

Wyndsong Farm peewees continue undefeated season

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Here are some reports from around the King Township Baseball Association for the week of July 7.

Senior Rookie

The Prism Painting Cobras notched their seventh game of the season with a win in Aurora against Aurora Team 7 on Monday night July 7. Final score was 16-4.

Frank Jr. #39 lives, breaths and dreams baseball and is quite possibly the best player of his age in Ontario. He can throw the ball hard, is extremely fast around the bases, and boy can he hit. There's just one thing preventing some of his doubles and triples from being home runs, and that is getting slowed up by teammates running base ahead of him.

In this game, Coach Z revised the team's batting lineup and put speedy Noah Z., who always gets on base, just ahead of Frank Jr. Coach Z also issued a challenge to the two players: If Frank Jr. could catch Noah around the bases, he gets \$5. And if Frank Jr. is successful, that \$5 would come from (coach's son) Noah's Pokemon cards fund! The plan worked and Noah Z crossed home plate just inches ahead of Frank Jr. after his home run hit. And the bench went wild! Frank Jr. ended the night with 4 hits and 4 RBIs including a home run.

Blue Jays management take note, if Frank Jr. continues at this pace he could be playing at Rogers Centre one day! Frank, Jr. is our player of the game.

Mosquito

The Omnivex Cobras mosquito team played host to Aurora's LH Lind Realty last Thursday in a game that featured plenty of offence. Aurora scored five runs in the first inning, only to have the Cobras respond with five of their own in the bottom of the inning.

Aurora took a 6-5 lead in the 2nd and was threatening to add more. With 2 runners on, Cobras' pitcher Joseph Carvalho made a great throw home and catcher Daniel Sansone tagged the runner to end the threat and the inning. Omnivore regained the lead in the 2nd, thanks in large part to Chris Petrunaro's double, which scored Emily Cacchione and Joseph Carvalho. However, Aurora would not be denied on this night. Timely hitting, aggressive base running, and patience at the plate led to four more runs in the fourth inning and they would go onto win the game by a final score of 11-10.

The RCC Waterproofing Cobras mosquito team also took to the field on Thursday well rested and looking to perform at their best. Jonathan DiGiorgio took the mound in the first inning and retired the first 3 batters. Jonathan found the strike zone with laser precision. David Pagliaroli, Lorenzo Rossi and Jake Falbo helped close out innings with great pitching. Gregory Aloia made contact all night, but unfortunately his last hit resulted in a sprained ankle sliding into first. Gregory was pulled and his ankle iced for the remainder of the game. Hopefully the Cobras don't need to put Gregory on the IRL.

Luke Parolin, Jacob Diamond and Kieran Purves were steady-eddie's at the plate making the opposing pitching staff work extra hard to place strikes. All three Cobras managed to take pitch counts to the max. Luke Pella was beamed on his first and second visit to the plate, but managed to absorb the pain and carry on.

Player of game goes to Zachary Perruzza who caught a line drive while doing the splits!! Wow what a catch! Overall the RCC Waterproofing Cobras came out swinging and look to continue their win streak.

Peewee

Ten games into their undefeated season, the Wyndsong Farm peewee team found themselves in a jam early on July 9 in King City. The Harris Plumbing team from Aurora came out swinging and crossed the plate 10 times in the first 2 innings. With momentum from singles by Brendan Ralph and Matthew Testani, the team managed to gain 3 runs with a 2-out walk from Erin Becker, RBI single from Logan Hall and a double from Marshall Moore. Jackson Cunneyworth took the mound for the top of the 3rd and held the side to one run on an error, with every out taken at the plate.

Devin Wells pumped up his teammates in the home half of the 3rd by reaching base on a single, stealing 2nd, 3rd and eventually home. Greg Long kept things going with a double followed by Cunneyworth's 2-run double, ending the third with only a 3-run

deficit. In the open 4th inning, Cunneyworth made quick work of 4 batters, with 2 strikeouts and a scrambling play at first by Jesse Becker for the final out. A lead off home run by Moore, followed by singles from Daniel Martins, Devin Wells and Greg Long brought Cunneyworth up with the bases loaded. His 3 run double, contributed to a 5-run inning giving Wyndsong a 13-11 lead going into the 5th. Moore threw a hitless 5th for Wyndsong, giving King a 15-11 victory.

Greg Long was given the nod as player of the game for his offensive contributions at the plate.

Meanwhile, the Sports International Peeewe Cobras team faced the Breton White Oak team from Aurora.

The game started off slowly while the team got warmed up. Ethan Hall kicked off the inning for the Cobras with a nice hit over 1st, putting the Cobras on the bases and was brought home by Jonathan Brunato. Aaron Fraser popped one up and advanced around the bases, stealing home base for the 2nd run. Aidan Naworynski kept the action alive with a solid hit past 3rd base. The Cobras caught up and scored 5 runs by the end of the inning, tying up the game.

The second inning saw great defensive plays which allowed only one runner to advance around the bases. Jonathan Brunato stopped 2 runners at first base by fielding their hits and making it to the bag long before the runners could get there. Patrick Buffa picked up the only hit that Jonathan didn't grab and threw a perfect throw to home plate. Cameron Kokelj waited for the runner so he could tag him out, leaving the other team with no runs in the inning.

The King bats were on fire in the 2nd inning. Owen Witten hit a beautiful hit to centre field and slid into 2nd on a close call, eventually stealing home for the first run at the bottom of the second. Solid batting and swift running contributed to 4 more runs.

A great play in the 3rd inning was made by Ethan Hall who scooped up a ball and made a great throw to stop the runner scoring at home plate. The Cobras were determined not to let the other team score and several runners were picked off at bases or tagged out at home.

At the bottom of the third, Aaron Fraser hit a beautiful hit out to centre field, scoring a double, followed by a solid hit over first by Nicolas Petrungaro. Patrick Buffa hit a single over first base into the hole in the field allowing the runners to advance and continue to score runs. Justin Topp hit a double to bring in the 5th run of the inning. Jonathan Brunato pitched a solid 4th inning for the Cobras, holding off the efforts of the other team to score more runs. Patrick Buffa picked up a hit and threw such an accurate throw from short stop to first that Aaron didn't even have to move off the base for the 3rd out. Ethan Hall sailed a hit in the 4th inning way over 2nd base that sent the other team scrambling for the ball. Mathew Murphy slid into home for the 3rd run of the inning, beating the throw by seconds for some nail biting action at home plate.

The final score was 19-9 for the Cobras. Player of the game goes to Aidan Naworynski for his excellent pitching and his excellent work at bat.