

Champ's Chatter

The Official Newsletter of Softball Canada's Triple Header of Canadian Fastpitch Championships in Saskatoon - July 31th, Day Five Edition



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Gordie Howe Sports Complex will be hopping today. Following last night's player banquet the U16's are ready to get going on Glenn Reeve Fields at 9:00am. The U23 championship is continuing at BVI and the U14 final four, play off at Glenn Reeve Field, with the medals to be determined at Joe Gallagher Field. Tonight's opening ceremonies will showcase 25 male teams as the 14 U16 teams and 8 U23 will be introduced and the 3 U14 medallists will be presented their medals at BVI, in front of what should be large and enthusiastic crowd

U14 Summary

Tuesday, July 30th					
GR4	CC1	12:00	SK2 7 9th	vs	NL 21 10th
GR3	C1	10:00	ON2 7 1 st	vs	ON1 1 4th
GR3	C2	12:00	ON3 7 2 nd	vs	HOST 0 3rd
JGF	C3	2:00	BC 3 5 th	vs	NS 10 8th
JGF	C4	4:00	SK3 4 6th	vs	SK2 14 7th
JGF	C5	6:30	NS 1 WC3	vs	ON1 8 LC1
JGF	C6	8:30	SK2 4 WC4	vs	HOST 5 LC2
Wednesday, July 31st					
GR3	C7	9:00AM	ON2 WC1	vs	ON3 WC2
GR3	C8	11:00	ON1 WC5	vs	HOST WC6
JGF	C9	1:30	WC8	vs	LC7
JGF	C10	3:30	WC7	vs	WC9

It was tough to find a close game in the U14 playoffs. Chatsworth West Grey Dodgers and West Hamberg Wilmot Thunder had their way with their opponents in the quarterfinals. They move on to face each other in the semi final in what is sure to be a spirited game. Newfoundland won their first game of the championship beating Prairie Pride 21-7. Nova Scotia scored the first upset of the

playoffs. As the 8th and last team to make the playoffs, they easily knocked off BC who placed 5th at 4-2. Shellbrook Rangers continued the trend by beating their rivals Prince Albert Astros 14-4 and gaining a measure of revenge for the preliminary round loss to PA. Napanee squashed the Cinderella story another by preventing another Nova Scotia upset beating them 8-1. The last game of the night was a bran burner. The Host rode a 4 run B2, as each team failed to score scored in the final 4 innings. The Selects move on play Napanee in a game that would guarantee the winner at least a bronze medal

U14 Qualifying Round All Stars and Award Winners



Outfielders

Kohan Ronnenbrg, Chatsworth West Grey Dodgers
Jayden Dauvin, Prince Albert Astros
Joseph Weiler, Chatsworth West Grey Dodgers

Utility- **Jessie Harris**, Newfoundland Selects

Infielders

Gavin Brooks, Napanee Express
Ryan McGillivray, Prince Albert Astros
Braden Vennard, Terrace Grizzlies
Owen Nash, Saskatoon Selects

Catcher- **Rayn Ray**, Saskatoon Selects
 Pitcher - **Ethan Tombs**, Napanee Express

Awards- for the Qualifying Round

Top Batter- Ty Kemp, Napanee Express
Top Pitcher- Dakota McComb,
 Chatsworth West Grey Dodgers
Most Valuable Player – Jake Durrer,
 New Hamberg, Wilmot Thunder

Thank You to the U14 Bat Boys



Tuesday's Stars



Riley Hutchings of the U14 Newfoundland Selects went 3 for 4 with a walk in his team's win over Prairie Pride. He also recorded 3RBI and scored 4 runs.

John Leon catcher for U14 Nova Scotia Antigonish A's went 2 for 3 with a walk in his team's win over BC Terrace Grizzlies. He had 3 RBI and scored 2 runs.

Deegan Wapass, catcher for U14 Shellbrook Rangers, went 3 for 4 in his teams' win over Prince Albert. He had a hand in half of his team's runs, as he scored 3 and had 4 RBI.

Brandon Barker of the U14 Napanee Express went 2 for 2 with 3 RBI in his teams win over Nova Scotia in the quarter final. He also scored a run.

Matt Wardrop of the U23 Owen Sound Selects went 3 for 3 with a double and 2 homeruns. He hit in all six of his teams runs in their victory over Quebec.

Eric Healey pitcher for Newfoundland U23 Chayee Bourras Wines and Vines pitched a one hit shutout against the Tavistock Hops. He walked 1 batter and struck out 7 earning the complete gain victory. His lone hit came in T7 with a **Jake Wiffen** single.

Tyler Randerson of New Hamberg Mustangs pitched 4 innings of almost

perfect ball in his team's 10-0 win over Prince Albert. He gave up no hits and struck out 9 batters. His one mistake came by allowing a single walk.

Clayton Mckenzie, utility player for the WD Plastics Jr. Diamondbacks hit a grand Slam home run in B5 to give Saskatoon the lead for good in their tight 5-3 win over Newfoundland. He had struck out on his 2 previous attempts against Selects thrower Nick Pitman but gave the Diamondbacks all the runs they would need with his one shot.

U16 Preview

What a truly national field we have for this championship. Nine different provinces are represented with teams coming to Saskatoon from coast to coast. The whole country (or at least 8 provinces) will be looking to break the Ontario monopoly on the medals. However, with four strong teams again this year they will be hard to beat. Nova Scotia will be looking to take a step up onto the podium mas they were the team that stopped an Ontario sweep of the top four spots last year.

The teams west of Ontario will be interesting as we see a return to this championship by Alberta, Irma Tigers, Manitoba, Pimickamak Lightning and BC, BC Allstars, none of which were at the U16's last year. Newfoundland and New Brunswick competed in Tavistock last year but finished at the bottom of the pack. The Saskatchewan teams hope to make their mark. RoseBud Royals won Saskatchewan provincials and will give everyone some trouble.

Red Pool	Black Pool
ON1 Napanee Express	ON2 Fisherville Haldimand Heat
ON4 Shallow Lake Sting	ON3 Simcoe Braves
NS East Hants Mastodons	SK1 RoseBud Junior Royals
BC BC All Stars	AB Irma Tigers
QC Équipe Québec	NL Newfoundland Selects
SK2 Shellbrook Rangers	HOST Saskatoon Selects
NB Fredericton Twins	MB Pimicikamak Lightning