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The Inside Pitch

Weather does little to dampen last week's baseball play

By Lee-Ann Brinovec

Despite the rain at the beginning of last week, there were a surprising number of games being played on the diamonds in and around King Township.

Junior rookie

The Tile Source sponsored team played two games last week and it is quite evident that each player is improving with every game.

They traveled to Aurora for their first game, and despite the rather cool temperatures, they gave it their all. Emily Brinovec, Angelo Grande, Lucas Critelli, Nicholas Lauriola and Kurtis Lewandowski turned in perfect plate appearances.

Their second game was played under clear blue skies at Pottageville Park. The team struggled at the plate for the first time this season, and the only three players who were able to connect in both their at bats were Lucas Critelli, with two monster hits to the green, Angelo Grande and Kurtis Lewandowski. Honourable mention goes to Jesse Becker, who smashed out her first long ball hit of the season, cashing in two much-needed runs. It was up

to the defence to keep the game in reach, and these young ball players did just that. Jake Hansen was sharp on first, making an unassisted out on a sharply-hit ground ball. Nothing got past Brinovec at second as she made two outs herself and Jordan Chantiam has shown that he has what it takes to patrol the infield at short stop, not letting anything get past him.

Schomberg IGA, coached by Charlie Falzone, also managed to play both of their scheduled games last week.

In the first outing, Luca Ferrari, Serene Falzone, Frankie Aloia, A.J. DiCrescenzo and Mark Lago turned in perfect at bats. Lago also showed his skills defensively, making several outs at second base. Brock Walters was a vacuum in centre field, making sure nothing got by him. The player of the game was Christian Leone, who was not only stellar in his defensive role, but was also perfect at the plate, hitting a home run with his first at bat of the night. It was a very special night as he turned six. A job well done by the birthday boy!

The second game saw the

Schomberg IGA team continue their dominance at the plate with their batters pounding out hit after hit, with a total of five home runs in two innings of play. Perfect at the plate were Andrew Dinopolous, Nicholas Dicks, Tyler Radell and Magnus Krever.

Senior rookie

Wednesday night saw the TVS Development Cobras play to an 11-11 tie against a team from Aurora.

Great defence was the key to this game for King 1 squad.

In the bottom of the last inning, the outstanding defence was the difference between preserving the tie or losing the game. Myles Cook knocked down numerous ground balls at second, and Hunter Chantiam did the same at short. Zachary Long had a busy night at first base with several knockdowns and unassisted outs. The play of the game came from Scott Cameron on third as he prevented a grounder from getting past him and made the out to end the offensive threat from Aurora. Daniel Pignataro went three-for-three at the plate, and the Beer brothers (Allan and Sean) had their strongest batting game of the season as each of them connected for a pair of singles.

Rona Cashway, the King 2 senior rookie club, is improving with each and every game. Hitting does not appear to be a problem, as Julien Cristante, Alexander Topp, Rachel Price and Cassidy Tomlinson all stepped up to the plate and stroked out base hits, bringing in RBIs. Thomas Beckley was stellar behind the plate, catching a pop fly from the bat of an Aurora player. The trooper award goes to Price, who while playing first was hit in the mouth by a ball thrown to her by a team mate, but shook it off and went to bat in Rona Cashway's half of the inning, earning player of the game honours in the process.

Mosquito

Armstrong Petroleums, the King 1 team, handed BMO Searles a 12-10 loss

Thursday, bringing Armstrong's season record to three wins and two losses.

It was sweet revenge after a loss to BMO early in May.

Daniel Lucia took the

mound in the second inning and got all three outs himself, with two strikeouts and catching an infield pop fly. In the third inning, after allowing only one run, Francesco Amanteo also

struck out two batters and made a great throw to first to record the third out. Although Alex Mulder is known for cranking out the

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Trillus cleans up again at Spring Classic

By Bill Rea

Nobleton's Dietmar Trillus can seemingly do just about everything on an archery range, except miss.

He competed over the weekend at the Ontario Spring Classic in Scarborough, taking part in a FITA (International Archery Federation) round Saturday in which he finished first. The round required him to shoot 144 arrows at varying distances (30, 50, 70 and 90 metres), and he scored 1,392 out of a possible 1,440 points.



Dietmar Trillus prepares to let another arrow go.

That put him at the top of the field in the elimination round Sunday, in which he had to shoot 12 arrows at 70 metres in one-on-one competition. He cruised by four opponents, and ended up facing a protege of his, Andrew Fagan of Ajax, in the final. The 49-year-old master was on top of his game against his 20-year-old opponent, as Trillus prevailed with a score of 117 out of a possible 120, to 113 for Fagan.

Trillus said he's looking forward to the weekend of June 23 and 24, when he's scheduled to compete in the Ontario Field Championships at York County Bowmen in Newmarket.

"That is fun," Trillus declared, observing it requires meandering through a field to find the targets, rather than shooting at stationary ones. "There's a huge amount of variety."

He has also qualified to represent Canada at the 44th Outdoor Target World Championships in July in Leipzig, Germany. He'll be among 12 Canadians joining some 600 archers from around the world, and he'll be competing in his specialty, which is the men's compound class (a compound bow is equipped with wheels that act as pulleys).

Trillus also expressed appreciation to his sponsors; Matthews, Carbon Express, Copper John, Tru Ball and Lancaster Archery.



Andrew Fagan congratulated Dietmar Trillus at the end of their match Sunday.

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