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Jones Construction on top in ball season-ender

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The Rookies and Arnold Jones Construction took very different paths to the "A" final of the Castleton Sunday Night Mixed Three Pitch League on Sept. 11, held at Castleton Public School.

The Rookies pounded the Rangers and Generals, pouring 38 runs across the plate. The Joneses scored half as many runs in toppling the party Paks, and Over Forties

. But the Rookies failed to get the one run that they needed most in a 4-3 "A" final loss to the Joneses.

Unlike most high-scoring three-pitch games, this one was a tight, well-played game from beginning to end, with strong plays on both sides.

The Joneses jumped into an early lead with a three-run first.

After holding the Rookies to a pair of singles, Tom Tucker led for the Joneses with a triple to the fence in left. Frank Hall cashed him with a single, and advanced himself on Kathy Carr's single over second.

Arnold Jones made it two with a sac fly.

Pearlann Coombs singled to make way for Wayne Carr. He connected for an RBI single over third, and the Joneses were on their way.

The next three innings went scoreless, but featured some fine play.

Dave Hetherington opened the Rookies' second with a double. Hetherington beat the tag at second but was nailed at home two plays later on a peg from Wayne Carr in centre field to Ernie Dunk.

The Rookies managed to get two more on base in the third, but failed to score again.

In the Jones' third, Darla Jones and Tom Tucker started the inning with singles. One out later, Frank Hall loaded the

bases, but the next two batters flied out, leaving the bases loaded.

It was "Carr time", in the top of the fourth. With Sue Hetherington on at first, Mel Carr made an outstanding pick up at second of a hard hit Dave Hetherington ground ball to get Sue on the force.

With two out and Hetherington still perched on first, Wayne Carr chased down a long fly ball to deep centre by Dennis Sherwin, making the out with an overhead grab.

Not to be outdone by the Carrs, Julie Scott had a

hand in every out in the bottom of the fourth. Scott made the assist on Pearlann Coombs' ground-out ball to second.

She snared Wayne Carr's liner, then did her ground-ball routine on Mel Carr.

The Rookies finally got on board with two in the fifth. With two out and no one on, the Barlows both singled. Julie Scott followed them on, loading the bases for Trevor Scott. His two-run double to left scored a pair, making it a one-run game.

But that didn't last long.

Judy Tucker lined a one-out single to centre, and scooted home on an Ernie Dunk ground-ball through second.

The Rookies could only eke out a single in the sixth, and the Joneses did a little better.

Bonnie Jones singled to start the inning but Frank Hall immediately hit into a 6-3-5 double play.

Arnold Jones chased Kathy Carr around the around the bases on a double to deep centre. When Jones approached

third, Kathy was forced home, but failed to beat the throw.

The Rookies nearly made it in their final trip to the plate. With two out and Ken Barlow at first, Julie Scott drove a ground single down the third-base line. Trevor Scott's RBI double over the fence in left made it 4-3.

But with runners at second, and third, Wayne Carr made a running catch on a Sue Hetherington liner to end the game.



Arnold Jones Construction, "A" champs -- In the Castleton Sunday Night Mixed Three-Pitch League. In front from left: Pearlann Coombs, Mel Carr, Kathy Carr, Bonnie Carr, Darla Jones, Harold Carr. Behind are: Ernie Dunk, Arnold Jones, Tom Tucker, Judy Tucker, Sandy Jones, Wayne Carr. Absent from the photo is Frank Hall. Photo by Bob Owen



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