

Aurora Junior Jays claim first title



The Junior Championship of the North Dufferin Baseball League was decided Thursday night when the Aurora Jays won 3-2 over the Barrie Red Sox.

Both teams were tied 5-5 in points heading into the sixth game. Each team won two games and tied one.

The final game was a tight battle with Aurora scoring a run in the first inning. Barrie answered with a run in the third frame followed quickly by Aurora scoring in the bottom of the inning to regain the lead.

In the fifth frame Barrie responded by plating a run to tie the game.

Aurora secured the championship by plating a run in their half of the sixth and held Barrie in the last inning, with a runner on third.

Robert Spencer pitched extremely well for the Jays over his seven innings of work. Spencer allowed two runs on eight hits, one walk, and had eight strikeouts.

Barrie's Ralph Murray started on the mound, pitching four innings, allowed two runs on four hits, four walks, and five strikeouts. Reliever Cole Tomlinson came in for two innings. He gave up one run, two hits, two walks, while striking out two batsmen.

Recording hits for the Red Sox were Josh Wilkins, Cole Tomlinson, Jon Grootveld, Riley Davies, Justin MacTavish, and Kyle Willms.

For Aurora Robbie Bradford, James Harkin, Chris Leslie, Matt Zambri, Ryan Laird, and Alex MacKinnon recorded hits.

During a post-game presentation league secretary and junior division convenor Scott Anderson commended both teams on their stellar season and well-played championship series. Anderson, along with past president Rob Wilson presented the Anderson Trophy to Spencer.