

Luke shines once more for Badgers

PITCHER Luke Looney showed the sort of form that has seen him become a stalwart in the Great Britain junior side as Bristol Badgers swept aside the challenge of Richmond Knights.

Looney, 16, pitched a two-hit shutout in the first game of a AAA South league double header at Failand and then contributed to the offense with catcher Matt Bray to score seven runs as the Badgers claimed a stunning 16-0 success.

The QEH pupil, pictured right, is now preparing for a trip to Florida with the GB junior side to contest the USSSA Gold Medal Games next month.

“Luke continues to impress as he gets stronger with each game,” said Badgers boss Tom Hollies. “We’re delighted he has been selected to play for Great Britain again and his form is excellent heading into their international tournament in July.”

Shortstop José Bobadilla, meanwhile, batted three runs in and left fielder Carlos Nuñez also had three runs batted in as the runaway league leaders chalked up a 12th win from 13 games. Twelve wins became 13 with a follow-up success in the second game – although the Knights offered up a more steely resilience to come from seven runs down to finish just four behind at 15-11.

“We should not have let Richmond back



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into this game,” said Hollies. “We committed too many errors in the field and that gave them hope. This is something we need to work on as we are now being targeted as the team to beat by a lot of our AAA South rivals.”

Lead-off hitter Brad Freeman reached base in all five of his bats and eventually scored three runs.

The club are also set to host the GB Junior national squad in a specially-arranged friendly at Failand on July 3. For more information visit www.bristolbaseball.co.uk.