

Every time the Floyds Knobs Community Club 12 U softball team needed a rally in the semi-finals of the Little League Softball World Series they got it.

In the end, however, they came up one run short, losing 6-5 to North Carolina last Tuesday (August 15) in Portland Oregon.

North Carolina went on to lose against Texas in the World Series finals.

The semi-final game had a little bit of everything, but the Floyds Knobs spent most of the time playing from behind.

North Carolina earned a lead-off walk in the top of the third inning and eventually scored taking a 1-0 run lead.

Floyds Knobs battled back to tie the score in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Kylie Franks led off with a walk and later scored on hit by Taylor Chumbley.

The score didn't remain tied at 1-all for long.

North Carolina scored again in the top of the fifth to regain their one-run lead, 2-1, and might have scored more if not for a heads-double play by FK.

The Floyds Knob center-fielder caught the ball and tried to throw out a base runner at home, but the catcher, realizing she didn't have a play fired the ball to second base, pulling off the 8-2-6 double play to end the end inning.

Floyds Knobs battled back for another tie. Katelyn Satoski tied lead off the bottom half of the fifth inning by drawing a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice by Alexis Davenport and third on a ground-out to first by Katherine Ertle.

Satoski eventually scored on a wild pitch by the North Carolina pitcher, which tied the scored 2-all heading into the sixth and final inning.

That's when the wheels seemingly came off for Floyds Knobs.

North Carolina scored four runs and only recorded one out and it was obvious momentum had clearly swung in the game.

Floyds Knobs Head Coach Travis Unruh called a time out and his pep talk was picked up by television microphones.

He told his team to relax and play the game the game the way they know how.

They responded, recorded the final two outs and even had one more late rally in them in the bottom half of the sixth inning.

Avery Adams lead things off with a single and scored off another hit by Chumbley, which cut the deficit to three, 6-3.

Waterbury drew a one-out walk, which put runners on at first and third for FK.

Chumbley trimmed the lead to two when she scored off a hit by Nolot hit.

A wild pitch by North Carolin put runners at second and third and a walk to Gracyn Teeter loaded the bases.

Caroline Unruh smoked a ball to left field that looked for a moment like it may drop, but ended up being caught. A run did score off the play.

The game ended when Weber hit a soft liner to short.

It was North Carolina's third trip to the Little League World Series in as many years and the first for Floyds Knobs.

Floyds Knobs continued to battled in the consolation game and ended up tieing Deleware 6-all to finish third out of more than 23,000 teams.