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The Lebanon Lions Club Babe Ruth Baseball League will host the 15 year-old state tournament beginning today at Eskew Field in the Baird Park Complex. Host Lebanon will take on Johnson City in tonight's 8 p.m. final game.

Tournament play in the double-elimination event begins at 12 Noon as Manchester takes on Lafayette, followed by Livingston vs. Elizabethton at 2:30 p.m. Tullahoma battles Giles County at 5 p.m. followed by the Lebanon - Johnson City matchup.

The tournament winner will advance to the Southeastern Regional Tournament Aug. 5 in Matthews, North Carolina. Admission is $5 for adults; $2 for children aged 12-5 with youngsters under five admitted free.

The Lebanon 15s rolled through their district tournament, hammering host Livingston 10-0 in the finals. The Lions sent 13 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first -- scoring nine runs. Lebanon thumped Lafayette 14-4 Saturday as Zimmer Hunn drilled a walk-off grand slam home run.

The local squad opened tournament play with a 12-2 victory Friday over Livingston. Chase Meador ripped two doubles, scored twice and knocked in a run as Lebanon pounded out 13 hits.

Lebanon's 14s open state tournament play today at 12 Noon in Winchester as they take on Columbia. The 14s won their district, defeating Cookeville 9-4 Sunday in McMinnville.

The Lebanon 13s, who won their district title 4-3 over Cookeville Sunday in Sparta, open state tournament play Saturday afternoon after drawing a first round bye.