

Two Acton teams decide Rookie ball championship

By Judith Kirkness

Acton's Nellis Construction rookie baseball team beat Acton's McDonald's team in a dramatic two game series, to win the COBA Rural Rookie championship. It was a great achievement for Acton's two teams to be the finalists of the 11 team league, and their final series was incredible, with both games decided in extra innings.

The tournament started on Friday, with the two Acton teams meeting, while Kilbride played Campbellville in the other game. Nellis started the game strongly, scoring the maximum five runs in the first on double by Carter Ebbinge and Josh Tremblay, and a triple from Travis Brown. McDonald's failed to score in their half of the first, and never led in the game. McDonald's brought the score to within 11-9, but Nellis scored four more in their half of the fifth to ice the 15-9 victory.

Paul Kutasienski and Brandon Lockyer were three for three for Nellis, Kutasienski and Ebbinge each drove in three. Jeffery Longstreet and Walter

Kirkness were three for three for McDonald's, Tristan Rogers scored and drove in a run. Kilbride beat Campbellville, so Kilbride and Nellis met for the direct pass into the final, while McDonald's met Campbellville, with the loser being eliminated from the tournament.

Nellis defeated Kilbride 10-0, the game ending after four innings due to a mercy rule. Both teams played tight defence to start the game, as the first inning ended with no score. Nellis continued their strong defence in the second, then exploded for five runs in their half of the inning. Travis Brown tripled, Carter Ebbinge doubled for an RBI, Josh Tremblay singled, Alex Johnson singled for two RBI, Zach Seguin doubles Johnson home, and with two out Jeff Laing singled in the fifth run.

With strong defence up the middle Nellis was able to shut Kilbride down yet again. The inning was highlighted by a superb stop at shortstop by Brandon Lockyer and a fantastic catch at second by Paul Kutasienski. Nellis then put the game to rest with five more

runs in the 3rd.

John White doubled and Paul Kutasienski singled him home, then Brandon Lockyer tripled Kutasienski home. Next up was Travis Brown, and he tripled again, scoring Lockyer, then was driven home by Carter Ebbinge's single. Josh Tremblay then singled, and Zach Seguin drove both runs in with a double.

McDonald's had an equally easy time with Campbellville, as the Acton teams proved that they were the best in the league. McDonald's won by a score of 13-1 in three innings, again due to the mercy rule. McDonald's scored four in the first and second innings, and five in the third to secure the victory. Mitchell Brake, Roger Kirkness and Walter Kirkness all went three for three for McDonald's, but the biggest hitter was Jesse Spurrell who drove in five runs with a single and three run home runs.

The McDonald's defence

was efficient, with TJ Baker, Roger and Walter Kirkness accounting for all the outs. The McDonald's victory set up a game with Kilbride, with winner to meet Nellis in the final.

McDonald's rolled over Kilbride by a score of 9-0. Jeff Longstreet went four for four for McDonald's and scored three runs. Jesse Spurrell was three for four, and drove in another four runs. Mitchell Brake and Roger Kirkness were also three for four, while Alex McCarthy was three for three. TJ Baker had three put-outs and an assist at second base.

The win for McDonald's sent them into the final against Nellis, assuring that an Acton team would win the championship. Because Nellis beat McDonald's in the first game, the playoff would be two games, with Nellis having to win either one to be champions, while McDonald's would have to win both. McDonald's

had already won two games on the day, and would have to win another two to earn the championship.

The first game between Nellis and McDonald's was an incredible display of rookie baseball, as McDonald's won 12-11 in extra innings. The score was tied at 9 after six innings, and Nellis scored two in the top of the 7th John Porty doubled with one out, and was driven home by John White's clutch home run. Nellis had only to hold McDonald's to one run in the bottom of the inning to earn the championship. But McDonald's struck back for three runs to earn the victory.

Savannah Muir and Billy Mowat started the 7th off with singles, and Mitchell Brake singled home the first run. After TJ Baker grounded out, Roger Kirkness doubled home the tying and winning runs with a walk-off double. TJ Baker and Roger Kirkness were four for five for McDonald's, with Baker scoring four, and Kirkness driving in five. They also made 16 of McDonald's 17 put-outs between them.

John White went four for four for Nellis, driving in four. Jon Porty was three for five with a double and triple, and Travis Brown made two great catches in centre field on long drives by Jesse Spurrell. The dramatic win for McDonald's set up a one game winner take all championship game.

If the first game was incredible, the second was even better. Again the game went to extra innings, tied at seven runs each. McDonald's scored a single run in the top of the inning as Jesse Spurrell tripled and was driven in by Water Kirkness' single. McDonald's had only to shut Nellis out in the bottom of the inning for the championship, but they could not, as Nellis scored two to take the huge victory.

Carter Ebbinge started the inning off with a double, and was driven home by Alex Johnson's single to tie the game. With two out Luc Ballentine and Jeff Laing singled to load the bases, and Jon Porty ended it with a walk-off single to score Johnson and win the championship for Nellis.

Luc Ballentine and Jeff Laing were three for three for Nellis, while Travis Brown had a pair of triples. Jesse Spurrell and Walter Kirkness were three for four for McDonald's, Spurrell also had three assists at short-stop.

After the game Nellis coach Chris Kutasienski and McDonald's coach Tim Baker presented the tired players with their medals. Both coaches worked very hard to bring their teams to the excellent level of play that they demonstrated in the final. All the players worked hard and deserved to win. All in all, it was a great day for Acton rookie hardball.

KIDS' corner

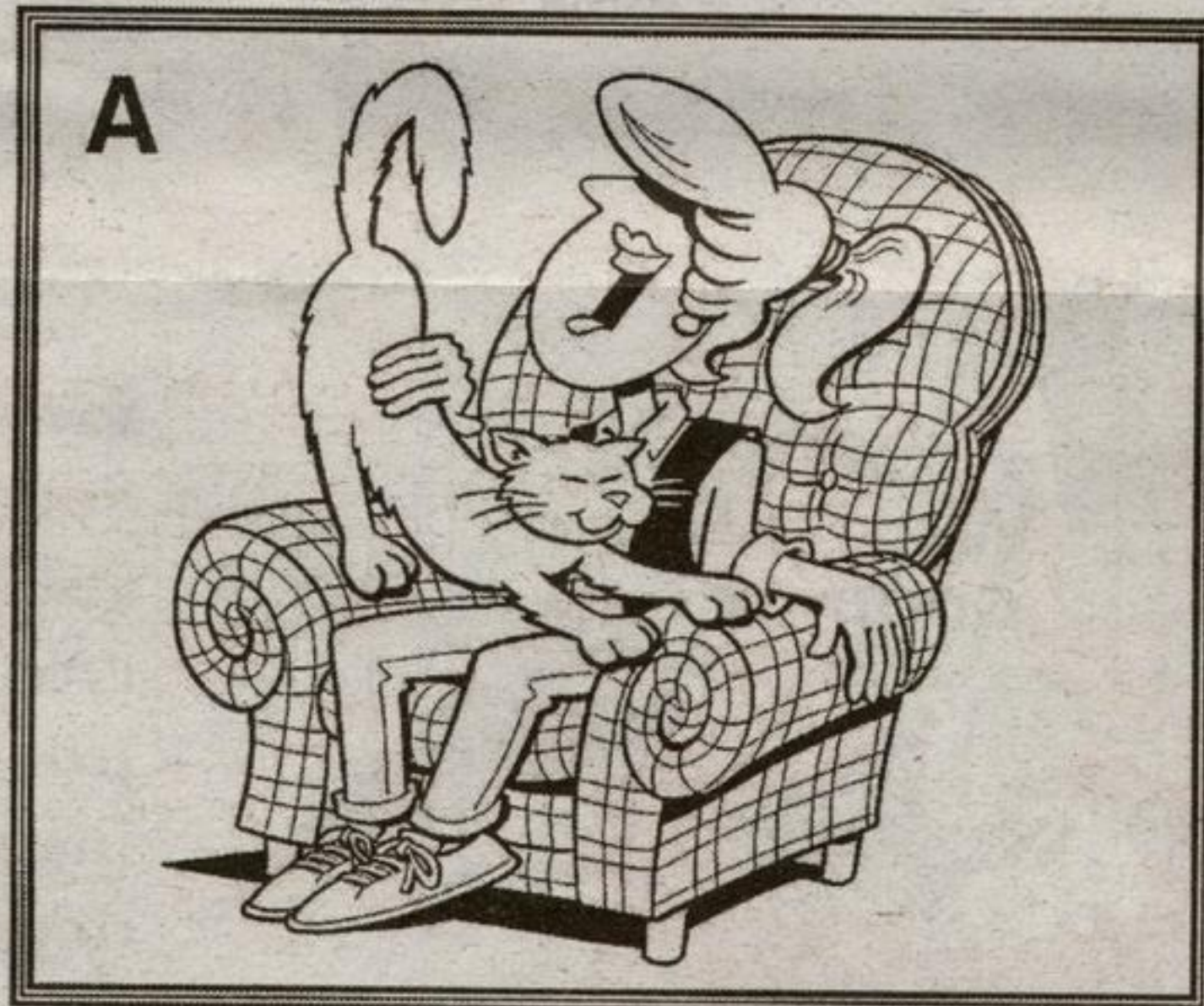
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WHAT ARE THE HOTTEST CHILE PEPPERS IN THE WORLD IS CALLED?

ANSWER: HABANEROS

What's the Difference?

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ANSWER: 1. WOMAN'S LIPS ARE BLACK. 2. CAT MISSING TAIL. 3. CHAIR BACK IS BLACK. 4. CAT'S NOSE IS BLACK. 5. CAT HAS FRECKLES. 6. WOMAN'S SHOELACES ARE BLACK.

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great 3rd base one inning and was so close tagging three runners out coming from second.

Katelynn Robinson and Danielle Recoskie made great throws to Katrina. Don't worry girls we will get them out soon. Kalynn Rhynold made a great scoop in left field. Ashley Stokman was so close to catching a fly ball in centre field. Courtney Brown got out stealing second base but that allowed a run to score. Good Job Courtney. Coaches were again very proud of their girls.

The weather was very hot, but our girls were hotter.

On Sunday August 4th we played against Rockwood. We lost 7 - 1 but what a good game.

Carli Vickery pitched her best game this year with 9 strikeouts and only allowing 4 runs to score. Desiray Ebbinge also pitched well getting 6 strikeouts in 2 innings allowing 3 runs. We think if Desiray and

Carli pitch their best we have a great chance in our playoffs. Danielle Spear was our only player who scored with a slide into home. Katrina Harding had a rough game tonight. Katrina hit 4 foul balls and had to leave the game in the last inning when she took a ball in the jaw off her bat. Great team player that she is she stayed on the bench with ice and cheered on her teammates. Be proud of yourself Katrina. We are very proud you are on our team. Kelsey Kirkpatrick almost caught a fantastic catch. She got under a fly ball, caught it but then it fell out of her glove. Super Try Kelsey. Good Effort. Kalynn Rhynold also made a great scoop on first base.

Well girls it's almost over and you've learned so much. Now its time to show the other teams how you can play. We do need to start hitting the ball more though. Together lets go get them and show the other teams which team has improved the most. US! Go Team Go!

How they SAY it in...

- English:** THUNDER
- Spanish:** TRUENOS
- Italian:** TUONO
- French:** TONNERRE
- German:** DONNER

Did YOU KNOW?

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is featured here?

ANSWER: FIREWORKS

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at 10:00am. You can also use the Job Bank Kiosk or seek employment online using the internet.

Need back to school clothes? Our thrift store sale will be "Back to School," featuring all children's clothes on for 1/2 price. The month of September will also see all our fall and winter items make their way onto the store racks, so get in early for great selection!!

Our food bank needs re-

plenishing! If you would like to donate a non-perishable item by dropping it off at the EWAG office, we would really appreciate it.

Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment only from 1:00-4:00pm. We are located at 126 Main St. S. Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our summer office hours will be Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 4:30pm and Thursdays we will be open from 10:00 to 6:00pm.