

Bulldogs stay undefeated on Day 2 Host province squad wins twice for second straight day

St. John's, NL (Sept. 1, 2016) — After two days of action at the 2016 Men's and Master Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships, a pair of squads from the host province remain undefeated.

The Galway Hitmen improved to 4-0 in the senior men's tournament, as did the Kelly's Pub Molson Bulldogs, who collected a pair of one-run wins on Thursday. Following a tight 2-1 victory over the Saskatoon Bridge City Sharks, earlier in the day, the Bulldogs edged a tough Chetty's Pretty Boys side 1-0 in the day's final game.

"It's unbelievable," veteran slugger Stephen Jesso said of the team's perfect record thus far. "We're playing really good ball now and playing really good defence and our pitchers are doing great. We can't wait for the rest of the week.

"This is where we want to be going into the weekend."

The Bulldogs bats might have been quiet on the day — scoring just three runs compared the 16 they put on opening day — but starting pitchers Kyle Linton and Colin Walsh were dominant again with a combined 25 strikeouts and no earned runs surrendered.

"They're world class," Jesso said of the young pitcher, both of whom are members of the national senior men's team player pool. "They're both young and coming up in the game and we have a lot of high hopes for them this week and they're pitching great for us."

The Pretty Boys started the day 2-0, and despite a loss to the Bulldogs, which was preceded by a 6-1 loss to the Hitmen, they feel they're still in good position heading into Saturday's playoff round.

"If you would have said we'd be 2-2 after Day 2, I think we'd take that," said captain Evan Taypotat. "We are where we want to be and have our destiny in our own hands. Tomorrow we've got to win one of the two for one-life and maybe win two of two for a double life."

The national master men's tournament kicked off on Thursday, with the hometown 3Cheers Pub blanking the Mississauga Rusty Jiggers. Winning pitcher Ward Gosse was tossing a perfect game until the Ontario team's Frank Farrell singled in the bottom of the fifth.

Friday's games (detailed below) include another 10 senior men's contests and three in the master men's division.

Thursday's full results were as follows:

SENIOR MEN'S

Game 11

Kelly's Pub Molson Bulldogs 1, Chetty's Pretty Boys 0

WP: Colin Walsh (7IP, 4H, 1BB, 13K)

LP: Dustin Keshane (6IP, 1R, 2H, 7K, 3BB)

TB: Ryan Kirk (1-3, RBI), Mathieu Roy (1-3, R); Pretty Boys — Unavailable

Game 12

Saskatoon Poly Plus Angels 3, Alvinston Indians 2

WP/RP: Devon McCullough (3IP, 2R, 2H, 6K)

SP: Trevor Eithier (4IP, 3H, 1BB, 7K)

LP: Michael Lagace Roote (7IP, 3R, 4H, 1BB, 11K)

TB: Angels — Brett Casavant (1-2, R), Devon McCullough (1-2, RBI); Indians — Craig Lyons (1-3, RBI), Michael Lagace Roote (1-2, R, BB)

Game 13

• Galway Hitmen 11, Bulyea Rustlers 3 (5 innings)

WP: Robbie Greene (5IP, 3R, 4H, 3BB, 10K)

LP: Bryan Newton (2.2IP, 10R, 7H, 4W, 3K)

RP: Greg Hill (1.1IP, 1R, 2H, 1BB, 1K)

TB: Hitmen — Brad Ezekiel (2-4, 2R, 2RBI), Blair Ezekiel (1-3, 3R-HR), Shane Boland (1-2, 2RBI); Rustlers — Josh Jordan (1-3, 2RBI), Mike

Lawton (1-2, RBI)

Game 14

Kitchener Hallman Cubs 7, WMC/The Bigs Bombers 1

WP: Andy Skelton (5IP, 4BB, 6K)

RP: John Baker (2IP, 1R, 2H, 3K)

LP: Joran Graham (4.2IP, 5R, 3H, 2BB, 5K)

RP: Johnny O'Reilly (1.1IP, 1R, 1H)

RP: Johnny Doyle (1IP, 1R, 1H, 2BB)

TB: Cubs — Matt Lyon (2-3, R, 2RBI), Dan Mitchell (1-2, 2R, 2RBI, BB), Blake Underwood (1-2, 2R, 2RBI, 2BB); Bombers — Peter Kavanagh (1-1, R), Chris Murphy (1-3, RBI)

Game 15

East Hants Mastodons 4, Angels 1

WP/RP: Justin Schofield (3IP, 2BB, 4K)

SP: Kyle Crawford (4IP, 1R, 4H, 3BB, 5K)

LP: Devon McCullough (6IP, 4R, 6H, 4BB, 8K)

TB: Mastodons — Tyler Whynot (1-2, R, 2RBI), Jay Duffy (2R, 3BB), Nick Shailes (1-3, R, RBI); Angels — Trevoir Eithier (1-1, RBI, 2BB)

Game 16

Bulldogs 2, Saskatoon Bridge City Sharks 1

WP: Kyle Linton (7IP, 1R, 5H, 3BB, 12K)

LP: Zach Pierce (6IP, 2R, 5H, 1BB, 4K)

TB: Bulldogs — Colin Walsh (1-3, 2R-HR), Mathieu Roy (2-3); Sharks — Brandon Dauvin (3-4, RBI)

Game 17

• Indians 4, Bombers 2

WP: Caleb Keeshig (7IP, 2R, 2H, 2BB, 7K)

LP: Mark Power (7IP, 4R, 7H, 1BB, 13K)

TB: Indians — Tyler Pauli (2-4, R), Jeff Lyons (3-4, R, RBI), Travis Jones (1-4, R, RBI); Bombers — Mark Power (1-3, R, RBI)

Game 18

Mastodons 5, Rustlers 3

WP/RP: Justin Schofield (3.2IP, 4H, 1BB, 5K)

SP: Kyle Crawford (3.1IP, 3R, 4H, 1BB, 2K)

LP: Scott Lieph (7IP, 5R, 6H, 6BB, 15K)

TB: Mastodons — Nick Shailes (2-3, 3R, HR, 2R-HR, BB); Rustlers — Josh Jordan (1-3, HR), Mike Lawton (1-3, R), Peter Hill (2-3, 2RBI)

Game 19

• Hitmen 6, Pretty Boys 1

WP: Sean Cleary (7IP, 1R, 4H, 18K)

LP: Travis Nevin (6IP, 6R, 11H, 1BB, 4K)

TB: Hitmen — Brad Ezekiel (2-4, 2R), Shane Boland (3-4, HR, 2RBI), Blair Ezekiel (2-3, R, HR), Jeremy O'Reilly (2-3, RBI); Pretty Boys — Jordie Gagnon (2-3, RBI-Double)

Game 20

• Cubs 4, Sharks 2

WP: Ryan French (7lp, 2R, 5H, 3BB, 16K)

LP: Jeff Farion (5IP, 3R, 4H, 6BB, 5K)

RP: Zach Pierce (2IP, 1K, 2H, 1BB, 3K)

TB: Cubs — Blake Underwood (2-4, R, 2RBI, 3SB), Matt Lyon (1-4, R,

RBI); Sharks — Kris Walushka (1-3, HR)

Standings

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TEAM	REC
Hitmen	4-0
Bulldogs	4-0
Mastodons	3-1
Pretty Boys	2-2
Angels	2-2
Indians	2-2
Cubs	2-2
Rustlers	1-3
Sharks	0-4
Bombers	0-4

MASTER MEN'S

Game 1

• 3Cheers Pub 7, Mississauga Rusty Jiggers 0 (5 innings)

WP: Ward Gosse (5IP, 1H, 11K)

LP: Billy Carson (1.1IP, 7R, 6H, 1BB, 3K)

RP: Tom Berube (2.3IP, 2H, 5K)

TB: 3Cheers — Paul King (2-3, 2R), Jamie Peddle (1-3, Grand Slam HR); Rusty Jiggers (Frank Farrell 1-2)

Note: Frank Farrell broke up Ward Gosse's attempt at a perfect game with a fifth-inning single.

Friday's games Senior men's Diamond No. 1

9 a.m., Rustlers vs. Sharks 11 a.m., Cubs vs. Pretty Boys 1 p.m., Hitmen vs. Angels

3 p.m., Bulldogs vs. Mastodons

6 p.m., Hitmen vs. Bombers

8 p.m., Bulldogs vs. Cubs

Diamond No. 2

1:30 p.m., Bombers vs. Sharks

3:30 p.m., Rustlers vs. Indians

6 p.m., Pretty Boys vs. Angels

8 p.m., Indians vs. Mastodons

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Master Men's Diamond 2

9:30 a.m., Newfoundland 1 vs. Rusty Jiggers

11:30 a.m., 3Cheers vs. Sydney Louann's Cafe Cardinals

Lions Park

3:30 p.m., Newfoundland 1 vs. Cardinals

For those not in St. John's, NL this week, live tournament scoring and statistics are available through the official website championship.softball.ca/mens/ and games on Diamond No. 1 will be streamed live at softballcanada.tv with play-by-play and commentary courtesy Ballpark Broadcasting's Lance Winn and Blair Setford, along with special guests.

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