

Orange teams compete in N.C.

The Orange Recreation Monte Irvin Baseball Program will send two teams to Greensboro, N.C. this week to participate in the Metropolitan Junior Baseball League's Inner City Classic and Black World Series featuring the Bobby Bonds Memorial Symposium.

The Monte Irvin 12U All-Stars, winners of the N.J. State Tournament, will represent New Jersey in the Second Annual Black World Series. Twenty- five teams from around the nation will compete for a national championship. The Black World Series championship game is scheduled for this Saturday beginning at 4:30 p.m. The game will be shown live via the Internet, www.mjbl.org, with former New York Mets player Mookie Wilson doing color commentary for the game.

The Monte Irvin 15U All-Stars received a special Commissioners invite to participate in the 19th Annual Inner City Classic. Fifteen teams from around the country will have an opportunity to compete for the Classic crown. The Classic championship game is scheduled for this Sunday at 1 p.m.

The MJBL, presently located in 17 states, the Bahamas and Puerto Rico, is the oldest inner-city baseball league in the nation. Its focus is to bring baseball back to the African- American community, and many of their programs are designed to encourage youth to take pride in themselves and their communities. In addition to some great baseball, this year's participants will be offered campus tours of North Carolina A&T and Winston Salem State University as well as a Motorsport demonstration.



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Orange Monte Irvin under-12 baseball coaches, from left, Bryan Tiggs Sr., Jason Rodriguez and John Auguste, hope to bring a national championship to Orange as their team competes this week in the Black World Series in Greensboro, N.C.