

Canadian Junior Men's

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Championship

Edmonton, Alberta

1985

Mr. Ron Liepert
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Association
9860A - 33 Avenue
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The President
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Dear Sir:

The Edmonton - Strathcona organizing committee is applying to host the 1985 Canadian Junior Men's Fastpitch Softball Championships in Edmonton. A committee of twelve people has been assembled for the initial organizational effort. If successful the committee of twelve will be solidified with a full-time chairman, seven committee chairmen (finance, transportation, accommodation, tickets, facilities, social events, programs) and four members acting in an advisory capacity.

The majority of those now agreeing to serve on the organizational committee, while not having been involved previously in a major undertaking such as hosting the Canadian championships, have attended either senior or junior championships elsewhere. Others on the committee have an assortment of organizational experience, sports or other.

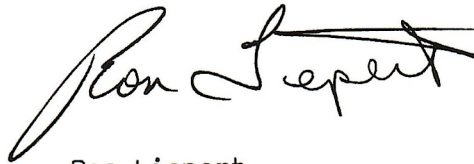
The Edmonton - Strathcona committee was formed because many of those involved in softball in Edmonton felt it appropriate to have a national championship in Edmonton.

The city, in an accompanying letter, has indicated two diamonds, both equipped with lights, dugouts and adequate seating capacity, would be available if our application was successful.

Our bid to host the competition has also been endorsed by the Alberta Amateur Softball Association as outlined in an accompanying letter.

It is our feeling that Edmonton has proven to be a good sports city. We feel our facilities are very good and the softball fans in Edmonton would be supportive of a national championship. It was therefore concluded that all efforts should be put forward to bid to host the 1985 Canadian Junior Mens Fastpitch Softball Championships.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ron Liepert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ron Liepert



The signing of the agreement awarding Edmonton the 1985 National Junior Men's Championship. The Western Vice President of Softball Canada, Mr. Al Buchanan on left and the Host Committee Chairman, Elmer Kadatz on right.



As Chairman of the 1985 Labatt National Junior Men's Softball Championship, I would like to welcome all players, coaches, managers, fans, and all others associated with the tournament to Alberta.

The organizing committee is made up of competent people who have contributed countless hours and days of work to ensure the success of the tournament. We have a keen interest in softball and regard our responsibilities as an opportunity to make a contribution to the game as well as an opportunity to repay the excellent hospitality shown to Alberta participants in previous national tournaments. The committee members are at your disposal to help in any way possible to make your visit to Edmonton a pleasant experience.

I would like to thank in particular:

- the members of the organizing committee for their dedication and support,
- Labatt's Alberta Brewery for their kind and generous sponsorship,
- the Province of Alberta for financial assistance,
- the City of Edmonton for financial assistance as well as Edmonton Parks and Recreation for their cooperation,
- the many volunteers, over 50 in number, who have helped in any way with the staging of the tournament,
- Mr. Ron Liepert, coach of the Host team, as the initiator of the initial venture and an ardent supporter of the actual event.

May your visit to Edmonton be enjoyable -- we know you will be entertained with a brand of softball with teams from across Canada who will enhance the sport in the country.

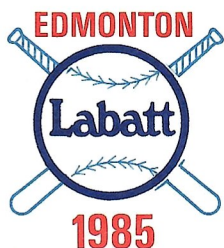
Elmer Kadatz

Elmer Kadatz
Chairman



Planning Committee

Front Row - L. to R. --- Charlene Wilkinson, Secretary; Elmer Kadatz, Chairman; Marlene Fenske, Transportation & Accommodation.
Back Row - L. to R. --- Ron Liepert, Liaison Host Team; Fred Vilner, Pres. Alberta Amateur Softball Assoc.; Ken Tunnicliffe, Finance; John Kristensen, Promotion; Allen Shenduk, Game Control.



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National Junior Men's Softball Championship

August 13-18, 1985 • John Fry (Southside Industrial) Park

PRESS RELEASE

May 23, 1985

ALBERTA HOSTS 1985 NATIONAL JUNIOR MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Alberta Minister of Tourism and Small Business, the Honourable Al "Boomer" Adair, announced today that the 1985 National Junior Men's Softball Championship, sponsored by Labatt's Alberta Brewery and Softball Canada, will be hosted by Alberta.

A total of 12 teams, representing the best from all provinces and the Territories will "battle it out" between August 13 & 18, 1985 at the John Fry (Southside Industrial) Park located in southeast Edmonton (9700 - 28 Avenue). Approximately 250 players, coaches and assistants will be participating.

Mr. Adair, Honorary Chairman of the 1985 Organizing Committee, briefly outlined the schedule of events associated with the Championship tournament. Teams, consisting of players between the ages of 18 and 21, will be arriving in Edmonton commencing August 10 and 11. All games and activities will take place at the John Fry Park. Opening ceremonies will be held Tuesday evening August 13. Games are scheduled for August 13 to 18, inclusive, with semi-finals to be played on Saturday, August 17, and the finals on Sunday, August 18. Closing ceremonies, including awards presentations, will take place on Sunday, August 18.

Mr. Adair encouraged all softball and baseball enthusiasts to support the games, by attending the tournament. "Albertans will have the opportunity of seeing some of the country's finest junior men playing softball," he said. Committee Chairman, Elmer Kadatz, said, "We're proud to be in a position to host this year's Championship, and sincerely thank the Labatt's Alberta Brewery for generously sponsoring the event and assisting with the promotion."

Ticket prices to attend the games are \$5.00 per day or \$20.00 for the 6-day tournament. Individuals or groups interested in attending, may obtain tickets at North Star Sports Ltd., Highlands Sports Ltd., or by calling the Alberta Amateur Softball Association Office at 461-7735.

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Alberta Organizing Committee Chairman, Elmer Kadatz, today announced details of the Labatt 1985 National Junior Men's Softball Championship. The championship, hosted by Alberta, will take place between August 13 and 18 at the John Fry (Southside Industrial) Park located at 9700 - 28 Avenue.

"Ten provinces and the N.W.T. have provided us with their respective entries and rosters", said Mr. Kadatz, "and I can assure Alberta softball fans they can look forward to a knock-em-out, drag-em-out tournament. Ontario will be defending the championship against 11 other teams, including two from Alberta." This year, the Ontario team beat out 32 other teams, including the defending champion, St. Catharines A's. This year's Newfoundland entry was runner-up team in last year's Nationals. Participating teams are as follows:

Alberta: Lloydminster Junior Liners - provincial champion
Crown Well Junior Oilers - host team
B.C.: Victoria Junior Athletics
Sask.: Timberlane Juniors
Man.: Steinbach Scouts
Ont.: Napanee North Fredericksburgh Junior Kings
Que.: St. Sabien de Panet
N.B.: Memramcook Junior Warriors
N.S.: Trenton Munro Building Supplies
P.E.I.: Hillsboro Park Juniors
Nfld.: St. John's Junior 50's
N.W.T.: Yellowknife Mike's Moving

Teams, consisting of players between the ages of 18 and 21, will be playing back-to-back commencing with a Newfoundland - P.E.I. opener August 13 at 9:00 a.m., and culminating in the final game the afternoon of August 18. A total of 39 games will be played. The tournament consists of 2 Divisions, 6 teams/Division, with each team playing 4 games within their own Division. Teams are then seeded for the play-offs. Play-off rounds begin 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, with the first 4 qualifying teams playing Friday at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Opening ceremonies will be held Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. with closing ceremonies and award presentations taking place following the last game on August 18. Ticket prices to attend the games are \$5 per day or \$20 for the 6-day tournament. Individuals or groups interested in attending may obtain tickets at North Star Sports Ltd., Highlands Sports Ltd., the gate, or by calling the Alberta Amateur Softball Association Office at 461-7735.



Batter up for junior softball

By CON GRIWKOWSKY
Staff writer

The year was 1980. The location — Scarborough, Ont., and the National Junior Men's Softball Championship.

In the stands was Elmer Kadatz, a dairy farmer from Edmonton. Out on the field was his 17-year-old son Byron.

"I saw him out there with chills running up and down his spine," said Elmer. "That's when I really developed an interest in holding the championship in Edmonton."

Byron has since gone on to become one of the top pitchers in Alberta, playing for Elferslie of the men's first division and representing Alberta three of the past five years in national championships.

Meanwhile, Elmer has immersed himself

ship, being held Aug. 13-18 at John Fry Park.

Growth on that original seed of enthusiasm, Edmonton's committee won the right to host the championship two years ago.

"So seldom do they get a bid from out West that they took a good look at it," said Kadatz. "In the past five years, it's been either in central Canada or the Maritimes. When we first put the bid in, Edmonton was the hub of economic activity — that's certainly changed quite a bit."

Since the bid was won and dates set, another complication has arisen. The dates conflict with the second half of the Intercontinental Cup of baseball.

"It's a concern," shrugged Kadatz, admitting the role of organizer of this year's championship.

ting the tourneys could be competing for the same fan. "On the other hand, however, we may complement each other. Those people who see the Intercontinental Cup have a specific product in mind."

Kadatz predicted the tournament would still be a success because of a strong base of area participation.

"Edmonton is an excellent sports city," he said. "There are more than 30 adult softball leagues operating here, in addition to the kids' leagues. We have a great deal of support, so we're not worried about adequate spectator support."

Participating teams and schedules will be announced Aug. 6.

Softball tourney all set

The lineup is complete for next week's Canadian Amateur Softball Association junior men's championship tournament.

The Napanee, Ont., North Fredericksburg Kings, Trenton, N.S., Monroe Building Supplies, Victoria, B.C., Athletics, Lloydminster Liners, Memramcook, N.B., Warriors and Saskatoon Timberlane will play in the red division in the 12-team event at John Fry Park, Mill Woods, set for Tuesday through Aug. 18.

The St. John's, Nfld., 50's, Charlotte-

town, P.E.I., Hillsboro Park, St. Sabien, Que., de Panet, Edmonton Crown Well Oilers, Steinbach, Man., Scouts and Yellow-

knife, N.W.T., Mike's Moving are in the blue division for the 24-game qualifying round, with four games for each team.

Lineup firm for national fastball final

The national junior men's fastball championships are beginning to take shape.

All 11 teams have been confirmed for the Canadian Amateur Softball Association tournament Aug. 13-18 at John Fry Park, following weekend provincial championship tournaments in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

The champion Lloydminster Liners and host Edmonton Crown Well Oilers will represent the Alberta Amateur Softball Association. Lloydminster outlasted Andrew 11-7 in the AASA tournament final and Crown Well finished with a 2-2 record at the provincial championship.

The second-place finishers from last year's tournament in St. Catharines, Ont. — the St. John's, Nfld., Fifties — and Napanee, Ont., have to rate among the favorites. Napanee has two or three players who were on the Canadian team at the world championships earlier this month in Fargo, N.D., and survived a 33-team provincial playoff.

Charlottetown Hillsboro won the Prince Edward Island title, Trenton Monroe Building Supplies will be coming from Nova Scotia, the Memramcook Warriors from Moncton repeated as New Brunswick champions, the Steinbach Scouts finished first in Manitoba, Saskatoon Timberlane prevailed in the Saskatchewan tournament and the Victoria A's earned their third consecutive title in B.C. The Quebec winner has also been decided and Crown Well coach Ron Liepert is expecting information on that team in the mail.

Teams chasing softball crowns

By SUSAN NATTRASS
Journal Staff Writer

For the first time in its nine-year history the Canadian junior men's softball championship is coming to Edmonton Aug. 13-18.

Organizers expect 12 teams representing the best junior men's teams from each province and the Northwest Territories to take part in the championships, sponsored by Labatts Alberta Brewery and hosted by Edmonton's Crown Well team.

The championships should attract about 250 players, coaches and assistants. Junior men are between 18 and 21 years old.

Last year Crown Well lost in the quarter-finals of the Canadian championships in St. Catharines, Ont. The host St. Catharines' team won the final, ending Nova Scotia's three-year domination of the event.

"Ontario is always strong in all divisions of the sport," said Fred Villner, president of the Alberta Softball Association. "Out of 12 division championships they usually win at least four, usually six — they have so many people playing the game.

"In the junior men's the strongest teams seem to go in cycles. Ontario was a power for three years, then Nova Scotia for three years and last year Ontario again."

The Alberta championships to determine this year's representative will be held in Medicine Hat July 13-14. Villner expects 12 to 14 teams to play off. Crown Well, as hosts, automatically go to the Canadians.

Tickets for the Canadian championships may be obtained at North Star Sports Ltd. and Highlands Sports Ltd..

B.C. now softball favorite

British Columbia has established itself as the favorite for today's final in the National Junior Men's Softball Championship.

Reliever Rick Unrau picked up the win yesterday as B.C. blanked Newfoundland 1-0. The West Coast team has won all six of its games, four by shutout.

But they had to do it the hard way against Newfoundland pitcher Rod Fewer, who hurled a five-hitter and struck out 18.

B.C. scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning, with two out and a 3-2 count on Tony Bertora, who singled in Randy Ollech. Ollech, the lead-off batter, had singled to start the inning. He then advanced on two other singles.

B.C. will await the team which advances from this morning's two semi-final games at John Fry Park.

Ontario advanced to the 10 a.m. semi with a 4-0 shutout of Nova Scotia yesterday behind the two-hit pitching of Bill Langridge. Mike Finn's homer to right in the top of the second was enough to win.

Ontario will meet Saskatchewan, who squeaked out a 1-0 win over Prince Edward Island. Todd Parker doubled in the bottom of the fourth, then was driven in by a Rick Sheetka single.

The winner will go against Newfoundland in the bronze medal game at noon.

Then, the winner of that contest meets B.C. in the gold medal game. Should B.C. lose, another game will be necessary at 4 p.m., in the double-knockout tournament.

Rob Olexyn of the Northwest Territories was named the tourney's top hitter. He posted a .500 average, going 6-for-12 at the plate.

Top pitcher was Rob Sunderman of B.C., who posted a 3-0 record and a .777 ERA.

Fewer was named tournament MVP. He won two, including one no-hitter, picked up a save and recorded 26 strikeouts during the round-robin portion of the tournament.

The tournament all-star team: Bill Langridge, Ontario (pitcher); Steve Westcott, (catcher); Denis Gaudreau, Quebec (first), Davie Clarke, P.E.I. (second), Todd Parker, Sask. (third), Robert Rediham, N.W.T. (short) and outfielders Tom Benley, Ontario; Randy Ollech, B.C. and Fred Clyde, N.S. Dean Cruelle of B.C. was the all-star DH.

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PICTURE: Colin Shaw

Free thrower

The motion was illegal but the result successful for Newfoundland pitcher Rodney Fewer as the Canadian junior men's softball championships opened Tuesday at John Fry Park. Fewer threw 12 strikeouts in a 4-0 win over P.E.I.

St. John's New Found land

Page 20, The Evening Telegram, Monday, August 19, 1985

Bronze medal for 50s at junior softball tourney

Junior 50s dropped a 7-1 decision to Ontario to settle for the bronze medal in the Canadian national junior men's softball championship Sunday in Edmonton, Alberta.

The 50s, who claimed a silver medal in last year's championships in St. Catharines, Ontario, entered the modified double-knockout playoff round Friday with two lives. They lost a close 1-0 nine-inning decision to British Columbia, the eventual winners, in their first playoff encounter Saturday.

"I'm certainly pleased with the bronze medal. We are presently in a rebuilding year and a bronze medal in a national championship in a rebuilding year is not bad," said 50s mentor Tom Barron.

"The 1-0 loss to B.C. was a heart-breaker. If we had to win that one, we would have been guaranteed a silver medal. It's unfortunate that we just didn't get the breaks. For example, Lee Hawco was on second base and Joe Fagan lined a ball that the B.C. guy made a great play on. If the ball had gone through, we would have had a 1-0 lead in the sixth and Rodney (Fewer), who was pitching a terrific game, would have held them off," said Barron who admitted that he was not expecting the gold medal.

"After the 1-0 loss, the guys found it hard to get up for the Ontario game," Barron added.

Fewer, who was named the tourney's most valuable player and who fired a five-hitter with 18 strikeouts in the B.C. game, felt that the team could have won the gold medal.

"It's a little disappointing to win the bronze because I thought that we had the team to go all the way," said the Avondale native.

Fewer, 19, said that the team didn't receive any breaks.

"We didn't get a very good bounce on the ball. We kept hitting the ball hard but it was always at somebody and with a few inches to the left or right, they would have been base hits. The team played really well, though," he noted.

Fewer had words of praise for catcher Jim Nixon.

"I pitched pretty good but it was not a one man show. Jim turned me into the pitcher I was this week because he was calling excellent games. He helped me along and helped me to settle down in different situations," said Fewer, who was the author of a no-hitter against Quebec in round robin play.

The team returned home 12:15 p.m. today.