

# CHAMP'S CHATTER

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Saskatoon



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The day began with some doubt that the fields would be ready. However, as a result to the hard work by Bryan Kosteroski, the SASA field crew and some dedicated volunteers, the games began on schedule. The day progressed with very little rain, through to the colorful opening ceremonies.



Wellesley ahead but Quebec replied with a pair in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> to take the lead back again doing the damage with 2 outs. A **Tristen Lapierre** single and a Godbout triple combined with another pass ball and a wild pitch did the damage and set up the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Wildcat CF **Brendan Dietrich** made sure the game was to continue, as he led off with a homerun. However, a **Spencer Bricknell** single was left stranded, keeping the score tied. It only took 2 batters for Quebec to get the lead back permanently, as **Justin Roy** led off with a triple and was scored on a Richard sacrifice fly for the game winning run. The teams combined for 27 hits off the starters, who both finished the game.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
NL	2	0	7	0	2	0	0	11	11	0
ON3	0	0	0	7	7	0	x	14	16	1

A quick look at the line score will tell you a lot about this game. 25 runs on 27 hits, and three 7- run half innings. Newfoundland jumped out to 9-0 only to see the Wildcats bounce back with 14 runs in their next 2 at bats. The Wildcats scored runs in only 2 innings but 7 in each of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The comeback began with 5 consecutive singles in B4. The onslaught ended with a 2 run **Chayse Herrfort** homerun. The team from the rock didn't die as they responded with 2 runs, mostly thanks to a **Jordan Pomeroy** triple. A pair of 2 run homeruns in B5 contributed much of the 7 runs scored in that inning. **Troy Moffit** and **Brendan Schneider** hit the dingers and give Wellesley a 14-9 lead. Newfoundland saw only one more runner reach base and Wellesley completed the most impressive come from behind win, of the championship. They finished the day scoring 22 runs in their 2 games while giving up 20. Newfoundland scored 21 runs today while giving up 15.

## GAMES OF THE DAY

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
ON3	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	8	15	1
QC	2	4	0	0	0	2	1	9	12	1

Four lead changes in the first 2 innings demonstrated a lot about this slugfest. The big inning for Quebec was the 2<sup>nd</sup> when they scored 4 runs with 2 outs off of Wellesley Wildcats ace **Dylan Lebold**. Singles by **William Richard**, **Tristen Lapierre** and **Daniel Gobout** and a triple by **Gabriel Desilets** provided the offense. Only one of the runs were earned as Wildcat 2B **Noah Baker** was charged with an error. The inning ended with Desilet getting thrown out at home. Wellesley responded with a pair of their won from Lebold single followed by **Brendan Dietrich's**. Dietrich scored on a pass ball charged to Richard who was the Quebec catcher. Runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> put

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
HOST	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	7	10	1
ON2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	1

There was an aura of excitement in the first game of the evening as two members of Canada's Jr Men's National team faced off against each other: **Jordan Hudson** of the Saskatoon AA Selects and **Cole Pavey** of Chepstow Lang Farms. Chepstow jumped to an early 1-0 lead as **Dallas Kipfer** singled home **Logan Tolton** in B1. They scored another 3 in B3 from back to back jacks, **Logan Bell** hit a drive over the centerfield fence also scoring Tolton while **Dallas Kipfer** drove one past the leftfielder and kept running for an inside the park homer and a 4-0 lead. The Selects scored their first run of the game when **Jordan Valcamp's** single scored **Easton Neufeld** who had earlier hit a double. In the inning Pavey took a bullet line drive off his shin but remained in the game. In T6 Hudson helped himself out by singling in **Anthony Rebeyka**, who was running for **Clayton Mckenzie** after his single. He quickly scored on a triple from **Reid Dubkowski** to pull them within one and getting Pavey out of the game. Dubkowski scored on a **Mac Fischer** wild pitch to tie the game. The 7<sup>th</sup> ended without any scoring and on to extras they went, with each team at 4 runs on 7 hits and one error. In B8, Mckenzie came back in and after failing to execute a bunt on his first 2 strikes, he hit a drive over the right field fence scoring the assigned runner from second. The Selects kept scoring, as Dubkowski tripled and was immediately scored by a **Cayden Schmutz** single for a 3 run lead. Hudson cleaned up nicely getting all thee batters that came to the plate in B8.

### The Stars of the Day



Wellesley Wildcat 3B **Brendan Schneider** went 2 for 4 with a home run 3 RBI and scored a pair of runs.

Newfoundland CF **Andy Kelly** went 2 for 4 with 4RBI and a homerun against the Wildcats, his homer was his second of the day.

Campbellford Cougars 1B **Stewart Battman** had 3 RBI going 2 for 3 with a homerun against Pimicikamak Thunder in the championship's opening game.

Quebec 1B **Daniel Godbout**, went 3 for 4 with 3RBI while narrowly missing the cycle with a homerun, triple and single, as his team beat ONT3 9-8.

Newfoundland's RF **Coady Furey** went 2 for 2 with 4 RBI in their 10-1 win over Earl Grey

Prince Albert Astro pitcher **Matthew Kutnikoff** earned a 4 hit victory over Cloverdale. He also went 3 for 4 at the plate with 4 RBI in his teams 16-4 win.

Saskatoon AA Selects pitcher **Clayton Mckenzie** threw 3 shutout innings and went 2 for 3 at the plate and scored a run as his team beat Manitoba 12-2

Campbellford Cougars' pitcher **Ben Broek** threw the game of the day. He had a 2 hit shutout with 12 K's against the Prince Albert Astros in his team's 5-0 win over the Saskatchewan champ's. Cougar LF **Carter Dolbear** helped him out by making a highlight reel catch robbing PA's **Matthew Kutnikoff** of at least a double in B1.

Selects CF **Reid Dubkowski** went 3 for 4 scoring 2 and adding an RBI in Saskatoon's 7-4 win over Chepstow.

**Nin Dougal** of the Cloverdale Rockies went 3 for 5, scoring 1 run and recording 2 RBI in his team's 9-8 win over Earl Grey.

Earl Grey's **Gilbert Bellgarde** went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI. He also scored 2 runs in the Rockets loss to Cloverdale

**The eight athletes who were named as members of the 2016 Junior Men's National Softball Team and will be competing at the U18 Men's Canadian Softball Championship are:**

First Name	Last Name	Hometown	U18 Team
Nick	Basaraba	Prince Albert, SK	SK 1 - Prince Albert Astros
Ben	Broek	Tweed, ON	ON 1- Campbellford Cougars
Daniel	Godbout	St-Gervais, QC	QC – Quebec Midget Team
Jordan	Hudson	Saskatoon, SK	Host – Saskatoon Selects
Isaac	Lefebvre	St-Leonard-d'Aston, QC	QC – Quebec Midget Team
*Evan	Morris	Saskatoon, SK	Host – Saskatoon Selects
Cole	Pavey	Glencoe, ON	ON 2 Chepstow Lang Farms
James	Shirley	Saskatoon SK	Host – Saskatoon Selects