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Hot bats and hot temperatures combine for junior rookie draw

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Junior rookie

The Luxury Coach sponsored junior rookie team played their hometown rivals, Red Hammer Construction, on a night that was so hot that the humidity felt like a blanket.

The smiles and joking were all part of the friendly competition, as the game got under way for the young players.

Luxury Coach took the field first as the home team at the King City upper diamond and showed some determination in proving they were there to win.

Tony Provenzano was strong at third, stopping several solidly hit ground balls, and holding the Red Hammer base runners to singles. Austin Anderson played an equally successful game at first, knocking down line drive after line drive that would have spelled trouble had they gotten past him. The big play of the inning came as Steven Dimitroff relayed a throw from the outfield on the last batter's fantastic hit, landing his throw right on the money to Andrew Sansone at the plate and getting the final out. Great work boys!

As Luxury Coach came to the plate, they belted out single after single, as eight batters reached base. As the game wound down, and the infield re-aligned, the Luxury Coach team continued to make some impressive outs. Red Hammer was keen at the plate, making some fantastic hits, but Luxury Coach were equal to the task, and few of the hits made it to the grass. Great work by Erin Becker, who was a wall at second, and Cameron Hudspith, who protected the middle infield by stopping sizzling ground balls. Wrapping up the defence was Nicholas Lauriola, who showed his spirit and speed as he pursued the ball and made a magnificent play at home to get the final out of the inning, ignoring the fact that his ambitious pursuit caused his catchers shin guards to come partially un-hooked.

This sort of determination is an inspiration to the whole team.

Luxury Coach came to bat in the bottom of the inning and the pep talk by Coach Joe Becker seemed to spur on the team. Gregory Long started the inning off with a stand-up double, and then Tony Provenzano followed with a double of his own. Five more batters, including Andrew Sansone, Massimo Amantea, Steven Dimitroff, Cameron Hudspith and Erin Becker all connected for solid singles. Then Jessie Becker came to the plate and showed the boys how to swing the bat, nailing the longest hit of the night, cashing in four runs — that's right, it was a grand slam for Jessie. After the dust settled and the runs were tallied, it seemed that the two King teams had battled to a 14-14 tie.

Player of the game for Luxury Coach was Tony Provenzano who was truly at his best that night.

Senior rookie

It was a close game between two evenly-matched teams in Nobleton last Wednesday evening as the Tiles Source senior rookie team (K1), played host to Chiroclinic (A4).

Neither side was able to produce a run in the first three innings, and if Aurora did connect with the ball, the tight defence of Tile Source stop them in their tracks.

Aurora threatened to be the first team to send a runner across the plate, but the outstanding work of pitcher Zachary Long, and Adam Cacchione at third recorded the first two outs of the third inning, as Long knocked down the hard-hit ground balls and made accurate throws to Adam to get the force outs. Tile Source held the Aurora team scoreless again in the top of the fourth, as Emily Brinovec made two unassisted outs at first, and Josh D'Urzo made the final out at second. The King team broke things wide open in the fourth, scoring the maximum five runs on hits

by Brinovec, Rory Paric, Cacchione, D'Urzo, Jake Hansen, Andrew Dinopoulos and a long double by Angelo Grande. Tile Source added four more in the bottom of the fifth, as Long started things off with a double, Brinovec brought him home as she reached first on a single, Rory Paric added a single for a three-for-three night at the plate, and Cacchione drove home two runs on his in-the-park home run.

Player of the game for Tile Source was Rory Paric, who was three-for-three at the plate, bringing in some much needed RBIs and had steady defensive play in the field.

The Schomberg IGA senior rookie team began the second half of the season with a pair of home wins.

In those wins, defence was key and the bats were hot, as they recorded victories by the score of 13-4 and 15-2. The third game of the week was a road game which was a bit of a slugfest in Aurora. After a two-hour marathon, the game ended in a 23-23 tie.

Rose and Serene Falzone, and Katie Douglas made the most of their time at the plate, ending the week with a perfect batting average. With so many runs crossing the plate, there were many highlights, including two home-runs for Tyler Radell and Adam Cipollone, both finishing the week with 12 and 10 RBIs respectively. Rounding out the hit parade were Alexander Topp with eight RBIs and Christian Leone and Magnus Krever with five RBIs each. Defensively, Thomas Beckley was a one-man crew, regardless of his position on the field, finishing the three-game week with six unassisted/assisted outs. Defensive highlight of the week went to Scott Cameron, who ran down a line drive into center field, and quickly turned to fire the throw into second for an out, ending the opponents rally.

Peewee

King City Auto (K2) and

Rona Cashway faced each other twice last week and split the two games, with the Auto folks winning the first contest 7-3 and Rona winning the second 14-9.

The first game started off close, with both teams scoring a run in their half of the inning, and King City Auto scored five in the third to put the game away. Gavin Datt reached base on a single, Christian Olivieri and Daniel Quintieri walked, and with the bases loaded J.P. Capella hit a long single to left, bringing in two runs. The inning continued, with David Granton, Steven Sansone and Jonathan Mele also scoring. Rona Cashway tried to come from behind with Will MacLaughlin and Shane Rudnitski scoring, but it was not enough to catch King City Auto.

The second game was more about scoring than defending.

Rona had taken the lead 2-0 when the Auto crew came to bat in the bottom of the first. Capella lead off with a walk, and was brought home by a Joshua Hollings' double, and Andreas Kentris reached on a single and scored on Jonathan Mele's single. Rona scored five runs in the third and were sitting on a 9-2 lead. King City, once again had to play catch up, and came within two runs, after scoring five in the fourth. It would prove to be too little too late, as Rona added five more in the fifth and finished the game with a 14-9 victory.

FPS Technology Solutions travelled to Bradford, last week week and were in fine form. There were lots of hits by both teams, as the score was a tied 7-7 after the second inning.

Neil Orr played well behind the plate, and despite a nagging leg injury, combined with pitcher Daniel Lucia to make a great play at the plate, as Lucia received a perfect flip from Orr, blocked the plate and tagged the Bradford runner for the third out. The teams held each other off the

scoreboard in the third, and King benefited from more great pitching by Tristan Joseph.

FPS made the most of their base running opportunities when Anthony Companion got walked and then stole second and third base to get into scoring position. Companion got caught in a run down between third and home, but outsmarted the infielders as he slid safely into the plate. Lucia hit a long, loud triple to the gap in right field and scored on an RBI single from the bat of Andrew Cipollone. The King team scored five more runs in the fourth, as the hitting continued by David Lamana, Mathew Ardizzi, and Alec Bantini. FPS Technology won the game 12-10.

Bantam

The Rhind Electric bantam team took part in the Intact House League Tournament, hosted by Newmarket last weekend, as they represented the King Township Baseball Association with class and great sportsmanship, making their coaches and parents proud.

The boys played two games Saturday, the first against the Bolton Yankees and the second against the hometown Newmarket team. After a slow start to the game against Bolton, the team pulled themselves together and recorded a 10-7 victory.

It was a tougher task against the Newmarket team, but once again the team persevered and won by a 13-12 score.

Sunday morning, the boys played the third and final round robin game against Richmond Hill, and with a decisive 15-5 win, they were off to the

championship game against the team that gave them the most challenge, Newmarket.

It was a close game in the finals, with both teams putting their best pitchers on the mound. King scored first, with two runs in the second, but it was the only two King runs to cross the plate. Newmarket scored four runs in the third and two in the fifth, and came out on top with a 6-2 victory.

Playing their hearts out for the Rhind Electric team were Luke Robertson, who manned first base and connected for some timely hitting that moved him up in the batting order from seventh to first for the last two games; Dennis Orr, batting second and a great asset behind the plate, throwing out runners and blocking passed balls; Travis Brinovec, making key outs at second, a steady presence behind the plate and an impressive, and team leading seven-for-eight at the plate; Marshall Perone, pitched in the game against Richmond Hill, striking out two batters and forcing a ground ball out for the third; Joseph Perone, who was impressive at the plate, with numerous RBIs, and pitched in the game against Richmond Hill and alertly picked off a base runner at first; Aidan Romeril, who played strong at second and was able to connect for some timely RBIs; Christian Shorthill, who showed why he has been the lead-off batter all season, as he found a way to reach base with timely hitting and patience at the plate; Scott Rhind, fresh from holidays who showed he hasn't lost a step either on the mound or at the plate; Stephen Leonard, who

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