

## Excitement mounts in KTBA?action

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### Senior Rookie

Senior Rookie team Prism Painting & General Contracting had their second game of the season and first against an Aurora team at Nobleton East Diamond on June 4.

Prism Painting won 9-7 over the visiting Aurorans in one of the most exciting back and forth games they have played to date. The game was tied 7-7 at the bottom of the 4th until 2 runs were batted in by Prism for the win.

### Player of the Week

Nicolas Muia #30, aka ?The Spaduch,? is one of brightest kids on the team and knows the rules very well. Coach Jimmy has learned that he only has to explain to Nicholas once and he'll know what the play is, and if coach makes a mistake with instruction, watch out! Nicolas loves to chat up his team during the games, and even chats up the other team while they're on base, which distracts the other players and helps us out. Great strategy! Nicolas has played he's best game since entering baseball and batted in 3 RBIs to help us with the win. Nicolas is our player of the week!

### Mosquito

The Omnivex Mosquito team took to the diamond for the first time this season on May 27 as they played against fellow King team RCC Waterproofing and both teams looked to start the season on a positive note.

Omnivex got an early lead when William Swanson got a base hit and brought in Massimo Amodio and Christian Polygenis.

Omnivex showed strong pitching in Chris Petrungaro and Nathaniel Bannister. Omnivex managed to secure their lead when Ben Wright singled and would eventually score and end the game at a score of 15-8 for Omnivex.

In the May 29 game, Omnivex played their second game against Aurora's LH Lind Realty in Nobleton. The game started off slow for King, as by they were down 4-0 at the end of the first. They got on the board in the second when Max Monopoli got a base hit and brought in Daniel Sansone and Ben Wright. They managed to keep the runs coming in the third when Emily Cacchione brought in Nathaniel Bannister and would eventually score herself.

Amazing pitching by Michael Critelli prevented Aurora from scoring any more runs in the third as he walked the first batter but struck out the next three. Being down by 2 going into the fourth, King knew they had to give it their all. They managed to score 4, courtesy of Joseph Carvalho, William Swanson and Massimo Amodio.

Leading by only three, Omnivex knew that they had to shut down Aurora and fast. Daniel Sansone allowed two runs to score but managed to leave the tying run on third as William Swanson hustled from right field to first base to get the final out. Micheal Critelli gets the win and Daniel Sansone gets the save.

June 5, Omnivex took the field on a cold Thursday evening against Aurora's Parish Home Inspections in King. Some great pitching from King Jeffery Long managed to keep Aurora at bay. King got on the board first when Massimo Amodio came in to score, and William Swanson brought in Nathaniel Bannister. However, Aurora fought back in the third and shut King down, to take the lead 5-3 going into the fourth. King tried to rally back in the fourth but Aurora only allowed in Max Monopoli to score. King just couldn't stop Aurora's rally and that led to their first loss of the season, with a final score of 11-6.

Meanwhile, the RCC Waterproofing team got their first win of the season on June 5, a close 17-16 victory. Great pitching display from Jake Falbo, Lorenzo Rossi, Ryan Hull and Marcus Cohen. Defence was hot with Luke Pella catching a pop fly and Ryan tagging an out at third. Hot bats of the night were Kieran Purves, Jonathan DiGiorgio, David Pagliaroli, Gregory Aloia and Daniel Marini. The boys are learning to stay in the batter's box and train their eyes to swing only at balls in their wheel house. Luke Parolin and Lorenzo Rossi lead the team in advancing players and stealing bases respectively. Overall a great display of teamwork and hard work to come out on top that night.

Coach Anthony and assistant coaches Sandro and Danny are all very impressed with the development of these players so early in the season. Player of the game goes to Marcus Cohen for whom strike out count was at 6, 2 hits, made a out at third, took a fast ball to the back and still managed to stay in the game. Great effort from Marcus. Keep up the hard work, Cobras!

## Peewee

The peewee team #2, sponsored by Sports International, took on the Aurora Dynamic Funds team on a steamy Mon night, the first of a jam packed game schedule for the month of June. The Cobras set the stage for a high-scoring game in the first inning with Jonathan and Cameron driving in Ethan, Patrick and Justin then supported by Player of the Game Aaron Fraser's strong pitching offence.

When the Dynamic Funds came back with 5 runs in the third inning, the Cobras responded in the fourth with Owen Whitten closing it down by striking out 3 players supported by a team effort of more solid hits and RBIs ending the game to a solid 16-6 win for the Cobras.

Just two days later on a cool Wednesday evening, the Cobras faced the Aurora Jays, sponsored by Harris Plumbing. At last week's game with the Jays, the Cobras won with a narrow one point lead. This week with a daunting 7 runs behind in the second inning, Tanner Charlton led the comeback with a solid hit to first, stealing second and third and bringing in the first of that inning's 5 runs with Ben, Jonathan, Aiden and Owen and closely following behind him.

The pressure continued with the solid hitting by the Jays so by the top of the 5th, it was a 12-10 in the Jays' favor. Player of the Game Justin Top had us out of our seats smashing a triple to centre field, bringing in the final run in a nail-biter finish resulting in a 12-12 tie. Player of the game is Aaron Fraser for his strong pitching and player of the game for Wed was Justin Topp for his triple that drove in the tying run.

Over at the peewee camp sponsored by Wyndsong Farm, the team traveled to Aurora to face the Cowen ReMax team on June 4, and came home with a huge 21-7 victory! The Cobras showed their power at the plate and on the bump in this all-around effort. The Cobras logged 7 runs in the first 2 innings with Logan Hall, Greg Long, Jesse Becker, Jackson Cunneyworth, Ben Brown, Marshall Moore and Katie Ritter all crossing the dish on singles by Hall, J. Becker, Cunneyworth and Ritter, a walk by Long, a groundout by Brendan Ralph, and on doubles by Brown and Moore.

The Wyndsong crew continued their rally at the plate in the third, bringing home 5 more runs. Cunneyworth, Brown, Erin Becker, Daniel Martins and Moore scored on singles by Brown, Martins, Ritter and J. Becker, on walks by E. Becker and Moore, and on a double by Cunneyworth. Although the Aurora squad managed to score 5 runs in the bottom of the third to close its deficit to 12-5, it was too late! The King Cobras had already sealed their win and went on to widen the gap in the final 2 innings by racking up 9 more runs.

Every Wyndsong player scored at least one run in this game and combined for 18 hits and 14 RBIs.

The Wyndsong Cobras also dominated on the hill with pitchers Cunneyworth, Hall, Long, Brown and Moore throwing a combined 11 punchouts across the 5 innings. Catchers Brown, Ralph and Cunneyworth helped the cause with their strong defensive play, which held runners on base. Player of the Game goes to Logan Hall for his performance on the mound, his strong defensive play at first base and for going 4-for-5 at the plate with a single and a double.