

Junior ballplayers wanted for team

Ron Liepert figures there must be enough good junior fastball players around to put a winning team together.

So, Liepert is putting out the call to anyone under 21 who thinks he would like to be part of a county junior fastball team.

"The goal is to put together the best junior team we can put together," he says.

"We're not saying we're going to win the Canadian championship this year, but we hope at the end of three years, we'll bring home some championships to Sherwood Park and area."

The team will play in the 10-team South Edmonton Rural Fastball League, which includes Fultonvale and the Ardrossan junior squad.

Liepert says there are plenty of good players in

the county, demonstrated by the fact two members of last year's Ardrossan team, Byron Kadatz and Terry Bell, were picked up by the provincial champions from Medicine Hat for the national finals last spring.

Prospects can phone Liepert at 922-4548 or show up at the team's first indoor practice, Monday, March 21 in the Fultonvale School gym.

Juniors bank on enthusiasm

Coach and manager Ron Liepert is counting on enthusiasm to see his Strathcona Junior fastball team through its inaugural season.

The team, known only as the Juniors so far, will play in the 11-team South Edmonton Rural Fastball League, a senior circuit.

"We're only a junior team, but our brand of ball will make up for our lack of experience by speed, hustle and desire," Liepert says.

"It should be exciting

ball. We've got good speed and adequate pitching.

Once our hitting comes around, we'll be okay."

Liepert says he plans to carry about 15 players.

"There's no sense carrying too many because they won't play enough if you do."

Liepert, also league secretary, says he expects the toughest competition to come from Ellerslie, the defending Intermediate A provincial champions. Camrose and Rollyview

will also be tough, he adds.

The team's first league game was last night in Leduc. Its first home game goes tomorrow night at Centennial Park (a mile north of Sherwood Park on Sherwood Drive), when they host Mulhurst.

Heading to provincials

Kings on tenuous ground

Fort McMurray
By JERRY SKOWRONSKI
Today sports editor

The Kings play Strathcona at 11 a.m. tomorrow and Boyd predicts the Kings will fare well in their opener of the double knockout round robin affair.

"We should have no pro-

blem against Strathcona unless we fall apart completely. We should have no problem. All they have is a pitcher."



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KOMANT, KEVIN
MC KERNAN, TIM

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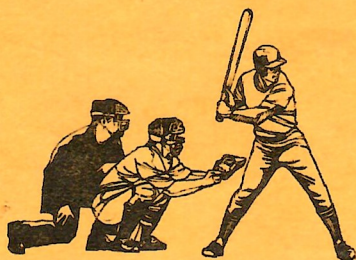
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Kings beaten at provincial playoff

Imperial Oil Kings failed in their quest to claim a provincial championship last weekend in Alberta Junior men's fastball.

The Kings travelled to St. Albert, played three games, lost two and won one.

It wouldn't have been so bad had they at least achieved their level of last year — fourth place overall — but they finished in seventh spot this time.

Their opening game

resulted in a 2-1 loss to Strathcona, a team that Kings' coach Bernie Boyd had predicted would fall to the wayside.

Boyd said his club lost on a mental and physical error late in the game.

"They've got a pitcher and nothing else," Boyd said. "He's damn good."

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(Top left), Crownwell's Damon Ross misses on a bunt and (bottom right), Crownwell's Merle Craig gets picked off in an attempt to steal second on Strathcona's Kevin Knoske.

Sports

Sherwood Park Midget B girls softball team knocked off a fiery St. Albert squad to win the right to represent Zone 6 at the provincial championships to be held in Calgary, July 23-24. See B2

Sherwood Park News

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Junior ballplayers at head of pack

County softball players have proven exceptionally strong at the Junior level over the past two weeks, finishing well in provincial action on three fronts.

Strathcona Junior men's fastball team surprised itself and most onlookers by taking a silver

medal at the provincial Junior fastball championships July 9-10 in St. Albert.

At the same tournament, Cromwell Juniors, sporting six county players in their lineup, took the gold medal and advanced to the national finals.

The Strathcona Junior team, playing with a roster of mostly first-year players,

upset some stiff competition in the 11-team St. Albert tournament to win the silver medal.

"Realistically, we never expected to do that well. We knew we'd be competitive, but not that strong," said Strathcona coach Ron Liepert.

In their first match,

the local boys beat Fort McMurray 2-1 on the strength of a timely triple by Troy Serediak.

Strathcona then dropped its second match to Cromwell 3-1.

"We lost that one on a 3-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning (Juniors play seven

innings)," said Liepert.

Strathcona rebounded in game three to beat Medicine Hat 4-1, then dumped Beauvallon 6-4.

In the semi-final, Strathcona's first baseman Bruce Paterson coaxed a walk out of a St. Albert pitcher to push in the winning run in extra innings.

Playing in their fourth straight game Sunday afternoon, Strathcona ran out of gas against the powerful Cromwell team and was shutout 5-0.

Liepert cites the battery of pitcher Byron Weaver, who was on the mound in all six games at the provincial tournament, and catcher Dave Rose as a major reason for the team's success.

Patterson and Serediak also played strong ball for Strathcona said Liepert, who is proud of what his team has accomplished in its first year of operation and is now looking forward to next season.

"We'll be back next year. We're looking forward to it.