

Temperzone Junior Black Sox Tour Update

The Temperzone Junior Black Sox had a shaky build-up prior to featuring in the European Men's Super-Cup in Prague, Czech Republic this week.

The side played two warm-up games against the Czech Republic U23 team, who beat the Kiwis in both and left the New Zealand coaches seeking improvements.

The New Zealand management noted that there were some small mental errors that cost them, but that these were to be expected after travelling for many hours.

A third match was secured against a local men's team. It was an "entertaining match", with coaches, Jarrad Martin and Thomas Makea, "using all of their tricks". The Kiwis took the game 15-10 as a result of impressive base running and solid hitting. Callum Bishop and Bailey Hamilton had good outings, both with automatic home runs.

The European Men's Super-Cup began on Monday, with the Junior Black Sox playing two games. They beat Pioneers (Netherlands) 9-1, but fell to Radotin (Czech Republic) 5-6 in a closely fought match.

Earlier today the Kiwis faced JA Team Enjoy from Italy and claimed a 4-2 win. Bailey Hamilton leads the team hitting with 4 hits to his name. Pitcher, Joshua Merritt, had a total of 15 strikeouts in 7 innings pitched.

New Zealand has two games tomorrow against teams from Denmark and France at 12.15pm and 4.45pm local time.