

COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
Sept 10/18

Nominee: Bradford Robert James
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone (H) 905 (W) _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Place: _____ Date of Birth: 5/04/48
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: July 20 2001

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 1949 - 2001

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete () Builder (✓)

Sport (s): Softball

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
Softball	Legion Bantam	Player	1962 All Ont champ
Softball	Legion Bantam	Asst. Coach	1969
Softball	Winchester Western Jr.	Player	1963-68 All Ont champ
Softball	Cold Springs Cats (Int.c)	Player	All Ont Champs 1975+77 6 times
Basketball	South Kawartha Basketball Assoc.	Founder + referee	
Basketball	Lakeshore Basketball Assoc.	volunteered as a referee.	1990's held at then CDCI East on Sat. mornings
Softball	Pan American Games	umpire - 1984	
Softball	Cobourg Men's Softball League	Vice President	

1980 Umpired Ontario Summer Games 1980

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

Legion Bantam 1961 Prou.
Winchester Western Jr. 1963-64? Prou.
Cold Spring Cats 1975 Prou.

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

- { Local { In Memorial - Legion Award presented to young ~~soft~~ umpire going on to post secondary education. \$500.00 award.
Angels Softball Award given to a young umpire who has umpired for the Angels organization.
Jim Bradford Memorial Tournament - now Bradford-Cane Tournament.
National Inducted into Softball Canada Hall of Fame 2001
*Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International
Men's Sr. Umpired in Pan American Games in Indianapolis 1987 (International)
Achieved elite level 5 status in Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch Softball.
Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)
Softball Canada - umpire at Can. Sr. Men's fast pitch in Fredericton NB.
National Midget Boys fastball in Napanee
Women's Worlds in Newfoundland
along with numerous provincial tournaments
- supervisor in various national competitions.
If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.
- was a product of Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Assoc.
All Star chair
- held positions of Deputy Zone Umpire in Chief, Zone UIC, Deputy Softball Prov. UIC, served nationally on ODC as a deputy. (Softball Ont. positions + national committee)

Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sort memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

**SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A
DELAY IN CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

Additional Information/Comments:

- all of Jim's scrapbooks dating back to 1960's were given to Ross Quigley and Peter Harrison along with badges from provincial championships.
- red leather jacket from the Intermediate C championship in 1975 with Cold Springs Cats.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

NOMINATOR: Keren Maier (Bradford)

ADDRESS

PHONE #

DATE: Sept. 6 2018

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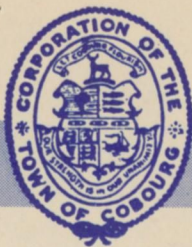
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See Attachments



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

J. B. EWART
CLERK & TREASURER

Cobourg, Ontario
November 19th, 1962.

Jim Bradford, Esq.,
101 Abbott Blvd.,
Cobourg, Ontario.

Dear Jim:

This year the fine playing of you and your team mates captured the Bantam "A" OBA Championship.

In recognition of your efforts and sportsmanship the Town of Cobourg would appreciate your attendance at a dinner being held in honour of the Kinsmen Bantam "A" 1962 OBA Champions - Wednesday, November 28th, 1962; 6:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Hotel.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.M. Lees". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

J.M. Lees,
Acting Chairman.

JML/bb



RECOGNITION

AWARD

PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TO

Robert Bradford

1968

PROVINCIAL CHAMPION IN

SOFTBALL

John P. Robarts

PRIME MINISTER OF ONTARIO





RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TO

R. Bradford

1969

PROVINCIAL CHAMPION IN

Softball

John P. Roberts
PRIME MINISTER OF ONTARIO





RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TO

JIM BRADFORD

1975

PROVINCIAL CHAMPION IN

Softball

William Davis

PREMIER OF ONTARIO





RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TO

JIM BRADFORD

1976

PROVINCIAL CHAMPION IN

Softball

William Davis

PREMIER OF ONTARIO





THIS LETTER SENT TO: Burton Whalen Gary Millar George Edmonstone
 Wayne Artkin Gary McCullough
 Robert Scott Frank Robinson
 Jim Bradford Bill Quemby

Dear ,

You have been selected to officiate in the 1982 National Midget Boys' Championship, in Napanee, Ontario. Should you, for some reason, not be able to attend, could you contact us as soon as possible?

Your presence is required from August 3, to attend the pre-tournament clinic, until August 8 , the day the tournament ends.

Attached you will find Annex "A", which outlines some of the things you will need to know for this championship. Should you have any questions regarding anything, don't hesitate to ask. One thing that I need from you as soon as possible (immediately) is your shirt size (i.e. 15½, 16, ect.). I look forward to receiving it very soon.

Welcome aboard! We hope that the task that you will performing for us this summer will provide you many fond memories of a job well done.

Yours truly,

John Stevens,
Technical Director
SOFTBALL CANADA

cc: Ed Bitz, Umpire-In-Chief
Nels Rissling, 4th Vice-President
Bob Van Impe, President
Provincial Umpire-in-chief
Commissioner
Provincial President
Provincial Office

Member: International Softball Federation/Membre: Fédération Internationale de Softball

1982

Umpires Clinic Held On May 29th



Seventeen people, umpires and players, attended the Umpires Clinic, held at Our Lady of Mercy School, last Saturday, to receive instruction from some of the top Umpires in Zone 7 of the Softball Association. Present were: Jim Bradford, Umpire-in-Chief for Zone 7, Baltimore, Ont., Assistant Instructor Don McFadden, Trenton, and Brian McIntosh of Cold Springs, an Assistant Umpire for Zone 7.

For much of the day, the umpires divided the people attending the clinic into three groups, so that small classes could be taught.

The day ended with about an hour's practice on Our Lady of Mercy School's ball field in making umpire's calls for softball.

Rule Changes

There are a few changes in softball rules, for the 1982 season. These have been adopted by the International

Softball Federation Playing Rules Committee, and will be used by all participants in the Ontario Softball Association. Three rules are especially important, are explained here:

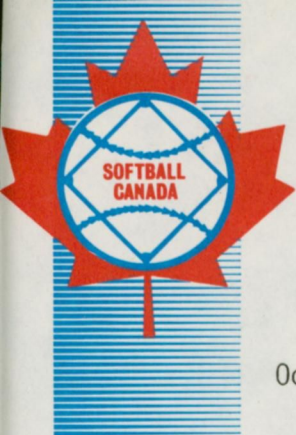
Rule 1-14 (new). Add Offensive Conference:

The offensive team requests a suspension of play to allow the manager or other team representatives to confer with the batter or base-runner.

Rule 6-1b. Change to read:

Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher must bring his **WHOLE** body to a full and complete stop facing the batter with his/her shoulders in line with first and third base and with the ball held in both hands in front of the body. This full and complete stop position must be maintained for a minimum of one second and not more than ten (10) seconds before starting the pitch.

"Out!" proclaims Jim Bradford, Umpire in Chief for Zone 7 of the Ontario Softball Association, at an Umpire's Clinic in Bancroft, on Saturday, May 29.



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October 2, 1984

TO: UMPIRES AT 1984 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FROM: BEV GRAHAM, UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF

Now that the 1984 National Championships are a successful part of Softball Canada's history, I would like on behalf of the President, Board of Directors, and National Officiating Committee to thank each and every umpire who took part.

The blue team can add to the success of a championship, and from the reports I have received, the umpiring calibre seems to be improving.

For some umpires this was an introduction to a National event, and for others a chance to return to an exciting and hopefully a rewarding experience. To all umpires, thank you for taking time out of your busy summer to assist in this year's championship.

Attached to this memo is your national rating with your level and comments, which I hope will be of use to you. We as umpires must always try to find ways to improve our game.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to write or contact me.

Lastly, you had the benefit of attending the ideal clinic by being at a National and learning from others. Don't stop there. Go out and assist other umpires in your town, city or province, so they too can become better umpires. Give these umpires the benefit of your experiences. This will assist Softball Canada in keeping the officiating programs at a high level.

Once again, thank you for your time and efforts. It is appreciated.

Bev Graham

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE RATING FORM

REPORT DATE: 10 August 1982

Umpire: Jim Bradford

Address: Overlook Heights, Baltimore, Ont. K0K 1C0

Province/Territory: Ontario

Championship: 1982 Midget Boys Nationals Fast X
Slow

Location: Napanee, Ont.

Arrival: On time X Late

Attended pre-tournament clinic: Yes X No

Games worked: Plate 5 Bases 9

Overall rating: (1) (2)
(3) (4) X

Comments: Co-operative, well dressed, anxious to be the best, good game control, good rule knowledge, enthusiastic, good team man, very conscientious, plate positioning improved, calls at plate could be louder, good technique, alert, good strike zone, worked well under pressure, good hustle, a student of the game, good rapport with players and umpires, did final game on plate.

Rated by: Ed Bitz & Bev Graham

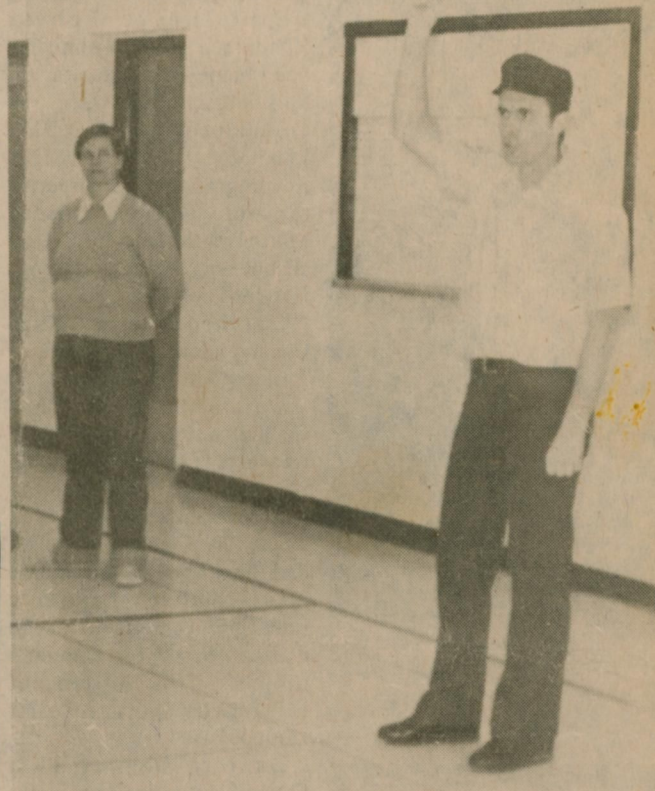
Umpires Clinic In Bancroft

Thirteen prospective umpires, from the Bancroft area, attended an Umpires' Clinic (sponsored by Softball Ontario) in Our Lady of Mercy School, in Bancroft, on Saturday, April 6.

Leading the clinic were

two umpires from the Softball Ontario Association, Brian McIntosh, from Cold Springs, and Jim Bradford, from Baltimore, Ontario. "You're there to communicate non-verbally with the audience," Bradford told the umpires. He added, "Officials are encouraged to be courteous and polite to all parties connected with the game. They (umpires) are to dress neatly and in the Softball Ontario uniform. Umpires are to conduct the game on an impartial plane while remembering the game is for the players and that the players are to play the game within the rules."

Umpires are required, this



Softball Ontario teacher and umpire, Jim Bradford, of Baltimore, Ontario, demonstrated the importance of clear, easily visible hand signals when umpiring a softball game. Watching him was Nancy Brink, of Haliburton, one of the thirteen people who attended the clinic.

year, to wear throat protectors as well as their other safety equipment.

Also, in children's softball catchers are required to wear a helmet, mask, chest protector and throat protector.

For all softball games, there has been another

important rule change this year. It is now imperative that coaches and managers report all and any substitution to the plate umpire.

Woody McNevin is in charge of umpires again this year. No official softball game can begin without an umpire being present.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE RATING FORM

REPORT DATE: Sept. 3, 1984Umpire: JAMES BRADFORDAddress: OVERLOOK HEIGHTS, BALTIMORE,Province/Territory: ONTARIO KOK 1C0Championship: Senior Men's Fast X
Slow Location: Fredericton, N.B.Arrival: On time X Late Attended pre-tournament clinic: Yes X No Games worked: Plate 4 Bases 10Overall rating: (1) (2)
(3) (4) X

Comments: Jim is a highly competent official, who has progressed
in the past number of years. He is a complete umpire who has
the respect of his fellow umpires and players, when on the ball
diamond. He is also a team leader, off the field, and is looked
up to by others. Jim also is a good teacher, either by example
and by instruction. A pleasure to work with. He worked the
final game, as was well deserved.

Rated by: Bev Graham UIC - Butch Ryan DUIC

Achieves Level 5

His Goal Is Seoul

Jim Bradford: One of Canada's most qualified softball umpires

One of the country's most competent softball umpires lives right here in this area. He's Jim Bradford, 37, of Baltimore.

Bradford, achieved Level 5 status late last year, putting him in an elite class of 18 arbiters in Canada with the highest possible credentials. That means he's eligible to officiate internationally.

Being selected to work a Canadian senior men's National and to get a crack at attaining his Level 5 had been Jim's goals until last summer when his dream came true. He was assigned to umpire in the Canadians at Fredericton, New Brunswick. He responded to the challenge superbly.

Since receiving confirmation last November of his being upgraded to Level 5, Bradford has been picked by Softball Canada as the alternate official for the World Youth Games in Fargo, North Dakota, in July of this year.

He's already instructed at an Eastern Canadian softball clinic in Saint John, New Brunswick, back in February and at an Ontario provincial clinic early in March. In the same month, he was named the new Slow Pitch umpire-in-chief of Ontario. He was in London in that capacity for a seminar just this past weekend.

Bradford still has a goal to strive for — the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea — if softball is included as a sport there.

Jim's love for officiating keeps him busy the year round. He referees basketball and hockey during the cold weather months.

Bradford first began to umpire back in 1968 in local baseball tournaments after an active and athletic youth in softball, baseball, hockey, skiing, football, volleyball, cross-country and basketball.

and outs at three junior provincial championships and one senior provincial. He was supervised at the national midget boy's tournament in Napanee in 1982.

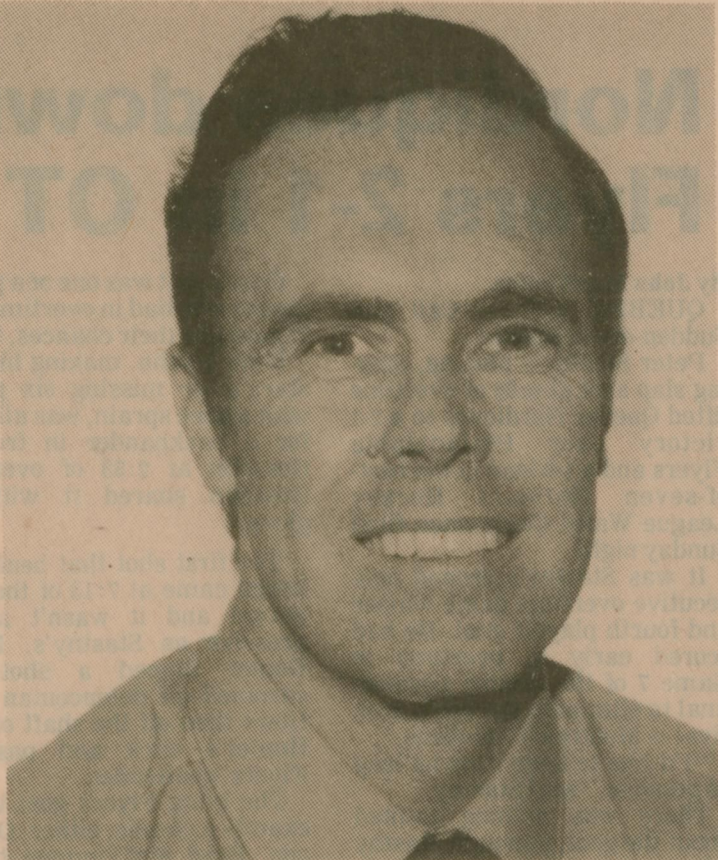
Bradford is a teacher by profession, currently in a K-6 setting at Dr. Powers School in Port Hope. Besides all the officiating he does, Jim somehow finds time to play golf and slow pitch ball, ski, convene Ontario

Amateur Softball Association games and be vice-president of the Cobourg Men's Softball League.

None of this would have been possible without the support and patience of his wife, Keren, and children Jeanette and Scott.

A profile of Jim Bradford soon will appear in Grand Slam, Softball Canada's newsletter.

Jim is the oldest son of Dorise and Bob Bradford of Cobourg.



Jim Bradford

Jerry Lawless, physical education head at Cobourg's West Collegiate, inspired Bradford's basketball officiating career by driving him to his first clinic 35 miles away. Jim got hooked on basketball from that initial exposure to it. In the next few years he helped set up the United Counties Basketball Officials organization. Now, he is president of the Cobourg Board of Approved Basketball Officials as well as a carded IAABO and FIBA official.

Five years ago, along with four other men, Bradford spearheaded the formation of the South Central Umpires Association. It unites about 30 arbiters and supplies umpires for the majority of softball and slow pitch leagues in the district.

Bradford became more heavily involved with softball in 1980 while officiating basketball in the Ontario Summer Games at Peterborough. There, he met Sharon Sinclair, provincial umpire-in-chief, whom he credits as having had the greatest influence on his officiating career.

Shortly thereafter, he was asked to join the Softball Ontario program as a zone umpire-in-chief. Since 1980, Jim has called balls and strikes, safes

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This Is To Certify That

JIM BRADFORD

OF

BALTIMORE

ONTARIO

OFFICIATED AT THE

NATIONAL SENIOR MEN'S

FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

IN

WATERLOO

ONTARIO

FROM AUGUST 27, 1985

TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1985

Level Rating 5

Games Worked: 5

Plate 2

Bases 3

Bev E...
Championship UIC

Al Senclair
Championship Assistant UIC

REMEMBERING JIM BRADFORD

On July 20th, 2001 softball regrettably lost a skilful umpire named Jim Bradford.

Softball Canada along with the countless other softball friends that had the fortune of working alongside Jim wish to pass our condolences onto his wife Keren and their two children Jeanette and Scott.

Last year Jim achieved a Level V in SP, thus becoming the first official in the world to receive his Level V status in both softball games.



The Officiating Development Committee requested of Jim that he write us an article to highlight his remarkable achievement.

Below is Jim's article about his most memorable moments as a softball official.

JIM BRADFORD BALTIMORE, ONTARIO

FIRST TO ACHIEVE DUAL LEVEL V FP/SP

I have been and continue to be happily married and have been for 32 years. I have officiated the same length of time. My wife Keren has been very patient in allowing me to pursue my umpiring whenever and wherever I wanted to go.

Over the course of those years I have held positions of

Deputy Zone UIC, Zone UIC, Deputy SP Provincial UIC and served nationally on the ODC as a Deputy with my focus divided between SP and FP.

Over the years, I have worked on the committee preparing the exams, written articles for the local, provincial, national periodicals and have been published in Referee. At the Ontario training session weekend, I have been a presenter and also at the Blue Convention in Toronto and in Fredericton.

In my tenure with Softball Canada, I had the privilege of helping develop the level programs (manuals) and supervised at Canadian Championships, both FP and SP, a total of 15 to date.

I attained my Level V FP in Fredericton in 1984 at the Senior Men's. It was a wonderful experience! In 2000 in London, Ontario I was pleased to be chosen to work the Canadian SP Championships and was granted my Level V SP. What a thrill! It was like working my very first tournament in terms of the excitement, except that after 30 years of umpiring, I had a few more skills to bring to the game.

I have worked the following Canadian Championships: Midget Boys FP in Napanee, Ontario in 1982, Senior Men's FP in Fredericton, NB in 1984, Senior Men's FP in Waterloo,

Ontario in 1985 (as a fill in from Friday through Sunday), Senior Men's FP in Waterloo, Ontario in 1996, and Senior Men's SP in London, Ontario in 2000.

In 1987, I was happy to accept the assignment to the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, Indiana as one of two Canadian umpires. It was unbelievable!

In 1994, I was one of many Canadian umpires to have the opportunity to work in St. John's, Newfoundland at the Women's World Championships.

The funniest thing I ever saw (heard) in softball was during one of my Canadians, I was at first base in the Saturday night tussle between the two teams who were battling to decide who would go to the final. The plate umpire called "strike four"! The first baseman turned to his bench which was on the first base line and he asked the bench, "Did he say, "strike four"? The bench responded in the affirmative. He and his teammates broke up and it was all I could do to keep a straight face.

The highlights of my umpiring career revolve around handling pressure cooker games where teams or individuals bring out the worst in one another. That is the ultimate challenge to me and I pride myself in handling those situations in a professional, firm, matter of fact manner.

I guess that's it for now.

From The "Blue" Magazine published by Softball Canada
Between The Lines Officiating Dev.
Committee

Renowned softball umpire to be inducted into hall of fame

Special To The Star

A retired elementary school teacher from Baltimore will be inducted, posthumously, into Softball Canada's Hall of Fame later this year.

Jim Bradford, who died tragically and suddenly on July 20, 2001 at the age of 52, was this area's finest and most accredited softball umpire and a highly certified basketball referee at the time of his death.

His widow, Keren, will fly to Winnipeg, MB, to accept the honour officially on behalf of her late husband at a special ceremony Nov. 8.

To this day, Bradford remains the

only umpire in the entire country to have achieved elite Level 5 status in both fast-pitch and slo-pitch softball.

In recognition of his contribution to softball and basketball over a period exceeding two decades, eight awards/events have been named in his memory.

As proof of the esteem in which he was held as an arbiter, Bradford worked the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, the Canadian senior men's fast-pitch championships in Fredericton, N.B., the national midget boys' fastball championships in Napanee, and the women's worlds in Newfoundland, to mention a

few, along with numerous provincial tournaments. He also acted as the umpire supervisor in various national competitions.

Locally, Bradford was the product of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association All-Star chain; played the infield for the two-time Ontario Intermediate 'C' championship Cold Springs Cats in the 1970s; and for the Cobourg Intermediates, before taking up umpiring on a full-time basis.

He founded the South Central Umpires Association and served for many years as vice-president of the Cobourg Men's Softball League.



CANADIAN AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE SOFTBALL AMATEUR



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This is to certify that the CANADIAN AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION recognized the outstanding services to softball officiating performed by

Certification en Arbitrage - Niveau 5

Le présent document atteste que l'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE SOFTBALL AMATEUR reconnaît les services exceptionnels d'arbitrage qu'a rendu

JIM BRADFORD

and hereby presents this testimonial certificate in recognition of the performances which has contributed to the advancement of softball in Canada.

à notre sport et, lui décerne en conséquence le présent certificat en reconnaissance de ses performances dans le domaine du softball au Canada.

JIM BRADFORD

can now officiate softball games anywhere in the world as may deem necessary, from time to time, by THE INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION.

peut maintenant arbitrer des parties de softball n'importe où au monde tel que requis, de temps en temps, par LA FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE SOFTBALL.

DATE January 4, 1985

Bob Van Inse
CASA PRESIDENT ACSA

Jim Bradford
BOARD MEMBER IN CHARGE OF
OFFICIATING
RESPONSABLE DE
L'ARBITRAGE POUR L'ACSA

Bob Van Inse
CASA UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF
ARBITRE-EN-CHEF DE L'ACSA



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April 23rd, 1987

Mr. Jim Bradford,
Overlook Heights,
Baltimore, Ont.
K0K 1C0

Dear Jim:

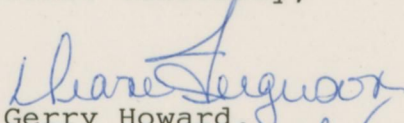
Softball Canada is delighted to confirm your appointment to the officiating crew working the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana from August 8th - 20th.

We are sorry for the delay in the written confirmation, but it was missed during the change of Softball Canada's Umpire-In-Chief. I know that you were given verbal confirmation from me and I hope we have not caused you any minor problems with this oversight.

Please find enclosed a copy of your itinerary for your approval. A copy of your finalized travel itinerary will be sent to the host committee and they will arrange for your ground travel from the airport to the Pan Am village. All your meals and accommodation will be supplied.

Good luck at the tournament and we are confident that you will be of great value to the officiating crew and will be a fine ambassador of Softball Canada.

Yours Sincerely,


Gerry Howard,
Umpire-In-Chief *for*

cc: Bette Kalailieff

GH/df

Certificate of Merit

PRESENTED TO

JIM BRADFORD

OF CANADA

In recognition of your selection to the Umpire Staff

for the PAN AMERICAN GAMES *World Championship*

at INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, USA

Don Boster

PRESIDENT

Andrew S. Loechner

SECRETARY - GENERAL

AUGUST 9-20, 1987

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Local sports



International bond — Baltimore's Jim Bradford fulfilled a long-standing dream by umpiring softball at the international level at the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana, last month. Some of the friends he made there are pictured here. From left to right, they are Larry Hood of Pueblo, Colorado; Baltimore's Jim Bradford; Marie Koch, New Jersey; Guy Arseneault of Trois Rivières, Quebec; and Jack Futoran of Ventura, California.

Umpire Jim Bradford achieves his ambition Officiates at Pan American Games

By Emil van Dijk

Jim Bradford has been back from the Pan American Games for almost two weeks, yet he's still on a high following his experiences there as a softball official.

"You don't get a chance to go to the Pan Am's every year," said Bradford of the quadrennial event. "It is something that I've worked for since 1980 when I realized that my dream (of going to an international tournament) was possible."

In order to fulfill his dream, Bradford's first task was to acquire Softball Canada's Level V umpire certification, a plateau he reached in 1984. The ensuing years have been devoted to working important tournaments and attending training

women's games, both at the plate and on the bases. "I wanted to do well and I did what I could to prepare myself," said the Baltimore resident. "I was satisfied with what I did. I umpired as best as I ever did."

Canada's entries fared well in the softball competition, with the men's team capturing the gold and the women settling for the bronze.

"The women deserved a better fate," said Bradford. "They out-hit Puerto Rico (in the bronze medal game) by an 8-1 margin, yet they still lost 1-0." The only Puerto Rican hit was a triple which scored a runner who had reached base by way of a walk.

Although the men won, the team did not necessarily contain the best that Canada has to offer.



sessions so as to ready himself both physically and mentally for an event as significant as the Pan Am Games.

Canada sent two softball teams to the Games in Indianapolis, which permitted Softball Canada to select two representatives to serve as officials. There are approximately 20 active Level V umpires in Canada, and from this group Bradford, a 19-year veteran, and Guy Arseneault of Trois Rivières were chosen.

The thrill did not stop with being selected to officiate. Recalling the Games' opening ceremonies, Bradford explained that "you can't put into words the emotions and feelings that come to you."

Not all of the countries participating in the Games are amongst softball's reigning superpowers, but Bradford felt that "the good teams were way above what we see here locally." Among the men's teams he included Canada, the United States and Cuba as the strongest, while Canada, the U.S. and Puerto Rico were a step ahead of the others in the women's competition.

Working in a four umpires per-game system, Bradford officiated at four men's and ten

The International Softball Congress tournament coincided with the Pan Am's, and a number of Canada's best had commitments to the ISC tournament.

One of the standout individual performances that Bradford witnessed was that of American pitcher Michele Granger. The 17 year old phenom led the U.S. women's team to the gold medal, recording 61 strikeouts in 28 innings, with a 0.00 earned run average. "She could stand most men's teams on their ear," said Bradford.

For now it is business as usual for the elementary school teacher, who will be handling a grade five class at Dr. Powers Public School when classes resume next week. The taste of international competition has only whetted his appetite for more, though. Bradford is anticipating that softball will be included as an Olympic event, possibly as early as 1992 in Barcelona, Spain.

"For people who work hard and want to progress," says Bradford, "the possibilities are there; not necessarily as an athlete, but there are other avenues which can get you to international competition."



Umpiring crew — Jim Bradford, second from the right in the front row, was part of the umpiring group assigned to handle both the women's and men's fastball games at the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana over a two-week stretch in August.

1985 Umpired National FP senior men's Waterloo, Ont. fill in
....injury ridden crew





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From the desk of

JIM SUTHERLAND

18 Aug 86.

Dear Jim-Bob!

Just a quick note to thank you for all you did last week. It is definitely one of my most memorable softball-related experiences.

I think you hit the nail on the head when you said you felt given better circumstances - we could become good friends. I'm sure we will, given that I'm sure we'll get together again. As I mentioned, I hope to become more involved with Softball Canada. So, if no other way, we should get together through that!

Keep in touch, & thanks again.

Suds



for the enjoyable Week. The
experience and the help I got
from all of you will not
be forgotten. And you can
be sure it will be passed
on. A lot of people in Stocks
know how to do the "moon walk".
But thanks ~~for~~ to Rico I can
show them the "moon runs".

Thanks to you Jim (Bradford).
for all the help and the helpful
tips ~~and~~ I'm leaving this national
Play down a better person & a
better umpire. The experience and the
~~memories~~ memories will never be forgotten.
BE FORGOTTEN. THANKS. Tom.

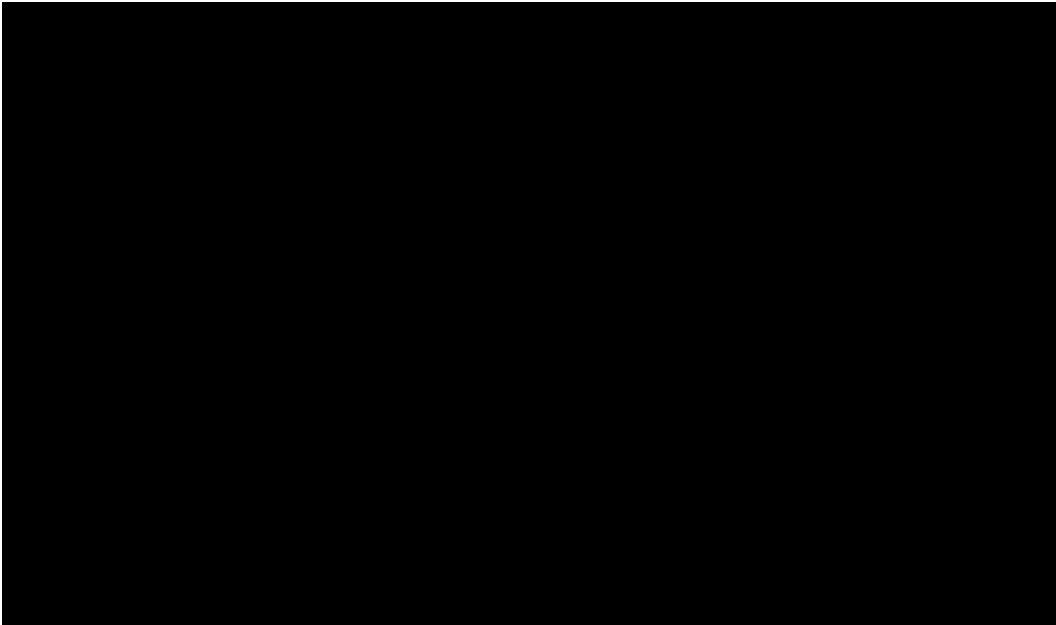
THANK YOU Very much guys.

1986 JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO

AUGUST 12-17

UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF: ~~Sharon Sinclair~~ ^{Rev. Graham} _{Wesley}

LEVEL 5 ASSISTANT: Jim Bradford

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4. Jim Sutherland,			
(11900)			
5. Wally Wencek, 9			
(9510)			
6. Don Carty, 555			
(11017)			
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	8. Don McFadden, R		
	(5025)		
	9. Mike Currie, 2-		
	(3477)		

UMPIRES' MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 11TH AT 10 A.M. UMPIRES ARE REQUIRED TO STAY UNTIL THE LAST GAME ON SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH. VISITING UMPIRES WILL HAVE TRAVEL, LODGING AND PER DIEM PAID BY SOFTBALL CANADA. LOCAL UMPIRES WILL BE PAID A PER DIEM BY SOFTBALL CANADA, HOWEVER, LODGING AND TRAVEL WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST COMMITTEE.



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DEAR JIM: Please find enclosed a list of the addresses of all those who worked the Junior Ladies Nationals in 1986.

I would like to also express my sincere and most humble appreciation for all **YOU** have done for myself and my growth through the Softball Ontario programme for umpires.

I have had the pleasure of working with the **BEST** official in the programme who has always set high expectations for himself and the people under his guidance. It must make you feel very proud and elated when the two people whom you had the faith and confidence in to start this programme with are so successful at Canadian National Championships in the same year. It is people like yourself who strive for excellence and set a remarkable example that makes others work hard to reach that same goal and attain that same quality of excellence.

The umpiring programme has developed rapidly and most effectively thanks to the dedication and perseverance of people like **JIM BRADFORD** of Baltimore who give up so much of their family and personal time to dedicate themselves to the betterment of umpiring across Canada.

I know personally that I have learned an unquestionable amount from my contact with you both on and off the field. I have worked hard to fill the shoes of such a fine person who has always been there in a very positive and ensuring manner.

Thanks Jim for the time, superb example, dedication, faith and confidence but most of all thanks for being who you really are **THE GREATEST FRIEND A PERSON COULD EVER WISH TO KNOW AND MEET.**

from the bottom of his heart

Don McFadden

Don McFadden









This is to certify that

Jim Bradford

has been inducted into the

Hall of Fame

of the

Canadian Amateur Softball Association

November 8th, 2003

Date

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Location



Kevin Quinn
President







1986 Level V assistant at junior girl's

Scarborough, Ont.





1985 Level V assistant at midget girl's

Burlington, Ont.

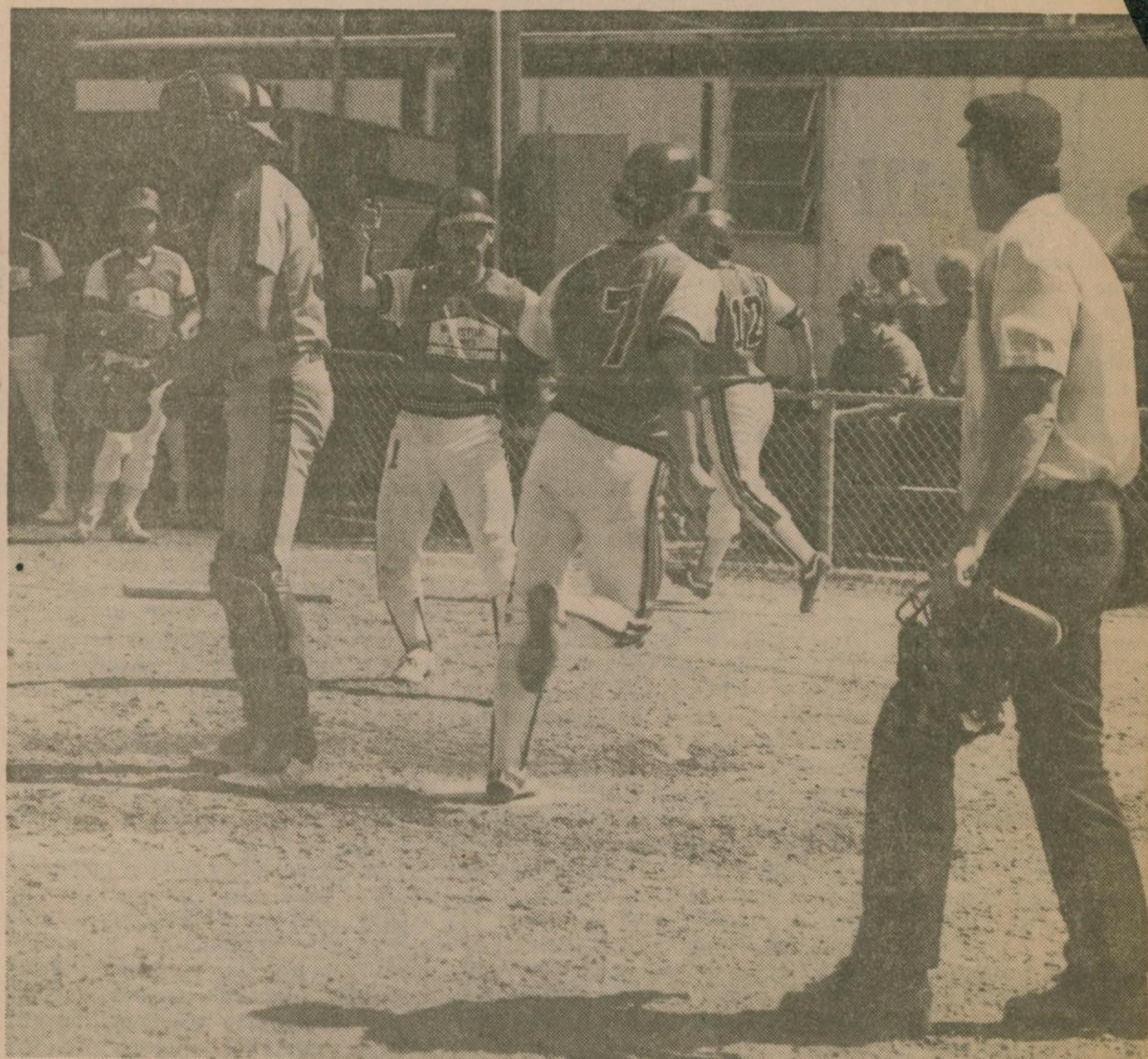






Sports *Game 1 Alberta vs Loggieville*

The 1984 Canadian Senior



HOMES SWEET HOMES — New Brunswick's Loggieville Willistom Homes had few fine moments in their opener at the Canadian Senior Softball Championship in Fredericton yesterday, falling 6-2 to Alberta's Camrose Merchants — but here were two of them. In the photo at left, the Homes Marc Duguay crosses the plate standing up

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Mount Hope at Oshawa

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Oshawa catcher Bill Elliott and umpire Jim Bradford look high while Mount Hope batter is blinded by his helmet

Times photo by Gabriel...

Area to be represented in Canadian Sr. tourney

The Cobourg district will be well represented in the 1984 Canadian Senior Men's Fastball Championships beginning later this month in the Maritimes.

Three players, all with national experience, and a local umpire will take part in the week-long national tournament to be held at Fredericton, New Brunswick from August 28 to September 2.

They are catcher Bill Elliott, leftfielder Mike McIvor and first baseman Allan Burnham, all of whom cavort for the Ontario champion Oshawa Merchants, and arbiter Jim Bradford of Baltimore.

For the three Cobourg players, this will be their second appearance in the Canadians. They were members of the Cold Springs Cats which represented the province so superbly at the Nationals in Saskatoon in 1980.

All three men played key roles in Oshawa Merchants capturing the top honors in the Ontario senior men's elimination tournament at Agincourt over the Civic Holiday weekend.

Elliott, for instance, had to catch eight games in a row after the other Oshawa receiver, with whom he generally shares assignments, sustained a broken kneecap early in the tournament.

McIvor, noted for his slugging prowess, enjoyed a good tournament at the Provincials, finishing with better than a .300 average.

As for Burnham, he was the real batting star for Oshawa in the gruelling last day of the tournament. In one of the final games, Burnham drove in four of Oshawa's five runs, highlighted by a three-run homer.

depend on how they fare in those four games.

Bradford, zone umpire-in-chief in this neck of the woods, is the lone Ontario umpire picked to officiate in the Canadian

senior men's championships. That's quite an honor in itself.

The Port Hope school teacher has presided at or umpired in several Ontario championship tournaments this summer.



Jim Bradford, zone 9 umpire-in-chief for Softball Ontario and this district's OASA convener, will be officiating at the senior men's Nationals from August 28 to September 2. Bradford is a Cobourg native who lives in Baltimore and teaches school in Port Hope.



STRIKE — Shawn Bailor of Camrose, Alta., Merchants takes a cut, but fails to make contact, while Loggieville Williston Homes catcher Larry MacDonald prepares to receive a Roland Gau-

treau pitch, with Bradford looking downed the N.B. rep 2 in the Canadian Past Pitch Championship test. (See story page 2)



Jim
Bradford

Tony Burns
A' Home N.R. (84)

Cory
Hessner





1984 SENIOR MEN'S FAST PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - FREDERICTON, N.B.,

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Assistant Umpire-In-Chief:

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3. James Bradford,
4. George Crawford
5. Dave Hollett, 2
6. Ray Leger, 98 C
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