

# Coach Sues Little Leaguer for \$600K

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**(NEWSER)** – A former California Little League coach is backpedaling after suing one of his players for more than half a million dollars. Alan Beck's suit claims that the 14-year-old "carelessly threw his helmet" while rounding the bases after a walk-off hit in March, [KCRA](#) reports. Beck says the helmet hit him, and caused him to tear his Achilles tendon, though he didn't have surgery until December. Now, he's seeking more than \$100,000 for medical expenses, and \$500,000 for pain and suffering. "At



first, I thought it was a joke," says the boy's father. He says he lacks homeowner's insurance, and can't afford to fight the suit. "I've already spent over \$4,000 and we haven't even been in a courtroom yet."

Beck later told [Fox 40](#) that he didn't know his attorney would ask for so much; he'd only wanted \$20,000. "I feel like a victim because, basically, I tried to work this out with the parents," he said. "The parents never acknowledged my injury." As the story went national, Beck went on Shepard Smith's [Fox News](#) show, and said he'd drop the suit "in a heartbeat" if the boy's family apologized "without prejudice."

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