

Manager's Report Sun 14 June
Stampede City Invitational Finals Day

The Golden Homes Black Sox have retained the Stampede City Invitational trophy they won last year with a hard fought 4-0 victory over the Petro Golden Hawks from Saskatoon. Earlier in the day, the Black Sox were too strong in their semi-final over the Saskatchewan Astros overwhelming them 17-1 with the mercy rule being enforced in the fourth inning.

The Black Sox hitting power was once again to the fore with automatic home runs to; Thomas Enoka, Josh Harbrow, Ben Enoka, Campbell Makea and Jerome Raemaki.

In the final a large crowd witnessed a much stronger showing by the Saskatchewan Astros, the Canadian First Nation Champions. The Black Sox struggled early on and missed scoring opportunities leaving runners on base when in scoring positions.

Joel Evans played his first full game of the tour after injuring himself in the opening game of the campaign. Joel had an impressive outing with two RBI's and a large automatic home run over left field in the fifth inning to break the deadlock. Other Black Sox who impressed with the bat were once again Thomas Enoka, Connor Peden and Stephen Ratu.

Nik Hayes was afforded the honour by Coach Sorenson by being given the ball and led from the front, striking out 13 of the 28 batters he faced and only giving up four hits and one walk.

The Golden Homes Black Sox will commence the second leg of their build up tour tomorrow with a long drive from Calgary to Kelowna where they will continue with daily training and play a double header against a local All Stars side.

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