

## Wyndsong Cobras keep winning streak alive

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### **Senior Rookie Division**

The Prism Painting Senior Rookie team suffered their first loss of the 2014 season on June 9 against Aurora Team 3. The final score was 11-8. Prism Painting led for much of the game with the score being 8-6 as late as the bottom of the 4th inning, but the Aurora squad surprised the hometown boys with five unanswered runs in the fifth and final inning to come back for the win.

### **Player of the Week**

Noah Zborowsky #25, aka 'Z' is one of the happiest kids on the team and always has fun and a big smile regardless of the situation. He just loves playing baseball. The team's head coach is sometimes the hardest on this guy (because it's his son) but Noah always takes it in stride when the head coach gets frustrated because the players aren't listening! You might think that because his dad is head coach he gets it easy, but the opposite is actually true. Still, Noah takes no flak and can often be heard saying, 'you're my Dad and I don't have to listen to you? ... with a big smile on his face!

Noah played his best game of this young season on Monday night, making a force out at first base to stop a run while on the offensive end he batted three times resulting in 3 hits, 2 RBIs, and 3 runs. While coach doesn't always tell his son how good he is, this is one of those occasions where Coach 'Daddy' Z is so proud he can't contain himself! Great job Noah Z, you're the player of the week!

### **Mosquito**

The RCC Waterproofing Mosquito team played a great game last week but unfortunately came up short on the score sheet. Jacob Diamond was solid at the plate and ran like the wind. Zachary Perruzza was on fire both in the field and at the plate. Marcus Cohen, David Pagliaroli, Jonathan DiGiorgio and Lorenzo Rossi put on a clinic pitching. All the Cobras played well and look forward to the next game to redeem themselves.

### **Peewee Division**

On Monday, June 9 the Sports International peewees headed into Aurora to face Invis Mortgage on a beautiful summer evening. For the first two innings, the teams scored the same number of runs and it looked like the game would be a close one.

The game turned around at the top of the third inning when the bats came alive for King. The third inning saw doubles hit by Patrick Buffa, Nicholas Petrungaro and Justin Topp where they sent the ball far into the outfield and bringing in runners on every hit. Justin Topp came to the mound for the Cobras in the third and pitched a 3 up, 3 down inning; with solid catching by Cameron Kokelj, the ball never touched a bat or the ground. Jonathan Brunato had a beautiful hit in the 4th inning that sailed way over the 3rd baseman; the opposing team scrambled to pick up the ball and try to catch the King runners, who scored 8 runs in the open inning. Aaron Fraser found an opportunity to steal home in the final inning to the dismay of the other team but he crossed the plate with seconds to spare. The Cobras continued their strong defence and only allowed 2 runs in the open inning, finishing the game with a score of 20-10. The player of the game goes to Tanner Charlton for his hitting and great defence.

In their next game on June 11 against Aurora's Cowen Re/Max team, the first inning started with the Aurora team up to bat and their hits lead them to a 5-0 lead until Sports International had their turn at bat.

Ethan Lane got it rolling with a single. The inning finished up with Jonathan Brunato hitting to bring in our fifth run. In the second inning Ethan Hall made a beautiful throw from his position at shortstop to first base to hold the Aurora team at four runs. In the third inning Jonathan Brunato pitched, striking out three runners and no runs came in. The game was now 9-5 for Aurora until the King team came to bat in the third inning and managed to get four runs.

With excellent pitching by Owen Witten and Justin Topp and superb defence the King team was able to stop any runs coming in during the fourth and fifth innings. King's Sports International team had outstanding hitting during the fourth and fifth innings, bringing in a total of 6 runs. This led to a 15-9 game for the Sports International team. Player of the game goes to Jonathan Brunato for his excellent pitching and batting.

Meanwhile the Wyndsong King Cobras peewee crew maintained their winning streak last week, notching 2 more victories against

their Aurora opponents. On June 9 King faced Paiva Roofing in Nobleton for a competitive, high-scoring match, and pulled out the win in the final inning!

The Cobras started strong at the plate, and rang up 8 runs in the first 2 innings. Runs were scored on steals of home by Devin Wells and Logan Hall, an RBI single by Marshall Moore, a groundout by Ben Brown and walks by Erin Becker, Brendan Ralph, Gregory Long, and Daniel Martins. Wyndsong responded to a surge by Aurora in the third with a 5-run inning of its own. They scored on an RBI single by Jackson Cunneyworth, a steal of home by Logan, a two-run single by Ben and on walks by Erin, Gregory and Jonah Orlandi.

Aurora continued to rally the score in the fourth and fifth innings, leading to a 13-13 tie going into the bottom of the fifth. The Cobras responded to the challenge. Marshall plated Jesse Becker for the winning run with a dinger to centre field! Wyndsong pitchers Jackson, Marshall, Logan, Max Orlandi and Ben made sure the win didn't fall through the cracks. They combined for 11 whiffs across the 5 innings.

Player of the game goes to Marshall Moore for his performance on the bump, and for going 3-for-3 with an RBI single, a walk and a game-winning homerun!

The Wyndsong Cobras then traveled to Aurora to face the Dynamic Funds team on June 11 and came home with a hardy 15-7 victory!

The King squad got their bats cracking right from the start and all 13 players made contact in this game! Jackson lead at the plate with a two-run homer in the first and an RBI single in the third. Logan and Marshall cranked RBI doubles and Jesse and Ben recorded RBI singles in this game. Brendan sizzled behind the plate in the third, nailing two outs at home ? the first with a hustle & flip to pitcher Logan, and the second, a tag from a hurl from Ben at third base. Katie Ritter also showed off her defensive skill at second base securing an out with a throw to Marshall at first. King pitchers Jackson, Marshall, Logan, Devin & Ben also helped the cause with 9 combined strikeouts over the 5 innings.

Player of the game goes to Brendan Ralph for his solid defensive play as catcher, his aggressive base-running and for going 2-for-2 at the plate.