

Fultonvale takes Intermediate B title

An undefeated tournament gave Fultonvale the Alberta Intermediate B Provincial Fastball Championship on the weekend in Fort St. John. Fultonvale, just east of Edmonton and representing Zone 6, topped the host

Powercraft Yamahas 6-1 in the final game Sunday afternoon to gain the Intermediate B title after three tries.

For Fultonvale it was strong hitting, combined with steady fielding and

sound pitching in carrying through the A side of the double-knockout tournament

before beating the B side Powercraft in the final game.

While winning the tour-

namment, Fultonvale also managed to pick up most valuable player of the tournament and top hitter honors, along with selection of five players to the all-star team.

Murray Hipkin, the all-

star right fielder, was also the tournament's top hitter with a .500 average and most valuable player.

Dave Southorn, who shared first base all-star honors with Powercraft's Darwin Pimm, Herb Bishoff at second base, Henry Van Drunen catching and Ritchie Hipkin pitching were the other Fultonvale players selected to the all-star squad.

Fultonvale had advanced to the Sunday final, with Saturday victories over both Fort St. John fastball teams.

First Fultonvale fought from behind a 2-0 first inning deficit, before topping Powercraft 4-3 in the opening game of the tournament on Saturday.

Larry Zeisman did the winning pitching chores for Fultonvale in the game holding Powercraft to five hits and striking out five batters.

In their second game on Saturday, Fultonvale and Beaver Transport Strays hooked up in the A side final.

The game turned into an extra-inning affair, as the two clubs went scoreless for eight innings, before Fultonvale picked up a run in the top of the ninth inning.

The winning run for

Fultonvale came, when Henry Van Drunen singled to lead off the inning. He was followed by Ron Seremchuk who came up with the run-batted-in single for the final winning margin.

The final game on Sunday, pitted Fultonvale against Powercraft, who had advanced with two B side victories the same day.

After acquiring a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning, Fultonvale exploded for four more in the top of the fifth frame and most of them on solid hits.

The onslaught started after Ron Liepert had struck out. Herb Bishoff followed the strike out with a single, and consecutive doubles by Murray Hipkin and Aubrey Komant pushed across a couple of runs.

Van Drunen then followed with an R.B.I. single, while Dave Southorn backed him at the next at bat with another single to put the score at 6-0 for Fultonvale in the fifth.

Ritchie Hipkin had the win for Fultonvale, while starter Don Stirling took the loss for Powercraft.



FULTONVALE put together a solid, undefeated Alberta Intermediate B Provincial Fastball Tournament, to take the top spot. Fultonvale defeated Powercraft Yamahas of the

Fort St. John and Area Senior Men's Fastball League 6-1 in the final game on Sunday.