

Kia ora families, day 7 over and done with and we are starting to think about home.

It is the business end of the tournament and the pressure is on. Tiredness is setting in and I have to acknowledge the expertise of our trainer Deanna and medic Paul in working with the players to keep them on the diamond and in great shape. Thanks team.

Our first game today was at 8am which was the earliest start of the tournament. We played a determined Saskatoon Scotiabank Selects team who managed to contain our hitting and prevent any runs. Runners were left on base in every innings and although we were error less in the field, consistent hitting by the Selects saw them cross home plate 5 times. We were disappointed with this result as it meant we were in a sudden death play off against the Washington Selah at 1pm.

A quick lunch and it was back to the park. This game was a reverse of the early game and we came away comfortable winners 9 to 0 and retired the Selah from the competition. We hit well and our defence was faultless. Well done team.

We got home around 4pm in time to watch the Junior Black Sox take on Mexico. Awesome work boys keep it going! It is such an exciting time for junior softball in NZ.

Tomorrow is day two of the play offs and another sudden death play off this time against the Victoria Devils 96. Another early 8am start which means breakfast at 6am and depart for the park at 6.30am.

Signing off,

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Team Manager

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Championship (the Canada Cup).