

Tyke season ends at Exeter championship tournament, 1-2 record not enough to challenge for 'D' title

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The long baseball season came to an end for the Halton Hills Trout Farm Major Tykes on the Labor Day weekend as they were defeated in championship tournament play in Exeter.

The Tykes lost their first game to Cottam 5-4 on Saturday, but came back strong in Sunday's first game,

beating Tottenham 10-4.

It was a different story in the day's second game as they faced Clinton, one of the favored teams of the tournament. The Georgetown boys played a good game, but lost 8-3.

The opening game played on the Saturday morning was not a classic. Of the nine runs scored between Georgetown and Cottam, only

three were earned.

In the top of the seventh inning with the Georgetown boys down 4-3, time was running out when Andrew Nelissen hit a clutch two out single. That brought Dylan Lee to the plate. Dylan has struggled with the bat at times this season, but he has worked very hard in the batting cage, and his improved hitting lately saw him moved up three places in the batting order.

After Nelissen stole second and then third, Dylan stroked a solid single up the middle to tie the game. Unfortunately in the bottom of the inning Cottam scratched out a run for the victory.

Mike Kelly pitched the whole game, allowing just one earned run, while recording ten strikeouts and scattering six hits. Dylan Lee threw in two stolen bases to go along with his clutch RBI single and was voted Player of the Game.

It was a different Georgetown team which took the field on Sunday as they bounced three hits each and Wesley Blight struck out nine batters while scattering eight hits. Mike Kelly, Dylan Lee, Daniel

Young, Steve Gibbons, Ryan Smith and Kevin Hunsingh all contributed key hits, with Smith adding three stolen bases.

Catcher Andrew Beavan threw out two base runners, had three hits, stole five bases, counted an RBI and scored a run. For his outstanding effort he was voted player of the game.

Unfortunately, Georgetown had to play one of the two favorites in the afternoon in order to advance to Monday's play. The team from Clinton proved to be a formidable opponent and eliminated Georgetown from further games with an 8-3 decision.

For the first four innings, Georgetown managed to get runners on base, but couldn't get them home. Then, down 7-1, a call didn't go Georgetown's way in the fifth which seemed to take away their last chance. Isaac Ferguson led off with a single followed by another single from Kevin Humeniski. Andrew Beavan bunted for the first base line and when he beat out the throw they had the bases loaded with none out, and the firepower of

Blight, Inglis and Gibbons coming to bat.

At that point, the Clinton manager screamed at the home plate umpire that Beavan had kicked the ball on his way to first. The umpire obviously didn't see it and when he appealed to his partner he ruled in Clinton's favour. Two pitches later, they were out of the inning.

Unfortunately, two losses meant the end of the line for Georgetown. For his two singles, a triple and run scored Doug Inglis edged out Blight and Humeniski for player of the game honors.

On behalf of the boys and the parents, this writer would like to thank manager Paul Kelly and coaches Steve Norman, Jeff Hannah and Brian Hannah for their efforts over the past six months. Thanks must also go to Donna Blight and Charmaine Gibbons for keeping score and lastly to bat boy Kevin Inglis.

Just a reminder: the team party is going to be held on Friday night, Sept. 14, at St. John's United Church in Glen Williams.



Getting the call

The Kentner's Dairy Bar catcher starts to her feet as the umpire calls a fair ball during the intermediate Kinsmen Girls Softball final at the Fairgrounds on the weekend. The Optimists didn't often surprise their opponents, who defeated them to win the championship. (Herald photo)

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