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QUALIFIER'S

Mite Qualifier – Palmerston July 28

Under perfect weather conditions Palmerston Minor Softball hosted the Mite Qualifier at Lawrence Park in Palmerston and nearby Harriston Community Park. The competing teams participated in a round robin series of games plus partook in a skills challenge offered by the Host and the OASA. Brock Fencott of the Belleville Bandits enjoyed an amazing day from the pitcher's plate. Brock threw three complete games (22 innings): a 3 hit, 14 K 3-2 loss to Innerkip, a 4 hit 17 K 5-4 loss to Palmerston and a no hitter, 20 K 7-0 victory over the KW Kolts. Andrew Grouchy was the catcher for Brock's no hit gem. Andrew VanBoekel from Innerkip also turned in a stellar pitching performance (14 K and only 3 hits) in his club's 3-2 victory over the Bandits. Wade Machon of the host Palmerston squad also tossed a stellar game with 17 K and only 4 hits in his club's 5-4 8 inning squeaker over Belleville.

Tavistock Athletics went a perfect 3-0 in the one day tournament. Their powerful hitting attack featured Kyle Roth, Mason McKay, Chad Brown and Will Schlotzhauer as their club scored 45 runs in their three games. Innerkip followed with 2 victories. Belleville, KW and Palmerston each managed a single win.

The skill challenges tested the Mites on their hitting, base running and throwing skills. Tavistock A's proved to be fastest around the bases. The Home Run Derby saw Andrew VanBoekel, Innerkip, first; Luke Hyde, Tavistock, second and Carter Roth, Tavistock, third. Mason McKay, Tavistock earned first in the Throwing Challenge. Wade Machon, Palmerston was second and Justin Kleinsaser, Innerkip took third spot. It was a challenge for all the clubs to find time in the one day to complete their skills events.

The OASA thanks host Wayne Martin and his volunteer group for their efforts in hosting this Qualifier. The bowl like park setting of Lawrence Park with its Mite sized diamond, picnic pavilion, playground and concession area was perfect for this event. The players enjoyed the skill challenge events and displayed some excellent individual talents. Together with the UIC Dennis Craven and his staff and Gilles Butcher of the OASA a great day of Mite fastball was displayed for all to enjoy.

Bruce Young

JUNIOR MITE`S PROVINCIAL

On Saturday, August 11, with rain playing havoc at other diamonds throughout the province, the sun was shining brightly on future softball stars in Napanee. Despite playing three consecutive games in hot weather, the Napanee Express Girls held off a last inning rally by the Napanee Express Boys' Blue team to score a 5-4 victory and the provincial title.

After a short break following the championship game, including a pizza party for all the teams participating, the kids returned to the diamonds with renewed enthusiasm for a fun skills event. It was exciting to see the 6, 7 and 8 year olds cheering on teammates as each player demonstrated their hitting, throwing and base running skills. Many thanks to Aaron Uens for coordinating the skills event; and to Loyalist Youth Services and Spud's Restaurant for their sponsorship.

In game one of the round robin portion of the championship, the Napanee Blue squad scored a 19-6 win over the Napanee Express Boys' Red team. Game two featured a preview of the championship with Napanee Blue rallying in the final inning for a 6-5 triumph. The girls stayed on the diamond to face Napanee Red and punched their ticket to the finals with an 8-1 win.

Throughout the day fans were treated to thrilling action as they watched these youngsters playing the games and showcasing their skills in a fun atmosphere.

Karen Mills OASA Convenor

BANTAM `B` PROVINCIAL

Elmira Minor Softball Association hosted our "B" Provincials over the weather threatened August 11-12 weekend. The host did an excellent job maintaining the diamonds and accommodating the 8 Bantam teams despite very wet conditions early and intermittent showers throughout the day. The tournament survived a wet Saturday needing only three rain delays totalling less than half an hour.

Georgian Bay Rattlers needed extra innings to defeat KW Kolts 8-6 in the undefeated game late Saturday night. Kitchener Waterloo defeated Ottawa Little Chiefs 4-1 Sunday morning before bowing to the Gold medallist Rattlers 8-7 in the Championship game Sunday afternoon. Bronze medallists Ottawa had defeated St. Catharine's A's 5-0 in the first game Sunday morning. St. Catharine's earned two victories over the weekend while Desboro and Lyn Lightning managed one each. Douro and the host Elmira Laser Video completed the slate of competing teams.

The OASA thanks the Elmira Softball group of volunteers headed by Paul Wilson and Mike Hanley for their excellent efforts in hosting this tournament. The host group working alongside the OASA convenors and the group of umpires headed by UIC John Snook offered an excellent weekend of competitive minor fastball. The ball clubs displayed their skills, good sportsmanship and competitive spirit to help all enjoy a successful and fun weekend at the ballpark.

Bruce Young OASA Convenor

MIDGET `A` PROVINCIAL

Despite the forecast of rainy weather for the July 28-29 weekend, the Midget A Provincial was played on schedule under sunny skies in Napanee.

Napanee Express played error free ball on route to a 6-0 victory over New Hamburg Heat to capture their second consecutive Midget A Championship. Pitcher Cole Bolton scattered 3 hits to pick up the win. A Sloan Creighton 2 run homerun in the bottom of the first helped Napanee gain 4 runs off of New Hamburg starter Sean Degroot to take an early lead. Bolton and Degroot were both very effective the rest of the way supported by great defense throughout the game.

Napanee reached the final by virtue of wins over Tavistock (9-1), Cobourg (7-6) and New Hamburg (9-2). New Hamburg earned their way to the silver medal with victories over Kitchener-Waterloo (4-3), Fullarton (9-2) and Cobourg (10-2). Cobourg picked up the bronze medal defeating Highgate (9-0), Kitchener-Waterloo (6-4) and Tavistock (9-8). They played well in tough losses to Napanee and New Hamburg.

Cobourg, Napanee and New Hamburg will be joined by Caledonia at the 2012 U18 Men's Fast Pitch Canadian Championship in Fredericton, New Brunswick August 6-12. The teams look to return the gold medal to Ontario again this year following Wiarton's victory in 2011. Good luck to all four teams!

OASA would like to thank the host, UIC Doug Plummer, umpires, volunteers, players, coaches, and fans for helping to make the Midget A Championship a successful event.

Convenors Karen Mills and Dave Reynolds

U21 CANADIAN`S

Submitted by Gary Wren

OASA Teams at the Softball Canada U21 Championship

Ontario was well represented by four OASA affiliated teams at the Softball Canada U21 Championship held in Owen Sound August 6 to 12.

The Owen Sound Selects finished first in the preliminary round with a 7-1 mark. The Walkerton Wild was second Oshawa Double B's finished sixth and the Wiarton Red Devils were seventh.

In the playoffs Oshawa and Wiarton faced one another with Oshawa winning 4-1. Oshawa then had to face Walkerton who previously had lost their double life game to Newfoundland. Walkerton won the game against Oshawa 4-2. Walkerton moved on and defeated Saskatoon 2-1 setting up a game with Owen Sound. Owen Sound defeated Walkerton 5-0 and moved to the championship game with Newfoundland.

In the final, Mark Power the pitcher from Newfoundland dominated the game as the Selects lost 5-3. The Walkerton Wild won the bronze medal and the Owen Sound Selects were the silver medalist.

The all-star team selected by Softball Canada featured many of the players from the Ontario teams.

Jeff Lyons First Base Owen Sound Selects
Ty Sebastian Second Base Wiarton Red Devils

David Pratt Catcher Walkerton Wild
Travis Jones Pitcher Wiarton Red Devils
Corey Way Outfield Walkerton Wild
Andy Barber Outfield Owen Sound Selects
Tyler Kuntz Utility Walkerton Wild

Cody Skelton of the Owen Sound Selects was selected the most valuable player in the preliminary round as he led all players in homeruns and runs batted in.

Michael Legace-Roote was the top pitcher in the tournament with a 0.67 ERA in the preliminary round.

Congratulations to all of the Ontario teams, their players and coaches for representing their province and the OASA extremely well in this championship.

MASTER`S

Masters Tournament 2012

Winner of the 2012 OASA Masters Tournament was the Toronto Gators defeating Aurora 6-5.

Top pitcher award went to Todd Martin of Aurora and the Jack Cook award went to Mike Crawford of the Toronto Gators.

This year the OASA was very pleased with the calibre of the Masters Teams.

We would like to thank Bracebridge Black Dog Farms and Ted Conway for hosting the OASA Masters 2011 and 2012 Championships and hopefully future minor tournaments can take place at Peaks Fields.

We are looking forward to the possibility of the 2013 Masters Championship taking place in Cambridge On.

Bob Abbot

RAY TILLEY

Submitted by Garry Waugh

Ray Tilley – An infielder and designated hitter, Ray was a fixture on Canada`s men`s national team in the 1980s and 90s. He won four Pan American Games gold medals (1923, 1987 1991, 1995) and won ISF men`s world championship gold (1992), silver (1984), and bronze (1988) medals. Later he carried on as an assistant coach, beginning in 2001, and earned medals with the staff of the 2004 (silver) and 2009 (bronze) teams at the pinnacle ISF men`s event.

Congratulations Ray being inducted into the ISF Hall of Fame.

AWARDS

Association Award

Awarded to an O.A.S.A. softball association judged to have made an outstanding contribution to its community by providing a properly organized program where the basic skills and fundamentals of fastball are encouraged.

The committee's guidelines for selecting the successful Association will include:

- Must be a current member in good standing
- Must be a member of the O.A.S.A. for 5 years
- Solid foundation of administration and organization
- Good skills development program with the emphasis on teaching. Special emphasis on the development of skills
- Program will demonstrate a high level of competition and success keeping in perspective the philosophy of the O.A.S.A.

Nomination forms are on the O.A.S.A. web site www.oasa.ca

Please return completed forms to Garry Waugh Awards Chair gwaugh@execulink.com

Or fax to 519-537-5835

Gil Reid Coaching

Honour Roll

Criteria

- Nominee must have coached in the O.A.S.A. for 5 years.
 - Nominee must be affiliated with the O.A.S.A. this year
 - Nominee must be an Ontario Resident
- Nominee must be properly certified to coach at the grassroots level and should reflect the standards of the National Coaching Certification Program including:
- Showing respect for players, parents, officials and opponents expressing a philosophy of fair play.
 - Presents a positive public image of coaching and the role of a coach
 - Demonstrates concern for the all-round development of the player athlete.
 - Demonstrates a proven capacity to improve the teams or athletes performance.

Nomination Process

- Nomination forms will be on the O.A.S.A. website
- Nomination forms will be available at O.A.S.A. tournaments

- Nominations should include supporting documents such as newspaper articles, pictures etc. to display at the awards luncheon
- Forms must be submitted directly to the O.A.S.A. Awards Chair Garry Waugh gwaugh@execulink.com
Fax 519-537-5835

Provincial Champions Banquet

Sept. 23, 2012

Grand Valley Golf & Country Club

R.R. # 2, 1910 Roseville Rd.,

Cambridge, ON N1R 5S3

The banquet was initiated last year by the executive to honour our Provincial Champions. In previous years the medals were given out at the tournament and that was the only recognition the teams received. It was felt by the executive that we need to honour these athletes for winning Provincial Championships. At the banquet the teams are called up individually and each player is given a certificate of recognition for winning their division. After the award ceremony there is a delicious buffet dinner catered by the Grand Valley Golf Course. This is the second year for the Provincial Champions Banquet and we are hoping for a good turn out this year.

All teams winning a Provincial Championship will be given an invitation to attend the banquet by the director of the tournament. The cost will be \$ 15.00 per person.

There is a RSVP with the number of players, coaches, parents and grandparents that will be attending the banquet. Please get back to me by September 7, 2012.

Garry Waugh gwaugh@execulink.com or phone 519-537-5835

DATES to REMEMBER

From Awards Chair Garry Waugh

Dates to Remember

- **September 15th**, Association Award nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 15th**, The Gil Read Coaches Honour Roll nominations send to Garry Waugh
- **September 23rd**, 2nd Annual O.A.S.A. Minor Provincial Champions Banquet at the Grand River Valley Golf Course at 3:00 p.m.

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O.A.S.A. 2012 AGM ~ November 17th, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites ~ 7095 Woodbine Avenue Markham, for more information contact AGM chair Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan at fitznol@hotmail.com