

Cottam Cubs Mosquito Baseball

The Cottam Mosquito Cubs travelled to Harrow last Wednesday and got behind the eight ball early to a 12-4 deficit, but fought back valiantly with patience at the plate, timely hitting and much improved defensive play. A true team effort was shown by all on both offence and defense to tie the game in the top of the seventh, only to lose by one run in Harrow's bottom half. It only shows that you should never give up!

On Saturday morning the Cubs travelled to Windsor to play the Expo minors. Nik Veigli got his first start of the season giving up a few runs early but had a very supportive team behind him in pitching, hitting and fielding. Justin

Orton and Mitchell Taveirne teamed up for a great play to tag out a runner stealing home. Scott Smith went 4 for 4 leading the team in hitting that day. Also making contributions were Noah Wilson bringing the bat alive and Brett Rickeard laying down a bunt that resulted in a triple. Aggressive base running got the Cubs a lead that would not be challenged on this day. A great effort by all resulted in a 17-10 victory.

On Sunday afternoon the Cubs hosted Harrow, falling behind 5-0 in the first inning but battling back in the next couple innings to take the lead and hold off Harrow for an 8-7 win! Highlights included excellent pitching by Justin

Orton and a nice double from Scott Smith. After being hit in the ankle by a pitch, Micah Harris hauled in a nice fly ball, making it look easy!

A great week of ball and the team continues to improve with each game! Keep it up, boys.

Local Drag Race Results

Saturday at the Grand Bend Motorplex saw LaSalle's Ed Smith win Top Eliminator over the red-lighting Jade Atkinson out of Sarnia. Smith's Chevy powered dragster covered the quarter mile in 7.78 seconds at 170 miles per hour.

Sunday at St. Thomas Dragway, Bob Beaudoin of Tecumseh used a 9.87 second pass on his 2001 Ski Doo to defeat Paul Geisel's 1976 Kawasaki from Wallenstein in the bike final. Leamington's Bill Ward was runner-up to Tillsonburg's Jeff Smith in Modified Eliminator. Chris Gubinski of Essex was also a runner-up, in Junior Dragster to Derek DeHoog of London.

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Cottam Cubs Rookie Baseball

The Cubs had plenty of baseball this week with three games on the schedule.

Our first game was against Harrow and our bats came out cold but our defense held strong to keep us in the game even though we lost 14 to 10. Austin Scratch did a fine job at second base as well as Colton Vriesacker over at third. Harrow kept most of our hits to singles and did a great job defensively.

Our second game was against Tecumseh Minor and our bats came alive

with great hitting from all our boys. Cooper Chauvin had a big homerun and a nice triple came from Conner Demars. The Diemer brothers both had doubles as well as "Big" Ben Curtis. Brady Rickeard's bat was on fire as he went 3 for 3. Good defensive plays came from Josh Scratch, Ben Curtis at shortstop and Colton Vriesacker which helped make the final score, 25-14.

Our third and final game was against Riverside Minor and again our bats seemed to be made of ice.

The boys had a good defensive game but our bats were cold. Eryk Wagner did a nice job to pound out two singles and Jeremy Orton had a big homerun. Good defensive plays came from Ben Curtis at third as well as Cooper Chauvin at first but it wasn't enough and the Cubs lost 8-4.

Our next game is July 13 in Cottam against McGregor. Our sponsors for these game were M&B Trucking, Murry's Renovations and KLEX Growers Ltd.

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He had a great hit that went way into the outfield and bounced out into the parking lot which drove in two important runs for the team. The boys were now on a roll with everyone up to bat hitting and making a base. Matt Krutsch, Vince Taylor, Brad Maroun, Alex Dunmore and Brody Masse

all had great hits out into the field. Tyson Way got up to bat and followed suit by hitting a home run and bringing in Vince Taylor who was on base. The boys had now tied the Riverside Minor team and the crowd was on their feet cheering along with the boys in the dugout. Essex had come back from being down a few runs to tying the game

with a 10-10 score. Thank you to Brody Masse for coming out for a few games from the Rookie travel team. Thank you to the coaches on the Essex Mosquito Travel B team. Thank you to Mr. Krutsch for the fireworks after the game. An excellent job by the whole team!

Windsor 'nets' Kick It 3V3 Soccer Shootout

The Windsor-Essex Sport Tourism Alliance, in partnership with the LaSalle Stompers and K1 International Event Management, will join forces to host the 3v3 Kick It Soccer Shootout.

The 3v3 Soccer Shootout 2006 Tour is a series of weekend soccer festivals that offer competitive and recreational three-on-three soccer action for players of all skill levels, ages five to

adult. The game is played on small fields (30x40 yards) with small goals (4x8 feet) and no goalies. Teams including youth, adult and co-ed are invited to participate. The outdoor location, coupled with music, other skill-enhancing contests and competitions allows for a unique experience for players, family and friends. Each local event is a qualifier for the 2006 World Finals in Orlando, Fla.

The event will be held September 9-10 at Stan Drouillard Soccer Park. The fee is \$150 (roster limit of five). Registration forms are available through area soccer clubs as well as at most sporting businesses and parks and recreation facilities. Or register online at www.westa.ca or www.3vsoccer.com. Awards will be given for the top three teams in each division.



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