



Waterloo Classics Win OASA Masters "A" Fastball Provincial Championship

The Waterloo Classics won the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Masters "A" Provincial Fastball Championship with a 9-4 victory over the Cambridge Rusty Jiggers Sunday (July 19) in St Clements, ON. There were nine teams in the Masters division (for players aged 40 and over), and five teams in the Legends division (aged 50 and over), of the 20th annual provincial fastball championship tournament.

Waterloo got off to a strong start Friday night, defeating the Oshweken Sr. Braves 12-2, but then lost to the Kitchener Outlaws 7-4 Saturday morning.

The Classics were the fifth seed after the initial round of play and met the defending champion Waterdown Hammer in one of four quarter-final games Saturday evening. After being held hitless for six innings, the Classics broke through with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to win 2-1 and advance to the semi-finals.

The top-seeded Grimsby Diamond Kings defeated Oshweken to advance to the semis against the Classics. The other quarter-final games were won by the Cambridge Rusty Jiggers and the Kitchener Outlaws. Sunday morning, the Classics batted their way to a convincing 13-6 win over Grimsby, while Cambridge and Kitchener tussled mightily with Cambridge prevailing 1-0.

In the championship game Sunday afternoon, Cambridge scored early to take a 3-0 lead, but Waterloo battled back with a couple of runs before Cambridge added one more to make it a 4-2 game. Then the Waterloo bats came alive again and by game's end the Classics were 9-4 winners. Todd Uhrig (from Elora, ON) was the winning pitcher in relief of Scott Brookshaw (Stratford). Martin Mauviel (Waterloo) was the losing pitcher. Top pitcher in the tournament was Todd Uhrig and most valuable player was the Classics John Sexton (Kitchener).

After playing in the annual tournament for 19 consecutive years, it was the Classics second OASA Masters provincial championship, having won it previously in 2008.

Each year, OASA presents the Jack Cook award to the Masters player, manager or coach who best exemplifies the sportsmanship, leadership and competitive spirit of Masters fastball in Ontario. Mike Goodrich of the OASA presented the award to Frank Farrell of the Cambridge Rusty Jiggers.

In the Legends division championship game, the Toronto Gators downed the Waterloo Legends 14-3. Winning pitcher for the Gators was the legendary Darren Zack. In the Masters B championship game, Waterdown defeated the St. Thomas Storm by a score of 6-5. Winning pitcher was Tim Yantzi.