

## JBSX OFF TO A WINNING START

The Temperzone Junior Black Sox get off to a solid start as they commence preparations for their World Championship campaign in Midland Michigan on 24 July.

The team is adjusting to the new time zone and high temperatures (30+ degrees) in the USA.

The team played an invitational side, Ohio Battery made up of players that play premier softball in the U.S league.

In the first game Auckland's Daniel Chapman had a dominant performance on the mound. Chapman faced 25 batters in seven innings recording 18 strikeouts. The NZ team took five hits off the US pitchers winning the first game 1 to nil. Jordan Tahana took 2 hits for 2 at bats.

In the second game Sam Marley was on the mound. Again Marley pitched well giving up only three hits. The team faced Canadian Kyle Crawford. The game ended in the fifth innings 7-0 with a much stronger batting effort as any cobwebs from the first game had gone and the team started to get their rhythm and timing together. They took a total of 11 hits from Crawford with Zac Boyd hitting 2 for 2. Jayden Stratford also hit a stand up triple.

The team will play a double header again tonight against the same side.

