

Manager's Report Sat 13 June

The Golden Homes Black Sox continued their impressive start to their build up tour with three big wins on the opening day of the Stampede City Invitational in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In the opening game the hitting power of the Black Sox was too much for the Lloyd Dodgers out of Edmonton with the mercy rule being evoked in the fourth inning with the Black Sox up 17-0.

Heinie Shannon got into his work early on the mound for the Black Sox using his experience and change of pace to keep the Dodgers hitting line up quiet giving up only one safe hit.

The second game of the day against the Petro Golden Hawks out of Saskatchewan will be remembered with three back to back automatic home runs to Jerome Raemaki, Tyson Byrne and Thomas Enoka at the top of the first inning, Others to clear the fence were Wayne Laulu and Brad Rona. The Black Sox were too strong for the Golden Hawks winning the game 10-0 with Kurt Schollum taking eight strike-outs and not giving up any safe hits.

In the third game of the day the Black Sox continued their good form beating the local favourites 'The Calgary Sox 10-0 in five innings. Thomas Enoka and Connor Peden continued their power hitting exhibition, adding two more automatic home runs to their rapidly climbing tally. Wayne Laulu, young Cole Evans and Josh Harbrow also cleared the fence with large home runs.

Nik Hayes on the mound led from the front, building on his first outing of the tour taking 12 strike outs of the 17 batters he faced.

The Golden Homes Black Sox will play the Saskatchewan Astros in the semi-final Sunday afternoon local time and will be looking to take the tournament out as they continue in their preparation in pursuit of 7.

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