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While the Masters championship was just starting the action was really beginning to heat up for the Men's. Six undefeated teams entered the day and only 2 remain, Saskatoon Angels and Galway Hitmen. The Angels had the hardest time staying unbeaten recording a pair of one run win. The Hitmen continued to pound the ball while earning a pair of lopsided victories which saw them score 20 runs. Galway will need one win to wrap up first place in the Red Division tomorrow. The real battle is now for second and the 2 lives in the playoffs that come with it. Grande Prairie and Nova Scotia are both at 3- 1 and will play at 4:30 with the winner almost assured of second place. Chettys will be trying to catch Bulyea for the last play off spot in the Red Division.

The Angels cannot relax, as they will play Irma who are 3-1 and could knock them out of first place with a win. Irma, after splitting games today will have a tough couple of games tomorrow as they play the top 2 ranked teams in the Black Division Saskatoon and Sooke. A pair of wins could put Irma in first, while a single win against Sooke could put them in the much valued second spot, 2 losses relegates them to 3rd. Delisle has a foot up on La Salle and Bruno for the last playoff spot in this division

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
BC Sooke	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	8	3
HOST Angels	0	1	0	2	0	2	x	5	7	2
WP: Devon McCullough, LP Scott Lieph										
HR- Justin Laskowski										

All the early games were won by 7 or more except this one and it was a beauty. The Angels surprised many going with Junior aged **Zach Pierce** in the circle while Sooke countered with their ace **Scot Lieph** In B2 the Angels started off with a pair of singles and a sac fly for the first run of the game. In T4 Sooke countered when a **Kyle Cowick** triple followed a **Blake Hunter** single with 2 outs, evening the score at 1. In B4 the Angels took a 2-run lead thanks to a homer by **Justin Laskowski** and RBI double by **Darren McCullough**. The Loggers got half of that back scoring an unearned run in T5 off McCullough who had come in with one out in T4. In B6 the Angels scored two critical runs on a 2 run **Derek Arsenie** double. One of those runs was unearned as Laskowski got on by an E5. The game got real interesting in T7 as McCullough allowed hits by **Jesse Grieve** and **Blake Hunter** and a walk to **Kris Walushka** bringing the score to 5-4 with 2 out. He settled down just in time, striking out his possible Team Canada' battery mate **Kyle Cowick** to finally end the game

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
NS	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	7	9	0
Mastodons										
DC Hitmen	3	0	2	2	3	3	x	13	15	0
WP Colin Walsh, LP Alexander Anthony										
DC HR -Shane Boland, Brad Ezekiel, Jason Hill										
NS HR Jason Sandford, Donnelly Archibald, Travis Nevin										

Black Division	W	L	PCT	GB
HOST Saskatoon Poly Plus Angels	4	0	1.000	-
BC Sooke Loggers	3	1	0.750	1
AB1 Irma Tigers	3	1	0.750	1
SK3 Delisle Diamond Dogs	1	3	0.250	3
MB La Salle Bullets	0	4	0.000	4
SK2 Bruno Merchants	0	4	0.000	4

Red Division	W	L	PCT	GB
DC Galway Hitmen	4	0	1.000	-
NS East Hants Mastodons	3	1	0.750	1
AB2 Grande Prairie Pirates	3	1	0.750	1
SK4 Bulyea Rustlers	2	2	0.500	2
SK1 Chettys Pretty Boys	1	3	0.250	3
SK5 NB Petro Hawks	0	4	0.000	4

Tempers erupted early as in this one when Hitmen pitcher **Colin Walsh** nailed consecutive batters **Nick Shailes** and **Donnelly Archibald** to load the bases in T1. **Joel Isenor** followed with a base hit to score a pair, but no more would get in. Galway countered with a pair of 2 out homeruns including a 2-run shot by **Jason Hill**. After scoring 1 in T2, Nova Scotia went up by 2 thanks to homeruns by **Jason Sanford** and **Donnelly Archibald**. In B3 the Defending Champions replied with a shot of their own - a 2-run dinger by **Shane Boland**.

From there the Hitmen piled it on, scoring 2 in the B4 and 3 in B5 with **Mathieu Roy** being in the middle of both rallies. In T6 **Travis Nevin's** 2 run home run gave Nova Scotia some hope but that was quickly eliminated when the Hitmen scored 3 more runs on 4 hits in B6. **Travis Nevin** and **Justin Schofield** gave up 5 earned each in the circle, with **Alex Anthony** giving up the rest and getting the loss. After 5 earned runs **Colin Walsh** left the circle for **Jason Hill** but still earned the win to keep the Hitmen on top and undefeated.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
AB2 Pirates	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	2
HOST Angels	0	0	0	3	1	0	x	4	8	1
WP Devon McCullough LP Rich Haldane Pirate										
HR Bryn Redhead, Angels HR Brett Casvanat										

In a day full of lopsided scores, the Angels played their second consecutive nail biter. The previously unbeaten Pirates were hoping to spoil things for Saskatoon in front of their home crowd. They got off to a good start scoring 2 in T2 with an unearned run followed by a **Lee Stupar** RBI double off starter **Devon McCullough**. The lead held up until just past the midway point when the Angels took the lead with 3 in B4. **Patrick Burns** led off with a single and **Devon McCullough** scored him with a single. **Brett Casvanat** score him and another with homerun to center for a 3- 2 lead. National teamer **Bryn Redhead** tied things up in T5 with a long blast to left center. In the B5 McCullough and Burns combined again with a single and a double to steal back the lead. Burns marched into the circle in T6 and sunk the Pirates. He recorded six straight strike outs to save the game for the Angels

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
SK5 Hawks	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	2
AB2 Pirates	0	2	2	6	x	10	7	0
WP Bryn Redhead LP Les George Hawks HR- Terrell Walker, HR Pirates Keagan Arcand, Ryan Friedrich								

	1	2	3	4	R	H	E
SK3 Delisle	2	3	9	3	17	13	0
MB La Salle	0	3	2	0	5	8	0
WP Jeff Farion, LP Doug Hoffman Delisle HR Curt Adair 2, Pat. Mackintosh, Jordie Gagnon, Jeff Durham 2, Ryan Olde. La Salle HR: Jason Plett							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
NS Mastodons	2	0	1	2	0	0	3	8	11	0
SK2 Merchants	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	0
WP Travis Nevin, LP Justin Dauvin										
NS HR Jeff Ellsworth										

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
SK5 Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
BC Sooke	2	2	0	3	0	7	9	0
WP Tyler Randerson LP Les George Sooke HR Kyle Cowick								

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK1 Chettys	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2
SK4 Rustlers	0	0	1	0	3	0	x	4	8	0
WP Joran Graham LP Dustin Keshane										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK1 Chettys	2	0	0	0	3	4	5	14	13	2
AB1 Irma	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	5	8	4
WP Jeremy Kenny LP Caleb Keeshig,										
Chettys HR: Tyler Tomlinson 2, Jeremey .Kenny,										
Anthony Sparvier Irma HR: Brandon Parsons, Evan Normand, Ambrose Firkus.										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DC Hitmen	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	4	1
SK3 Delisle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	2
WP Blair Ezekiel LP Kyle Linton DC HR Shane Boland (2)										

	1	2	3	4	R	H	E
SK4 Rustlers	1	6	3	2	12	9	0
MB La Salle	1	0	0	0	1	6	
WP Clayton McKenzie, LP Jordan Asselin							
Bulyea HR: Troy Gordon, Peter.Hill, Michael Jordan.							

Masters Competition Begins

Thursday was the first day of the Master Men's category. This four team event features 2 teams from Saskatoon – AGI Masters and the padres as well as Grand Prairie Pirates and the Moose Jaw Giants. They will play on Glenn Reeves Field #3. If success at Westerns mean anything this "all-west" championship should have the AGI Masters as a clear favorite. They have won 8 Western Canadian championships over their long and storied history

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK1 AGI	0	0	2	0	0	2	9	0		
SK2 Moose Jaw	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	0	
WP Xavier Tremblay LP Dean Holien HR Moose Jaw AGI's Brad Flannagan went 2 for 3 and hit in 2 runs in a losing effort Todd Whitehead.										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK3 Padres	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	5	5	1
AB1 Pirates	4	0	1	0	0	1	6	10	3	
WP Bradley Heemeryck LP Darrel Iron Pirates HR Lance Wiebe										
Lance Wiebe went 3 for 4 with a homerun. He recorded 4 RBI and scored a run										

Men's Performances Of The Day

Saskatoon Angels' **Patrick Burns** went 3 for 3 at the plate scoring 2 runs and stealing a base. He also earned the save while recording six consecutive strike outs to end the game.

Anthony Sparvier from Chetty's Pretty Boys had a great game at the plate versus previously unbeaten Irma tigers. He was on base 4 times went 3 for 3 with a homerun. He scored 2 runs and even chipped in with 3 innings in the circle.

Bulyea's **Joran Graham** pitched his team to a 4-1 win over Chetty's. He gave up only 3 hits with no earned run while striking out 16.

Galway Hitmen's **Shane Boland** went 2 for 2 both hits were home runs against Delisle. He had 3RI and score 3 runs, and was on base 4 times as he also walked twice.