored and three RBI against the Pirates.

The loss eliminates the Pirates from this year's World Series event. Cal-Berkeley advances on to face the winner of Utah State vs. Wisconsin on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for a shot at the 2014 NCBA National Championship.

For more details about today's game, check out the complete [box score](#).

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This is the second consecutive season that the National Club Baseball Association has hosted the season-finale event at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium in downtown Tampa. Games will continue through Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. For a full schedule of events, links to in-game broadcasts and play-by-play updates, head to the [NCBA World Series Website](#).