

## Japanese baseball team pounds Iowa AAU

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URBANDALE - The touring baseball team from Yamanashi, Japan clubbed an Iowa AAU squad in a doubleheader Sunday at Urbandale High School.

Keito Ogura tossed a three-hitter and hit for the cycle as Japan won the first game, 18-0. The winners collected 15 hits in the contest.

Ogura stayed hot in the second game and slugged a grand slam as the Japanese prevailed, 7-1. The high school players from Yamanashi scored three runs in the first inning and made it 7-0 in the third on Ogura's blast.

The Japanese team will play a single game at Principal Park in Des Moines Monday night before traveling to Cedar Rapids Tuesday night for a game against a local Metro team from Cedar Rapids and Marion.

The Japan-Metro All-Star Classic will be played at Kennedy High School Tuesday night with the pre-game ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the gate.

The Japan-Metro All-Star Classic is being presented by the Metro Sports Report. The sponsors are Carlos O'Kelly's, Genghis Grill, Bloomsbury Farm, the Kennedy Baseball Support Group and Iowa AAU.

The Japanese team has a 2-1-1 record on its six-game tour so far.