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Young t-ballers hit the diamonds in KTBA

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T-Ball

June 16 saw the first Rainmaker Team Cobras T-Ball division matchup of the 2014 season and it was fantastic, with teams 1 and 2 facing off on a beautiful evening in King City.
Players are mostly ages 4

nd 5 (some still as young as 3) so for many it was the first organized game of their young lives, but you wouldn't know it from the effort and hustle put forth in this game ? they looked like veritable veterans out there on the field!
From the strong throwing arms of Carson, Robert and Curtis to the hot bats of Dylan, James and Alessandro, not to mention the stellar fielding of Anthony, Kate and Eric (who was so gung-ho that he became physically upset over the plays he couldn't make), Team 2 put together a package of three exciting innings before the hour ran out and it was finally snack time.
Special thanks to the folks at The Rainmaker Team Royal LePage who have so generously provided title sponsorship for the entire Rainmaker Team Cobras T-Ball division this season.

Senior Rookie

The Prism Painting Cobra team played its fourth game of the season on June 16 at King Upper diamond.
The game was close until the S&F Demelis Construction Cobras were able to run through the entire batting lineup in the 3rd inning. Final score was 14-6.
Dawson Cocciardi #26, aka ?Mighty Mouse,? is one of the smaller players on the Prism Painting team (and possibly in the league) so when he gets up to the plate the other team thinks ?easy out.?
But hold on, once they see his mighty, speedy swing they think twice! After Dawson gets the first hit he definitely earns their respect. Dawson played his best game this year, making several great plays in field. His batting average for the last 2 games is just under .1000 and he gets on base every time. He batted in 2 RBIs and made it around home plate a couple times in Monday's game to earn player of the game!

Mosquito

King's Omnivex crew took to the diamond to play fellow King team Bolton Dental Care Centre June 12.
Great pitching by Nathaniel Bannister and William Swanson managed to keep Bolton at bay by shutting them down quickly in the first two innings. Omnivex managed to get their bats going in the second. Max Monopoli started the inning with a double and would then score by a base hit by Emily Cacchione. In the third, more amazing pitching by Michael Critelli shut out Bolton by striking out three out of the four batters he faced.
In the bottom of the third, Omnivex continued to show power and patience at the plate. Christian Polygenis and Joseph Carvalho walked and would then score after another big base hit by Emily. Going into the fourth, Omnivex was leading 10-0 but that wouldn't

stop Bolton. They tried to rally back and scored 3 runs to get themselves on the board. Omnivex would respond in the bottom with a double by Massimo Amodio which would bring home Nathan Hansen. After a fun two hours of baseball, Omnivex would take this one with a final score of 11-3.
Meanwhile, the RCC Waterproofing Cobras bounced back after their previous loss to come out with a 10-8 victory over team Aurora. Hitters leading the way were Jake Falbo, Jacob Diamond, Marcus Cohen and Gregory Aloia. Red-hot pitching by Lorenzo Rossi, David Pagliaroli and Zachary Perruzza.
The RCC crew brought in Jonathan DiGiorgio to close out the inning with back-to-back strikeouts. Great defence on the night from Luke Parolin, Daniel Marini, Luke Pella, Kieran Purves and Ryan Hull who stayed in the game despite battling a migraine headache. Overall the hometown boys played very well and seem to be gelling better and better every game.
The Omnivex Cobras went on the road June 19 to play Aurora's Legallais Veterinary Hospital. Omnivex took the lead early with a base hit by Nathan Hansen to bring in Chris Petrungaro and Ben Wright. Aurora scored just two runs in the first as a batter popped up to pitcher Ben, who threw to Chris at second who them threw to Joseph at first to complete an amazing double-play.
In the second, Omnivex extended their lead to four from a base hit by William Swanson to bring Max Monopoli. However, Aurora rallied back to take the lead after scoring four runs in the bottom of the second. King struggled in the third, failing to notch a single run then allowing Aurora to answer back with five past the plate. King gave it their all in the fourth to get back into this, but once again could not score any runs. After a night of few hits by King, the final score was 15-4 in Aurora.

Peewee

The peewee Sports International Cobras played an awesome game against Aurora's Paiva Roofing team June 16.
The home team opened the inning with Aaron Fraser pitching 2 strike outs against Aurora while the Cobras had 5 runs in the first inning.
The second inning saw Aidan Naworynski take to the pitcher's mound. King brought in another 4 runs this inning, bringing their runs batted in count to 9. Cameron Kokelj pitched the 3rd inning for the Cobras. Ben Harbridge caught a line drive to solidify 2 outs and Cameron Kokelj caught the next hit to get the 3rd out of the inning. The bottom of the inning saw Shawn Kay steal home to bring in the 10th run of the game and Justin Topp brought in the last run of the inning to a score of 14-7 at the end of the 3rd.
Justin Topp started the 4th inning on the pitchers mound for the Cobras. Justin shut down Auroras scoring chance by taking the first 3 batters out for the Jays. Ethan Hall hit an awesome double to right field and brought in a run and Patrick Buffa hit a double and brought in 2 more RBIs. Up to bat next for King was Aaron Fraser, who hit a triple to end the game. King displayed amazing skill during this game and the 4th and final inning, in particular. They brought in 10 runs during the 4th inning, ending the game with a score of 24-7. Player of this game goes to Ben Harbridge for catching the line drive and great work at bat. Way to go Cobras!
Meanwhile, the peewee Wyndsong Farm Cobras remained unbeaten against Aurora teams after 2 match-ups.
On this night, King played a competitive match against Aurora's Harris Plumbing team and came out on top with a 15-11 win. The Cobras started strong at the plate and ran up the score by 15 runs in the first 3 innings.
Offensive highlights included a 2-run double by Logan Hall, an RBI double by Jackson Cunneyworth, 2-run singles by Jesse Becker and Ben Brown, and an RBI single by Marshall Moore. Max Orlandi and Greg Long recorded singles. Runs were also scored on groundouts by Brendan Ralph and Katie Ritter. Devin Wells, Jonah Orlandi and Erin Becker scored 2 runs apiece with their keen eyes and wheels.
The Aurora squad surged forward with 10 runs in the second and third innings but King's outstanding infield play prevented them from closing the gap. Defensive highlights included a sweet foul fly catch by Jonah behind the plate, and a grab and hurl by Ben to Marshall for an out at first. Player of the game goes to Devin Wells for going 3-for-3 at the plate and for his solid defensive play at third base.
The excitement continued on Wednesday, June 28 for the International Sports squad, playing Aurora's Breton White Oaks.
The Cobras were up to bat first allowing Nicholas Petrungaro hit a lovely double into right field, bringing in the first run. The inning ended with 3 runs for King. Aurora scored five runs in their first inning at bat but King scored 2 more in the second with great base running by Matthew Murphy. Matthew continued his great playing on defence, making a nice tag at third before a quick toss to second for the double-play.
Going into the fourth inning the Cobras were behind 6-5. Owen Whitten pitched an amazing inning, taking down the first three batters. The Cobras then got their bats warmed up in the fifth with great hits by Ethan Lane, Owen Whitten, Justin Topp, Cameron Kokelj, Jonathan Brunato, and Patrick Buffa.

Nine runs were scored in the fifth inning to extend the Cobras lead to 14-6. Justin Topp pitched the final inning 3 up 3 down and final score remained 14-6 for the Sports International Cobras. Player of the game goes to Owen Whitten for his excellent pitching.
Meanwhile, the Wyndsong Peewee team faced Aurora's Invis Mortgage in King City and dominated on the bump and at the plate for a huge 17-7 victory.
King pitchers Logan, Max, Devin and Marshall were on fire this game and combined for 10 punchouts over the 4 innings of play. Other defensive highlights included a snag and toss by Marshall at shortstop to catcher Jonah for a tag out at home in the first, and a gloved line drive by Jonah at third to end the second inning.
The Wyndsong Cobras got their bats cracking right from the start and scored in all 4 innings; leading at the plate was Marshall, with a four bagger, an RBI double and an RBI single. Ben chalked up 4 RBIs, going 4-for-4 at bat. Max recorded 3 RBI singles and Jonah started the third inning with a triple. Brendan, Greg and Logan all notched RBI singles in this game. Daniel delivered big-time at the plate with 2 walks, 1 run scored and a 2-run groundout. Player of the game goes to Daniel Martins for his impressive performance at the plate.
KTBA Player of the Week is T-Ball player Dylan Lloyd.