

CHAMP'S CHATTER

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Saturday September 2, Masters Edition Recap Edition - Produced by Mark Loehndorf -

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It was Semi-final Saturday and the four teams had finished their "warmup" of 3 preliminary round games. First place and undefeated Moose Jaw Canadians opened the morning with a match against the Saskatoon Padres and were followed by second place AGI Masters playing Grande Prairie Pirates. The winners were to advance to the Gold medal final Sunday at noon and loser will fight it out for third place.

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| SK3 Padres | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 2 |
| SK2 Moose Jaw | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 2 |

This game may have looked like a mismatch if one was to only look at their records but Moose Jaw barely eked out a 6-4 win in the preliminary round. The match up in the circle saw Moose Jaw go with **Russ Kennon** and Saskatoon with **Darrell Iron**. This was a bit of a surprise as the Canadians choose to rest the Preliminary Round Top Pitcher **Xavier Tremblay**. The decision did not hurt until T5 as Moose Jaw entered the inning ahead 4-2. The Padres then exploded for 8 runs to kick off the inning. Kennon gave up a pair and left the game for Tremblay with the bases loaded. The pitching change didn't slow things down as Tremblay was greeted by a 2 run RBI by **Todd Desaulnier**. **Dale Caron** followed up with another run scoring single and one out later **Jay Bohrosn** launched a 3 run homer to finish the scoring at 8 in the inning. In B5 the Canadians sent 6 men to the plate but could only score 1 run as **Darcy Haluzan** replaced Iron and limited the scoring. The damage at the top of the inning and the disappointment at the bottom seemed to deflate Moose Jaw and they were not able to score again. The Saskatoon Padres completed the upset, going from winless in the preliminary round directly to the final with the win.

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| AB1 Pirates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| SK1 AGI | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 1 |

The AGI Masters lost their first game of the championship 3-2 to Moose Jaw, but have been firing on all cylinders since. They beat the Pirates 10-0 and the Padres 20-4. Grande Prairie knew they were in tough, as AGI marched out their ace **Al Muhle**. In B1 AGI got

things going with a 2-run blast by **Dean Holien**. That just proved to be a teaser for their next at bat when they scored 6 more on 5 hits. Holien was again the catalyst, as he improved on his last shot, with a grand slam.

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| AB1 Pirates | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 2 |
| SK2 Moose Jaw | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

The morning loss took a lot out of the Canadians, as they managed only 4 hits in the bronze medal game. The Pirates were led offensively by **Mike Soucy** and **Lance Wiebe**. Soucy who went 2 for 3 with a home, 2 runs scored and 2 RBI. Wiebe went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI and scored a run. **Scott Skirving** earned the complete game shut out.

Kevin Knelson SK1 - Top Batter



Xavier Tremblay SK2- Top Pitcher



Jason Schnieder SK2- MVP Qualifying Round

