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The Inside Pitch

Some high-scoring outings in the local baseball scene

By Lee-Ann Brinovec
 Junior rookie

It was a sweltering hot summer evening as our Tile Source junior rookies visited Aurora's Canadian Springs team for a re-match on their home turf last Tuesday.

The Aurora pitching was a tough nut to crack, and many of our usual big hitters fell victim to the fast ball down the middle of the plate.

Angelo Grande and Jake Hansen managed to keep their focus, took their positions in the batters box, and each extended their record for another game of perfect plate appearances. Emily Brinovec may be of diminutive size, but she fills big shoes in the clean-up position in the batting order. She was also perfect at the plate this evening, and belted a grand-slam home run in the first inning, and then cashed in a three-run homer in the last inning. Erin and Jesse Becker seem to be the happiest kids on the ball diamond and the smiles they are always wearing show just how much they are enjoying their first year of ball. This night, they both had reason to

smile, as they each stepped up to the plate and dealt out crushing hits that earned them each doubles. Ethan Fisher continues to impress his coaches each week with his defensive skills in the infield, and this week he made another incredible play at second to record an out. Gregory Long showed great fortitude in his position as catcher, getting in front of the pitches, even if it meant having a few balls bounce off his body armor. He was quick to jump on a batter-tipped slow rolling ball to make the third out of the first inning, not allowing Aurora to score a run.

Player of the game for the Tile Source team was Gregory Long, for his strong defensive play at both the catcher and pitcher positions.

The King 2 team, Schomberg IGA, continues their winning ways as they are now working on a five-game winning streak.

The team chemistry is incredible after only seven games, and defence seems to be the key to success. These young players made five tag-out or force out plays in

one inning alone.

Mark Lago, Serene Falzone and Nicholas Dicks made three infield gems, while Magnus Krever and Tyler Radell made two outs at second base. Tyler Rydell was a perfect two-for-two at the plate and A.J. DiCrescenzo had his first perfect at-bat game and came around both times to touch home plate. Besides having a perfect at bat percentage, Rydell also threw several runners out at home, and this made him the player of the game.

The highlight in their second game of the week was Brock Walters getting his first hit of the season. The defense was once again exceptional, with outstanding performances by A. J DiCrescenzo and Serene Falzone at the corners, making sure nothing got past them down the line for extra bases, and making timely outs at third and first respectively.

Falzone was the player of the game adding to her awesome defense by going two-for-two at the plate.

FileBank Records turned in another solid performance

last week against Summers and Smith.

Coach Claire Murphy's hard work is paying off and the Filebank club is showing improvements every week.

In a high-scoring affair at Confederation Park, Matthew Murphy, Ffion McKay, Mackenzie Douglas, David Rumbolt and Cadence Opoka-Mullins all had a pair of hits and crossed home plate twice themselves. Justin Topp, Nia McKay and Jonathan Brunato also connected for two hits apiece. Giselle Murphy smashed out the team's first triple of the season in the second inning. Defensively, the Filebank team was kept on their toes by the hard-hitting Aurora team. Brunato, Rumbolt and McKay all made great plays in the field to cut down on extra bases and a determined Murphy saved a run by getting his face behind a hard ground ball.

Player of the game for File Bank Records was a battered and bruised, but still smiling Matthew Murphy.

Senior rookie
 TVS Development Corp.

(K1) lost their first game of the season last Monday night to crosstown rivals Rona Cashway (K2) by a score of 11-10.

It started out as a tight defensive battle with three up — three down innings turned in by both teams. Daniel Pignataro recorded TVS's first unassisted double play of the season with a pop fly catch and a force out at second. Continuing with the defense of the TVS team, Sean Beer made a spectacular out at third after fielding a hard-hit ground ball, Matthew Lancaster made a long throw from third to first to record an out, and Adam Cipollone played short like a pro as he made two solid throws to both first and second bases to record two outs in the same inning. Hunter Chantiam led the way at the plate, with TVS's first inside-the-park home run of the season.

Player of the game for the K1 team was Adam Cipollone who turned in a solid defensive effort in a losing cause.

Unfortunately the K2 team had not sent in their

version of the game by press time.

With the school year winding down, and various year-end celebrations underway, the TVS Development Corp team fielded an abbreviated line-up as they hosted Aurora's McAlpine Ford team at sunny Pottageville Park last Wednesday evening.

The defensive highlight of the night came from young Matthew Pacitto at shortstop. He dove for a sharply hit ground ball coming up with it in his glove and tagging out the Aurora runner as he tried to get to third. This seemed to rally Pacitto's teammates as they came to bat and maxed out the inning at the five-run mercy limit. Adam Cipollone and Scott Cameron each belted out stand-up doubles. Sara Valentini, not to be outdone by her male teammates, stepped up to the plate in the fourth and drove a ball deep into the outfield, cashing in numerous runs.

It was an inspired victory for a team short on players but not on manpower.

Player of the game was Scott Cameron, who was five-for-five at the plate and demonstrated some strong infield play.

Mosquito

The Armstrong Petroleum team has evened their season record at four wins and four losses with a win over the Green Point Laser team from Aurora.

After losing to King City Auto in a make-up game over the weekend, Armstrong went into last Tuesday's game hungry for a win. They did just that, taking the game 13-9.

Nicholas Bell took the mound in the first inning and struck out two batters. The team came to bat after this fine pitching performance and scored the maximum five runs allowed. Matthew Fiorni, covering first base, made all three

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CROWD OUT FOR HIKE

Harold Sellers, executive director of the Oak Ridges Trail Association, was leading a large group Sunday on the Moraine For Life Hike. The group explored the trails around the King campus of Seneca College.