

Beverly - Amesbury Little League hung on by their fingernails and advanced to the District 15 winner's bracket final today with a heart stopping, 4-3 win over Beverly.

With Amesbury holding a 4-2 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth, Beverly loaded the bases on a botched pop up, a hit and a hit batsman around a strikeout and a lazy line drive out to Aiden Fortier at second base. The stage was set for one of the more dramatic plays you will see at any level of baseball.

Beverly's Mike Giello singled to right field. Amesbury's Trevor Kimball charged the ball and threw a strike on a frozen rope to Catcher Will Arsenault at home, who applied the tag for the final out of the game. The play sent Amesbury off winners. It wasn't pretty, but it will do.

Amesbury trailed for most of the game after Beverly plated a run in both the first and second inning but never broke the game open despite loading the bases in each of the first two innings.

In the top of the fifth, Amesbury finally broke through.

Shane Parisella worked a walk to start the inning. Drew Scialdone followed with a single and Arsenault walked on a eight pitch at bat when he had fallen behind 0-2. Kimball blasted his 4th Home Run of the summer over the center field fence to clear the bases, giving Amesbury the lead.

Bobby Porter, who came in relief with the sacks juiced in the second to record the final out of the inning, pitched three scoreless innings, surrendered just one hit and earned the win. Zack Hawrylcw picked up the save going 1 1/3 of scoreless relief.

Reece Jezowski has two hits for Amesbury.

Amesbury will face old foe Danvers National, who defeated Hamilton-Wenham, 5-3 on Monday at 7:30 in Beverly.