

# Champ's Chatter

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## U16 Playoff Round Up

Saturday, August 2nd - Saskatoon CO-OP					
TIE	JGF	8:00AM		vs	
C1	JGF	10:00AM	ON3 1 1st Black	vs	ON1 6 2nd Red
C2	JGF	12:00PM	ON4 3 1st Red	vs	ON2 2 2nd Black
C3	GR3	1:00PM	NS 7 3rd Red	vs	AB 0 4th Black
C4	JGF	2:00PM	SK1 5 3rd Black	vs	QC 5 4th Red
C5	JGF	4:00PM	ON3 1 LC1	vs	NS 12 WC3
C6	BVI	6:00PM	ON2 11 LC2	vs	QC 1 WC4
C7	BVI	8:00PM	ON1 9 WC1	vs	ON4 1 WC2
CC1	GR3	9:00AM	SK2 9 6th Red	vs	MB 2 7th Black
CC2	GR3	11:00AM	NL 8 6th Black	vs	NB 6 7th Red
CC3	GR3	3:30PM	HOST 1 5th Black	vs	SK2 13 WCC1
CC4	JGF	6:00PM	BC 10 5th Red	vs	NL 7 WCC2
CC5	JGF	8:00PM	SK2 4 WCC3	vs	BC 10 WCC4
Sunday, August 3rd - Saskatoon CO-OP					
C8	JGF	9:00AM	NS 4 WC5	vs	ON2 1 WC6
C9	JGF	11:00AM	ON4 0 LC7	vs	NS 3 WC8
C10	BVI	1:30PM	ON1 WC7	vs	NS WC9

## U16 All Stars and Award Winners

Pitcher	Austin Paquachan	SK1	0.00	
Catcher	Reid Mckay	AB	-	.536
Infielder	Tom Norris	HOST	-	.500
Infielder	Aiden Chrsitie	ON4	-	.615
Infielder	Josh Kelly	NL	-	.533
Infielder	Drayton Howell	ON4		.529

Outfielder	Nick White	NS	-	.500
Outfielder	Aidan Yarde	ON4	-	.500
Outfielder	Zach Demille	ON2	-	.455
Utility	Luke Scuthings	SK1	-	.526

Mark Major	SK2 .688AVG	Top Batter
Connor Brooks	ON1 0.00 ERA	Top Pitcher
Nolan Butina	ON3 .538 6RBI	MVP Qualifying Round
Connor Brooks	Nappanee Express	MVP Championship Round

In the first game of championship Sunday, Nova Scotia East Hants Mastodons ensured that Ontario was not going to get all the U16 Boy's medals. They knocked off Fisherville 4-1. It was death by small cuts for the Heat, as Nova Scotia scored a single run in each of T2, T3, T4, and T7. **Caleb Isenor** went 2 for 3 and had a pair of RBI. From there, they relied on the pitching of **Brody Fraser**, who threw all 7 innings giving up only 4 hits and one earned run, He even helped his own cause by hitting a homerun.

Fraser had a great game in the quarterfinal but in the semi it was a dream game. In what may never be matched in Canadian Championship history, he pitched a perfect game in the semi final against Shallow Lake. He only had 3 strike outs, thus relied on his defense who recorded 18 putouts without making an error. Fraser was constantly ahead in the count as he threw 47 strikes in an incredibly low total of 70 pitches. He was locked in at the plate as well as he hit 3 singles in 4 plate appearances. **Tyler Payne** helped him out

as well, going 2 for 4 at the plate and scoring 2 runs.

The final game saw the top two pitchers in the championship battle it out. A well rested **Connor Brooks** who had yet to give up an earned run, got the start for Napanee. **Brody Fraser** coming off his semi final perfect game and in his 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the day, was again in the circle for Nova Scotia. Fraser enjoyed flawless defense in the semi final but he was not so lucky in this game. His team committed 2 big errors and allowed 4 unearned runs.

Three runs in the first set the tone for Napanee. There was to be perfect game for Fraser as the first 3 batters reached base. **Tyler Frankin** and **Caley Whiteye** on single and Connor Brooks on a walk giving the Express a one run lead. An error by the centerfielder on a **Tyler Branchard** fly, brought in 2 more and there was no looking back. When a double in B3 by **Aiden Reddick** scored 2 to make it 6-0, it was to be just a matter of time and the Express would be celebrating. In B7 Nova Scotia showed some spark scoring the only earned run given up by Brooks in the championship, on an **Evan Tilley** single but it was too little too late.

Napanee rolled through the championship winning 8 games and losing only one.



### U23 Playoff Round Up

The semi final game between Tavistock Hops and Saskatoon WD Plastics Diamondbacks had a little bit over everything: clutch pitching, shaky pitching, great defense, suspect defense and great

hitting all around. **Jordan Hudson** started for Saskatoon and walked the first 2 batters. Tavistock managed to get both of them in without a hit and took a 2-0 lead. They stretched that in T2 scoring an unearned run after a 2 out double by **Andrew Rowland**. In B2 **Nick Basaraba** tripled and scored on an **Evan Morris** sac fly to get the game closer. In B3 it was much the same as **Matt Kutnikoff** scored after his triple on **Justin Laskowski** sac fly.

The game really got interesting in T5. With 2 outs **Travis Ramseyer** singled and stole second. **Mitch Mckay** hit a 2-strike pitch that brought Ramslayer home for their 4<sup>th</sup> run. In B5 the Diamondbacks bats came alive. A double by **Reid Dubkowski** was followed by a single from Kutnikoff to narrow the gap to one run. That bought **Riley Manion** into the circle replacing starter **Kyle Fry**. Laskowski was hit by a pitch and preliminary round Top Batter **Clayton Mckenzie** drove home the tying run. Mckenzie was followed by Hudson who proceeded to hit a 3 run dinger to put the D'Backs up by 3.

In T6 Hudson was replaced by Nick Patrick after a **Derek Hyde** triple. Hyde scored later on a sac fly to make it a 2-run difference. In T7 Patrick quickly got the first 2 outs but the wheels began to wobble from there. Patrick gave up a single to Mckay then walked **Jason St. Pierre**, bringing up Hyde. Hyde went one base farther than his last at bat, hitting an 0-2 pitch over the right field fence to give Tavistock the lead.

Saskatoon did not quit as singles by Laskowski and Hudson brought All Star outfielder Nick Basaraba to the plate. He lined an 2-1 pitch forcing 3B Mitch Mckay into making a fantastic diving catch to the end the game. Tavistock moved on.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
ON2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	10	1
ON1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	9	0

The all Ontario final matched the excitement of the semi-final. Two former Team Canada pitchers (from different championships) **Tyler Randerson** for New Hamburg and **Riley Manion** from Tavistock faced off against each other. The teams matched single run innings from B1 to T3 and after 3 it was tied at 2. In T4 Tavistock took the lead on a 2 out hit by **Travis Ramseyer**. A **Mitch Mckay** single

moved Ramsayer to second but **Jason St. Pierre** grounded out to end the inning. At that point the pitchers really settled in, allowing no runners until B6. A triple by Playoff MVP **Liam Laforest** followed by a sac fly from **Derek Elliot** tied the game. Six batters later they were into an extra inning.

Three straight singles including a very smart looking push bunt **by Jake Whitten** and Tavistock was up 4-3 with 2 runners on. They could not do any more damage but with Manion getting better and better they were confident.

Their confidence grew even more when after a single by **Jake Bricknell**, Randerson hit into a double play. This drama was not over. The next batter **Liam Laforest** hit a high towering fly ball to right field, the outfielder lost it in the sun as the wind curved it away from him and Laforest rounded the bases for an inside the park homerun, to tie up the game and keep the Mustangs alive. The momentum immediately shifted as Derek Elliot hit a single which was followed by a **Corey Mclean** single. With Elliot sliding into 3B the center fielder throw skipped to the fence behind third allowing the championship winning run to score. New Hamberg Wins!!, New Hamburg wins!!!



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C3	BVI	11:00am	QC 1 4TH	V S	NL 12 5TH
C1	BVI	1:00pm	HOST 2 1st	V S	ONI 6 2ND
C4	BVI	3:00pm	ON2 10 WC2	V S	NL 5 WC3
Sunday, August 4th - Saskatoon CO-OP					
C5	BVI	11:00am	ON2 8 WC4	vs	HOST 7 LC1
C6	BVI	4:00pm	ON2 4 WC5	vs	ONI 5 WC1

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P/L	Matt Wardrop	DC	2.67	
C/R	Julien Fournier	QC	-	.385
Infielder	Marc Antoine Demers	QC	-	.455
Infielder	Justin Laskowski	HOST	-	.526
Infielder	Jake Bauman	SK	-	.385
Infielder	Dane Arnsten	HOST	-	.375
Outfielder	Nick Basaraba	HOST	-	.533
Outfielder	Quinten Bruce	DC	-	.542
Outfielder	Mathew Zilke	ON1	-	.529
Utility	Anthony Dumont Bouchard	QC	-	.500

Clayton Mckenzie	HOST .600 AVG	Top Batter
Tyler Randerson	ON .689 ERA	Top Pitcher
Denny Benson	DC .455 6 HR, 12 RBI	MVP Qualifying Round
Liam Laforest	New Hamburg Mustangs	MVP Championship round

