

Royal LePage players post two victories in peewee play

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King City roared out to a 5-2 lead after the first inning and never looked back. Hits by Gavin Datt and Connor Brunt and several walks contributed to the five runs. King managed only one run in the second, when J.P. Cappella hit a long double and was brought home on the double by Austin Larsh. Neil Orr did his part in the field, catching a pop fly in right field that could have spelled trouble for the King team. King City Auto had two more runners cross home in the third on singles by Cappella, Datt, Luke Rapos and Cameron Wells. Remax did not give up, bringing in five runs of their own in the third. King City Auto added three more in the fourth to hold on the victory.

The Harris & Harris LLP mosquito 3 team had a great week with two wins. Last Tuesday, the team played a spectacular game against Scholars Education from Aurora, winning 8-6. Kamren Wallbank played a superb game, hitting a home run, and then a double in the bottom of the fifth, bringing in two runs and winning the game. He also pitched two great innings.

Player of the game honours went to Kamren Wallbank.

Thursday, with just seven players in attendance, the Harris & Harris team took on the Royal LePage team and again recorded a close win, this time by a score of 10-9.

With Jack Mull's solid pitching and Matthew Sperduti in relief, they were able to hold the Aurora team

in check. Rounding the bases with clutch hitting from Jack Mull, Kamren Wallbank, Will Maclachlan, Matthew Sperduti enabled King to add to the score sheet.

Player of the game was Jack Mull.

Both games contributed to Harris & Harris's impressive record of 10 wins, four losses and a tie.

Peewee

Royal LePage (K2) played host to Aurora's Scotia Bank in their first meeting of the season, and came away with a 14-3 victory.

Both teams saw solid pitching in the first three innings, with Royal LePage's Brandon D'Amato keeping Scotia Bank off the score sheet. Royal LePage's bats came alive in the fourth and they truly took

advantage of the open inning, sending 13 runs across the plate. Shane Rudnitski had an awesome game at the plate with two earned runs, three stolen

bases and five RBIs.

Player of the game was Rudnitski, who not only helped his team score runs, but also contributed to the defense by making a double

play at third.

Royal LePage played Scotiabank in a rematch Thursday, and once again

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Lamaze wished Millar a podium place

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54, and Melinda, a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare owned by Southern Ways, had a rail down at the final fence to improve on their position and move into 13th.

The next Canadian into the ring was Lamaze, 39, sitting in sixth place with less than one rail separating him from the leader, Pedro Veniss of Brazil. Hickstead, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Torrey Pines and Ashland Stables Inc., easily cleared the course to move Lamaze into fourth with 6.43 penalties, and within reach of the podium.

Eight-time Olympian Millar, 60, then went clear with Susan Grange's Dutch-bred gelding, In Style, adding nothing to his 4.29 penalties and putting the pressure on the two riders who followed. Henselwood needed a fault-free round to stay in medal contention and Special Ed, a 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by Juniper Farms, didn't let her down.

When the leader, Brazil's Veniss riding Un Blancs de Blanc, brought down the first element of the triple combination at fence 11, Henselwood returned to the top of the leader board with her score of four, the position she had held following the first day of competition. Millar shifted into second position, with Olympic champion and hometown favourite Rodrigo Pessoa of Brazil in third with 5.74 riding the American-owned Rufus.

The designer Jorge took things up a notch with his course for the second round, setting a shorter but bigger track of just 10 fences and 12 jumping efforts. The highest fence was the final one, a 1.62-metre vertical, and the tight time allowed also played a factor with only five horses completing the course within the 61-second time limit.

Cone and Melinda had four rails and a time penalty. Their final score of 45.31 would leave them in 14th position overall.

Veniss, riding fifth to last, gave the top four some breathing room by bringing down the last jump. Lamaze made no such mistake; Hickstead jumped as aggressively as he had in the first round, and finished within the time allowed for

a double clear round. Pessoa followed Lamaze into the ring and also posted his second clear round of the day.

The pressure was on the leaders, and when Millar had an unfortunate rail at fence five, it moved Lamaze into bronze medal position and Pessoa into silver.

"I would love to have seen Ian on the podium today," said Lamaze of Canada's most decorated show jumping athlete after the medal ceremony. "Ian has done great things in the sport."

In a dramatic finish, Henselwood and Special Ed also enjoyed their second clear round of the day, giving Henselwood her first Individual Pan Am Medal, and a Gold one at that!

"I wasn't so sure it was real! It was a home crowd, and it was very quiet out there after my round," smiled Henselwood, 41, who also competed at the Pan Am Games in 1995 and 1999. "It was so important that Special Ed win a major title. I'm so glad for him. I thought the competition was as much a world-class competition as I've ever done."

The final of the team competition Friday didn't seem to be a major surprise for Canadian officials at the games.

"We had four super riders, and we came in with guarded optimism, knowing that the Brazilians would be tough to beat," said Canadian Show Jumping Team Chef d'Equipe Terrance Millar following the medal ceremony.

The second and final day of team show jumping competition began at 9 a.m. Friday at the National Equestrian Centre, north of the Pan American Village. Having finished Thursday's speed phase in first position, Canada had the luxury of being the last of 10 teams to compete in the first of two rounds comprising the Nations' Cup team final.

First in for Canada was Cone and Melinda. A total of 12 jumping faults over Jorge's taxing course, featuring obstacles set at a height of 1.5 metres would ultimately see Cone's score dropped from the team tally where only the best three scores are counted.

Henselwood and Special Ed, the individual leaders following Thursday's

opening competition, added no points to their perfect score of zero by jumping clear over the 13 numbered obstacles featuring 16 jumping efforts.

Lamaze also repeated his performance from the first day, incurring four jumping faults in the first round on Hickstead.

Brazil had already posted three clear rounds to guarantee the lead by the time the fourth and final Canadian, Millar, set out with In Style. They had a confident clear round that kept Millar second in the individual standings behind Henselwood.

At the end of the first round, Canada had dropped into second place with a score of 6.72, just 1.05 points behind Brazil with 5.67 but with a comfortable lead over the third-placed United States with 19.20. After its third place finish on day one, Mexico lost considerable ground to slip to fourth position with 25.89.

The order of go changed in the second round to reflect the change in team standings, and the teams from Ecuador and Chile had been eliminated. Due to several retirements and eliminations, the starting list for the second round had shrunk from 47 horses to 39.

Cone improved on his first round performance with eight faults on Melinda, but Canada needed to be able to discard that score in order to secure the gold medal. Henselwood was not able to duplicate her perfect ride from the morning, taking a single rail with Special Ed and dropping to second position individually with a score of four points behind Brazil's Veniss with 2.84.

Lamaze and Hickstead returned to post a clear round for Canada. Riding in the anchor position, Millar and In Style looked set to post a double clear round when In Style drifted left at fence nine and took down the front rail.

Adding just one rail from final rider Pessoa and Rufus to its score, Brazil claimed the gold medal before a home crowd with a score of 9.57. Canada claimed the silver with 14.72 while the United States, finishing with only three horses after Todd Minikus fell off Pavarotti at the water jump in the first round, took bronze with 27.20.



There were were 22 young ball players who spent a week last month learning some of the finer points of the game at the King Township Baseball Association's annual Diamond Dreams Camp. Tom Ellison, who ran the camp with Mike Mallory, was talking to some of the participants before putting them through some drills, such as this one, aimed at bringing a run-down to a successful conclusion for the fielding team.

