

Indy Invasion Goes Unbeaten, Named Hooters Champions as They Split Pot with Street Kids

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It was a wet, muddy mess on Saturday for the annual NSA Hooters/Worth Challenge, but despite a few rain delays, the B/C division was played out, well almost.

SKS opened against Silvertown, the defending NSA "C" world champions, who picked up five guys from last years tough Snyders team. This game was close for most of the game, Silvertown actually led by as many as seven in the fifth inning, but Street Kids Mojo erupted for some major offense and won the game in seven, 43-24. The 43 runs broke the tournament single game mark of 41 set in 2009, but still short of the 46 runs they scored in league in 2008. Terry Patesel tied a three year old record held by Chris Firebaugh with seven hits to help in the win. Jay Jeffery had a career high six hits while Jeremy Hochstetler, Joe Horvath and Tim Austin all added five hits. Horvath had 12 RBI's, tying a nine-year-old record held by Dan Garey in 2003.

In the next round, following a two hour rain delay, it was SKS and Regions, featuring several friends of SKS. The tourney was switched to a one-pitch style in an attempt to catch the tourney back up to schedule. Kids led this game the entire way and won 19-15, despite Regions making a late comeback. Former SKS pitcher Steve Schroeder had four hits against his former club in the loss. Terry Patesel led eight players with three hits each in the win. Patesel extended his overall consecutive hit streak to 20 in a row - dating back to the final 10 in a row in Jackson, Michigan last weekend - but it would end in the first at bat of the next game.

Up next was the winners bracket final against Indy Invasion. This game went back and forth and in the extremely muddy conditions, both teams had a tough time hitting and playing defense. In the end, it was Invasion who stopped SKS' winning streak on Saturday, beating them 17-15.

"I heard someone that was watching the game say we would have won that game if the weather was not so bad," said TJ Jorgensen. "I turned to that guy standing by the fence and said 'are you kidding me? They had the same conditions we did.' Invasion was able to come up with some key hits and beat us outright. Congrats to them."

The loss dropped the Kids into the losers bracket finals against Moose. SKS found their stroke in this one and defeated Moose in four innings, 25-9. Jeremy Hochstetler, Joe Horvath, Jay Jeffery, Tim Austin and Nick Bishop all had four hits in the win. Horvath and Jeffery combined to drive in 11 runs in this game.

The win put the Kids in the finals of the tournament for the third straight event and in order to win the tourney, they would have to beat Invasion twice. Prior to the game, the umpire - knowing that the entire tournament was behind with the rain delays - asked if both teams wanted to split the prize package because SKS was already the highest finishing B team and Invasion was the highest finishing C team. The two teams talked and decided to split the prize package in half and forego the final game(s) and Invasion took home the title as tourney champs, going undefeated. Congratulations to a fine win for Invasion. They will be a force to be reckoned with in C.

BOX SCORE from NSA Hooters

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Finished 2nd, Record 3-1

Player	Hits	AtBats	HR	RBI	2B	3B	AVG.
Terry Patesel	15	20	1	7	3	2	0.750
Jeremy Hochstetler	15	21	1	5	0	0	0.714
Joe Horvath	13	19	6	23	0	0	0.684
Jay Jeffery	16	18	2	11	3	0	0.889
Danny Penale	13	18	1	7	1	0	0.722
Tim Austin	14	17	1	10	2	0	0.824
Leland Schmucker	10	18	2	7	1	0	0.556
Scott Martin	12	18	3	8	0	0	0.667
Fred Schmucker	10	18	1	7	1	1	0.556
Faron Miller	10	17	1	9	3	1	0.588
Nick Bishop	12	17	0	5	4	0	0.706
Shane Varga	1	3	0	1	0	0	0.333
Tony Hardiman	1	2	0	1	0	0	0.500
Totals	142	206	19	101	18	4	0.689

Game 1 vs. Silvertown, WON: 43-24

Game 2 vs. Region, WON: 19-15

Game 3 vs. Indy Invasion, LOST: 17-15

Game 4 vs. Moose, WON: 25-9

Championship game between SKS and Indy Invasion called, pot split. Invasion named winners (undefeated).

All Tourney from SKS

Jay Jeffery, Terry Patesel, Danny Penale, Tim Austin



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