

Baseball stars coming to

Ardrossan Linebacker joins evening lineup

It's a first for Strathcona County.

Not one, but two National Baseball League stars will be the feature speakers at the Fultonvale Fastball Club's Sportsman's Dinner to be held February 6.

Montreal Expos catcher, Gary Carter and Houston Astros outfielder Terry Puhl are the first two speakers confirmed for the event that will be held at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex.

Ron Liepert, spokesman for the Fultonvale club, said the dinner is being partially held to raise funds for the team that last year won the intermediate provincial 'B' championships.

Liepert said, that unlike many fastball teams, Fultonvale doesn't have a sponsor. The non-sponsorship is done purposely so team members have more input in the future of the club.

"So far we've attempted to stay away from sponsors," he explained. "We like our players to feel a little more a part of the team."

Obviously it works. The Fultonvale club has been in existence for 10 years and highly competitive in each of those seasons, capping it off with the provincial title last year.

Liepert said additional speakers will be announced in the upcoming weeks. He said the club is trying to pattern the dinner after the highly successful annual Barrhead affair which has grown in recognition and stature in recent years. If successful, Fultonvale may turn their dinner into an annual event.

This past season, 26-year-old Carter led the Expos with 29 homeruns, 101 runs batted in and a .267 average. The veteran catchers' leadership kept the Expos in the Eastern Division pennant race, finally losing on the final weekend of the regular season to the Philadelphia Phillies who eventually went on to win the World Series.

Carter was also named to the National League All-star Team, the Golden Glove team and finished second in the National League Most Valuable Player voting.

Puhl, a native of Melville, Saskatchewan is one of only eight Canadians playing in the major leagues.

The 24-year-old received national recognition in the National League playoffs this past year by collecting 10 hits in the five-game series and finished the playoffs hitting over .500. During the season Puhl hit .283 and led Astros in homeruns with 13.

Approximately 400 tickets at a price of \$25 each are available from any member of the fastball club.

For further information call Liepert at 427-2251 (work), 922-4548 (home) or Henry Van Drunen at 467-6981.

The outstanding defensive player in the Canadian Football League last year will join a growing list of speakers at the head table of the Fultonvale Fastball Club's Sportsman's Dinner on February 6.

It was announced this week that Edmonton Eskimos' Dan Kepley will join headliners Gary Carter from the Montreal Expos and Houston Astros' Terry Puhl for the dinner to be held at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex.

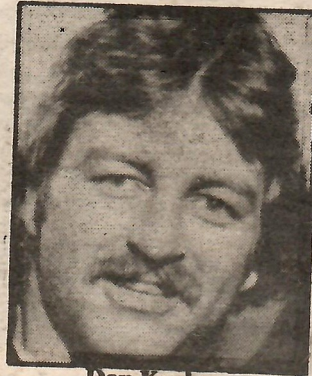
No stranger to Edmonton area sports fans, Kepley has become an institution of consistency in the CFL. Besides being selected

almost annually to the CFL all-star team since his arrival in Edmonton in 1975, the middle linebacker was named the CFL's outstanding defensive player in 1977 and 1980.

Also announced as head table speakers are Vancouver columnist Jim Taylor and Alberta Games managing director Max Gibb.

Other speakers attending are former federal sports minister Iona Campagnola, former Western Major Fastball League commissioner Bill Tainsh and curler Ray Kingsmith of Calgary.

Ron Liepert, spokesman for the Fultonvale Fastball club,



Dan Kepley

said there are still many tickets available for the extravaganza. Monies raised from the \$25 a plate affair will go to help finance the club.

Tickets are available by calling Liepert at 922-4548 (home) or 427-2251 (work) or Henry Van Drunen at 467-6981.

NO LACK OF TALENT — The Kinsmen are shoring up an impressive head table for their annual dinner, but their country cousins out of nearby Fultonvale aren't taking a back seat as they prepare for their Feb. 6 clambake to provide the wherewithal for staging the national fastball championships . . . Their latest announcements include Dan Kepley, whose scintillating defensive play has sparked Eskimos to a Grey Cup hat trick, Vancouver columnist Jim Taylor and Alberta Games managing director Max Gibb . . . Earlier, such luminaries were unveiled as Houston Astros' Canadian star Terry Puhl, Montreal Expos' catcher Gary Carter and curling's own Ray Kingsmith, the rebel-turned-establishment whose pronouncements are sometimes tough to swallow . . . \$25-a-plate tickets are available from Ron Liepert (427-2351 business or 922-4548 residence), or Ken Tunnicliffe (464-7831).