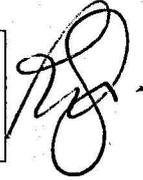


COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
Sept 30/18



Nominee: Cole Roger F
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: 8438 Donaldson Rd. E

Postal Code: 

Email Address: 

Birth Place: Cobourg Date of Birth: 27 / 07 / 54
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: _____

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: all his life

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

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete () Builder ()

Sport (s): Fastball

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
Fastball	Cold Springs Cats	pitcher	1975-2006
"	Plamville Township League	"	1965
"	Murray Thompson Autobody	"	1970s - 80s
"	Eagle . co (Cobourg)	"	1990s
"	Wilburn Construction	"	1972
"	Bruce + Rickles	"	1970s - 80s

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

Please see attached print out

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

EOSL MVP, Oshawa League MVP,
Please see attached print out.

*Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International

All of the above
Local - Township league champion, CSL champion, OASA Senior
A champion, OASA Intermediate champion x 9?
Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial,
national, international etc.)
Executive of Cobourg Softball League (many years)?

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

Continually nurtured young ball players by recruiting for his town league teams. Gave them a place to play when other teams wouldn't because it would weaken their chances of winning the league championship.

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.

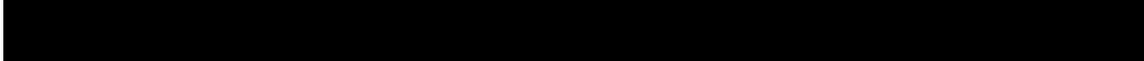
Additional Information/Comments:

Many more documents can be submitted if you would like to see them. Ewart Timlin and Bill Elliott would also have significant supporting documents I can collect if you wish.

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: Shannon Linton

ADDRESS: 

PHONE #: (

DATE: Sept. 26/18.

Please return completed form to:
Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 45
Cobourg, Ontario
K9A 1M8

Roger Cole - additional information submitted 2019

Personal Awards:

1978 Scott's Auto Body-Deck Transport Tournament MVP
1978 and 1979 named to the Eastern Ontario Fastball League All-star Team
1979 Top Pitcher - Eastern Ontario Fastball League
1980 Oshawa City & District League Most Valuable Pitcher
1982 Belleville Molson's Fastball Tournament Most Valuable Pitcher
1982 Cobourg Men's Softball League Playoff MVP
1985 Hamilton Township Men's Softball League MVP
1987 Cobourg Men's Softball League Most Valuable Pitcher
2000 Ontario Masters MVP
2003 Milestone Award - 2059 Strikeouts in Cobourg Men's Fastball League
2006 World Oldtimer's Fastball Championship MVP
2006 Dedication Award - Cobourg Men's Softball League

Personal Achievements:

- 10-12 No Hitters
- 2 Perfect Games
- multiple MVP and Top Pitcher Awards in Cobourg Men's Softball League and Hamilton Twp Men's Softball League

OASA Medals

1974 - Juvenile B
1975 - Intermediate C
1976 - Intermediate C
1980 - Senior A
1989 - Intermediate B (named Top Pitcher)
1994 - Intermediate B with Baltimore
1996 - Masters (named Top Pitcher)
1997 - Masters (Most Valuable Pitcher)
1998 - Masters

Team Achievements:

1980 Oshawa Men's League Regular Season Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
1980 Eastern Ontario Senior A Softball Championship Gold Medal (Cold Springs Cats)
1980 OASA Senior A Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
1987 Cobourg Men's League Champions (Plainville)
1989 Intermediate B Men's OASA Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
1996-1998 Ontario Masters Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
1997, 1998 Canadian Masters Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
1996, 2005, 2006 World Oldtimer's Fastball Champions (Cold Springs Cats)
2001 Eastern Canadian Masters Champions (Cold Springs Cats)

Other Contributions:

Roger Cole coached and/or played in both Cobourg and Hamilton Twp Men's Softball Leagues from 1968 until the league folded. He invited many young players to join his team - often players other teams had rejected - in order to sustain the league and encourage young people to play fastball.

Cobourg Daily Star
July 25, 1978 p. 7

Overworked But Tireless Pitcher Roger Cole Earns MVP Award And Accolade

Amazing ColdSprings Cats tournament

The faithful few of ColdSprings Cats and their remarkable rubber-armed pitcher Roger Cole nearly pulled off the impossible in the Scott's Auto Body-Deck Transport Fastball Tournament over the weekend at Lakefield and Peterborough.

Cats played a total of seven games in the eight-team double knockout competition and won all but two of them to wind up as runners-up in the tournament.

ColdSprings, with only nine players on hand Sunday along with Jim Chase and manager Ewart Timlin, were involved in an exhausting five games Sunday before finally surrendering, 2-1, to Streetsville in the last game. They earned the second-place purse of \$150 for their superlative efforts.

Enough cannot be said of the magnificent and truly incredible efforts of Roger Cole. He pitched better than 54 innings in the

tournament and starred from the start to the very end. Roger allowed only 12 runs over the entire stretch. Cole was the obvious choice as the tournament's most valuable player award.

Details of the Friday night opener for ColdSprings are sketchy. Suffice to say, Cats edged Peterborough Deck, 1-0, with Roger Cole winning a duel with Dave Ruthowsky. Mike McIvor drove in the game's only run.

Lindsay put Cats in jeopardy Saturday by blanking 'em, 4-0, for their first loss of the tournament. Former Oshawa Tony's righthander Larry Marshall, picked up by Lindsay for the tournament, skunked Cats on 5 hits. He struck out 8. Cole was charged with the defeat, permitting 6 safeties and fanning 8.

Lindsay erupted for a pair of first inning runs on two walks and two singles, clinching matters in the 3rd when Keith Tamblyn homered with a man aboard.

rain resulted it being held over until Sunday morning. ColdSprings began their strenuous day with a 4-2 conquest of Cabinet-makers.

Cole handcuffed the Oshawa club on 3 hits after yielding R.H. Cabinets both their runs in the initial inning. Roger again retired 6 on strikes.

Cats mustered a 10-hit attack at the expense of Bill Michel, Ken Howard and Laurie Williams. Showing the way were Jeff Timlin with 3 singles, Ray Bickle with a double and single, Lorne Jamieson with 2 singles and Mike McIvor with a solo homer.

Letter To Sports Desk

Tony's player defends ex-Cat Marty's move

Bay Ridges, Ont.,
July 19, 1978.

Layton Dodge,
Cobourg Star,
Cobourg, Ont.

Dear Layton:

Having read an article in the Cobourg Star this week with regards to Marty Kernaghan, I feel that the fastball fans of Cobourg and district deserve another side of the story. No one enjoys turning their back on friends and teammates. The decision made by

I agree that the timing of the signing was unfortunate. Several of the Oshawa players voiced their displeasure at leaving ColdSprings "strapped." Having experienced the Peter Landers situation, we know how they feel.

However, I think Bob Solomon's comment to Marty played a large factor in the decision -- "With the Tony's, you can play a 60-game schedule and have a chance at an expense-paid trip to the I.S.C. World Tournament in Wisconsin or you can drive all across the province of Ontario in hopes of winning an all-Ontario event."

Lindsay was rushed back into action and proved to be a short of fantastic. Lindsay get a hit the rest of the game that first inning when they total of 4. Cole posted 12 strikes to pick up the win in relief.

Cats got a run back in the 5th triple by Cole and double Timlin, tying it up in the 6th. Featured were a walk to Ma single by McIvor and trip Francis. It was Francis who triggered the game-winning the second extra inning walk single.

ColdSprings had 9 hits in game off the deliveries of Stinson and Larry Marshall. Maughan, Jeff Timlin and Francis each contributed 2.

That victory gave ColdSprings another crack at Peterborough Deck and they came through with a 4-2 triumph to eliminate Deck from contention.

Roger Cole fashioned a 3-hitter and breezed third strikes past 13 Deck batsmen.

Dave Ruthowsky and Rick Flagler both worked on the Deck firing line. Cats solved their slants for 7 safeties.

The batting highlights included a homer and single apiece by catcher John Maughan and leftfielder Mike McIvor. Al Burnham checked in

with 2 singles and Neil Francis who played the hot corner Sunday, belted a triple.

Cats went on to meet Lindsay again later Sunday afternoon turned the tables on them this time to win, 4-3, in nine innings.

Coach Jim Chase took the blame for Cats to try and give Cole a chance Chase didn't survive the first inning as Lindsay greeted him harshly. Jim was charged with three Lindsay runs scored.

"Cole Hitting and Throwing Hero"

Cobourg Daily Star September 11, 1979



ROGER COLE, a 25-year-old farmer from out Bewdley way, has developed into the finest softball pitcher between Oshawa and Kingston. Standing almost 6 feet tall and scaling 180 pounds, Cole has pitched about 40 games this year so far for Coldsprings Cats of the Eastern Ontario Fastball

League and Bewdley of the Hamilton Township Softball League. Not only is Roger tough to hit, he's tough to catch too because his bread-and-butter pitch is a drop. Cole threw yet another shutout Sunday as Cats topped Trenton in EOFL round-robin eliminations.

(Layton Dodge Photo)



Softball surprise — Cold Springs Cats, Ontario senior A fastball champions, who represented the province in the Canadians.

Excerpted
from
Layton
Dodge's
book

The Cats Meow

NOBODY REALLY COULD HAVE ASKED for more!

Even though their impossible dream didn't quite become a reality, Coldsprings Cats justifiably are carrying their heads high after an outstanding performance at the Canadian senior men's fastball championships which came to an end over the weekend in Saskatoon.

Cats did themselves, their fans and Ontario proud. Playing against elite representatives from nine other provinces coast to coast, the Yukon, Northwest Territories and the host city, they finished with a 4-2 record in the national event.

Consider the evidence. No team won more games in the preliminary round than Coldsprings. Six clubs had 3-1 credentials and the tie had to be bro-

ken by comparing the runs for and against differential.

Winnipeg Colonels, representing Manitoba, earned first place with a plus 9. Cats, who scored 10 runs and yielded 5 in the round-robin for a plus 5, wound up fifth. That's how close the competition was.

Camrose (Alberta) Merchants were classed sec-

ond, New Westminster (British Columbia) Terminal

Pub third, Brookfield (Nova Scotia) Elks fourth and St. John's (Newfoundland) Capitals sixth. Rounding out the field making the elimination round were Saskatoon Arnie's Angels and Saskatoon All-O-Matic A's.

Cats were the only team in the entire tournament to beat the eventual Canadian champions from Nova Scotia. They nipped Elks, 2-1, in an extra inning on Friday in their final game of the prelimi-

Originally published
September 2, 1980

nary round.

Roger Cole authored a 5-hitter for the victory. The key blow was supplied by Al Burnham. He cracked a double in the bottom of the 8th inning to score Terry Lewis from second base.

The irony of that situation was it cost Cats to be the home team in this case. Two men were on base when Burnham delivered and both would have scored on the blow had the game not been over as soon as Lewis crossed the plate with the winning run. If Cats had been the visitors, both runs would have counted, elevating them into the top four in the standings. That would have qualified Coldsprings for the double knockout elimination round rather than the single knockout section.

Cats played three games all in one Friday night in the spectacular opener of the elimination round. After four hours and 41 minutes of pressurized softball, Coldsprings scuttled the host Arnie's Angels from Saskatoon, 1-0, in a 21-inning epic.

Seven Canadian senior records

were set and three others tied in that memorable marathon. Included were the longest game played both in time and innings, most strikeouts by two pitchers in one game, and most putouts by a player.

Catcher Bill Elliott, the most popular player of the well-liked Cats, judging by fan reaction, established the latter mark with 22 putouts.

Steve Virag, the pitcher Coldsprings picked up from London specifically for the Canadian championships, and Dale Gunderson of Saskatoon Angels both hurled the 21-inning route, each fanning 19 men.

Al Burnham again was the hitting hero. His base hit with one out drove in Steve Mitts from second base.

The fielding was phenomenal in the classic. Just ask Steve Mitts. He was robbed of a base hit on more than one bid. Phil Solomon of Cats prolonged the issue in the 13th inning by gunning down a Saskatoon player trying to score from second on a hit.

Manitoba's Winnipeg Colonels, the lone club to defeat Coldsprings, knocked Cats out of contention Saturday by a 6-0 KO punch. Cats had little left to avoid being collared by Winnipeg's Steve McGillivary. Roger Cole and Jim Burkitt shared pitching duties for the Ontario team.

All in all, not a bad showing for a potpourri of amateur ballplayers based in a tiny hamlet of less than 200 people.

CAT CHAT

Bill Elliott got a standing ovation from the crowd on his last trip to bat. He walked... Paul Goodfellow was lost to the team during the tournament with cracked ribs... Terry Lewis shone on defence when he was in the lineup. Don Elliott was efficient in spot duty... The failure of Jim Burkitt to win a game and of Mike McIvor to supply the long ball were disappointments... The umpiring was not of the calibre one might expect for national finals... Cats arrived home from the west yesterday afternoon.

Cobourg Daily Star

Oct 28, 1980

Oshawa League Awards

Burnham, Cole of Cats honored

Coldsprings Cats carried off most of the Campbell Division hardware at the Oshawa City and District Softball League's annual banquet Saturday night at St. Gregory's Auditorium in Oshawa.

First baseman Allan Burnham was a double winner. He captured the John Carnwith Trophy as the batting champion with a .410 average and the Palmer Knight Trophy as the most valuable player.

Righthander Roger Cole took the O'Keefe Trophy as the most valuable pitcher.

Cats also earned the Harold Gay Trophy as regular season champions. It was accepted by manager Ewart Timlin.

Coldsprings received a \$250 cheque from the league towards expenses for the trip to Saskatoon to represent Ontario in the Canadian senior men's fastball championships. Timlin accepted

Cobourg Daily Star

1987



Congratulations — Roger Cole, the man who runs the show for the Plainville team, accepts the Kitchen and Bath Trophy from Cobourg Men's Softball League vice-president Jim Bradford after Plainville topped the 1987 playoffs. Plainville defeated West Brothers, Grafton General Maintenance and Baltimore

Coldsprings Strings Five Wins Together

Cats wow 'em all in Belleville to

Coldsprings Cats turned in a sensational effort to capture top honors in the Belleville Molson's softball Tournament on the weekend.

Cats reeled off five consecutive victories in the eight-team competition and looked awfully good being it to take first-place prize money of \$450.

On top of that, three members of the team earned the tournament's individual awards for their outstanding performances.

Coldsprings won their four-team, round-robin division on Saturday, easily outclassing Pickering Juniors, 13-0, behind the solid pitching of Dave Ruthowsky, slipped past Picton Juniors 1-0 and blanked Belleville Juniors, 3-0.

Roger Cole achieved the ultimate feat as a pitcher in the victory over

Picton, the top team in the Quinte Fastball League. Cole pitched a perfect game as 21 straight putouts were recorded. It's believed to be a first for Cole in not allowing a single opposing batter to reach base.

Veteran Dave Ruthowsky, who's really been effective of late, nailed down his second win of the day against Belleville Junior Doctor's.

Cats, as first-place finishers in their division, were matched against Belleville O'Brien's Tree Service, second-place finishers in the other division, in the tournament semi-final contest on Sunday. Cats won it, 3-1, with Cole posting the triumph.

That shot Cats into the championship game against Belleville Budget Rent-A-Car. They responded with a 3-0 win.

Dave Ruthowsky was chosen the most valuable player in the tournament. Pitching teammate Roger Cole was named the most valuable pitcher. Paul Marineau, playing in his hometown, was recognized as the tournament's top batter. He hit at a .467 clip with 7 safeties in 15 official at-bats. All three won Molson's kit bags.

Executive member Bill Carrigan reports that Cats displayed that

good old-fashioned spirit that used to be their trademark. He lauded the defensive work of the entire infield, singling out shortstop Paul Goodfellow and second baseman Steve Mitts for special mention.

Cats employed veteran Bob Smith, formerly with Agincourt and with the defunct Oshawa Motor Carriers before that, at third base in Saturday's games.

Two other local teams participated in the tournament -- Tex's Rangers of the Cobourg Men's Softball League and Coldsprings Jets of the Hamilton Township Men's League.

In fact, the two met Friday night with Tex's Rangers winning, 4-2.

Jim Chase struck out 7 men in gaining the nod over John Taylor. Each team garnered just 4 base hits.

Jim West singled and tripled for Tex's Rangers. Gary Hope and Doug Dafoe produced a single. Hitting safely for Jets were Randy Dolley, Tom Basinger, Terry Parker and Dave Tinney.

Details of their Saturday encounters were not available at press time.

"Roger Cole Pitches Perfect Game"
COBOURG DAILY STAR, MONDAY
Roger Cole Pitch



Roger

Pitches Perfect Game Against Oshawa

'King' Cole commands

Roger (King) Cole mastered perfection Tuesday night.

The outstanding righthander of Coldsprings Cats pitched his first perfect game in the Ontario

Fastball League as Cats blanked Oshawa Genosha Hotel, 5-0, at Durham Fields to complete a sweep of the doubleheader.

Tough to catch and even

tougher to hit, Cole retired 21 straight Oshawa batters with the flawless support of his teammates to achieve the OFI feat.

Cole flirted with losing the perfect game in the bottom of the 7th. He was close to walking two Oshawa batters but worked his way out of it on both occasions to complete the dream game.

In running his OFL record to 6-0-3, Cole was in control all the way. Roger claimed just 2 strikeout victims and assisted on two other putouts.

In fact, Cole hasn't lost this year in a Coldsprings' uniform. Yet this may well have been his finest hour in '83.

Cats pinned the second game defeat on lefty Jim Burkitt, a former colleague. They scratched 6 safeties from his deliveries. Burkitt fanned 4. Errors by his mates in the latter innings helped Coldsprings win more decisively.

A run in the opening inning turned out to be all Cats needed to succeed. Paul Marineau beat out an infield hit, advanced on Steve Mitts' sacrifice bunt and rode home on Al Burnham's single.

Coldsprings jumped ahead 2-0 in the 5th on Paul Goodfellow's triple and an Oshawa miscue. Cats added an unearned run in the 6th and closed it out in the 7th with a pair highlighted by singles from the bat of Peter Harrison, Bill Elliott and Paul Marineau.

Paul Marineau was the only multiple hitter on either side with 2 singles.

Cats clobbered the sloppy Oshawa crew, 12-1, in the first game of the night.

A 13-hit Coldsprings' attack, coupled with 9 Genosha bobbles,

turned that cont
runaway.

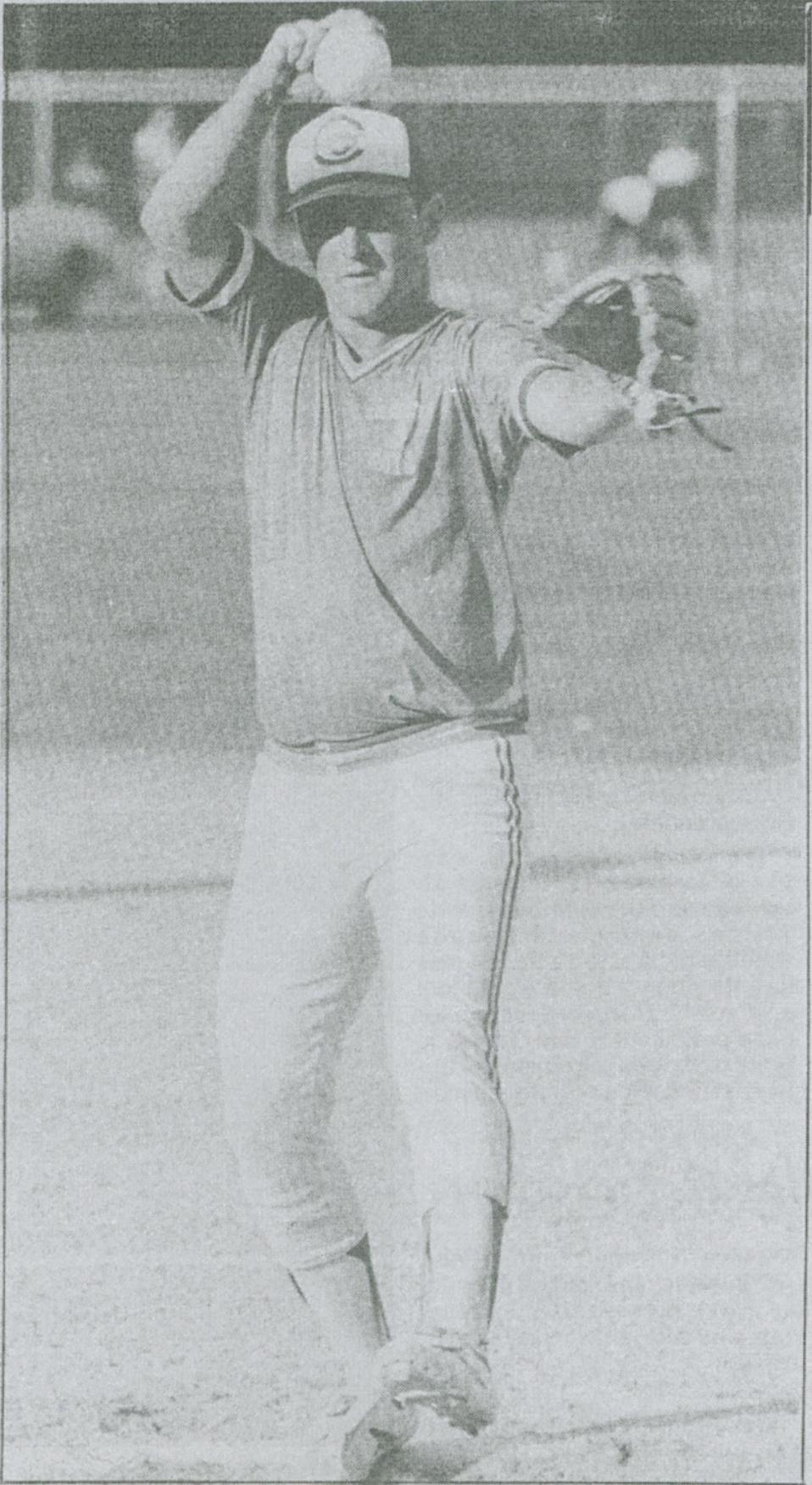
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ROGER COLE was in fine form Tuesday night as he pitched a perfect game against Oshawa Genosha Hotel. Coldsprings Cats won the OFL game, 5-0.

(Layton Dodge Photo)



Still the king - Roger Cole, considered the outstanding pitcher in this area for several years now, displayed his stamina, talent and determination in pitching all 15 innings for Cal-Kor Collision in the exciting 'B' division final victory over Port Perry's Swamp Auto at the Grafton Softball Tournament which concluded late Sunday night.

*Joan Fawcett,
M.P.P.
Northumberland*



Room 1620
Whitney Block
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1A2

September 28, 1989

Roger Cole,
R.R.#2,
Bewdley, Ontario
KOL 1E0

Roger
Dear Roger:

I am writing to congratulate you on winning the Intermediate B Men's All Ontario Championship.

I know you worked hard to earn this win, and I want to extend my best wishes for continued success next year.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Joan Fawcett

Joan Fawcett, M.P.P.
Northumberland.

Cold Springs Cats sit on top of the world

By Layton Dodge

Cold Springs is back on the fastball map — big time.

Not since 1980 when the fabled Cold Springs Cats stunned all of Ontario and represented the province in the Canadian senior men's softball championships has the "Where the hell is Cold Springs?" query been heard so often.

That question was asked numerous times this past weekend as the Cats from the Springs won what was billed as the World Oldtimers' Fastball Tournament in North Bay.

These Cats with nine or more lives recovered from a slow start offensively in their 16-team competition to rank ninth after the round-robin preliminaries but they finished the tournament on Sunday as the "World" champs of oldtime fastball.

Cold Springs didn't win a five-inning game in their four-team group play. They tied Sault Ste Marie Nicolet Tavern 0-0, lost 1-0 to Williamsburg Roses and tied North Bay 2-2.

Cats' bats came alive in the playoffs, though. They dumped Renfrew 2-0 Sunday, licked Hull (Que.) 5-1 Sunday morning, crushed Toronto 8-1 in the semi-final and defeated Ottawa Village Tavern 4-1 in the final.

Ewart Timlin's golden dozen of John Cane (the hitting star of the tournament), Harold Lang, Gary Hope, Ray Bickle, Tim Neron, John Maughan, Paul Goodfellow, Dave Ruthowsky, Jeff Timlin, Don Elliott, Roger Cole and Bill Elliott were ecstatic over the outcome.

Pitcher Roger Cole, who has been associated with Cats' many successes at different levels dating back more than 20 years, appropriately and properly was named the most valuable player of the tournament. He won three games and tied one.

Summaries

Cole began by two-hitting Sault Ste. Marie and striking out 11 in Cats' drawn five-inning opener Friday night.

Cane directed the Springs' six-hit attack with a pair of singles.

Sunday, Cole returned to the pitching circle and limited Hull to four hits, fanning seven in the winning process.

Cats gave their ace some breathing space with three runs in the third and singles in the first and fourth. Bickle led a six-hit attack with a single and triple.

Ruthowsky logged the distance in Sunday's 8-1 semi-final romp over "Bingo" Smith's Toronto outfit. He restricted the hogtown boys to four blows, losing a shutout in the last inning.

Cats collected 10 hits. Included were a homer and single apiece by Cane, Hope and Maughan.

In the final, Cold Springs made the most of Goodfellow's triple and Cane's and Timlin's singles to score three times in the second inning. Cats had opened the scoring in the first without a base hit.

Cole nailed down the title for the irrepressible Cats by scattering five Ottawa safeties.

Ewart Timlin mentioned that the competition was stiffer than what Cats encountered last month in winning the Ontario Masters championship at St. Thomas.

Sports calendar

Roger Cole

7 OASA Championship medals.



Coldsprings Only Team To Beat Canadian Senior Champs In Nationals At Saskatoon

COBURGO DAILY STAR, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1970

Cats represent Ontario with distinction out west



Landers Authors Perfect Game, Cole Spins No-Hitter

COBURGO DAILY STAR, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1970

Cats Earn Tie, Win, Credibility

Cats hold their own with OFL Oshawa MCL club



Sports Teams

Cold Springs Cats

The History of the "Cold Springs Cats Fastball Club" 1975-2011



The Hamilton Cats

"Let's go, Cats! Let's go, Cats!" The cheer by loyal supporter Keith Ferguson took hold, and from the earliest days the fastball team from little Cold Springs, north of Cobourg, became "**The Cats**".

Their inaugural year was 1975 when they joined the Peterborough City League.

From 1976 through to 1978 the team joined the Eastern Ontario Fastball League (EOFL) where they celebrated considerable success.

In 1980 and 1981 the Cats played in the Oshawa City League as key players were added to strengthen the roster and round out the team.

1975 | The Nucleus

Ray Bickle
Jim Bradford
Al Burnham
Bill Cane
John Cane
Roger Cole
Ivan Ferguson
Craig Gray
Paul Hasson
Lorne Jamieson
Harold Lang
Don MacDonald
John Maughan
Lynn Thackeray
Ewart Timlin
Jeff Timlin

Further success was achieved when they travelled to London and captured the elite

1980 Ontario Senior A Softball Championship Gold Medal

That victory earned the team the right to represent Ontario in the Canadian Amateur Softball Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This was the highlight of the Cats' many achievements.

Dave Ruthowsky, who joined the club in 1981, was an outstanding pitcher who had gained worldwide accolades.

1976-78 | Recruits

Roger Alexander
Eric Buttar
Jim Chase
Barry Dawe
Bill Elliott
Don Elliott
Jim Flesch
Marty Kernaghan
Terry Lewis
Mike McIvor
Rick Palmateer
Bill Ryan

1980-81 | Key Additions

Don Burkitt, Jim Burkitt,
Paul Goodfellow,
Stephen Mills
Dave Ruthowsky



The 1980 Cats

Sports Teams

Cold Springs Cats

In 1982 and 1983 the Cats were members of the Ontario Fastball League (OFL). This was the premier Senior A league in Ontario and involved a major commitment in time and travel.

In 1985 they rejoined the Oshawa City League to cut back on the travelling. For a number of years in the 1990s and 2000s the Cats emerged as a tournament team. In Cobourg in 1997 they captured the 1st ever

Canadian Amateur Masters Softball Championship, beating Victoria, BC in a nail-biting gold medal game.

Canadian Hall of Famer, Pete Landers, joined the Cats in 1998 and over the next few years players from as far away as Kitchener-Waterloo signed on and helped the Cats win several **World Senior Men's Championships**.

In 2011, after 36 great years, it seemed time to bring the story to a close. Local players, particularly pitchers were becoming harder to find. But the Cats are still there, with wonderful memories and friendships. And they are leaving a remarkable legacy for the local sporting community.



The 2004 Cats Reunion

1982-85 New Boys

*Perry Bowles
Terry Bowles
Peter Harrison
Gary Hope
Paul Marinou
Bernie Nicholls
(of L.A. Kings)
Wayne Wells*

1990s & 2000s More Join

*Rob Ellis
Sam Farbes
Pete Landers
Dave O'Connell
Mike O'Hearn
Gary Vowles
Keith Woodward*

Sports Teams

Cold Springs Cats

Ewart Timlin (E.T. or “The Cat”)

Ewart Timlin, one of the original Cats, player, coach and manager, was inducted into the **Ontario Masters Fastball Hall of Fame** in 2014. Given this opportunity to reflect, Ewart recalled first the people who had surrounded him.

*I would be remiss if I didn't mention two important players who have been integral parts of our team since 1975. They are the awesome pitcher and coach, **Roger Cole** and power hitter **John Maughan**. Without these two key individuals we would not have won 17 gold championships and I would not have received the Hall of Fame recognition.*

*I would also like to recognize **Bill “Cowboy” Elliott** as another important team member who is a true ambassador of the game, as well as a tremendous fund raiser.*

*During the years between 1975 and 2011, I have been surrounded by many great ball players. This has resulted in winning **2 Canadian Championships, 1 Eastern Canadian Championship, 7 Ontario Championships, and 7 North Bay World Senior Championships.***

*However, winning laurels is only one aspect of participating in the great game of fastball. Another more important aspect has been **making and rekindling friendships** from Victoria, BC to St. John's, NL. These acquired relationships will certainly last a lifetime.*

Unfortunately, I cannot name here all of the players from the 36 years of our existence. There were many gifted players whose names were not mentioned but whose superior athletic abilities contributed to the decades of success of the team. Thank you to all the alumni of the Cold Springs Cats for giving it your all!!!



“The Cat” (centre) with Hall of Fame ring