

# Champ's Chatter

The Official Newsletter of Softball Canada's Triple Header of Canadian Fastpitch Championships in Saskatoon - July 30<sup>th</sup>, Day Four Edition



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Tuesday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>					
GR4	CC1	12:00	SK2 9th	vs	NL 10th
GR3	C1	10:00	ON2 1 <sup>st</sup>	vs	ON1 4th
GR3	C2	12:00	ON3 2 <sup>nd</sup>	vs	HOST 3rd
JGF	C3	2:00 PM	BC 5 <sup>TH</sup>	vs	NS 8th
JGF	C4	4:00 PM	SK3 6th	vs	SK2 7th
JGF	C5	6:30 PM	WC3	vs	LC1
JGF	C6	8:30 PM	WC4	vs	LC2
Wednesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>					
GR3	C7	9:00AM	WC1	vs	WC2
GR3	C8	11:00AM	WC5	vs	WC6
JGF	C9	1:30PM	WC8	vs	LC7
JGF	C10	3:30PM	WC7	vs	WC9

innings, allowing no hits and one run while striking out seven.

Vennard took the loss for Terrace He allowed four hits and three runs over three innings, striking out two and walking one.

The Thunder racked up seven hits in the game. Demarest and Christner had two hits to lead their team at the plate.

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NS 0 0 2 3 2 1 X 8 11 2

The last game at Joe Gallagher Field saw two teams fighting for their championship lives. Newfoundland came in winless and Nova Scotia had one win. A Newfoundland victory would put them ahead of the Antigonish for the 8<sup>th</sup> playoff spot and keep their hopes alive for a medal alive.

NS Antigonish A's didn't appear to be bothered with the pressure as they looked like a playoff bound team downing NL Selects 8-1.

Antigonish pulled away for good with two runs in the third inning. An error scored one run for the A's and **Koda Simon** singled on a 2-0 count, scoring the eventual game winner. They followed that up with three runs in B4. The A's batters contributing to the big inning included **Luke MacPherson** and **Brody MacPherson**, each with an RBI.

Simon took the win for Nova Scotia. He allowed two hits and one run over four innings, striking out three. **Tully Grant** threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

**Mark Corbett** took the loss for the Selects. He lasted four innings, allowing

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This was huge game as both teams came into it as part of the log jam at 3-1 and fighting for a double life in the playoffs. ON3 New Hamberg Wilmot Thunder snagged a late lead and defeated BC1 Terrace Grizzlies 7-5.

After giving up 3 in T3, Terrace scored four runs in the third inning driven by a triple by **Nicholas Neid**, a single by **Braden Vennard**, a sacrifice fly by **Logan Kuehne**, and an error on a ball put in play by **Ryan Edmonds**.

The game was tied at five with New Hamberg batting in B5 when **Sean Demarest** doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring the eventual game winning run.

**Cohen Christner** was the winning pitcher for New Hamberg. He lasted three

six hits and five runs while striking out three and walking one.

Antigonish racked up 11 hits in the game. Simon, MacPherson, and **Luc DeCoste** each managed multiple hits. Simon went 3-for-3 to lead Antigonish at the plate.

**Monday's Stars**



**Dakota McComb** Pitcher from Chatsworth West Grey Dodgers pitched 4 innings of hitless, shut out, ball striking out 9 in his team's win over Nova Scotia. He backed up that effort with 4 innings of shut out pitching against Napanee. He allowed only 3 hits while striking out 8 to earn a huge win over the number one ranked team from Ontario.

**Cal Stinson** Chatsworth center fielder also had a great game against Nova Scotia. He went 3 for 3 with 2 triples and 4 RBI

**Braden Vennard** Terrace Grizzlies pitcher threw 4 shutout innings, giving up only 2 hits and striking out 3 in their tight win over Newfoundland.

Ethan Tombs, Napanee Express pitcher went 3 for 4 in his team's win over Prince Albert. He had 4 RBI and scored 4 runs. He also earned the win in the circle striking out 7 in 3 innings of work

**U23 Men Are Ready to Begin**

Last night the 8 U23 Teams gathers at Gordie Howe sports Centre for the Player Banquet. Long time national teamer and present-day Jr Women's National Team coach **Keith Mackintosh** spoke.



Keith recalled that precisely 30 years ago he was sitting at the banquet at the Jr Men's Canadian Championships getting ready to play in an event his team - Melfort Cheyenne Chev. 22's would eventually win. Keith had many special stories to share from winning and losing championships to singing the national anthem at the gold medal ceremony at the Pan Am games. He is a true example of what these young athletes should strive for.

QC - Express Québec junior	DC - Owen Sound Selects
ON2 - Tavistock Hops	NL - Newfoundland Selects
SK2 - Conquest Coyotes	HOST- Saskatoon WD Plastics Jr. Diamondbacks
SK1- Prince Albert Brewers	ON1- New Hamburg Mustangs

With an 8-team field, the teams will be striving for a top 2 preliminary round finish to gain an extra life in the playoffs. The favorites for these placing have to be the defending champion Owen Sound Selects and the defending silver medallists Saskatoon Diamondbacks. Both return a solid nucleus and have played a tough schedule throughout the season.

There are another 6 playoff spots. Quebec will be tough again after winning it all in 2016. The other 2 Ontario teams from Tavistock and New Hamberg will for sure challenge as they come a very strong softball province. New Hamberg will feature the perhaps the top ranked junior pitcher in the country in **Tyler Randerson**.

The province with the strongest tradition of men's fastpitch is Newfoundland, so you know this year's 'U23 team from the rock will be battle tested.

No one quite knows what to expect out of Nova Scotia, Conquest and Prince Albert. They will be looking to make their mark as unknowns.