

# Some great summer ball was played!



## Bellmore BlueFire burn'd 'em!

by Joe Maniscalco

Bellmore Little League is proud of its girls' fastpitch softball teams.

Recently, the girls' U10 and U12 softball teams played for the championship game in the coveted East Meadow Summer Sizzle. The high-powered tournament, at the East Meadow Complex, featured teams from all over the Long Island area.

The Bellmore BlueFire U10 team shocked their division and made it to the championship game against Plainedge. Getting to the championship game was no easy task. First, they had to defeat Farmingdale and then a very powerful Massapequa team.

In the end, the team's desire, dedication and commitment proved successful as they defeated both teams to make it to the final game. While they came in second place, the team exceeded everyone's expectations for the season and propelled their confidence to another level.

The U10 team comprises girls from Bellmore Little League interested in playing summer travel softball. The team consists of Kaitlin Maniscalco, Jeannette Kropp, Natalie Murray, Lillian Gering, Jackie Clifford, Jillian Goldhirsch, Taylor Niola, Azaria Vargas, Peyton Fishman, Kajlyn Judd, Amanda Maffucci, Elizabeth Kutil, Samantha Bendig, Ruth Bergman and Danielle Polirer.

The Bellmore BlueFire U12 team also made it to the championship game in the East Meadow Summer Sizzle tournament. This is the same team that captured the Memorial Day tournament at Newbridge Park, winning all six games, and defeating an independent travel team from Westchester in the final game.

The U12 team had no easy task getting to the championship game. First, they had to defeat Sea Cliff and then Bethpage Gold elite 12U team. The Bethpage Gold game was won in the last inning with impeccable base-running and timely hitting.

The pitching performance for Bellmore BlueFire was amazing. While they were defeated by a great East Meadow U12 team, the Bellmore BlueFire U12 team did exceptionally well throughout the summer. It had won its two prior tournaments during the summer, and played against some of the best 12U teams on Long Island.

The team consists of Ashley Boscarino, Alexa Boscarino, Mairead Ryan, Brianna Maniscalco, Nicole Moechio, Nicole Aliberti, Amanda Steinberg, Emily Madden, Kristina Barry, Victoria Bova, Katie Grodski, Sara Coluccio, Jamie Kanner and Tori Rinck.

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