

COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
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HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
Sept 25/18 [Signature]

Nominee: KERNAGHAN MARTIN ARTHUR
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: [Redacted]
Postal Code: [Redacted]
Email Address: [Redacted]

Birth Place: COBOURG, ON Date of Birth: 9 AUG 1958
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: _____

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 20 years

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

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete (x) Builder ()

Sport (s): SOFTBALL / FASTBALL, BASEBALL + HOCKEY

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
	See Pages	#1 + 2	

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

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Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

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

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

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

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

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Additional Information/Comments:

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: JACK KERNAGHAN



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Marty Kernaghan : Fastball Player Extraordinaire

Marty Kernaghan was born August 9, 1958 in Grafton, Ontario to proud parents Patricia and Jack Kernaghan. From very early on Marty showed exceptional skills in his chosen sports of hockey and fast ball and from 1969 through 1977 won 3 Ontario Amateur Softball Championships and was an OASA finalist another time .

In Baseball he won an OBA Championship in 1970 and was also an Ontario Baseball Assoc. finalist in 1969.

In hockey he won an Ontario Minor Hockey Association Championship in 1978 and was an Ontario Hockey Association finalist with the Cobourg Cougars in 1976.

All of the above awards were won with either Cobourg or Grafton teams.

In 1978 Marty left the Coldsprings Cats early in the ball season and joined the Oshawa Tony's fastball team as a right fielder. Tony's went on to the I.S.C (International Softball Congress) tournament that year with Marty hitting 3 home runs . Marty Kernaghan got noticed!

The following year he played in Camrose , Alberta with a job offer a part of the incentive. The next few years would see his fastball career take him to Calgary and then on to the Pencorp team in Sioux City , Iowa.

The Pencorp team had their own airplane and would send the plane to pick him up for games and tournaments . The pilot of that plane was also a flying instructor and Marty was offered the opportunity to learn to fly . Marty accepted and went on to become a successful corporate licensed pilot.

Over his career he played in 11 International Softball Conference World Tournaments as a shortstop or third baseman from 1984 through 1995 missing the 1994 season because of a broken leg .

Marty Kernaghan was also a member of championship fastpitch teams for the American Softball Association and Softball Canada National Championships. In addition he was a member of Team Canada during the 1983 Pan Am Championship as well as the 1992 I.S.F. Men's World Championships, both times winning Gold Medals.

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In 2002 Marty Kernaghan was elected to the I.S.C. Fastball Hall of Fame .

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years he played baseball, until the opportunities to continue playing in that sport dwindled. Then he made the jump back to fastpitch softball,

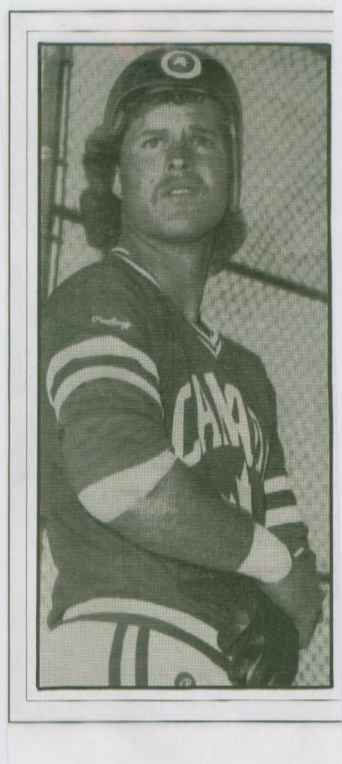


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Marty Kernaghan

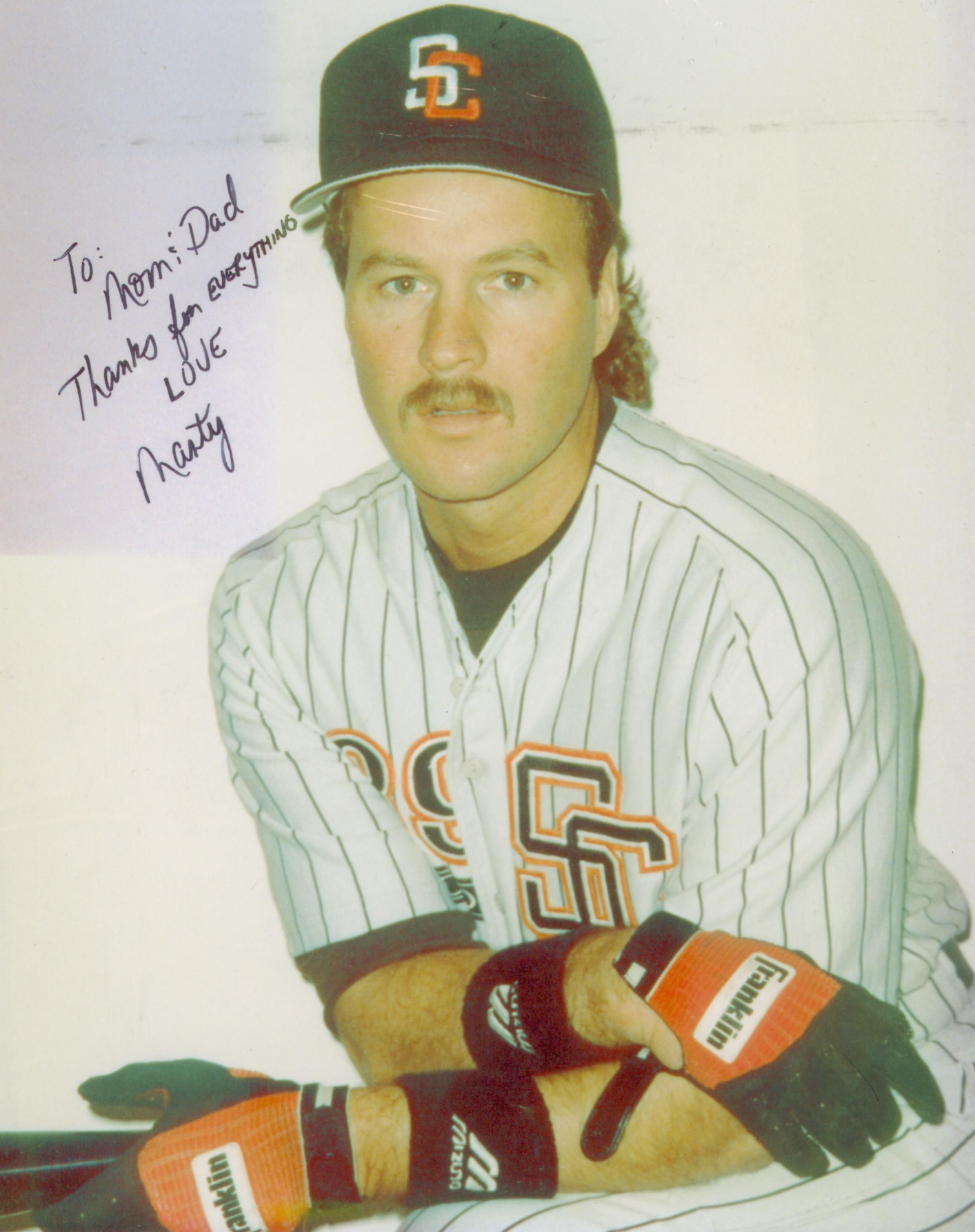
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Martin Arthur Kernaghan			
Sports Achievement			
Sport	Team		Date
Softball	Grafton Shell Shockers	Squirt Champs	1967
Softball	Cobourg Legion Squirts	Squirt Champs	1968
Hockey	Cobourg Novice Roadrunners		1968-1969
Baseball	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee Pirates		1969
Hockey	Cobourg -Ingram Motors Pee Wee	Eastern Ontario Little NHL Champs	1969-70
Baseball	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee Pirates	OBA Champs	1970
Hockey	Colborne Hawks Bantams	Bantam Eastern Ontario Champs	1970-71
Baseball	Cobourg Bullets Bantams	Won OBA Bantam "A" Championship	1971
Hockey	Grafton-Colborne Bantams		1971-72
Baseball	Cobourg Bullets		1972
Hockey	Grafton - Colborne Bantams	OMHA Bantam D Champs	1972-73
Softball	Plainville	Hamilton Twp. Softball League	1973
Basketball	CDCI East Midget Viking	Kawartha Midget AA Champs	1973-74
Hockey	Colborne Midgets ?		1973-74
Baseball	Cobourg Kinsmen Midgets		1974
Hockey	Cobourg Cougars		1974-75
Softball	Sommerville's Juvenile's		1975
Softball	Grafton Juvenile's		1975
Hockey	Cobourg Cougars	Jr. O.H.A. Provincial Finalists	1975-76
Softball	Grafton Juvenile's		1976
Hockey	Colborne Junior D Mustangs		1976-77
Softball	Grafton Juniors		1977
Hockey	Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League		1977-78
Softball	Clarke Brothers Sharpies	Cobourg Men's Softball Champs	1978
Softball	Coldsprings Cats	Eastern Ontario Fastball League	1978
Softball	Oshawa Tony's	Ontario Fastball League	July '78
Hockey	Lyle's Variety, Cobourg Mercantile League	1st in Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League	1978-79
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Sr. Western Men's Fastball Champs	1979
Hockey	Lyle's Variety, Cobourg Mercantile		1979-80
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Sr. Canadian Amateur Softball Assoc.	1980
Hockey	Lyle's Variety, Cobourg Mercantile		1980-81
Fastball	Brookfield Elks, N.S. Represented Canada at the World's in Santa Clara, California		1981
Fastball	Dome Petroleum Played in the Stars &		1981
Hockey	Intermediate B in Calgary		1981-82
Fastball	Dome Petroleum		1982

Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team		1983
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch		1983
Fastball	Team Canada - Pan American Games-	Team won Gold	1983
Fastball	Camrose Merchants		1984
Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team	Team won Gold	1984
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch	Placed 3rd Internation Softall Conference	1984
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch		1985
Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team		1985
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch		1986
Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team	Team won Gold	1986
Fastball	Saskatoon Team	21 Day Tour in Taiwan, China & Japan	1986
Fastball	Canadian National Team		1987
Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City		1987
Fastball	Canadian National Team		1988
Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City	ISC World Champs	1988
Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City		1989
Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team		1989
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Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City		1991
Fastball	Canadian Men's National Team		1991
Fastball	National Health Care		1992
Fastball	Canadian Team		1992
Fastball	Sioux City Gateway Soos	American Softball Assoc.	1993
Fastball	Sioux City Gateway Soos	American Softball Assoc.	1995
	Coached Canadian Men's National Team		2006-2011
	Coaching Canadian Women's National Team		2017-Present

Championship Teams

Sport	Team		Year
Softball	Grafton Shell Shockers	Squirt Champs	1967
Softball	Cobourg Legion Squirts	Squirt Champs	1968
Softball	Cobourg Legion Squirt Red Wings	OASA Champs	1969
Baseball	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee Pirates	EOBA Pee Wee A	1969
Baseball	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee Pirates	OBA Finalists	1969
Baseball	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee Pirates	OBA Champs	1970
Hockey	Cobourg -Ingram Motors Pee Wee	Eastern Ontario Little NHL Champs	1969-70
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Softball	Sommerville's Juniors	OASA Juvenile B Champs	1975
Hockey	Cobourg Cougars	OHA Finalists	1975-76
Softball	Grafton Juveniles	OASA Juvenile "B" Finalist	1976
Softball	Grafton Juniors	OASA Junior B Champs	1977
Softball	Clarke Brothers Sharpies	Cobourg Men's Softball Champs	1978
Hockey	Lyle's Variety	Cobourg Mercantile League Champs	1979
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Senior Western Fastball Champs	1979
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Western Major Fastball League Champions	1980
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Canadian National Bronze Champs	1980
Fastball	Team Canada	World Silver Medalists	1981
Fastball	Brookfield Elks, N.S. Represented Canada at the World's in Santa Clara, California	Silver Medalists	1981
Fastball	Team Canada	Won Gold at the Pan American Games in Caraca, Venezuela	1983
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Captures Bonze at Canadian National Men's Sr.	1983
Fastball	Camrose Merchants	Won Canadian National Men's Sr.'s	1984
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch	Won Canadian National Men's Sr.'s	1985
Fastball	Alberta Brake & Clutch	Won Canadian National Men's Sr.'s	1986
Fastball	Penn Corp.	ISC World Champs	1988
Fastball	Penn Corp.	ISC World Champs	1989
Fastball	Penn Corp.	American Softball Assoc. Champs	1989
Fastball	Penn Corp.	American Softball Assoc. Champs	1990
Fastball	Penn Corp.	ISC World Finalists	1990
Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City	International Softball Conference Champs	1991
Fastball	Penn Corp. Sioux City	American Softball Assoc. Champs	1991
Fastball	National Health Care, Sioux City	World Champions	1992
Fastball	National Health Care, Sioux City	American Softball Assoc. Champs	1992
Fastball	Team Canada	World Championship	1992

	Individual Awards/Citations	
Year		
1968-69	Lead Scorer	CCHL
1969-70	Most Outstanding Player	Cobourg Ingram Pee Wee's
1970	Batting Chamption	Cobourg Legion Pee Wee's
1974-75	Rookie of the Year	Cobourg Cougars Jr. C
1975	MVP	Grafton Fastball Tournament "B" Division
1976	Male Athlete of the Year	Cobourg Kinsmen Junior's
1976	MVP	Grafton Fastball Tournament "A" Division
1977	MVP	Grafton Softball Tournament "A" Division
1978	MVP	Cobourg Town League Playoff's
1979	MVP	Cobourg Mercantile League
Oct. 1979	Western Major Fastball League	Named to All Star Team
"	Most Improved Player	Camrose Merchants Fastball Team
1980	MVP	Cobourg Mercantile League
1980	Named to the All Canadian Team	Camrose Merchants Fastball Team
Between	Named All Star in -	
1983	MidWest Fastball League, Regina	
and	Saskatoon Invitational Tournament	
1986	Calgary Super Tounrament	
	Camrose World Series of Fastball	
	Canadian & World Championships	
	Named Most Valuable Player in-	
1985	Canadian National Team	
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1987	International Softball Conference	
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1995	International Softball Conference	
1995	Inducted into Canadian National Men's Softball Hall of Fame	
2002	Inducted into International Softball Conference Hall of Fame	

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Kernaghan elected to ISC Hall of Fame

Dick Champ, Journal Sports Writer | E-mail Aug 21, 2001

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Marty Kernaghan had many thrills over a fast-pitch softball career that stretched over four decades.

Now, the Sioux Cityan adds one more. He's been elected to the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame.

Kernaghan will be inducted in ceremonies at next year's ISC World Tournament at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, his native province.

The 41-year-old has stood on the top step of the awards ladder in four major tournaments - some of them more than once. The highlight, for him, was the first ISC World title as a member of Sioux City's fast-pitch powerhouse, Penn Corp.

There were also championships in the Canadian national tournament, the Amateur Softball Association, the International Softball Federation and the Pan American Games. He was on Penn Corp/National Health Care Discount teams that won both the ISC and ASA. He played for the Canadian team that won the ISF and the Pan Am crown.

The latter two, of course, came before he first moved to Sioux City to play infield for Penn Corp and serve as pilot and assistant to Ken Opstein, at that time Penn Corp's top man in Sioux City.

He's now chief pilot for Bekins Distribution. "That keeps me away (from home) a lot from September to about mid-May," he says. "But it also gives me time to help coach the North girls softball team."

One of the stars for the Stars is Kernaghan's daughter, Jennie, a senior at North this school year. The other daughter of Marty and the former Beverley Macklin is 10-year-old Abby. She has already played a couple of years in Siouxland Youth Athletics leagues.

Not surprisingly for a boy growing up in Canada, Kernaghan, a former director of player

personnel for the Sioux City Musketeers, also used a hockey stick. "I had my shot but it didn't work out," he says, noting that he has no regrets.

His softball career started "when I was about 9." His first year of Senior softball was with Oshawa (Ontario) Tony. He spent two years with the Camrose, Alberta, Merchants in the Western Major Fastball League and made the top all-star team both seasons; in 1980 he was league batting champion.

He was again a first-team all-star in 1981 (Dome Petroleum of Alberta), '82, '84, '85 and '86 (Alberta Brake and Clutch). Each of those teams was in the Alberta Major Fastball League.

Kernaghan won league batting championships with Alberta Brake and Clutch in 1982, '84 and '85. He was voted to the all-Canadian team in '81, '82, '84 and '85, and was a second-team all-Canadian choice in 1983.

Alberta Brake and Clutch won the Canadian national championship from 1983-86 and the Pan Am gold medal in 1983. Kernaghan was named most valuable player for the Canadian national team in 1985 and '86 and was first voted to the ISC all-world team in 1985 when he was named most valuable player in the ISC tourney and runner-up for Calgary Male Athlete of the Year.

In 1987, Opstein and Gale Kurtz, the Penn Corp manager, enticed him to move to Sioux City, where he played for both of this community's fast-pitch juggernauts before they finally folded.

"The Penn Corp/NHCD teams were no doubt the best teammates I ever had," Kernaghan said. Some opponents he most remembers are Brian Rothrock and Peter Meredith.

"There were lots of pitchers who gave me trouble," he admits with a chuckle; "Daren Zak may have been chief among them."

He's hoping that many of his Canadian friends, as well as his parents, Jack and Pat Kernaghan who still live in Grafton, Ontario, will be on hand for his Hall of Fame induction next summer.

That would be the latest in a long line of softball thrills.

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Fastball Player Extraordinaire

Marty Kernaghan

Acclaimed in his playing days as *"one of the best softball players in the world"*, Marty Kernaghan first saw that world in Grafton, Ontario in 1958. From very early on, Marty showed exceptional skills in his chosen sports of hockey, softball/fastball and baseball. In 1969, at age 11, he won his first Ontario Amateur Softball Championship, and was winner or finalist three times over the next eight years.

Also at eleven, Marty was an Ontario Baseball Association finalist and the next year was part of the championship team.

Awards in hockey were a little later coming. In 1976 his *Cobourg Cougar* team was a finalist in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, and in 1978 his team was the champions.

That spring, then playing fastball with the *Cold Springs Cats*, Marty switched to the *Oshawa Tony's* team, playing as a right fielder. *Tony's* went on to the International Softball Congress tournament where Marty hit 3 home runs. Marty Kernaghan got noticed!



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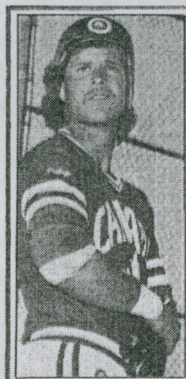
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In 2002 Marty Kernaghan was elected to the International Softball Conference Fastball Hall of Fame.

He currently resides and works in Florida, USA.



Memorabilia on Display at Scrimshaw's Sporting Goods



As a youngster, Marty once convinced his sister, Shelley, to grab a glove and catch for him. While working on his rise ball, one of Marty's pitches really rose and tipped off the top of Shelley's glove, hit her right between the eyes, broke her glasses in half and broke her nose. Unfortunately, Marty was not able to persuade Shelley to tape up her glasses, get a towel to mop up the blood (so mom would not find out!) and continue catching.

(ISC Hall of Fame)

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Professional Summary:

Effective, decisive, visionary leader who possesses 30 years of softball experience, both as a player and coach. Directly involved in the development and counseling of athletes in a highly competitive environment. Outstanding ability to analyze performances and techniques in order to prepare athletes for competition. Excellent presentation and communication skills. High-impact individual who will bring immediate success to enthusiastic individuals.

Coaching Experience:

2005 - (Present)	Assistant Coach / Evaluator Canadian Men's National Softball Team
2004 - 2005	Assistant Coach - Sergeant Bluff High School Softball
2000 - 2003	Associate Head Coach - Sioux City North High School Softball, 2 yrs State Qualifier
1999 - 2000	Head Softball Coach - A.S.A. Girls 14 & Under, Iowa State Champions
1994 - 1999	Head Softball Coach - Siouxland Youth Athletics, Girls 12 & Under League Champions
1987-1995	Player / Coach - Penn Corp (N.H.C.D) Fastpitch Softball Club

Playing Experience:

- International Softball Federation / Gold Medal - Canadian National Team
- Pan American Games / Gold Medal - Canadian National Team
- 4-time International Softball Congress World Champion
- 4-time A.S.A. National Champion
- 4-time Canadian National Champion
- 6-time All World Tournament Selection
- 4-time A.S.A. All Tournament Selection
- 2-time Most Valuable Player - Canadian National Championship
- International Softball Congress World Tournament - Most Valuable Player
- International Softball Congress Hall of Fame Inductee
- Canadian National Softball Hall of Fame Inductee

Marty

1969
April Trophy

COBURG LEGION

1968

SQUIRT CHAMPS

Cobourg Novice Roadrunners stressed team play throughout the 1968-69 hockey season, but the player who stood out above the crowd was defenceman Marty Kernaghan.

Occasionally accused of getting caught up the ice and of hanging on to the puck too long, the big Grafton lad still earned the tag as Roadrunners' most valuable asset.

Kernaghan overpowered Novice goaltenders with his shot. He handed out the stiffest checks. Undisputably, he was Roadrunners' most prominent and dominant player, taking the entire season into account.

Partial confirmation of it came via the following statistics of the teams' 32 games against out-of-town opponents.

	G	A	Pts.
Marty Kernaghan	39	23	62
Kim LaFontaine	13	10	23
Peter Sweet	11	11	22
Garry Gordon	15	5	20
Paul Kelly	14	4	18
Jim O'Rourke	4	13	17
Mike Ryan	4	10	14
David Davidson	3	10	13
Steve Graham	4	8	12
Barry Alexander	2	7	9
Tim Spiers	2	5	7
Phil Choiniere	0	6	6
Jim Greavette	0	5	5
David Pascoe	1	3	4
Billy Godin	0	3	3
Greg Vansickle	1	0	1
Tony Huskilon	0	1	1

Roadrunners finished the year with a record of 14 wins, 14 losses and 4 ties. Their goaltenders Allen Samis and Billy Robbins allowed 95 goals (for combined average of 2.97) while their shooters collected 113.



Marty, Pete Lead Way

Novice Roadrunners Ride Past Trenton

Cobourg Novice All-Stars adopted a new team nickname last week and promptly scored more goals than in any previous game since Bill Rollings and Bill Bayman assumed control of the club over a year ago.

The "Roadrunners", led by Marty Kernaghan and Peter Sweet, rolled to a 9-3 exhibition bonanza over Trenton here Friday night.

Kernaghan posted 3 goals and 2 assists, while Sweet collected a hat trick and 1 helper. Jim O'Rourke, Kim LaFontaine and Paul Kelly sank the remaining markers.

MANAGER - GEORGE TOTTEN.
COACH - STEVE BRADFORD.

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Shell Shockers Tower Of Power

Any team that plays an entire season without losing a game in 17 starts and out-scores the opposition 214-25 in the process has to be special.

Grafton Shell Shockers fall into that category. Manager Jim Spiers and coach Sandy Kernaghan will testify to it.

That makes it unanimous because all the other Squirt teams in the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball League grudgingly will agree that the Grafton club had no peer this year.

Confirmation of Shell Shockers' superiority came last Wednesday night, over four months after it all began, in the form of an 11-8 victory over the cinderella Yankees. It clinched the Squirt grand championship.

Yankees, the surprise team of the playoffs who knocked off perennial finalists Tigers

and Twins, dropped behind 8-2 in the first three innings and never did catch up, although they staged an admirable rally in the closing two innings.

Marty Kernaghan, the sparkplug of Shell Shockers all season, limited Yanks to 4 base hits. He struck out 21 batters and walked a pair.

Kim LaFontaine and Richard Graham surrendered 11 safeties, issued 8 free tickets and fanned 13 in defeat.

Catcher Jim O'Rourke paced Grafton offensively with a homer and 2 singles. Tim Spiers added 2 singles while Kernaghan slugged a round-tripper, singled and drew 3 walks.

Personnel of the champions included Paul Ingram, Neil Francis, John (Jay) Bottoms, Bob Logel, Gordie Prentice, Greg Eagleson, Steve Houston, Greg Usher, Spiers, Kernaghan and O'Rourke.



The undefeated Grafton Shell Shockers, Squirt grand champions of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball League: Front Row, from left — Paul Ingram, Greg Eagleson, batboy Tommy Spiers, Neil Francis, Pete Longhurst, Roger

May; Middle — Kevin Bates, Gordie Prentice, Tim Spiers, Bob Logel, Jay Bottoms; Back Row — manager Jim Spiers, Marty Kernaghan, Jim O'Rourke, Gerard Logel and coach Sandy Kernaghan.

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LEGION SOFTBALL

KINGPIN FOR SHELL SHOCKERS

Marty Kernaghan The Grafton Whiff Kid

If there was any lingering doubt who the most valuable player in the Squirt division of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball League is, it was removed officially last Saturday when Grafton Shell Shockers and Twins, generally regarded as the top two Squirt teams in the circuit, met head on.

By the time the dust had settled, Marty Kernaghan had confirmed what many people know all along — that he's the Grafton whiz kid and whiff kid.

All Marty did was strike out 13 Twins and knock in 6 runs to power Shell Shockers to an 8-5 decision.

Kernaghan clouted his 5th and 6th homers of the year and added a single for good measure. On the mound, he's now fanned 42 batters in 18 innings.

Contributing 2 hits apiece in the Grafton attack on loser Harry Cortesis were Terry Turk and Tim Spiers. Cortesis, who struck out 11, homered in vain. Twins' centre-fielder Mike Ryan made the outstanding catch of the keenly-contested tussle.

Grafton clobbered Yankees, 22-0. Marty Kernaghan authored a no-hitter and fanned 16 in victory. At bat, he sparked Shell Shockers with 2 homers, 2 singles and a double. Jim O'Rourke was runner-up with 2 singles, a double and triple. Tim Spiers had 3 singles.

Grafton bested Orioles, 7-2, Thursday in their first game. Farty Kernaghan had 16 strikeouts while limiting Orioles to 2 hits. At bat, he homered and tripled off loser John West. Logel and Prentice collected 2 singles each for Shell Shockers. *Sept 27/68*

Monday, Shell Shockers ousted Orioles with a 10-5 come-from-behind victory. Marty Kernaghan allowed 4 hits and struck out 15 in victory, retiring the last 13 batters in a row. Al Davidson lost. Kernaghan had 2 singles and a homer for Grafton, Jim O'Rourke slugging 2 singles.

Elsewhere, Grafton Shell Shockers unveiled another fine pitcher in Terry Turk en route to a 19-1 rout of Athletics. Turk yielded only 3 safeties and whiffed 15. Hugh Wallace was pinned with the reverse. Top Grafton hitter was Marty Kernaghan with 2 singles, a triple and homer. Neil Francis had 3 singles. For A's, Jim Grevette claimed a double and single. *May 31/68*

June 7/68
Marty Kernaghan fanned 15 and spaced 7 hits Saturday night at Grafton as the homestanding Shell Shockers tamed Tigers, 11-3. Marty helped his own cause with 2 homers and a single. Sharing mound chores for Totten's gang were David Davidson and Andy Tidd. Joey Mikus belted 2 singles and a double.



SHELL SHOCKERS

Elsewhere, Grafton swept their quarter-final from Expos by a 15-2 count over Expos. Marty Kernaghan didn't surrender a hit in striking out 17 Expos. Brian Dolley, Gary Hope and Randy Dolley of the losers gave up 3 hits each to Tim Spiers and Kernaghan.

Cobourg pitcher hurls team to Ontario finals

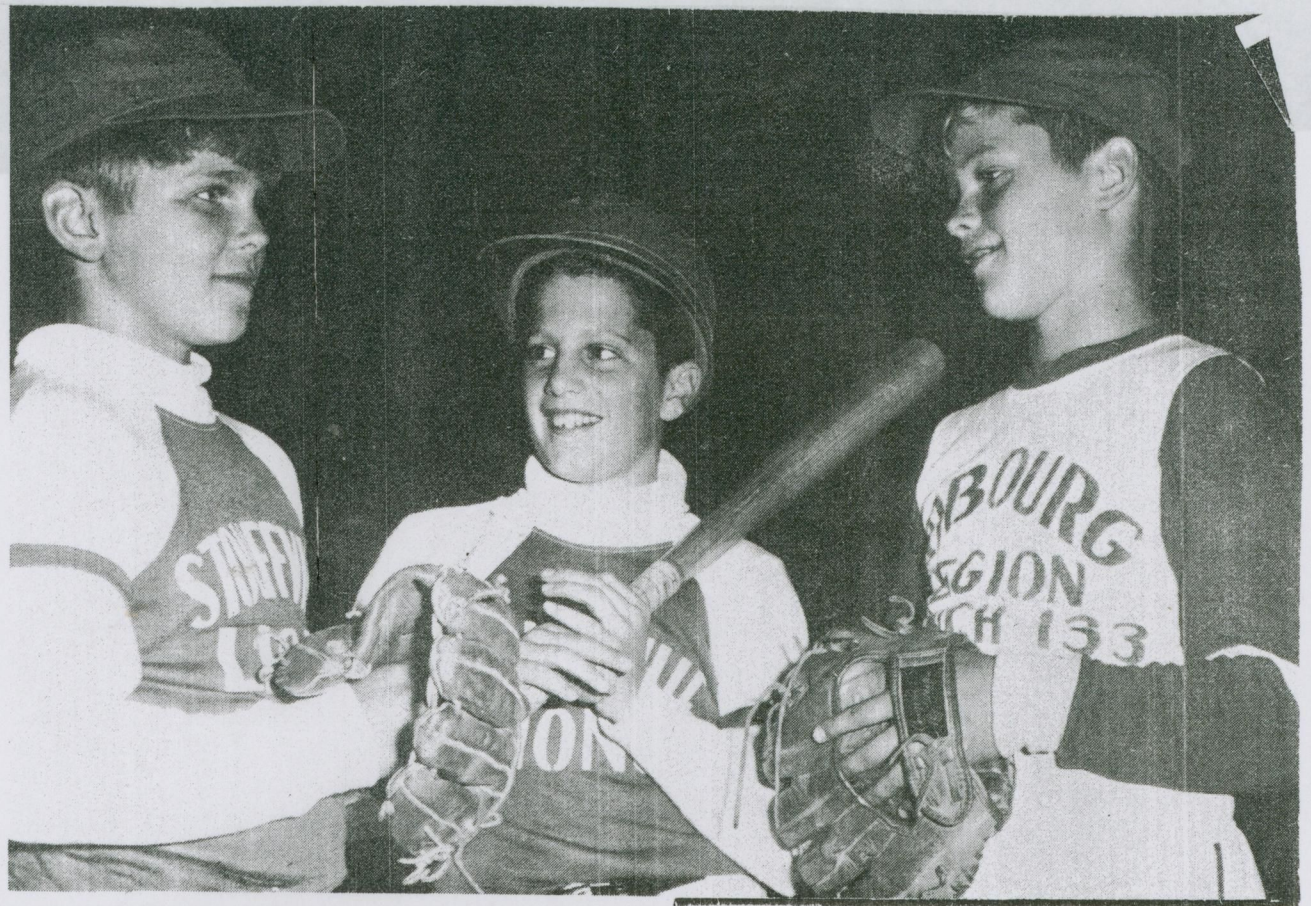
STOUFFVILLE — You can't hit what you can't see as the saying goes, and the whirlwind speed of Cobourg's Marty Karnaghan sent three strikes past 14 Stouffville batters, Saturday night.

The visitors blanked the 'Lions' Squirt team 3-0 to sweep the Ontario semi-final series in two straight. Only first-sacker, Keith Acton could collect a hit and he was nipped at second on a fielder's choice. Howie Jones on the hill for Stouffville, yielded 8 safeties including a 2-run homer in the first. It was pitcher Karnaghan who socked the round-tripper. He also connected for a single in the 7th.

It was the fastest played contest in the park this season, completing the entire seven innings in 45 minutes. Morris Procenko of Markham officiated at the plate with Gord Todd of Goodwood on the bases.

Stouffville enjoyed little success at bat but left fielder Doug Feasby brought the crowd to its feet with a dazzling defensive play. With two Cobourg boys on base, Jerry Tuck slammed a hard drive that appeared headed for the daisies. Feasby, on the dead run, snagged the ball with a grandstand catch that drew applause from even rival fans.

So effective was Karnaghan's effort that he sent the Stouffville side down in order in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Not a single player reached second base.



Good natured rivalry was in evidence both on and off the field as Stouffville 'Lions' bowed to Cobourg, Saturday in the second game of the all-Ontario semi-finals. Shown here are (left to right) Doug Feasby and Keith Acton of Stouffville and Marty Karnaghan of Cobourg. Marty, the winning pitcher, twirled a sparkling 1-hitter.
—Jas. Thomas

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- Cobourg's Kernaghen flips a ONE HIT, 19 strike-out 22 to 0 win over Cartwright
- Owen Sound's Brad Underwood (following in fathers foot-steps) whiffed no less than 17 Parry Sound batsmen; allowing 2 bunt singles to win 21 to 0.

COACHES — JIM BRADFORD AND TOM SAVAGE

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Squirt Red Wings Bear Down To Muzzle Stouffville Lions

Sept 13/69

Cobourg Legion Red Wings came through in the clutch Saturday evening at Victoria Park to grab a one-game lead in Ontario Amateur Softball Association Squirt semi-finals.

Capitalizing on their opportunities and foiling their opponent's more frequent chances, Red Wings shut out Stouffville Lions, 3-0, in a speedy playoff struggle that took less than an hour to complete.

The two teams play the return game in Stouffville this Saturday at 6:30. Wings know they'll need a top effort to beat a good Stouffville team on its own field.

For most of the Red Wings, it was an accomplishment just to be on deck for last Saturday's game. Most of the boys had played baseball earlier in the day either in Georgetown, Thorold or Milton. Starters Kim LaFontaine

and Joey Mikus, for instance, didn't arrive back from Thorold until 15 seconds before plate umpire Red Alexander called "Play Ball".

Pitcher Marty Kernaghan's ability to bear down with men in scoring position was a big factor in the outcome. In each of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings, Stouffville had runners on second and third base but Kernaghan escaped via key strikeouts.

Marty allowed 5 hits, struck out 14 and didn't walk a batter in posting the victory. Loser Howie Jones yielded just 4 safeties, fanned 8 and issued 1 free pass.

Jones retired the first 10 batters he faced until Joey Mikus worked a walk in the 4th. Mikus scored the game-winning run moments later on a single by Randy Dolley. LaFontaine singled home Dave Davidson, aboard via an error, with an insurance run

in the 5th. Singles by Kernaghan and Terry Turk, sandwiched around a Stouffville miscue, produced the final tally in the 6th.

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Red Wings turned in a solid performance at Barrie Wednesday to bury Owen Sound, 9-2, in the showdown of that quarter-final round.

Behind 2-1 after 4 innings, the branch 133 squad rallied for 4 runs in the 5th and never looked back.

In victory, Kernaghan flipped a 2-hitter and whiffed 13. Wings raked Brad Underwood and Tom White for 8 hits.

Kernaghan supplied most of the power with 2 homers, colleague Turk blasting 1.

Wings Bury Cartwright

Kernaghan Almost Masters Perfection

Cobourg Legion Red Wings breezed into the second round of Ontario Amateur Softball Association Squirt playdowns as easily as pitcher Marty Kernaghan breezed third strikes past Cartwright batters last week.

Cartwright, making their debut in OASA playdowns this year, simply were no match for the branch 133 Red Wings who rolled to 22-0 and 7-1 victories.

Kernaghan was the big gun for George Totten, Tom Savage and Jim Bradford's crew. In the opener here last Tuesday, Marty struck out 19 batters and authored a 2-hitter as Wings piled up an insurmountable lead.

At bat, he paced Cobourg's 23-hit attack with 4 singles. Other hitting standouts were Harry Cortesis with a homer and 2 singles, Dave Davidson with a double and 2 singles,

and Jim O'Rourke with 3 safeties.

Kernaghan came close to throwing a perfect game in the return contest at Blackstock on Friday. Marty retired the first 18 batters he faced before Cartwright's Felstead reached base via an error leading off the final inning and later scored the losers' only run of the series.

The ace righthander still fashioned a no-hitter, faced just 23 batters and struck out 15. Kernaghan again went 4 for 4 at the plate. Included were three homers. Terry Turk also hit for the circuit.

Denis Cayer contributed 3 singles to the 15-hit Red Wing offence. Paul Kelly, Jim O'Rourke and Randy Dolley added 2 blows apiece.

Red Wings met Oshawa in the second round, with the first game tonight at Sinclair Park.

IT WAS JUST TWO MUCH!

Squirts Embalm Sarnia Lock Up Ontario Title

When you play Cobourg Legion Red Wings, you can stop some of them some of the time but you definitely can't stop all of them all of the time.

That trait is the mark of champions. And Cobourg Red Wings are just that after squeezing out a 3-2 extra inning victory on a rain-soaked field at Sarnia Saturday afternoon.

The results clinched the OASA provincial Squirt final series in two straight games and gave the branch 133 team its second Ontario championship in the past three years.

Manager George Totten naturally was delighted by the outcome but he was especially encouraged that Red Wings were able to prove they weren't a one-man team. Some of the boys, who had played in the shadow of outstanding pitcher-batter Marty Kernaghan most of the season, came through in the clutch to account for the offence in the last game.

With Kernaghan collared at bat for one of the rare times in 1969, the rest of the Cobourg kids dug in and picked up the slack.

Decisive run was scored in the top of the 8th inning. Leadoff batter Paul Kelly ignited the winning rally by beating out an infield blooper that dropped between the 3rd baseman and shortstop. Joey Mikus followed with a single to centre and Kernaghan, who had flied out in his previous two appearances, was intentionally walked to load the bases.

The drama was intensified when Harry Cortesis watched the first three pitches to him for balls, then was called out on strikes. Dave Davidson

eased the suspense by lofting a fly ball to left field. Sarnia's Rick Cook making a fine shoestring putout on it, to enable Kelly to tag up and score after the catch.

Cobourg collected their other 2 runs in the 2nd on Jim O'Rourke's wrong-field homer down the right foul line. It came with Davidson aboard via a walk.

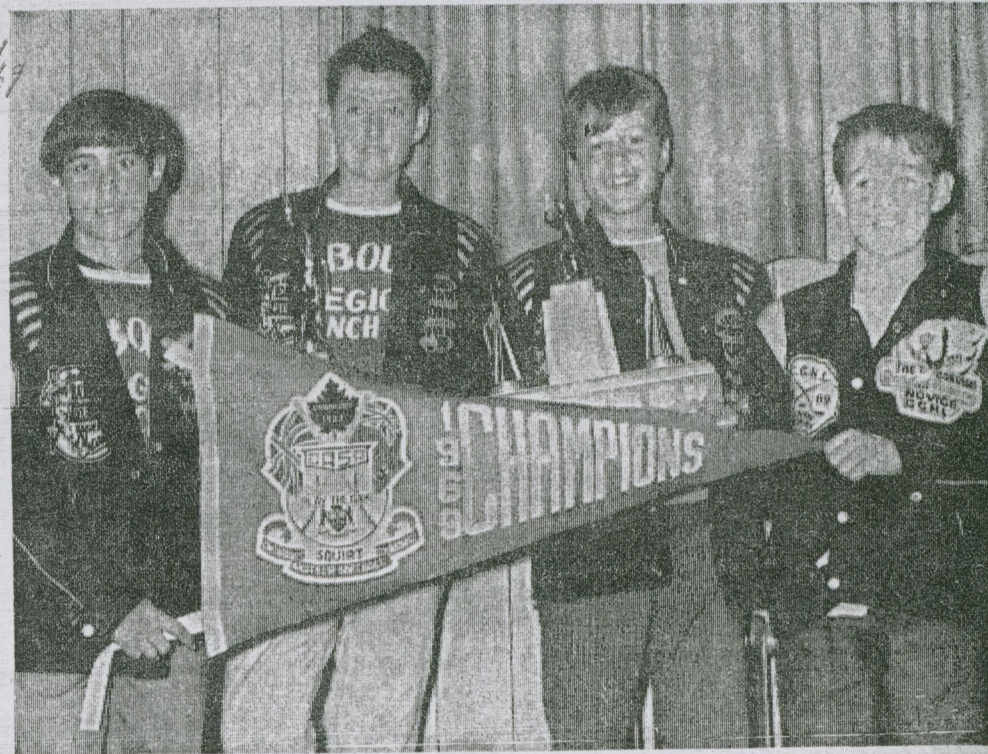
Sarnia levelled the score in the 4th on a single by Ron Fralais, two Red Wing miscues and a fielder's choice.

While Marty Kernaghan didn't swing a hot bat as per usual, his pitching performance was superb as it normally is. Marty limited Sarnia to 1 base hit, passed 4 and struck out 15.

Losers Brian Walker yielded 5 safeties, issued 3 free tickets and fanned 9. Paul Kelly was chief tormenter with 2 singles and a walk.

Red Wings, en route to capturing the Lauria Trophy, didn't permit Cartwright, Oshawa, Marmora, Owen Sound, Stouffville or Sarnia more than 2 runs in any playoff game.

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These four boys formed the winning batteries for Cobourg Legion's two provincial championship teams. From left, Wee catcher Garth Kelly and Squirt receiver Jim O'Rourke display an OASA pennant while pitchers Ed Clarey, second from left, of the Jets and Marty Kernaghan of the Red Wings hold the trophies.

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Pirates Triumph At CNE

Cobourg Legion Pirates scored three runs in the 4th inning Monday morning to snap a 2-2 tie and went on to drub Dundas, 7-2, in the opening game of the CNE peewee baseball tournament in Toronto.

Kim LaFontaine knocked in the go-ahead runs with the first of his two singles. Phil Krauter, who led Pirates with 3 singles, then drove in LaFontaine.

Marty Kernaghan pitched a 4-hitter and struck out 11 to post the win. Loser Jeff Homulos yielded 10 hits and fanned 7.

Brad Sherwin was the other multiple hitter for Cobourg with a double and single.

Pirates meet Hamilton Police in their next CNE start next Monday.

Hidden Ball Trick Stymies Port Hope

The hidden ball trick is one of baseball's oldest surprise plays, but it's tried so often in peewee ranks that it rarely pays off in a putout.

The exception happened, however, last Tuesday night here. Cobourg Legion Pirates pulled the play to perfection in the seventh inning of their EOBA game with Port Hope

Legionaires to preserve a 6-4 triumph.

Port Hope had the trying runs on base with none out in the 7th when Pirates caught them napping. Shortstop Marty Kernaghan hid the ball in his glove, waited until T. Devine of the visitors led off third base, then fired the ball to Rick Stevenson who put the tag on the startled Devine. Seconds later, the other

Port Hope runner was thrown out by catcher Phil Krauter attempting to steal to end the threat.

Lefty Kim LaFontaine toiled the route on an 8-hitter to chalk up the win. Pinned with the defeat was Pete Meadows. He allowed 5 hits.

Dwight Beer paced Cobourg's sputtering attack with a double and single. Billy Austin had 2 singles for Port Hope.

Pirates thumped Whitby, 11-0, at Donegan Park on Thursday.

Marty Kernaghan fashioned his second no-hitter of the season against Whitby. He struck out 9 and walked 4 en route. Ken Samanski, who yielded 9 hits, was nailed with the reverse.

Phil Krauter and Kernaghan each had 2 hits to spearhead Cobourg at the plate.

Cobourg Legion Peewee Pirates EOBA Champions

The weather was torrid, but it was strictly no sweat for Cobourg Legion Pirates last week as they breezed to the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association peewee 'A' championship for the second year in a row.

After polishing off Port Hope, 10-5, here Tuesday in the decisive game of the semi-final round, Pat Doherty's boys locked up a berth in OBA playdowns by smearing Trenton, 25-2, on Thursday at Donegan Park and 17-2 on Saturday in Trenton.

In the clincher, Pirates unleashed a 16-hit barrage to bury the outclassed Trenton aggregation. Ervin Wilson and Bob Thompson, who bore the brunt of the attack, walked 5 and struck out 6.

With a big cushion to work on, Marty Kernaghan coasted along on a 4-hitter for the win. He fanned 12 and passed 2.

Top hand for Cobourg at the plate was Garth Cochrane with a homer and 2 triples. Jim Robins and Brad Sherwin contributed a triple and single to the cause while Phil Krauter and Dwight

Bear added 2 singles apiece.

Pirates splurged for 12 runs in the third inning Thursday here and romped to a ridiculously easy victory. By the time the dust had settled, they had 23 hits and 25 runs.

Marty Kernaghan tossed the first 4 innings and Kim LaFontaine the last 3, restricting Trenton to 4 hits and whiffing 10. Bob Thompson, soon to be a Cobourg resident, absorbed the setback.

Leading the charge were Kernaghan with 3 singles, a double and triple, Dwight Beer with 4 singles, Garth Cochrane with a triple and 2 singles and Ted Hastings with 3 singles.

Against Port Hope, Kernaghan spun 3-hit ball and struck out 15. Loser Billy Austin yielded 11 safeties and fanned 6.

Kernaghan swung Pirates' hottest bat with 2 singles and a 5th inning homer. Phil Krauter tripled and singled and Hastings banded out 2 singles to share runner-up honors. Port Hope's leader was Pete Meadows with a single and 3-run homer.

Cobourg And Thorold Peewees Play Tit For Tat In Finals

Marty Kernaghan is only a squirt playing pee wee baseball but he was a mighty big hero as far as Cobourg Legion Pirates were concerned on Sunday.

Kernaghan got good wood on a fastball in the top of the twelfth inning with two strikes on him, two men out and a runner on third base, drilling a single to centre that gave Pirates a spine-tingling 3-2 marathon victory over Thorold Legionaires at Thorold.

The win enabled Pat Doherty's gang to even the provincial OBA Pee Wee 'A' final at a game apiece and force a decisive showdown on neutral ground this Saturday.

The timely blow by Kernaghan came with Danny McBride in scoring position via a double off the fence and a sacrifice bunt by Rob Dunn. It capped a great team effort by Pirates whose backs were against the wall after bowing, 2-0, on their home field to Thorold the previous day.

"That was the best ball game I've ever seen as a Pee Wee coach," exclaimed an elated Pat Doherty.

Lefthander Paul Bevan toiled magnificently on the Cobourg mound for the entire 12 innings to post a well-deserved triumph. Paul limited Thorold to 6 base hits, walked just 4 and struck out 15.

Thorold picked up the game's first run in the 4th on a double by Petti, a stolen base and catcher Phil Krauter's overthrow. Petti also singled home Perrotta with Thorold's other tally in the 5th. Bevan shut out the home side thereafter.

Pirates struck for 2 runs in

their half of the 5th. Krauter singled and McBride walked. When Rob Dunn beat out a bunt and the Thorold infielder overthrew on the play, Krauter scored. Moments later, McBride rode home on a

perfect squeeze bunt by Kernaghan.

Gualtieri started on the hill for Thorold but was yanked in the 4th in favor of Gazzola. The latter, who blanked Cobourg here in the series opener, was tagged with the defeat. Pirates collected 10 hits while 15 fanned.

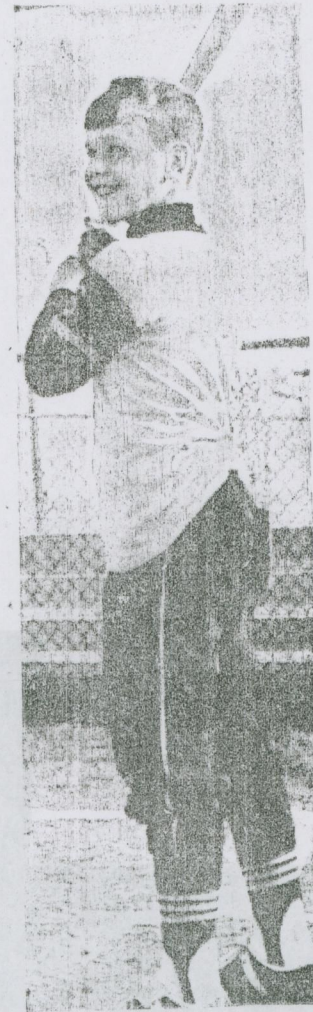
Swinging the big bats were Ed Clarey with a double and a single, and Kernaghan, Krauter and Dunn with 2 singles apiece. McBride doubled and walked twice.

Two superb defensive plays by Cobourg fielders were instrumental in the win. Centrefielder Dan McBride, a standout in the series, threw a perfect peg to the plate to nail Miotto trying to score on Petti's safety in the 5th, and first baseman Doug Choiniere made a clutch leaping catch of Nartiss' liner that was headed for extra bases in the 12th.

Saturday, Pirates weren't sharp at bat or in the field. That was understandable. They hadn't played a game of any consequence since Labor Day. The result was a slim 1-hit output and 6 errors afield that led directly to two unearned Thorold runs.

Gazzola flipped a 1-hitter, struck out 11 and walked just 1 in facing only 23 batters. Loser Dan McBride deserved a better fate. He spun a nifty 3-hitter, passed 1 and claimed 11 strikeout victims. He also claimed Pirates solitary base hit — a double to centre in the 6th.

The speedy tussle, which took just 75 minutes to complete, featured outstanding fielding by Thorold short-stop "Rocky" Gualtieri.



MARTY KERNAGHAN
Drove in 2 runs, including the winner in the 12th inning, as Pirates evened OBA Pee Wee final series.

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Impossible OBA Dream Comes True For Doherty And Legion Peewees

A team which coach Pat Doherty held out little hope for when this season began provided him with his greatest triumph on Sunday.

Cobourg Legion Pirates, underrated and undeterred, succeeded where their 1969 predecessors had failed by bringing the All-Ontario Peewee 'A' baseball championship home to Cobourg and to Branch 133 for the first time in 9 years.

Pirates gave their respected leader what he's craved most in seven years of coaching -- the provincial title. They did it with a dramatic flair, too, defeating South Windsor, 6-4, via a superb team effort in the decisive third game of OBA finals played in Stratford.

One of the first to extend congratulations to Doherty and his champions upon the team's joyous homecoming was EOBA executive John Ryan, the last man to pilot a Cobourg club to an Ontario crown. He managed that feat in 1960-61-62.

As for the game itself, this was strictly a clutch performance by the Cobourg kids. Key fielding plays swung the tide in Pirates' favor.

Leftfielder Paul Kelly was just one of many heroes. In the 4th inning, for instance, he gathered in Mike Quillette's fly ball and doubled off Windsor's Tim Murphy at 2nd base with a perfect peg; in the 6th, he cut short a promising Windsor rally by throwing out Murphy at the plate on Pat Kavanaugh's single.

There were other defensive highlights as well -- such as centrefielder Don Davidson's relay to nail Kavanaugh trying to score in the 4th and rightfielder Ted Hastings' circus catch in the 5th that robbed Joe Ivan of a home run.

And how about that Kim LaFontaine! The gritty little lefthander, sent into the thick of the fray when Marty Kernaghan's throwing arm acted up again, came through with flying colors to post the win. He restricted South Windsor to 6 base hits.

Lefty Mike Quillette started for the losers but he didn't last long, needing relief from sidearmer Ron Rupert. Cobourg batters collected 6 safeties and 3 walks while 9 went down on strikes.

South Windsor, deemed the visiting team by means of a coin toss, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the 1st inning but Pirates came right back with 3 runs in their half. Singles by Garth Cochrane, Ted Hastings and Brad Sherwin, a walk to Dwight Beer and Marty Kernaghan's double featured the outburst.

Cobourg went ahead 6-1 in the 3rd. Phil Krauter and Beer, aboard via walks, both scored on a throwing error by the Windsor third baseman giving Brad Sherwin a life. Sherwin came in moments later on LaFontaine's infield single.

South Windsor replied with 2 runs in the 4th and bases-empty homer by Rupert in the 6th. They also got 2 runners aboard in the 7th with only 1 out but LaFontaine enticed the final 2 batters to pop up to end the game, the series and the season.

Pirates played a grand total of 42 games in 1970, winning 28 and tying 2, but this was, without a doubt, their finest hour.

When the team arrived back in Cobourg, the fire truck and a cavalcade of cars was waiting to escort the team on its victory lap. A short reception followed at the Legion Hall.



ONTARIO CHAMPIONS

COBOURG LEGION PEEWEES - Front Row, from left - Kim LaFontaine, Garth Cochrane, batboy Bobby Robbins, Paul Kelly; Second Row - Dwight Beer, Marty Kernaghan, Jim Robbins, Rick Stevenson, Dave Davidson; Third Row - Harry Cortesis, Rob Davey, Phil Krauter, Mike Cortesis, Don Davidson; Back Row - head coach Pat Doherty, Brad Sherwin, Ted Hastings, assistant coach Doug Choiniere.

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CDCI EAST MIDGET VIKINGS, Kawartha midget 'AA' basketball champions: Front Row, from left - Ian Hendry, Marty Kernaghan, Ron Reitsma, Jim Doyle, Dwight Beer, John Chomitz, manager Kirk Krakenberg; Back Row -

coach Del Dillon, Gord Prentice, Steve Bryden, Mike Hempstead, Gary Titley, Bill Godin, coach Jim Walder, manager Henry Vanderwel.

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MARTY KERNAGHAN was the 1974-75 rookie of the year for Cobourg Cougars' Junior 'C' Hockey Club.

Grafton-Colborne Bantams now are No. 1 in Ontario

Players receive heroes' welcome on return from Ilderton with provincial championship

Grafton-Colborne Bantams climaxed a super season by wrapping up the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Bantam 'D' championship on the weekend.

They outscored Ilderton Lions, 9-6 and 11-9, right in Ilderton to sweep the best-of-seven provincial final series in the minimum four games. It marked the first time that a team representing the Grafton-Colborne area has won an OMHA title.

Coached by veteran Ross Burgess of Cobourg and managed by Dick Raymond of Grafton, this team shrugged off accusations that it relied too heavily on a few key players which would eventually cost them and proceeded to compile a glittering record of 39 victories and only 5 defeats in regularly scheduled, exhibition, tournament and playoff games.

On the playoff trail, the champions disposed of

Marmora, Wellington, Keene, Haliburton, Beeton and Ilderton with only 3 blots marring 19 outings. They gained possession of the Ken G. Waters Trophy, captain Trev McBride accepting it after the final game in Ilderton.

The team was given a rousing welcome home on Monday upon its return from Western Ontario. A parade was staged in Colborne, Cramahe reeve Delbert McLaughlin of-

fering congratulations on the steps of the Town Hall.

The procession moved on to Grafton with the players riding in convertibles. They were greeted by Haldimand reeve Don Campbell at the Haldimand Community Arena which served as the club's home base all season. A reception was held for the team in the evening.

It was another big

weekend for scoring ace Ian Williams. He fired 11 goals in the two games and assisted on 3, giving him a grand total of 20 goals and 5 assists in the final series alone. Williams ended the year with a fantastic 166 goals overall.

In the first game at Ilderton on Saturday, the teams were tied 2-2 after one period and 3-3 at the end of two. Grafton fell behind briefly early in the third period but a 4-goal eruption inside of a 3-

minute span swung the verdict in their favor.

Ilderton narrowed the margin to a single goal but that's as close as they got because William triggered his 4th and 5th goals of the match in the closing few minutes to settle the issue.

Randy Jakobi lent his support to the winning cause with a pair of goals. Marty Kernaghan supplied a goal and 2 assists, Re McBride a goal and helper, Alex Calder assists and Bryan Moore

Hugh Davis led Ilderton with 2 goals. Jim Davis, Wayne Hodgins, Tod McKinlay and Gre Adlington supplied the remainder.

In the clincher on Sunday, Grafton again pulled away in the dying stages of a seesaw thriller to emerge victorious.

After being ahead 3-2 at the end of 20 minutes, 4 after 40 minutes and 6 with just 17 minutes left to play, Grafton blew the lead in a wild-scoring third period and dropped behind twice.

Williams, who played the entire last period except for a short breather, saw the equalizer with 2:15 showing on the digital clock, arranged along with McBride the title-winning goal by Randy Jakobi a mere seconds later, and then netted the insurance tally with only 18 seconds remaining.

Ian, who predicted before the game started that the final score would be 11-7 and he would score 7 goals, wasn't far off either count. He popped 6 goals to spearhead the attack again.

Kernaghan contributed hat trick and 1 assist. Jakobi a goal and 3 assists. McBride 3 assists, Alex Calder 1 of each.

Replying for Lions were Jim Davis with 4 goals, Murray Connolly with Grant Clark and Adlington with singles.

Grafton Bantams bury Haliburton

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The Grafton Colborne Bantams crushed Haliburton, 11-3, Friday night at the Haldimand Community Centre in Grafton to wrap up their OMHA best-of-five Bantam 'D' series in three straight games.

Ross Burgess and Dick Raymond's troops thereby advanced to provincial semi-finals against Beeton.

Friday's clincher was another rough and tumble affair interrupted by 39 penalties. The Peterborough referees assessed 20 of them to the losers.

Both sides lost a player due to a match penalty at the tailend of the game. Fred Ferguson of the winners got his for butt-ending a referee. A Haliburton player received a match for throwing his stick and taking a swing at one of the officials.

The Grafton club took a 2-0 lead in the game in the first 10 minutes. Marty Kernaghan began the scoring in the opening minute on passes from Ian Williams and Randy Jakobi. Nine minutes later, Jakobi clicked from Williams.

Haliburton sliced the margin in half before the first intermission but Grafton built their advantage to 4-1 by midway in the second. Kevin Bates and Ian Williams were the marksmen.

The second goal of the game by Haliburton was answered with two Grafton markers. Trevor McBride

sank one on passes from Dave Peckham and Bryan Moore, Jakobi snaring the other on relays from the same two players.

Grafton outscored Haliburton 6-1 in the wild third period. Kernaghan paced the scoring fireworks with 3 goals and an assist while Williams picked up 2 of each and Jakobi added a pair of assists.

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Rob Dunn, who popped out 8 of 9 times in Saturday's tilts, made up for it Sunday with 4 singles. Jerry Cochrane was runner-up with 3. George Simpson and Moe Leveille each singled twice for Haileybury.

By far the best game of the series was played Saturday night. It ooze suspense. Cobourg finally prevailed in the 10th as Dwight Beer walked, advanced to third base on Kernaghan's double and dashed home on Cochrane's sacrifice fly.

Each side had several chances to win it in regulation innings but clutch pitching resulted in 10 stranded Cobourg runners and 7 Haileybury men left on the basepaths.

A dropped fly ball and Leveille's ringing single shot 54's ahead in the 2nd inning but Cobourg squared accounts in the 4th as Rob Basinger singled, booted it all the way to third base when the ball was misplayed by the centrefielder and pranced home on Kernaghan's solid single.

Kernaghan spun a tidy 4-hitter at Haileybury. He posted 12 strikeouts along the way.

Sommerville's mustered 6 base knocks from Cooper's slants.

Pitchers Kernaghan and Cooper led their team in batting. Each had a single

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and an extra base blow. At Grafton, Haileybury broke on top 3-0 in the first inning on an error, a hit batsman and a misjudged fly ball. Cobourg closed the gap on Cochrane's 2-run homer in the 4th but Haileybury turned an infield bleeder by Pat

Smith, an overthrow and Leveille's single up the middle into an insurance run in the 7th. Cooper, the victorious chucker, allowed 5 hits and whiffed 6. Kernaghan, the loser, also permitted 5 safeties. He struck out 13. Leveille and Smith

sparked Haileybury with 2 singles. Kernaghan was the lone 2-hit contributor for Sommerville's. DIAMOND DUST - First game was switched to Grafton because Cobourg diamond was flooded by Friday's rain...Pat Braind deserves accolades for the

super job in whipping the Victoria Park into shape for games 2 and 3...Ed Clarey, at junior A training camp in Cornwall, was missed. Rob Basinger filled in at third base. He had his problems in the first game but played very well thereafter.



SOMMERVILLE'S JUVENILES, 1975 All-Ontario juvenile "B" softball champions: Front Row, from left - Rob Dunn, Ken Gallant, Ken Stevenson; Second Row - John West, Allan Thompson, Rob Basinger, Marty Kernaghan; Third Row - Henry

Vanderwel, Mike Cortesis, coach Gary West, manager Bill O'Neill; Back Row - Harry Cortesis, Jerry Cochrane, Dwight Beer, Brian Darling.

(Layton Dodge Photo)



MARTY KERNAGHAN pitched brilliantly to lead Grafton Juniors to the Haldimand Softball Tournament's 'B' division title, culminated by a 7-0 clinching triumph over Fenella Sunday night. Kernaghan was named the most valuable player in the 'B' division, receiving the Hall's Trophy from tournament convenor Dick Raymond.

(Layton Dodge Photo)

Juveniles don On

Sommerville's Juveniles brought Cobourg its fifth All-Ontario juvenile 'B' softball championship in the past six years here over the holiday weekend.

With a backdrop of huge waves crashing onto the beach and into the pier, seagulls swooping overhead, tree branches bending in the wake of a brisk wind and the bleachers packed with onlookers, Bill O'Neill's brigade completed its playoff transformation with a 10-4 victory over Haileybury 54's Sunday afternoon in the third and

deciding game of provincial finals.

The game became necessary after the teams split an afternoon-evening doubleheader on Saturday. Haileybury took the opener, 4-2, at Grafton but Sommerville's stayed alive with a dramatic 2-1 decision in ten tense innings at Victoria Park.

In post-series ceremonies, OASA convenor Huck Matthews had the embarrassing task of telling the champions, runners-up and assembled throng that the championship pennant, trophy and crests, along with the

runner-up pennant, had not arrived for presentation.

Cobourg field manager Bill O'Neill, who has piloted the Juveniles to four Ontario titles and just missed out on another since he assumed command in 1971, praised the Northern Ontario representatives from Haileybury for their sportsmanship and got the crowd to give the losers a standing ovation.

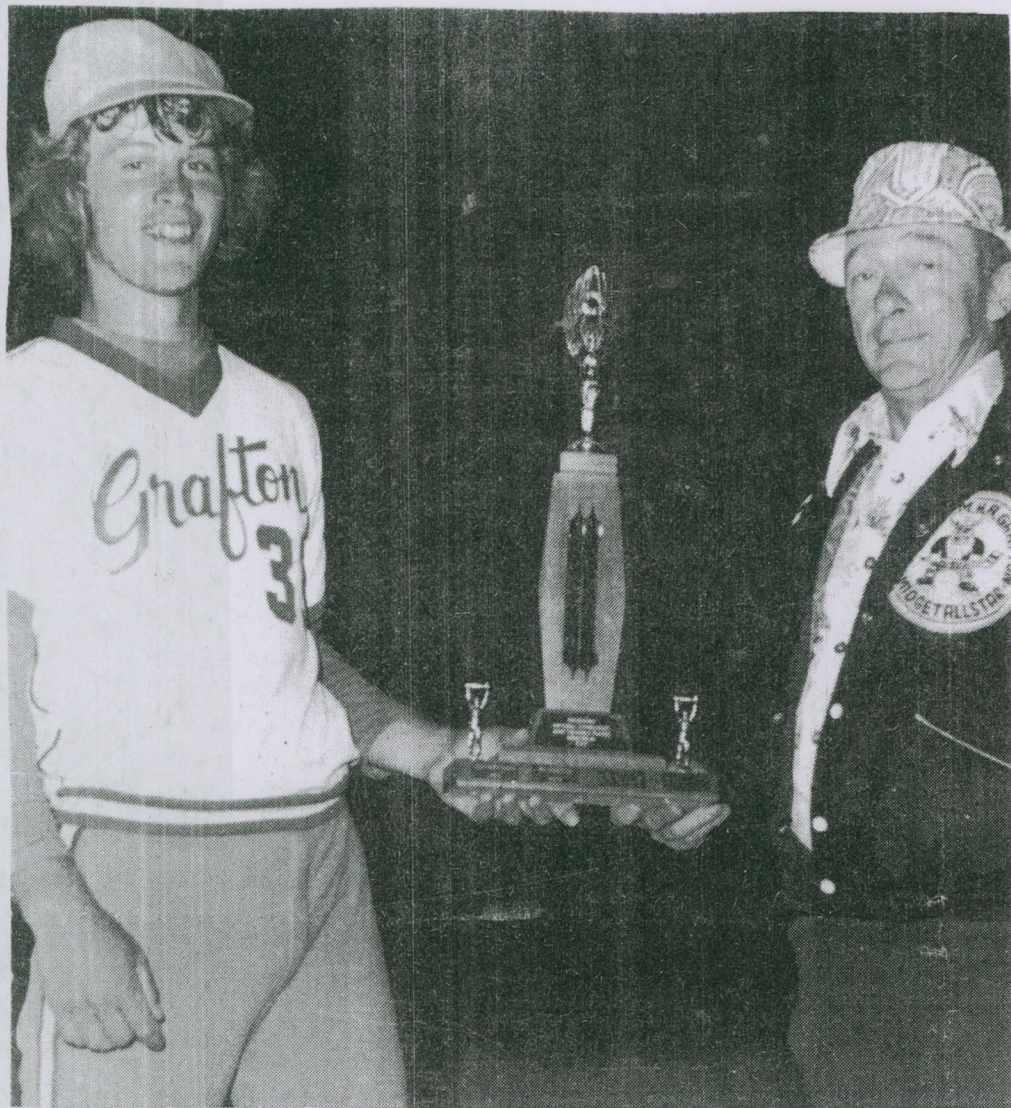
"I can't say enough about our team," he said. He pointed out Sommerville's had travelled 1,000 miles to oust New Hamburg and come back

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Winning an Ontario championship wouldn't be complete without a ride on the fire truck. Sommerville's Juveniles did just that Sunday afternoon

after defeating Haileybury in the game of OASA juvenile "B" fi (L

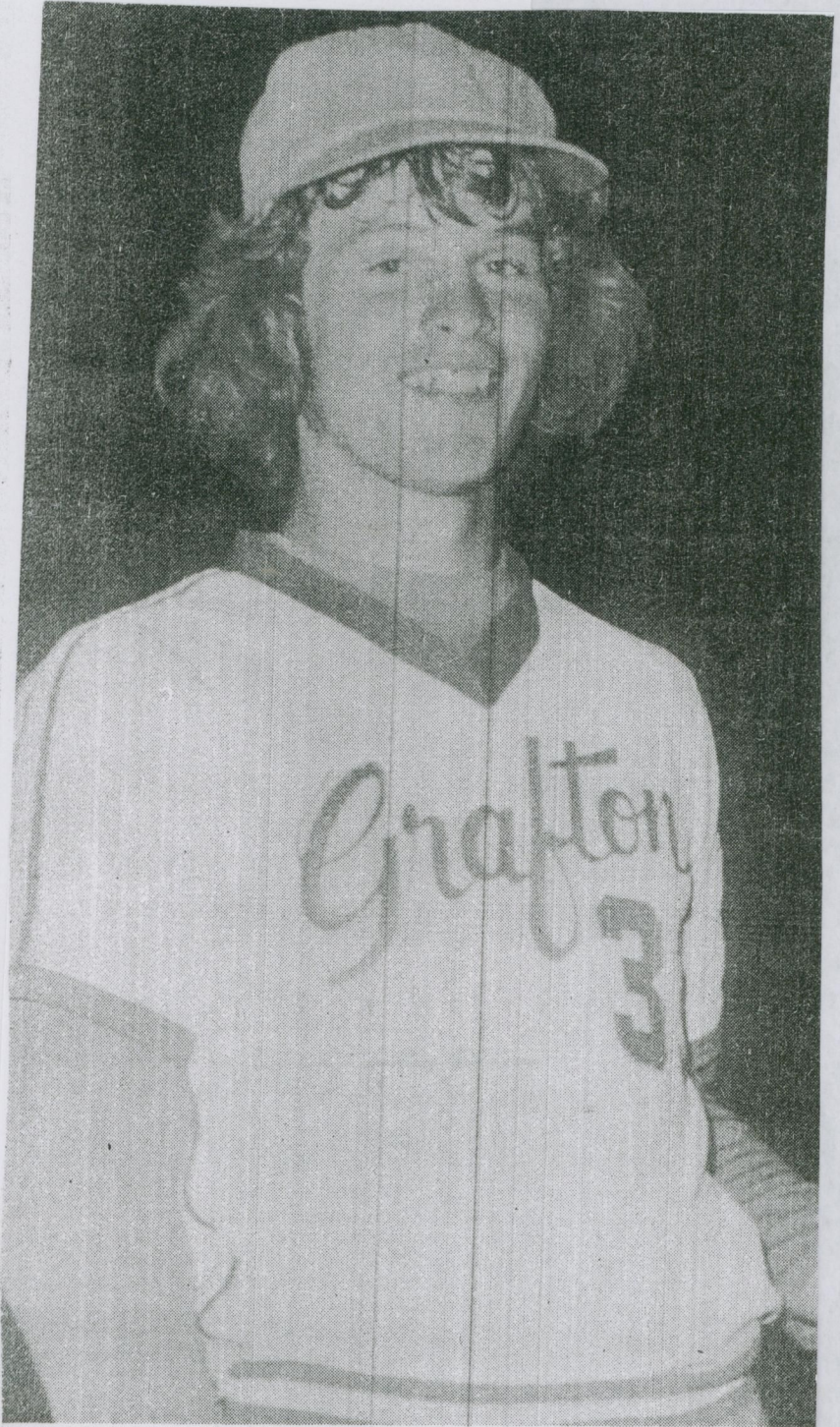


The Grafton UCO Trophy for the most valuable player in the 'A' Division of the annual Grafton Softball Tournament was presented by Maurice Francis, right, to Marty Kernaghan of the champion Grafton Juveniles.

Earn Annual Cobourg Credit Union Awards

1976

Kernaghan and Sommerville chosen as athletes of the year



MARTY KERNAGHAN
Male athlete of year starred in three sports

Marty Kernaghan of Grafton and Nancy Sommerville of Pebble Beach Drive are the 1976 winners of the Cobourg Credit Union awards given annually to the male and female athletes of the year.

Both teenagers officially will be honored at the Credit Union's annual meeting November 18 at the IOOF Hall.

The selections were based on involvement and performance in various sports over a 12-month period from the fall of 1975 to the end of September this year.

Kernaghan, 18, excelled in softball, baseball and hockey during that stretch. Considered the outstanding young softball pitcher in the district, Marty hurled Sommerville's Juveniles of Cobourg to the 1975 All-Ontario juvenile 'B' championship, turning an ordinary ball team into an extraordinary one upon joining them at provincial playoff time.

This past summer, Kernaghan was the kingpin of Grafton Juveniles who sprang up from nowhere and went all the way to OASA finals before meeting their match. Ironically, the second team Kernaghan helped eliminate was Cobourg, probably the best club Grafton played in five series other than Garson.

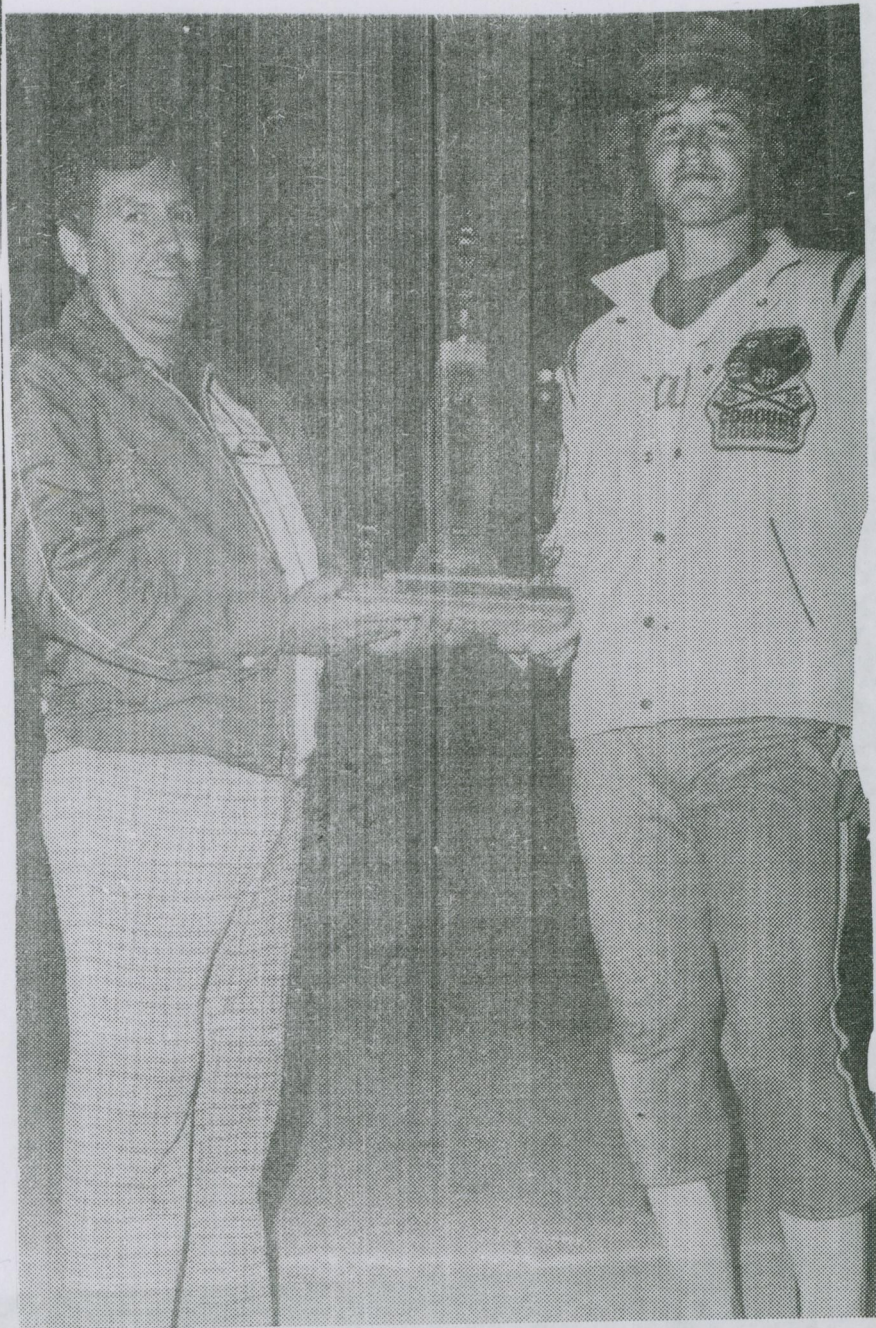
Vintage Kernaghan performances on the mound were commonplace. He personally led Grafton into Cobourg Men's League playoffs via a league-leading number of strikeouts and

the fewest number of hits allowed in comparison to innings pitched. Runner-up in the batting sweepstakes, Marty was named the Town League's most valuable player. He also was instrumental in Grafton Juveniles winning 'A' division honors in the big July tournament in Grafton. Again, he was selected the MVP of the division.

Kernaghan played an important

role for Cobourg Kinsmen in drive to the Ontario B Association junior 'B' finals slick shortstop batted over during EOBA play, second on the team. One of the highlights of the year was the tape-n homer he hit out of Denega believed to be the longest beyond the left field barrier of a century.





Ross Beatty presented the UCO Trophy to Marty Kernaghan of Grafton Juniors as the most valuable player in the 'A' division final of the Grafton Softball Tournament last weekend. It's the second year in a row Kernaghan earned the award.

Sharpies: Class of '78 in Town League

Virtually everybody and their brother who followed the Cobourg Men's Softball League with any regularity and impartiality realized some time ago that Clarke Brothers Sharpies were the class of the 1978 circuit.

Sharpies proved as much during the schedule and they did it all over again in the playoffs, capped by their coronation as Town League champions Wednesday night at Victoria Park on the earliest date in memory.

A 5-3 verdict over Kelly's Hotel climaxed a four-game sweep for Joe and Rob Dunn's talented troop in the final and an unbeaten run in the post-season scramble.

The Sharpies certainly lived up to their nickname. They lost only 4 of a total of 25 games and half of those defeats were forfeitures for inability to field nine players. Their toughest battle all year, it seemed, was rounding up enough men so that their

games would take place as scheduled.

While the Clarke Brothers

team relied on fewer players than any of their opponents, it also afforded them the luxury of

a set lineup. That order presented no weak links either offensively or defensively.

Pitcher Marty Kernaghan is the league's finest. He didn't lose a single Town League game

he started all summer. Sharpies also had so many dangerous hitters on the roster, rival hurlers got no relief. To further discourage adversaries Sharpies' fielding was the steadiest in the league. Rarely, if ever, did they beat themselves with poor defence.

In the clincher over the reluctant Kelly's club, Kernaghan tossed 8-hit ball, struck out 9, walked 2 and hit 1 to win it, through it was hardly a vintage performance up to his usual standard.

John Taylor, a game competitor in spite of the fact he knew the odds were stacked against him and his cohorts, was charged with the reverse. Taylor gave up 8 hits, passed 2 and fanned 4.

Sharpies snapped a scoreless deadlock in the fourth inning with 3 runs. Dwight Beer led it off reaching base on an error, eventually carrying home the game's first run following Jeff Timlin's sacrifice fly. Kernaghan also got a life on a misplayed rap before Gary West, the best player on the field this night, banged a single to left and Terry Irwin stroked a single to centre to deliver two teammates.

Dwight Beer drove in Clarke Brothers' fourth marker in the next inning, doubling to left field to cash Paul Kelly who had walked.

Kelly's broke the goose-egg in the 6th when John Maughan slammed a single to right field and took an extra base as Jeff Timlin juggled the ball. Maughan moved up on Larry Thompson's sacrifice bunt and rumbled home on a wild pitch.

The Hotelmen went down fighting. In the 9th, Rick Stevenson produced his second single of the night, Don Gutteridge beat out an infield bleeder and John Taylor roped a triple to the gap in left centre to drive in two runs. Taylor was stranded at the hot corner.

Gary West shone afield at shortstop for the champs and at the plate. He collected 3 singles and a walk as tangible rewards for his efforts. John Taylor was Kelly's batting leader with a triple, 2 singles and 2 RBI's.



THE CLASS OF '78 -- Clarke Brothers Sharpies locked up the playoff championship of the Cobourg Men's Softball League this week. Front Row, from left - general manager Joe Dunn, Paul Kelly, Kim

LaFontaine, batboy Tim Clarey, Jeff Timlin, coach Rob Dunn; Back Row - Terry Irwin, Paul Clarey, Garth Beer, Marty Kernaghan, Gary West, Dwight Beer. (Layton Dodge Photo)

Sughrue, Kernaghan and Dolley men's softball award winners

Centrefielder Randy Sughrue of Sommerville's Juveniles and pitcher Marty Kernaghan of Clarke Brothers Sharpies captured two individual awards captured Wednesday night when the Cobourg Men's Softball League presented its trophies for 1978 achievements.

Sughrue was recognized for leading the league in hitting

during the regular schedule with a .492 average. Secretary Bob Robison turned over the Town League Trophy to the 19-year-old outfielder.

Another distinction came Sughrue's way as he was chosen by team representatives as the league's most valuable player. Sughrue won the Hillier's Trophy.

Marty Kernaghan, certainly no stranger to the winner's circle, was picked as the most valuable pitcher in the league. He received the Venditti Trophy from Town League president Roger Barrett.

Kernaghan also was cited as the most valuable player in the playoffs, accepting the Lyle Hie Trophy when the announcement was made of his selection.

The only player to break up the Sughrue-Kernaghan show was teenage pitcher Briar Dolley of Sommerville's Juveniles. Dolley was a shoo-in as the league's rookie of the year. Bill O'Neil, the Town League's veteran treasurer and manager, turned over the award to Dolley, whom he coached this past summer.

Clarke Brothers Sharpies, of course, cleaned up in the team

categories. Joe Dunn, who had more than just a fatherly interest in Sharpies, presented the Dunn Cleaners Trophy, emblematic of the first-place title, to coach Rob Dunn, his son.

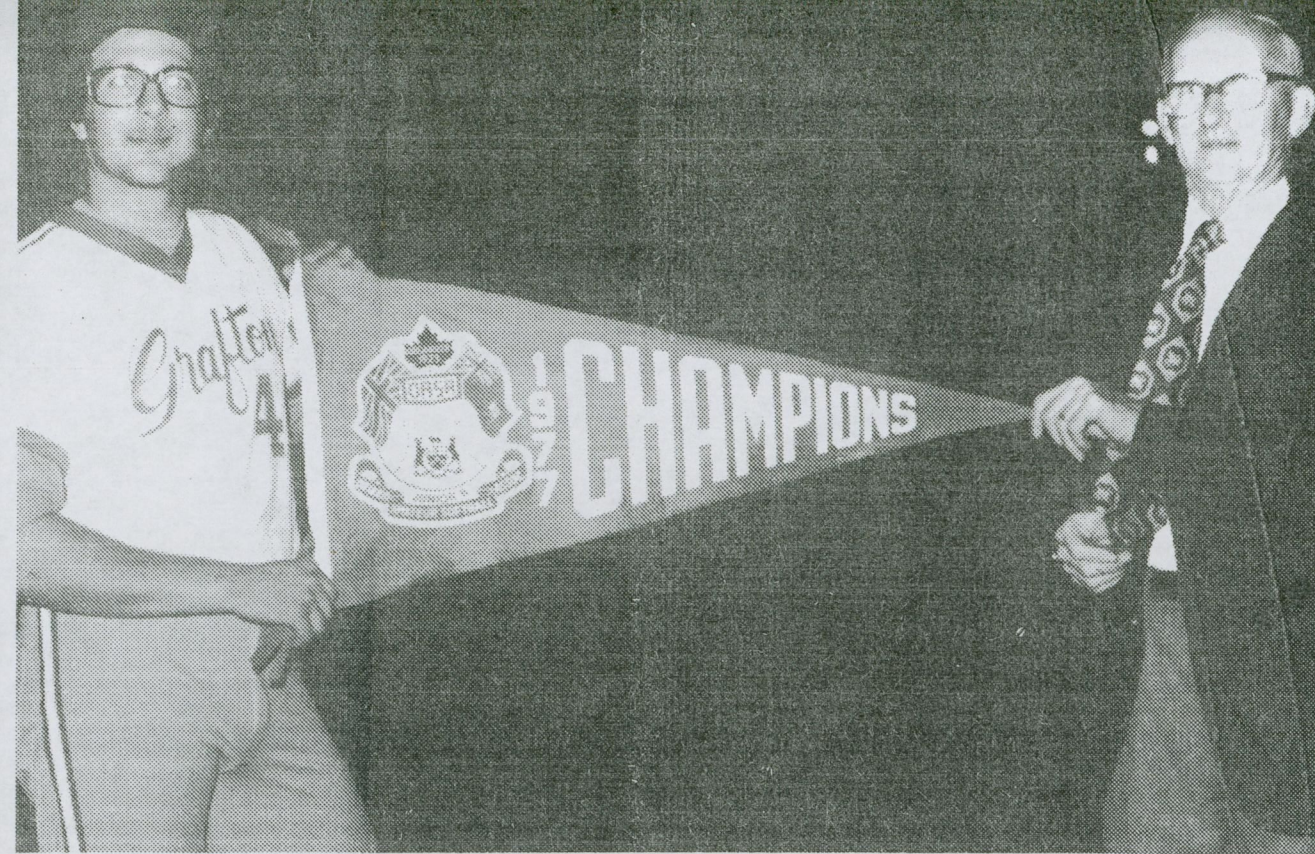
The S & B Contractors Trophy, symbolic of playoff supremacy, also went to Sharpies with Rob Dunn accepting on behalf of the club from president Roger Barrett.



Captain Phil Krauter, coach Sandy Kernaghan and Dick Raymond hold the George J. Smith Trophy, symbolic of OASA junior 'B' supremacy, moments

after it was presented to Grafton Juniors Saturday night at Grafton.

(Layton Dodge Photo)



Phil Krauter, who flew home from Purdue University to participate in Grafton Juniors' championship success, receives the Ontario junior

'B' pennant on behalf of Grafton Juniors from OASA convenor Huck Matthews of Cobourg.

(Layton Dodge Photo)

Elliot Lake No Match In Anti-Climactic Final

Grafton All-Ontario OASA junior 'B' champions

Grafton's magnificent obsession a reality at last.

The two-year pursuit for a provincial softball championship ended happily on Saturday when Grafton Juniors locked up the All-Ontario junior 'B' title by overpowering Elliot Lake Merchants in two straight games of an anti-climactic final series.

Huge crowds turned out to watch Dick Raymond and Sandy Kernaghan's talented charges officially put "the hub of the oldimand" on the OASA championship map with convincing 11-1 and 6-0 victories over the out-classed Northern Ontario representatives.

Denied the provincial juvenile 'B' crown a year ago when they were stymied by Garson in the final up north, Grafton added some patting punch to the lineup this season to go along with Marty Kernaghan's first-class pitching, stepped up to junior company and proved there was no one their equal.

The champs wiped out Lindsay, Kingston Township, Baden and Elliot Lake in that order en route to the championship, losing only 1 of 9 playoff starts in the process.

Elliot Lake didn't offer the kind of resistance one would expect of a finalist. In the very

first inning of the afternoon opener, they committed 3 errors and surrendered a 3-run homer to

Marty Kernaghan to establish the trend.

The score remained 4-0 until the

7th when Grafton added a pair of runs. A 5-run 8th inning turned the game into a rout.

Wayne Minnear avoided the embarrassment of a shutout by clobbering a 9th inning pitch of

reliever Jeff Timlin over the right field fence.

Marty Kernaghan fired 1-hit ball and struck out 9 for the victory, leaving after 7 innings. Kernaghan retired the first 16 men he faced until Guy Sanderson ripped a single to left field in the 6th. Timlin allowed only Minnear's homer in two innings of mopup work.

Guy Sanderson took the loss. He was replaced by George Mondoux in the 8th. Grafton batters solved their slants for 8 safeties. They were evenly distributed between 8 different men.

Grafton swingers cut loose for 14 hits in Saturday night's clincher but didn't convert them into as many runs.

Sanderson bore the entire brunt of the barrage. Meanwhile, Kernaghan was breezing along on a 2-hitter for his second win of the day. "Nine" fanned 8.

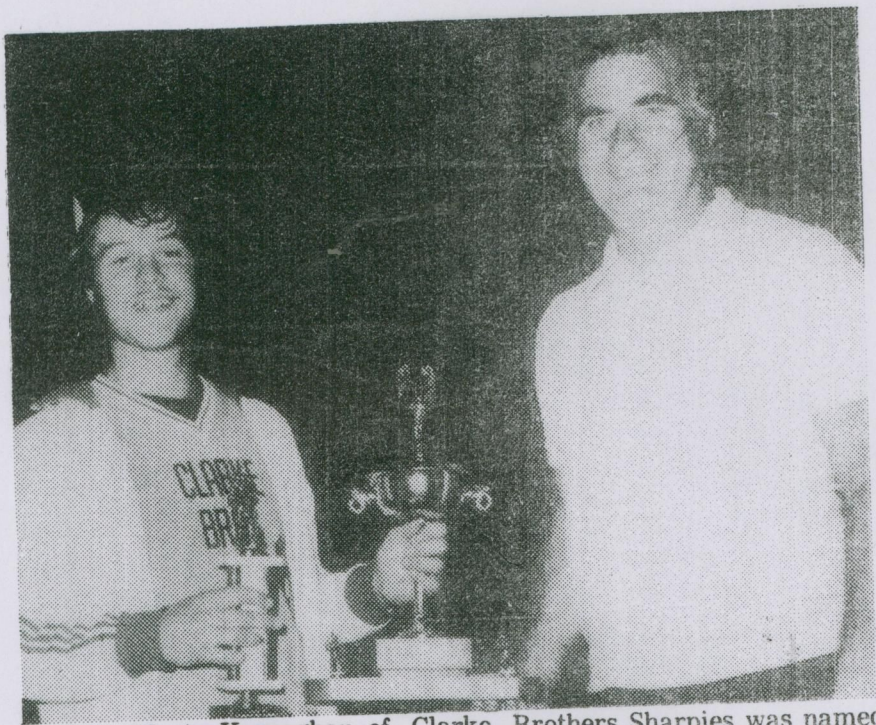
Any Elliott Lake ambitions of tying the series disappeared in a hurry as Marty Kernaghan repeated his first-game feat and slugged a homer in his first appearance at the plate. Trev McBride was aboard via an infield single when Kernaghan unloaded and rocketed the ball over the barrier in left centre.

Swinging a hot bat, McBride sliced a double to his opposite field to drive in Rob Dunn, aboard with an infield single, with another



ONTARIO CHAMPIONS - Grafton juniors are a happy lot after wrapping up the 1977 provincial junior 'B' softball championship. Front Row, from left - Phil Krauter, Jeff Timlin, Snapper Rutherford, batboy Greg Sleep, Jim O'Rourke, Rob Dunn, Marty Kernaghan;

Back Row - coach Sandy Kernaghan, Randy Dolley, Ken Stevenson, Ed Clarey, Trev McBride, Neil Francis, Greg Rose, Pete Luyben, manager Dick Raymond.



Pitcher Marty Kernaghan of Clarke Brothers Sharpies was named the most valuable player in Town League playoffs. Here, he receives the Lyle Hie Trophy from president Roger Barrett. (Dodge Photo)

Tony's 1978



Mercantile hockey banquet: The Lyle's Variety show

April 28/79

The seventh annual awards banquet of the Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League was a resounding success again Saturday night at the Lions Community Centre.

An estimated 260 people attended the dinner with still more arriving for the dance which followed. And just as president John Anderson promised when he assumed office, the occasion was free for the players and their ladies.

Treasurer Terry Elinsky, on behalf of the league, welcomed

the crowd to the festivities. Past president Bob Spooner acted as master of ceremonies.

Special guests at the affair were Ian Sunter, place kicker of Toronto Argonauts, and his wife, Karen. Both received gifts from the league in appreciation of their appearance.

Sunter reminded the gathering, "The important thing in sports is to get out and have a good time." He poked fun at Argos, saying the only award they'd win from the other CFL clubs is one for being "the team

they'd most like to play against."

In a more serious vein, Sunter suggested that Argos might be able to turn their 4-12 record into a 12-4 record this season if they're successful in landing quarterback Tom Clemens of Ottawa Roughriders.

Sunter referred to the awards presentation as "The Gary Oliver Show" but the Lyle's Variety show might have been an even more apt description. Lyle's team, of course, cap-

tured the 1978-79 championship while taking five individual trophies.

Coach Ivan Ferguson of Lyle's accepted the CMHL playoff trophy from Ian Sunter while captain Gary Oliver accepted a cheque, in lieu of individual keeper trophies, to help offset the cost of jackets for the players.

Oliver, himself, was recognized as the scoring champion as president John Anderson turned over Tom & Bill's Auto Body Trophy. He also won the prestigious most valuable player award, Bob Spooner making the presentation.

Veteran Jim Jones of Lyle's carried off the Cherney's Trophy, awarded annually to the most improved player. Cherney's manager Paul Bonner was on hand to give Jones the trophy. "It only took me 13 years to win it," ad libbed Jones.

The Bill Simpson Trophy, recognizing the outstanding defenceman in the circuit, was won by big Doug Choiniere of Lyle's. League secretary Bill Elliott turned over the prize to Choiniere.

Karen Manion presented the Lyle Manion Memorial Trophy, donated in memory of her husband, to Marty Kernaghan, the accomplished rightwinger of Lyle's Variety, as the most valuable player in the playoffs.

The Elliott brothers swept the goaltending awards. Bill Elliott of Hillier's took the Hoover Peebles Memorial Trophy as the netminder with the best average while Don Elliott claimed the Bill Simpson Trophy as the outstanding goalie. Roly

Campbell and Terry Elinsky presented the prizes.

Rookie coach Dave Doyle of Warner's Music Unlimited earned the Plaza Hotel "Coach of the Year" award. Scott Lawrence of the hotel staff was called upon to do the honors.

The Bob Thompson Memorial Trophy winner this year was defenceman Peter Whyte of Hillier's. Bob Thompson Jr. presented Whyte with the award as the player best combining sportsmanship and ability.

The new Mill Valley Graphics Trophy went to defenceman Jim Ellis of British Hotel as the

league's "Unsung Hero." In the absence of Ellis, teammate Terry Lewis accepted from donor John Smith.

Hillier's repeated as first-place finishers to regain possession of the CMHL Centennial Trophy. Special guest Ian Sunter presented the big team trophy to coach Jim Chase and individual keepers to each player.

Dancing to the music of Warner's Unlimited and the chatter of DJ Bill Poelstra was interrupted by a nasty fight which resulted in police being summoned to the scene.



The Lyle Manion Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the most valuable player in Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League playoffs, was won by

Marty Kernaghan of Lyle's Variety. Karen Manion made the presentation at the league's windup awards banquet. (Layton Dodge Photo)

Work Overtime To Become Mercantile Champions At Expense Of Perennial Finalists

Lyle's finally reach the promised land

The laurels belong to Lyle's. Tagged with the loser label in the crunch in recent seasons, Lyle's Variety officially laid those claims to rest Wednesday night by becoming the No. 1 team in the Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League for the very first time.

Lyle's earned that status by

Cane juggled and finally held the elusive puck to save the day. Lyle's successfully killed the clock thereafter, aided by Marty

Kernaghan winning a key faceoff from Jim Flesch.

There was only one goal scored in the first period and

Paul DesChamp of Hillier's got it by batting in Jan Bisset's flip-out.

Ken Swales, playing his

strongest game of the playoffs, upped the margin to 2-0 at 8:46 of the second period via an ankle high 20-footer from the slot.

Linemates Bisset and DesChamp set up the play.

Hillier's defence was caught napping as Trev McBride broke away down the right side and darted in unmolested to fool Elliott with a high drive to the short side over the glove and left shoulder of Hillier's backstop. Watters and Choiniere did the spadework.

When Mike McIvor caromed a shot off a Lyle's stick on the ice from a scramble in front at 7:29 of the third period, Hillier's appeared to be in good shape. The rest is history.

Referee Gus Bambridge demonstrated why he's so highly regarded by the OHA and OMHA by ruling judiciously. He assessed just 3 minors to each side.

SLAPSHOTS -- Because Jim Jones pulled a groin and was unable to play, Lyle's three remaining defencemen -- Doug Choiniere, Keith Boundy and Don Davidson -- logged a lot of ice time over the last half of the game. Lyle's already were without blueliners Steve Bradford and Rod Curtis who were away on holidays....Speaking of absentees, Hillier's missed the rushing and shot of injured Bill Ryan....Hillier's got great mileage from the Swales-DesChamp-Bisset line. Their forechecking was most effective....Yvonne Howard from the Coverdale area won \$123.40 in the share-the-wealth draw....It's the second year in a row Hillier's have been runners-up. They've been in the finals 8 or 9 straight years....The Mercantile title was the first for a Lyle Hie team in seven years of sponsorship....Lyle's lost only 4 of the last 23 games they played.



NO. 1 AT LAST -- Lyle's were an ecstatic hockey team Wednesday after locking up its first Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League championship. Kneeling, left to right, are Mike Caine, Terry Irwin, Joe Watters, John Cane, Rob Dunn and Jim Jones. Standing are coach Ivan

Ferguson, Rick Clapperton, Doug Choiniere, stickboy Chris McIvor, Dave Davidson, Marty Kernaghan, Trevor McBride, sponsor Lyle Hie and captain Gary Oliver.

(Layton Dodge Photo)

Three Merchants chosen to WMFL All Star team

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Camrose Merchants have placed three players on the Western Major Fastball League's All Star team.

Peter Brown and Ray McMillan were unanimous choices for pitching and third base positions while Marty Kernighan emerged from a close race to earn an outfield berth.

This year's All Star team was dominated by the West



PETER BROWN

Division who claimed nine out of the 12 positions.

Red Deer's Barry House grabbed first base while Bob Burrows and Lawrence Nellis of Edmonton were chosen as catcher and outfielder.

Wetaskiwin had three named to All Star positions. Brian Sosnowski was named as the top shortstop while Lorne Bunyan was selected as coach and Bruce Marshall was tied with Grant Skinner of Winnipeg for the second base slot.

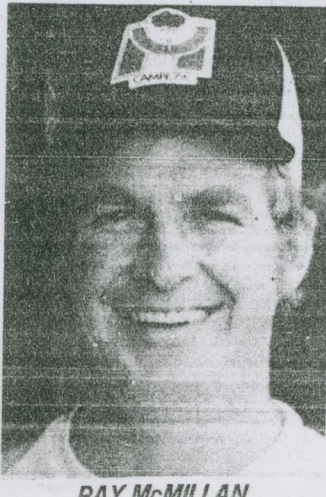
Tony Kuffner was named to an outfield position and Kappy Kaplan was selected as general manager. Both are from Regina.

Brown, Kernighan and McMillan had all been chose as Western Division All Stars during voting halfway and again at the end of the regular schedule.

During the regular schedule, Brown posted a 27-8 record with a 1.71 earned run average. He batted .289 and had a .935 defensive average.

McMillan batted .332 during the regular schedule with a .951 fielding average. He knocked in 44 runs and hit 16 home runs.

Kernighan ended the schedule with a .273 batting average and he posted a .929 fielding average (outfield,



RAY McMILLAN

shortstop and pitching) while knocking in 22 runs.

During the past season, Brown established five WMFL records in the pitching department. He had the most wins-27; most games pitched-45; most games started-29; most innings pitched-252; and most hits allowed-183.

McMillan established two new records and tied a third. His new marks came in runs batted in-44 and total bases-123.

McMillan scored 38 runs to tie the record set by George Chapman of Edmonton in 1975.

During the entire season (league, playoffs and tournaments), McMillan had a .345 batting average with 24 home runs and 62 runs batted in. He had a .959 fielding average.

Brown ended '79 with a 39-11 record and a 1.78 earned run average while racking up 436



MARTY KERNIGHAN

strikeouts. He had a .274 batting average with 17 runs batted in and fielded .954.

Kernighan posted a .275 batting average with 13 home runs and 36 runs batted in. As a pitcher, he posted a 1-5 mark with a 3.83 era, and fielded .941 in three positions.

Voters had to be impressed with the efforts of young Marty Kernighan during the second half of the schedule and the impression was enough to get the rookie an outfield berth with the stars.

Kernighan made some pretty outstanding defensive plays earlier in the season but, got off to a slow start with the bat.

Adjusting in the second half, he racked up multi-hits and continued his outstanding defensive play and rightly deserved to be selected.

Merchants' statistics revealed

A good offence, strong defence and clutch pitching paced Merchants to their third WMFL championship, according to team statistics.

Six players failed to commit an error in the recently completed playdowns while four hitters batted over .300 and one pitcher led the playoffs in both wins and strikeouts.

McMillan, Berry Kernighan, Brown, Olsen and Pilon went through the playoffs without making an error. The six players handled a total of 130 chances perfectly.

McMillan led the team's offensive assault in five categories while Kernighan and Brown paced the way in three others.

McMillan was the top hitter (.426), had the most at bats (47), most hits (20), tied with Kernighan for the most runs (10), and had the most stolen bases (2). Kernighan had the most home runs with seven and led the way in runs batted in with 12.

Brown tied with Gospodar for walks received (6), tied with Baker for the lead in

triples (1) and had the most strikeouts (13).

Gospodar had the most doubles with three, Appleby led the way in sacrifices with two and Pruss was the only batter hit by a pitched ball.

Brown posted an 8-2 pitching record in the playoffs with a 2.20 earned run average and racked up 85 strikeouts.

Complete hitting, pitching and fielding details for the Merchants in the WMFL playdowns may be found in Sport Scoreboard.



Ralph Shuman (left) presents Marty Kernighan (right) with his Most Improved Player of the Year award for his efforts during the Merchants Fastball Team's 1979 season at the annual awards banquet last Friday at the Feed Mill.

Rookie of the Year honours went to Greg Stang.

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MALE ATHLETE:

He did just about everything that could be asked of a team player.

Marty Kernighan is probably one of the more ver-



atile fastball players ever to perform in Camrose.

During the past summer, with the Camrose Merchants, Kernighan played in the outfield, at shortstop, at first base and he pitched.

He compiled a .379 batting average, good for second place in the Western Major Fastball League, led the league in runs batted in, tied for second place in the home run race, posted a 9-3 pitching record with a low 2.43 earned run average and was selected as a league all star.

In addition to that, he was named to the All Canadian Team for his performance in the national senior men's fastball playdowns.

Kernighan leads

Marty Kernighan is still the dominant figure in the WMFL, according to the latest statistical report.

Kernighan has taken over the lead in five separate departments while two other members of the team are also leading in individual categories.

Kernighan is the league's leading hitter with a torrid .407 batting average toing into the past weekend's trip to Winnipeg and Regina.

Cal Lange (.395) of Edmonton and Barry House (.392) of Red Deer are following closely on the heels of the Camrose outfielder-pitcher.

During the past week, Kernighan grabbed the lead in runs batted in (21) and retain-

ed the lead in home runs (9), doubles (9) and hits (35).

Glen Jevne continues to be the harest pitcher in the league to get runs from as he has a low 1.26 earned run average.

Brian Sosnowski has the quickest feet in the WMFL with a league-leading eight stolen bases.

With Camrose dominating in individual statistics, only three other players have departmental leads.

Barry House of Red Deer has the most triples (5) and has scored the most runs (23).

Alex Skakum of Regina has the top pitching record (6-1) while Brian Pallister of Winnipeg is the strikeout king (118).

Merchants stats

Five members of the team are dominant in individual statistics for the Camrose Merchants.

Kernighan is leading the way at the head of six different categories while Sosnowski and McMillan lead in three categories each. B. Marshall is tops in two departments while Chanasyk is leading in one category.

With a .407 batting average, Kernighan leads not only the Merchants, but the entire league as well.

Kernighan has the most home runs (9), most runs batted in (21), most doubles (9), most hits (35) and is tied for most sacrifices (3).

Sosnowski is leading the team in triples (4), stolen bases (8) and walks received (15).

McMillan has the lead in runs scored (20), total trips to the plate (102) and strikeouts (20)

Bruce Marshall has bit hit the most by opposing pitchers (3) and is tied with Kernighan and Chanasyk for having the most sacrifices (3).

Going into the past weekend's visit to Regina and Winnipeg, Jevne had posted a 10-4 won-lost record with a 1.26 earned run average.

Finn had a 3-0 mark, Kernighan was 4-2 while both Bruce and Clint Marshall had identical 1-2 records.

Appleby and Shantz were the only regulars on the team to have played errorless ball to date.

Individual batting records may be found in Sport Scoreboard.

Grafton's Marty Kernaghan is playing fastball in Hawaii

Grafton native Marty Kernaghan is soaking up the sunshine, taking in the sights and playing in a fastball tournament these days in Hawaii.



Marty Kernaghan

Kernaghan, a Western Major Fastball League all-star this past summer in his second season as a member of the Camrose (Alberta) Merchants, joined the Calgary Dome Petroleum team for a two-week trip to the tropical island of Maui in the Pacific Ocean. The holiday now is about half over.

Reportedly, the rich Calgary Dome Petroleum club is wooing Kernaghan in a bid to lure him to switch his allegiance from Camrose to Calgary for the 1981 playing season.

The 1980 campaign was a vintage one for the 22-year-old Kernaghan, youngest son of Pat and Jack Kernaghan of Grafton.

Wearing No. 9 (what else?), Kernaghan posted the best pitching record in the league with a 9-3 record for a .750 winning percentage during the regular season.

Kernaghan's versatility and talent showed up in other ways too. He was runner-up for the batting crown with a .379 average and led the league in RBI's with 33.

When Marty wasn't excelling on the mound or at the plate, he was shining in the outfield for the Camrose team. Kernaghan was named to the WMFL's first all-star team as an outfielder.

The 1980 Camrose Merchants were the first WMFL team to win Alberta's provincial senior 'A' fastball title since the WMFL went pro seven years ago. Marty was the hero in the final, authoring a one-hit shutout against Calgary Dome Petroleum.

Merchants represented Alberta in the Canadian senior championships at Saskatoon but never got to play Coldsprings Cats, Ontario's representative.

Kernaghan gained national recognition by being selected to the All Canadian team as a centrefielder in Saskatoon. During the six games played by Camrose, he batted an even .300, played errorless ball, knocked in a team-

leading four runs and belted a triple, the longest hit of the playoffs by a Camrose team member.

Marty Kernaghan's softball career has been a distinguished one from the very start. He was a standout for Grafton Shell Shockers many years ago when they won the Squirt championship of the Cobourg Legion Minor

Softball League. He starred thereafter for various Cobourg OASA clubs, then pitched Grafton Juniors to a provincial title. Kernaghan split one season between Coldsprings Cats of the Eastern Ontario Fastball League and Oshawa Tony's of the OFL before heading west to throw in his lot with Camrose Merchants.

Marty Kernaghan, youngest son of Jack and Pat Kernaghan of Grafton, was a double winner. He was recognized as the team's most

valuable player, accepting the Windsor Hotel Trophy, and as the

team's top hitter, getting the Feed Mill Trophy.

Timlin and Kernaghan all-stars in Alberta ¹⁹⁸¹

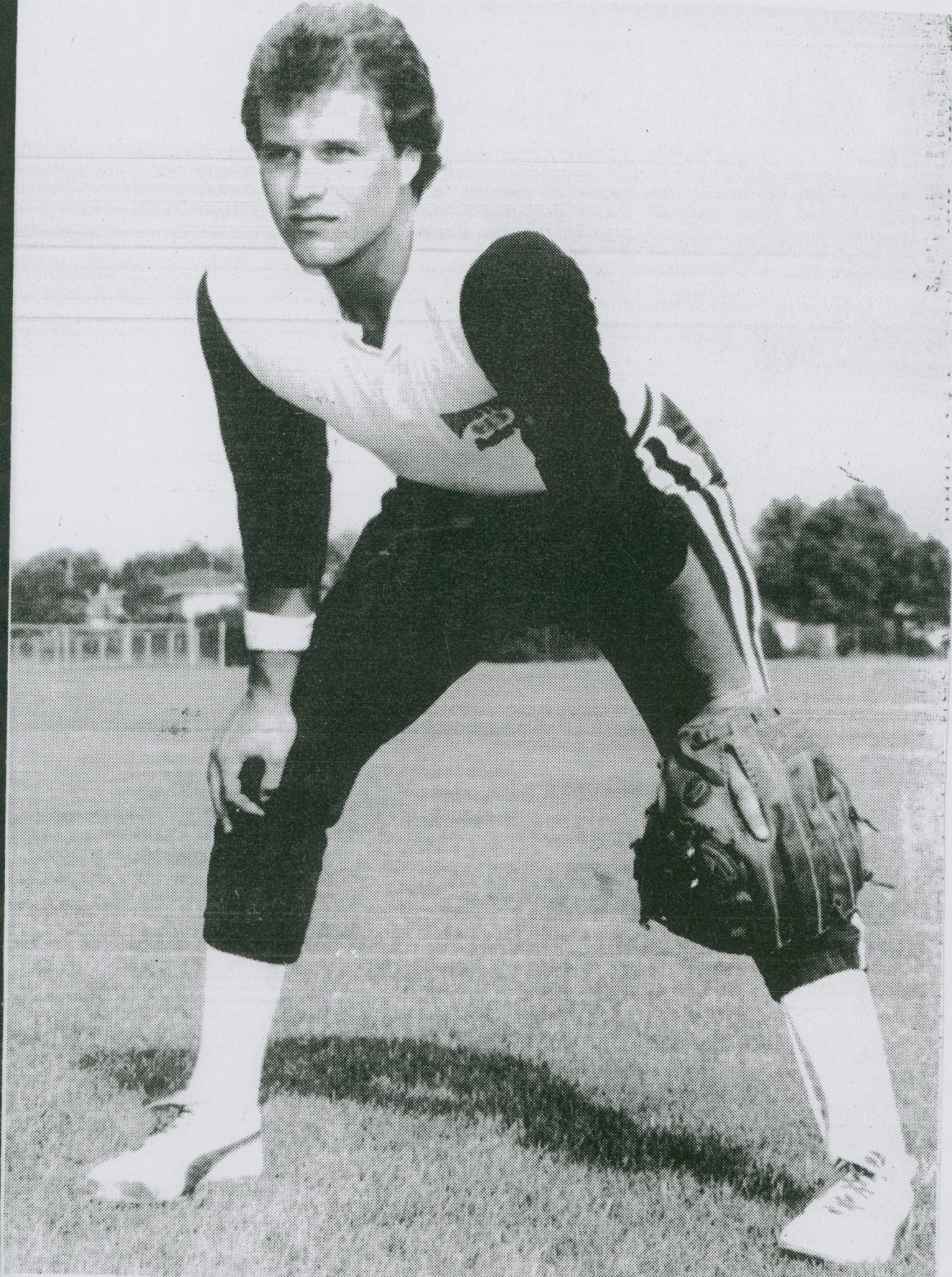
Native sons of Coldsprings and Grafton are continuing to gain recognition in Western Canada.

In halfway voting for the Alberta Major Fastball League all-star team, outfielder Jeff Timlin of Camrose Merchants and shortstop Marty Kernaghan of Calgary Brake & Clutch were among those named. Kernaghan was the only unanimous choice of all the voters.

Kernaghan is preparing to

join Canada's Pan-Am team. The all-star outfit will spend two or three days in Toronto this weekend before heading south to Florida for a week of training and exhibition games leading up to the actual Pan-American Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

Timlin, batting third in the Alberta League race with a .351 average according to a recent issue of Canadian Major Fastball Update, is to be married in September.



MARTY KERNAGHAN, 22, of Grafton leaves for Nova Scotia today to try for a position on the Canadian champion Brookfield team which will

represent Canada at the world's men's fastball championships in California from July 31 to August 6.

(Layton Dodge Photo)

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Marty Kernaghan aims to play in the Worlds

The finest softball player ever produced in Grafton is off on a brand new adventure.

Marty Kernaghan, 22, departed today for Nova Scotia to try and catch a berth on the defending Canadian champion Brookfield Elks which will represent this country in the upcoming World Fastball Championships in Santa

Clara, California from July 31 to August 6.

While the strong-hitting 195-pounder down plays his chances of earning one of the 18 spots on the Brookfield roster, the truth of the matter is it will be a surprise if he doesn't make it. After all, he was named the outstanding

centrefielder in the 1980 Canadians at Saskatoon.

Kernaghan realizes, however, that his inclusion is not a sure thing. For one reason, Brookfield is obliged to keep at least nine players of its own. For another, there'll be 35 players altogether at training camp this week and many of them are top notchers from across Canada.

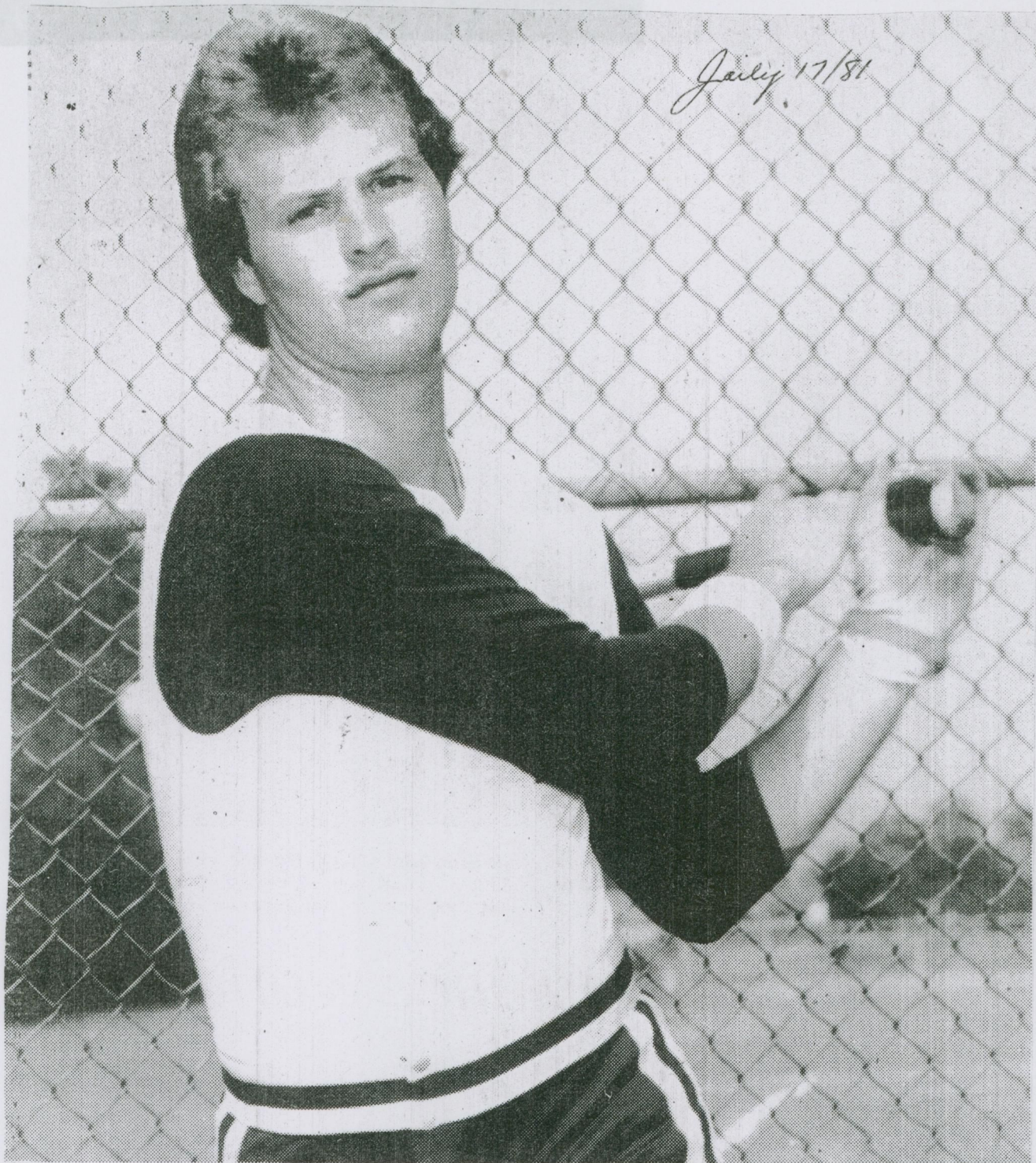
Marty spent the past week at home with his parents, Pat and Jack Kernaghan, and visiting his many friends in the area after playing for Calgary's Dome Petroleum team in the Stars and Stripes Super Six Tournament at Chicago.

Dome finished third in that first-class competition, competing in six tournament games and playing four exhibition games as well.

Kernaghan is in his first season with Dome Petroleum both as a ballplayer and employee. In 1980, he pledged his allegiance to Camrose Merchants of the Western Major Fastball League.

Dome currently leads the City League in Calgary, having suffered just one defeat. Marty pitches and plays centre field in league play but confines his activity to the outer pastures in the many tournaments in which Dome participates.





MARTY KERNAGHAN of Grafton has made the Canadian team (Brookfield Elks of Nova Scotia) which will represent this country in the world fastball championships taking place in Santa Clara,

California from July 31 to August 6. After playing in St. Foy (Quebec), the Canadian reps are headed west for exhibition games in Alberta and British Columbia before proceeding to the Worlds.



World Sports

Kernaghan leads Camrose to win

VICTORIA (CP) — Marty Kernaghan hammered the winning runs in two games Wednesday as Camrose Merchants from Alberta took games against New Westminster, B.C., and Fredericton in the Canadian senior men's fast-pitch softball championships.

The Camrose second baseman followed a Rob Boyd single with a home run that provided the difference in the fifth inning as Alberta edged Van City Magicians, the B.C. representative, 5-3.

In a nine-inning cliffhanger against Fredericton Labatt Arms, Kernaghan hit a double, scoring pinch-runner Ron McDonnell and winning the game 2-1 in an extra inning.

It was Alberta's third straight victory in the 13-team tournament, which began Tuesday and ends Sunday.

Defending champion Victoria Royals won their second one-sided decision by defeating Charlottetown Casey's 9-2 in six innings.

Victoria went only five innings Tuesday when they blanked Quebec 10-0. Although the Royals earlier won the B.C. championship, runner-up Van City became the provincial representative because the Royals were guaranteed a berth in the Canadian championship as the host team.

In other games Wednesday, Saskatoon All-O-Matics squared their record at 1-1 by defeating Glace Bay, N.S., 6-1; Ontario champion Agincourt went 2-0 by blanking Gatineau, Que., 8-0; Northwest Territories handed St. John's, Nfld., its third loss, a 4-2 decision, and Glace Bay edged Van City Magicians 3-0.

Sport short

DOME WINS \$5,000

Grafton's Marty Kernaghan helped Calgary Dome Petroleum capture the \$5,000 first prize in a senior men's fastball tournament in Western Canada last weekend. Marty's parents, Pat and Jack Kernaghan, took in the action. They report that Coldsprings' Jeff Timlin, who plays for Camrose (Alberta) Merchants enjoyed an excellent tournament by batting 5 for 9.

Bronze for Kernaghan at 'Worlds'

Marty Kernaghan of Grafton was a member of the Brookfield (Nova Scotia) Elks at the recent men's fastball tournament, billed as the world championships, held in Santa Clara, California.

The Canadian representatives finished third in the four-team field to capture the bronze medals.

Brookfield lost 2-1 to Seattle, beat the United States "B" team 4-1 with Kernaghan contributing a hit as the team's centrefielder and edged the Bahamas, 4-3, as Kernaghan batted 1 for 3 again.

Kernaghan rejoined the Calgary Dome Petroleum team in time to participate in the "World Series of Fastball" event in Alberta. Jeff Timlin of Coldsprings played for Camrose Merchants in that same tournament. Both Dome and Camrose had to take back seats to Saskatoon in the competition.

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Marty Kernighan

ALBERTA BRAKE & CLUTCH

When it comes to moving around, 23-year-old Marty Kernighan is about as versatile with the Alberta scenery as he is with positions on a fastball diamond. The young Ontario native is in his 4th Alberta-based season, and is playing for his third Alberta team. During that time, he has also shown he is a super outfielder, a fine shortstop, a better-than-average pitcher and a hitter deluxe.

Kernighan was only 19 when lured West by Jim Reed and his Camrose Merchants of the Western Major League. Playing outfield and seldom pitching behind the legendary Peter Brown, it was only a so-so summer for Marty, finishing with a .280 batting average.

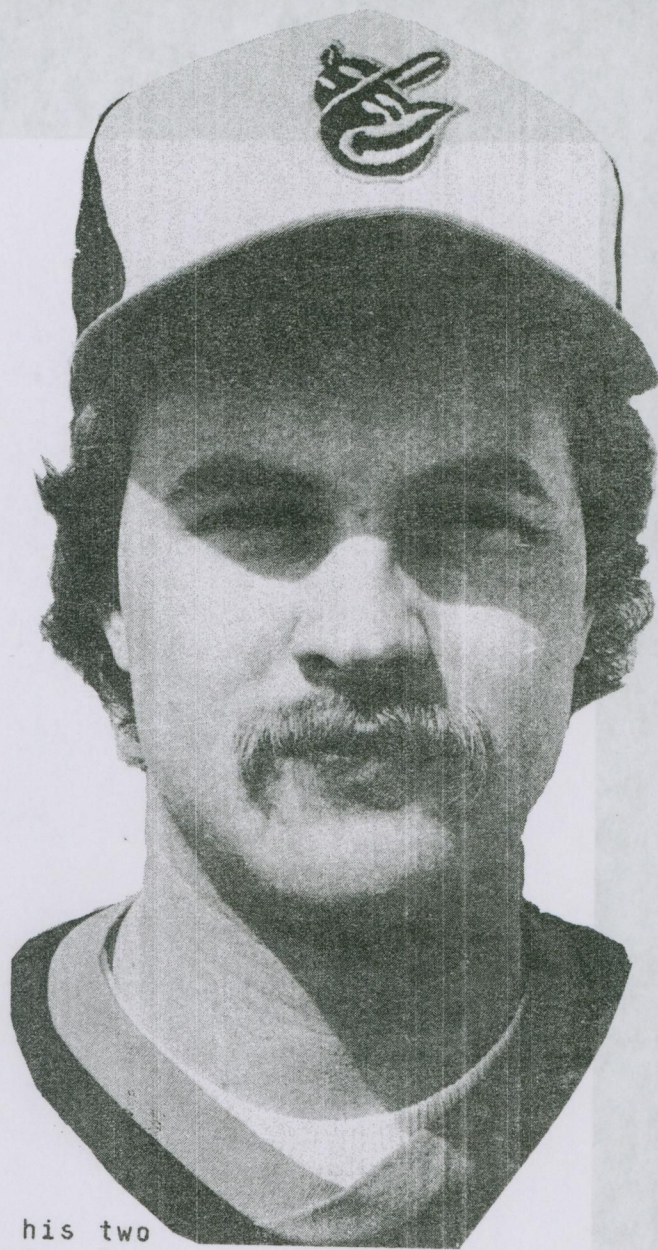
The next summer Kernighan was called upon for 20 to 25 games of pitching, still patrolled the outfield, got his batting eye back and rolled to a .398 hitting average, second only to WMFL batting champion Barry House, then of Red Deer.

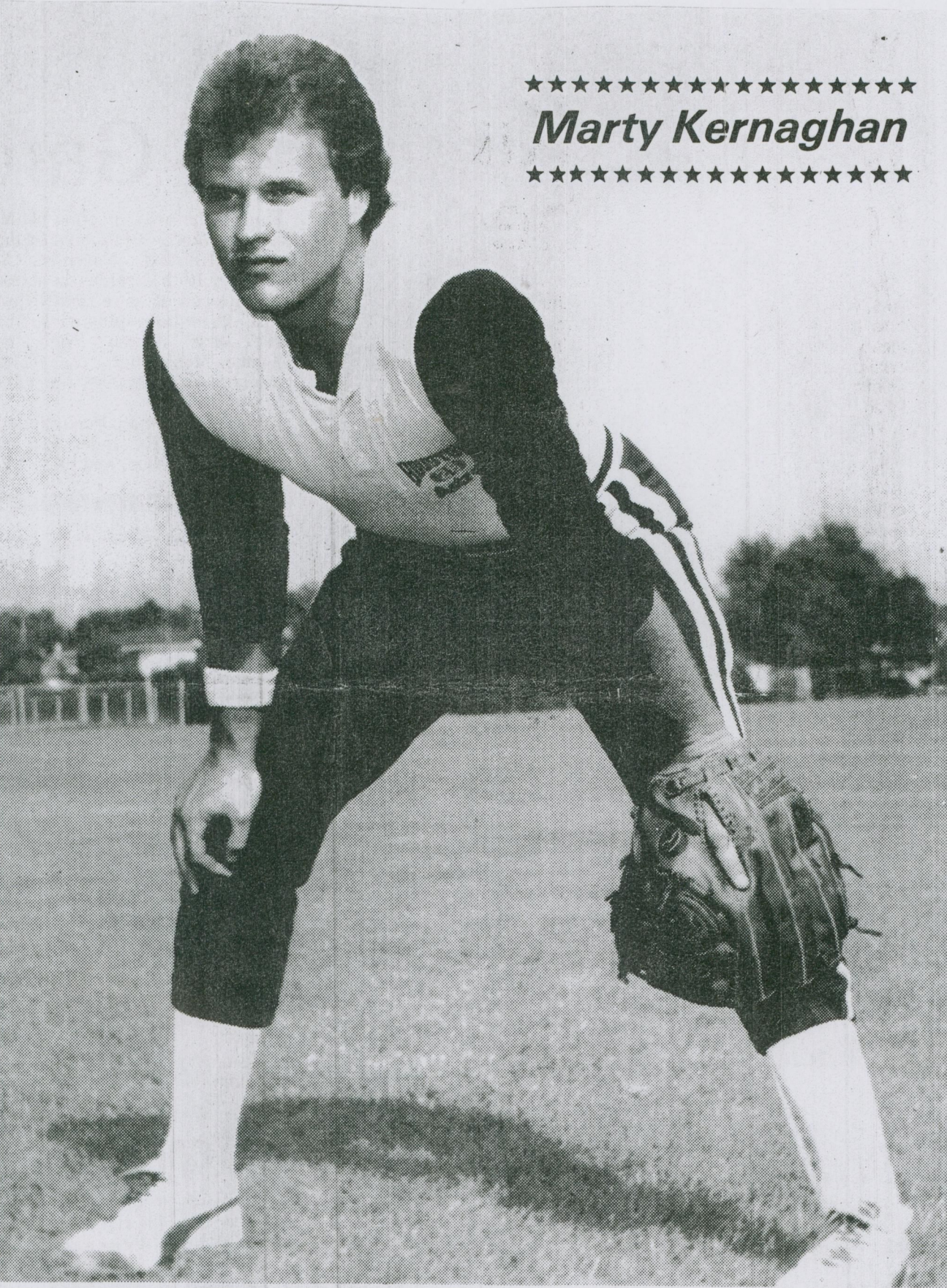
Kernighan shifted south to Calgary after his two Camrose summers, lining up with Jim McCool's Dome oilmen in 1981, then moving over to Keith Vincent's Alberta Brake & Clutch this year.

Batting titles are not exactly foreign to Kernighan. During his final junior year he helped his Grafton, Ont., mates to an Ontario junior B title and, in the process, led all hitters. That was 1977. The next year Marty jumped to intermediate ranks for one-half a season with Cold Springs, then shifted to Oshawa's senior Tonys for the balance of the summer. Then it was off to the West.

Kernighan is holding down the shortstop position with Alberta Brake & Clutch and although it's a new position to him in fastball, he spent a lot of time there in his early and mid-teens as a baseball player. Marty switched to fastball in his second year of juvenile, starting as a pitcher.

Last summer Marty was a pickup with Canada's National team for the World Games in Santa Clara, Calif. A slow start this spring will, as Marty puts it: 'make it tough to look good (hitting-wise) in a tough league.'





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Marty Kernaghan

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Kernaghan may play in '83 Pan-Am Games

Grafton native Marty Kernaghan may be a competitor in the 1983 Pan-American Games to be held in Venezuela from August 7 to August 26.

Perhaps the finest softball player ever developed in this area, Kernaghan is among 30 candidates invited to try out for the Canadian national senior men's softball team which will participate in the Pan-Am sports extravaganza.

Youngest son of Pat and Jack Kernaghan of Grafton, Marty currently is living in Calgary where he played fastball for the Alberta Brake & Clutch club this past season.

Kernaghan will attend a selection camp in either Windsor or Ottawa from June 4 to June 12 in a bid to land one of the 18 berths on the Canadian all-star squad going to the Pan Am Games.

Just being included on the list of 30 names is a honor in itself. The players from across Canada invited to the camp are an elite group of athletes chosen from several hundred players by a selection committee.

The list, in addition to Kernaghan, includes Randy Benn, Larry Bodashafsky, Jeff Boyce, Robert Burrows, Jim Cowdry, Deniss Eckert, Gordon Fadden, Glenn Ford, John Green, Robert

tation of an exemplary nature for Canada, its values, principles and sports life.

The continuing goals of the National Team Program are: 1. To win the world softball championship; 2. To assist coaches and players throughout Canada to develop their skills and knowledge of softball; 3. To produce a program such that all Canadian players will want to participate; 4. To ensure equal opportunity for all Canadians to be considered for selection to the team; 5. To provide team representation from as many provinces and territories as possible, consistent with the purposes of the program; 6. To select a team comprised of the best combination of players available on the basis of their ability and willingness to contribute towards the program goals.

"I expect all National Team members to be committed to these goals and prepared to support the total program in every respect," Pearce explains.

To provide flexibility and broaden the scope of the program, a National Team roster of up to 30 players will be established. From this group, 18 or so players will be selected for the competition to be entered. This means not every National Team player will participate in every international competition.

"Once you have read the list of players invited to the selection camp, I am sure you will agree competition will be stiff," Pearce comments. "I would urge you to be in top shape for the camp to give yourself the best possible chance of making the playing roster."

Grafton Native One Of 18 Players On National Softball Team Going To Venezuela

Marty Kernaghan makes Pan Am team

Representing your country in the Pan American Games is a privilege only a small number of Canadian athletes ever experience.

Well, Grafton native Marty Kernaghan now has been assured of that opportunity after being named on Saturday to the national senior men's softball team which will compete in the 1983 Pan Am Games in Caracas, Venezuela, in August.

Marty is the 24-year-old son of Pat and Jack Kernaghan of Grafton. In fact, he'll celebrate

his 25th birthday August 9, while in Venezuela for the Games.

Kernaghan was one of only three outfielders picked for the Canadian all-star team at the completion of a one-week selection camp based in Waterloo, Ontario.

Thirty prospects, screened last fall by a special Softball Canada committee from roughly 250 above average senior fastball players, vied for the 18 openings on "Team Canada."

Competition for positions on

the Pan Am team was extremely keen during last week's camp, a team spokesman revealed Friday night in Oshawa during an exhibition doubleheader there before the Pan Am club made its cuts.

The Canadian national team won both games from Oshawa Genosha Hotel of the Ontario Fastball League by scores of 4-0 and 4-1. A large crowd, including a good-sized contingent from the Grafton-Cobourg area, was on hand in perfect weather to watch.

Wearing No. 2 on the back of his red "Canada" sweater, Kernaghan played centre field in the first game of the twin bill. Defensively, he didn't have a ball to handle in the game. Offensively, although he wasn't credited with a base hit, Marty reached base twice. He made it in the second inning via an infield rap scored as an error. Kernaghan was thrown out at the plate to end the inning as he attempted to score on a teammate's base hit.

Marty walked in the fourth inning but wound up stranded at third base. In the sixth, he was caught looking on a borderline third strike at the knees. Pete (The Hook) Landers struck him out in the seventh with a change-up.

Later, Kernaghan clearly

showed concern about his chances of being included on the Pan Am team's final roster after not having what he considered a good night. His worries proved groundless, however. Early the next morning back in Waterloo, his name was among those posted listing the successful candidates.

It was a tired but happy Kernaghan who caught a plane in Toronto Saturday morning and headed to Regina to rejoin his regular Alberta Brake & Clutch team as a shortstop for a tournament in the Saskatchewan city.

Marty is in his second season with the ABC club, but in his fifth season playing fastball in Western Canada. He was a member of Camrose Merchants the first two summers, then

switched to the Calgary Dome squad in 1981.

Married last September to Bev Macklin of Cobourg, Marty and his bride currently are residing in Calgary.

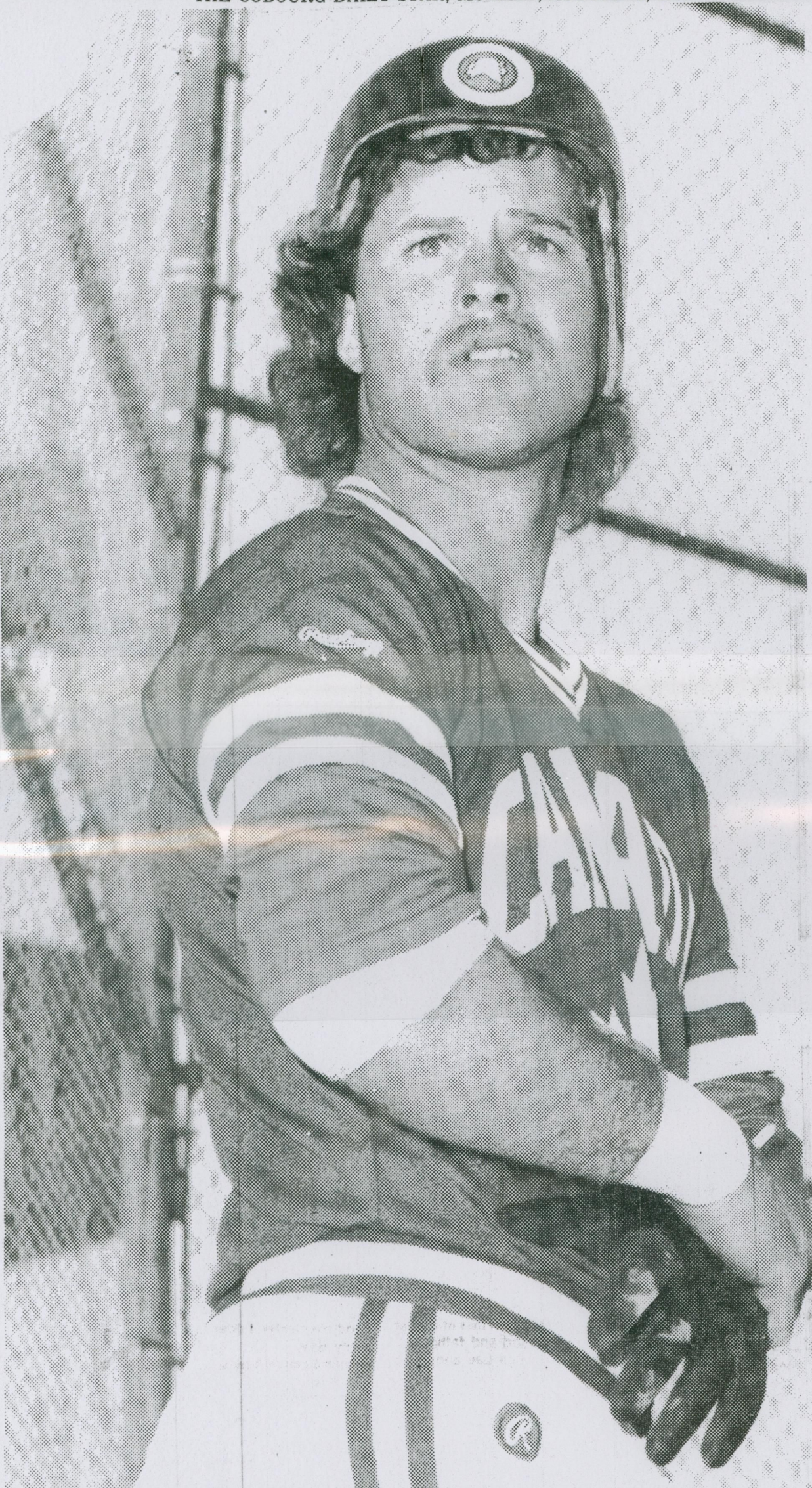
Kernaghan had a star-studded apprenticeship as a young man locally. He first burst onto the scene here with Grafton Shell Shockers of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association. Jim Spiers and older brother Sandy Kernaghan were his coaches that year.

Marty went on to pitch Cobourg teams to Cobourg OASA titles, including Sommerville's Juveniles, and to perform superbly for Cobourg baseball clubs as well. Then, he hurled Grafton Juniors, coached by brother Sandy again and managed by Dick Raymond, to

the 1977 OASA provincial junior 'B' championship. They were finalists another year.

Kernaghan divided the 1978 campaign between Coldsprings Cats of the now defunct Eastern Ontario Fastball League and Oshawa Tony's of the OFL. Two years ago, the pride of Grafton played for the All Canadian team.

Yet, as much as he's been associated with success in softball over a number of years, making the '83 Pan Am team may very well rate as Marty Kernaghan's most outstanding personal achievement. About the only thing that could top it, we suppose, is if he can rise to the occasion and play a key role in Venezuela to help Canada repeat as Pan American softball champions.



Grafton native Marty Kernaghan is among the 500 Canadians who'll compete in the Pan-American Games which open today in Caracas,

Venezuela. Kernaghan is an outfielder with the Canadian softball team attempting to defend its Pan Am title.

(Layton Dodge Photo)

Pan-American Games

Softball teams successful

By Ross Hopkins
CP Sports Editor

CARACAS (CP) — The Canadian team found a novel way of preparing for the opening game of the Pan-American Games men's softball competition, but despite the success the team experienced Monday, it's apt to return to more conventional methods today.

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The men face Venezuela tonight and expect a tough game against the local side, particularly with a full house anticipated. The women play two games — against Belize and Venezuela.

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An RBI single by pinch-hitter Glen Ford of Toronto and another wild pitch accounted for the final two runs.

Smith, a 24-year-old left-hander

and a veteran of the '79 gold-medal team allowed three hits and one unearned run — a result of his own two-base throwing error on a bunt. He struck out 11, including five in a row in the third and fourth innings and did not issue a walk over the first six innings.

Gene McWillie of Saskatoon pitched the final inning and was tagged for three runs on a two-run homer by Manuel Brito and a solo shot by Claudio Pascal.

Kernaghan honored by Sports Canada

Grafton native Marty Kernaghan was among 130 athletes from across the country recognized by Sports Canada last Thursday in Ottawa.

At a special reception held at the Chateau Laurier honoring Canadians who had achieved an international athletic distinction in the past year, Kernaghan received a 14-carat pin and a large picture of the Canadian national men's fastball team.

Kernaghan played for the 1983 national squad which won the Pan Am Games in Venezuela.

The youngest son of Jack and Pat Kernaghan of Grafton, Marty again is playing with the Alberta Brake & Clutch team in the Western Canada Major Fastball League. He is the shortstop.

Kernaghan will be with the

ABC club for a 13-day tournament tour through the state of Iowa, starting tomorrow.



Marty Kernaghan (Dodge Photo)

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Eckert's HR Takes MVP Kernaghan Off Hook; Alberta Wins Again

By Bill Semple

Near perfect pitching and some clutch hitting carried Alberta Brake and Clutch of Calgary to its second consecutive Canadian Senior Men's Softball Championship, at Queen Elizabeth Park in Summerside Sunday evening.

It was the province's third straight national title.

Calgary rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the top of the seventh inning to defeat Saskatoon All-O-Matics of Saskatchewan, 2-1, in the deciding game.

Saskatchewan scored a gift run in the bottom of the fifth when tournament most valuable player, shortstop Marty Kernaghan, committed a rare throwing error after fielding a slow-hop grounder. Kernaghan's hurried throw sailed wide of first baseman Barry House, allowing a Saskatchewan player to go from second to home for the go-ahead score.

But Alberta battled back in their last at-bat. Rightfielder Dennis Eckert led off with an opposite-field solo home run over the left field fence to tie the score. Then second baseman Bruce Marshall drew a walk off losing Saskatoon pitcher Rob Scheller. The next batter, designated hitter Dwain Hamilton, stroked a base hit into right field. Saskatchewan rightfielder Jody Hennigar fielded the ball and threw over the head of his third baseman, allowing Marshall to trot home with the deciding run.

Saskatchewan managed their only hit off winning pitcher Jeff Boyce in the bottom of the seventh inning, a soft liner over third base by shortstop Bryan Sosnowski. Catcher Robin Voss squelched the rally and Saskatchewan's hopes when he picked the pinch-runner for Sosnowski, Dave Hoffman, off first base.

Boyce issued one walk and struck out seven to go along with his one-hitter. Scheller allowed four hits, walked one and fanned six.

MARTY HAPPY

No one was happier to see Eckert's home run shot sail over the fence than the Calgary shortstop, Kernaghan, whose error handed Saskatoon their 1-0 lead. "You bet I was happy. I didn't want to see it end like that... some of them do you know."

Alberta coach, Keith Vincent, said this year's championship was more special than last year's because of the "superb pitching effort" by his staff.

Calgary pitching yielded just two runs — one of them earned — in 61 total innings during the six-day, 12-team tournament.

Vincent's favorite moment of the event came when Hamilton delivered his key base hit. "Dwain's been doing that for us all season. The man's 39-years-old and he had 27 home runs for us this year. He also handles a lot of the catching load for us too."

Eckert revealed that the pitch he cranked out of the park from Scheller was "a rise ball". Was the lefthanded batter surprised he took it over the opposite field wall? "No, that's where most of my home runs go," he replied matter-of-factly.

FORCED SECOND MEETING

Saskatchewan forced a second meeting between the two finalists with an 11-inning 1-0 victory over Alberta earlier Sunday afternoon.

Rightfielder Barclay Rocheleau scored the winning run in the top of the eleventh after he was safe on a fielder's choice at second; advanced to third on an fielding error by the Alberta first baseman, House, and scored on a slow grounder hit to second by Jeff Friesen.

Winning pitcher of the three-hour marathon was Rob Scheller (the loser in the deciding contest), who went the distance. He allowed four hits, one walk and struck out 12.

Scheller was flattened in the ninth inning by a wicked line drive off the bat of Kernaghan. Scheller didn't have a chance to protect himself as the ball smashed into his chest. In obvious trouble, Scheller rolled over, groped for the ball and still tried to make a play at first base — to no avail.



Rob Scheller



Dennis Eckert

Play halted for over 10 minutes, as Gene McWillie warmed up to replace him. Scheller laid in the dirt for most of that intermission, but eventually got to his feet and slowly walked to the dugout. He was given an ovation by the estimated over-4,000 fans in attendance.

However, it was the gritty Scheller who walked out to the slab to resume play minutes later.

Losing pitcher Glen Jevne also went the route. He gave up nine hits, walked none and struck out five.

BROOKFIELD WINS BRONZE

In other games Sunday, played under sunny skies, Saskatchewan blanked Brookfield Elks of Nova Scotia 6-0, and Brookfield edged Summerside Capitol Twins 1-0.

Nova Scotia took home the bronze medal, while the host team finished fourth overall — the highest a team from P.E.I. has ever placed in the national event.

Besides Kernaghan's tournament MVP award, other individual awards went to the following players: Dennis Eckert of Alberta (MVP in the playoffs); David Lafrance of Alberta and Larry Skinner of Ottawa, Ontario (tied for top batter honors with identical .500 averages); Glen Jevne of Alberta (top pitcher, 0.00 earned run average).

The All-Canadian Team included: pitcher Glen Jevne; catcher Randy Dutiaume of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba; first baseman Mike Worsley of Nova Scotia; second baseman Glen Littlejohn of St. John's, Newfoundland; shortstop Marty Kernaghan; third baseman Dave Lafrance; leftfielder Len Chanasyk of Saskatchewan; centerfielder Rob Shick of Port Alberni, B.C., and rightfielder Don Burnett of Ontario.

The 1987 Canadian Senior Men's Softball Championship will be played in Calgary, Alberta.

SEMIFINALS

Saskatchewan 6 vs. Nova Scotia 0

Gene McWillie twirled a two-hitter, and second baseman Ray Tilley walloped a three-run home run in Saskatoon's big five-run sixth inning.

McWillie issued no walks and struck out eight. Losing pitcher Dale Ryan surrendered five earned runs on six hits and one walk. He had three strikeouts. Walter Fanning came on in relief in the sixth inning. He was tagged with one earned run.

Centerfielder Len Chanasyk and leftfielder Barclay Rocheleau also uncorked solo home runs in the sixth inning for Saskatchewan. Shortstop Bryan Sosnowski was 3-4 for the winners at the plate, and first baseman Les Howey had an RBI double.

Doug Cormier singled in the second, and Mike Henderson singled in the fourth for the Elks' only base hits.

Nova Scotia 1 vs. Summerside Capitol Twins 0

Pinch-hitter Dan Dean singled to lead off the top of the seventh inning, and after one out pinch-runner Doug Holland was sacrificed to second by second baseman Mike Henderson. He scored what was to be the only run of the game on a single to right field by designated hitter Graham McGuire. Scott Gallant's peg to the plate was too late.

Winning pitcher Mark Smith finished with a four-hitter. He gave up no walks and struck out 14. Lefthander Jamie Lund took the loss for Summerside. He was nicked for five hits and two walks; was charged with a wild pitch, and struck out four.

Third baseman Robert Henderson had a pair of singles for Nova Scotia, and centerfielder Robert Putnam had a single and a walk.

Second baseman Hal Birch was 2-3 against Smith, while Gerard Gallant and Bill George banged out singles.

Smith was really in trouble once — in the third inning. Birch got aboard on a single, and was erased on a fielder's choice (a sacrifice bunt attempt by Jamie Lund). Gerard Gallant's single to right put runners at first and second with one out, but Smith fanned the next two Summerside batters to snuff the threat.

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Alberta Champs But Sask. Stole The Show

National Senior Men's Fast Pitch

By DAVID RITCHIE
Gleaner Sports Editor

The record books will note Camrose Merchants of Alberta as national senior men's fast pitch champions for the first time since 1978. But for all who braved the cold and rain at Prospect Park Sunday, a team from Saskatoon, Sask., nicknamed the Molsons, will be remembered as champions in their own right.

Now, the details. Righthander Glen Jeune pitched a one-hitter - he had a perfect game heading into the seventh - and Ray McMillan scored on a wild pitch as Camrose beat Saskatoon 1-0 in the national final, which began around 10:30 Sunday morning.

Jeune, who had pitched a one-hitter in beating Oshawa Merchants of Ontario 1-0 in the upper bracket final earlier in the day, walked one and struck out nine in his masterpiece.

"I'm ecstatic, I'm the happiest man in the world right now. I really can't believe it's over," said Jeune, who was named the most valuable player in the elimination round of the tournament which began as a 13-team tournament way back last Tuesday.

Tom Jones, leading off the seventh, had the only hit of the game, and that was a triple to left centre.

Jeune retired the next two hitters, walked Bruce Marshall intentionally and then forced Pat Spizawka to ground out to shortstop to end the game, and secure the national title.

"I really wasn't thinking of a perfect game. All I wanted to do was get the last three outs. I was getting tired," Jeune said. Of the decision to walk Marshall and put the potential winning run on first, Jeune said there really wasn't a decision.

"No question we were going to walk him, he's just too good a hitter. I've played with Bruce since I was this high schooler. He's hitting three feet off the ground and so he knows me pretty well. Pat (Spizawka) was hitting the ball well, but I knew we could get him out."

The only run Camrose could get off Molsons' pitchers Eugene Emberly and Gene McWillie came in the fifth, and that on a wild pitch by McWillie.

Emberly, who had pitched 12 innings of shutout ball in a win over Oshawa in the preceding game, had a one-hitter going into the fifth when with one out, he walked Marshall and allowed a single by Don Pruss. Exit Emberly and enter McWillie, the 36-year-old pitching legend who, a few hours before, had pitched 22 innings of one-hit ball, striking out 27, against Guysborough, N.S. in a 1-0 victory.

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"I was trying to plant my right foot, and it just slipped. I hadn't been able to establish the planting hole (in front of the pitching rubber)," said McWillie, a veteran of 10 national tournaments, of the wild pitch. "It's unfortunate and I feel bad about it."

"We got the breaks, and that's the way it was for us," Jeune said of Camrose, which finished the qualifying round at 4-0 before beating Nova Scotia 4-2 and Ontario 4-2 in the elimination round.

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Twenty-two innings later - two short of the record set by Ottawa three years ago - Molsons had a 1-0 victory by way of a Spizawak single, two ground outs and an RBI single by Pat Mostaway.

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WINNING RUN - Ray McMillan, who had gone on a wild pitch, crosses the plate with the decisive run which beat Saskatchewan 1-0 to win the national senior men's fast pitch championships Sunday night at Prospect Park. McMillan scored on a wild pitch by Gene McWillie.

Wood Led Respectable Arms' Effort

-Morris Won't Return But Team Will Definitely Operate

By DAVID RITCHIE
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Fredericton Labatt Arms didn't win the national senior men's fast pitch championships, but George Wood says they proved they belonged with the best teams in the land.

"I think we proved that to the fans and to the other teams in the tournament," said centre fielder Wood after Arms lost 1-0 to Saskatoon, Sask. Molsons Sunday in the elimination round. Arms, playing in their fourth straight nationals and first as host, finished

dead even in the 13-team event at 3-3, going 2-2 in the qualifying round (for fifth spot) and 1-1 in the elimination round. They started like gangbusters, beating Yukon 7-0 Tuesday and Northwest Territories 5-0 Wednesday but lost twice, 14-1 to Sas-

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WOOD HONORED - Fredericton Labatt Arms' George Wood, right, receives a plaque from Softball Canada's Bev Graham for finishing with the highest batting average during the qualifying round of the national senior men's fast pitch championships. Wood finished at .538. (Dorothy Scott Photo)

A double by Bruce Marshall and a slow rolling single up the middle by Les Howey in the fourth produced the only run Arms' ace Eoin Matheson allowed in firing a two-hitter.

Matheson and Arms' coach Ronny Morris thought Howey was out on strikes prior to his hit, however, the umpire didn't feel that way.

"I normally don't complain about the umpiring, but I thought it was very inconsistent in this tournament," said Morris. "Eoin and Sonny (Phillips) never cry about a call, but they thought they had Howey. Sonny said the ball had six inches of the plate at the waist. We get that call and we're still in the game."

Still, Arms couldn't manage anything of their own, and that was their undoing, said Wood, who ended up as the top hitter in the entire qualifying round at .538 (7/13) and was one of three Arms' making up the all-star team chosen by Softball Canada.

"We just couldn't get the key hit when we had to for Eoin, who proved he was one of the best pitchers in the country with the way he threw out there," Wood said. "Pitching's what this game's all about. You have to get good pitching."

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(Dorothy Scott Photo)



CELEBRATION TIME - Members of
the Camrose, Alta. Merchants, from
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As for his own perfor-
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said. "I've been hitting the
ball well the last month and
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In contrast, Wood says he
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for 16" at last year's nat-
ional tourney in Victoria.

While Wood maintains
he's interested in playing
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Calgary Comes Through In 'Clutch' To Defend Title

BY BILL MCGUIRE

SUMMERSIDE — Calgary Brake and Clutch was taken to a deciding game before successfully defending the National Senior Men's Softball Championship here Sunday night but was the host Summerside Capitol Twins who almost stole the show.

Alberta rallied with two runs in the top of the 7th inning to edge Saskatoon, Sask. 2-1 and claim its second straight national title.

Summerside lost a 1-0 heart-breaker earlier Sunday to Nova Scotia in the game to decide at least a bronze medal. The 4th place finish was the highest ever for an Island team in national tournament play. The Twins completed play with a 4-3 record.

A crowd estimated at 4,500, including over 1,000 from Nova Scotia, jammed Queen Elizabeth Park for Sunday's opening Summerside-Brookfield game. The crowd swelled attendance for the six-day championship to over 15,000 said a tourney official.

Nova Scotia took third when it went on to lose 6-0 to Saskatoon, leaving the two pre-tourney favorites to decide the gold and silver medals.

Dennis Eckert said he was just hoping to somehow get on base when he went to the plate in the 7th inning of Sunday's final. With his Calgary team trailing 1-0 to Saskatoon, Eckert tied the game when he blasted a dramatic opposite field homer over the left field fence to tie the game.

SCORES WINNER

Then Alberta second baseman Bruce Marshall, who followed with a walk, scored the winning when Saskatoon right fielder Jody Hennigar overthrew third base following a single by DH Dwaine Hamilton.



MARTY KERNAGHAN, LEFT, accepts plaque after being named MVP in the National Senior Men's Softball Championship during closing ceremonies Sunday night in Summerside.

Making the presentation is Errol Thompson, representing Labatts, the major sponsors for the tourney. Kernaghan played shortstop for champion Calgary, Alta.

Eckert was named playoff MVP for his heroics. He had singled in the winning run as Alberta downed Saskatchewan 1-0 Saturday night when the two top 4-0 teams met in their first playoff action.

Saskatoon had forced the deciding game Sunday by edging Alberta 1-0

in 11 innings. It was the first run that Alberta had allowed in the tournament and the two runs which were scored against the national champions were both unearned.

"It was a rise ball that I hit. I was just trying to get on base and I was lucky enough to hit it out," said Eckert as he savored his 5th national title Sunday night.

Eckert said his team was 'a little down' after falling behind 1-0 in the 5th and he was hoping to do something to give them some life.

Saskatoon took the lead in the championship game when pinch-runner Jeff Friesen scored on a throwing error by all-Canadian shortstop

Marty Kernaghan. Friesen was running for Halifax native Jody Hennigar who had walked.

TAKES OFF LOAD

"That home run really took a load off me," said a relieved Kernaghan who was named tournament MVP.

"That error I made put a damper on my whole week, especially when the whole team played very well."

Kernaghan, who won playoff MVP honors last year, said "I didn't expect the tourney MVP this time. It was a total team effort. It would be tough to pick an MVP on our team."

Winning pitcher Jeff Boyce of Calgary was trailing 1-0 heading into the 7th despite not allowing a hit. He gave up a single to Brian Sosnowski leading off the bottom of the inning but got out of trouble when catcher Robin Voss picked off pinchrunner Dave Hoffman at first base. Boyce finished with the one-hitter.

Rob Scheller took the loss on a four-hitter. Scheller also pitched the entire 11-inning victory prior to the final despite being felled by a vicious line drive in the chest by Kernaghan in the 7th inning.

Glen Jevney, who was named top pitcher in the tourney, took the loss in the 11-inning marathon when his team's normally air-tight defence collapsed with two errors in the top of the 11th to allow in the winning run.

POUNDS ELKS

Saskatoon advanced against Calgary by pounding Nova Scotia 6-0 earlier Sunday. A three-run homer by second baseman Ray Tilleay and solo shots by Barclay Rocheleau and Len Chanasyk sealed the win.

Graham Maguire singled over Hal Birch's outstretched glove to drive in pinch runner Doug Holland from second base as Nova Scotia eliminated Summerside 1-0 in Sunday's opening game.

Doug Cormier singled between first and second to lead off the inning for Brookfield and runner Holland took second on a sacrifice bunt. Maguire's liner fell into right field when Scott Gallant's throw to the plate was just a shade too late to nail Holland.

The Twins went down in order against Elks pitcher Mark Smith to end the game. Smith finished with a four-hitter and 14 strikeouts.

"We couldn't buy a break today. I threw Maguire an outside rise just where I wanted it. He got a hellva hit which Birch just missed," said Lund.

The Twins southpaw said pitching in the nationals hosted on P.E.I. fulfilled his life-long dream. "I played the best ball of my career. The guys played super defence behind me. The Island showed we have a good calibre of ball here," said Lund.

He also announced that once the City Softball League playoffs are over, he will retire from softball.

BEST FINISH

Twins co-coach Dave Schurman said "it hurts to lose but we can hold our heads up high. Finishing fourth is the best ever for an Island team."

Schurman said his club was hoping to beat N.S. and get into the medals since the Twins had blanked Smith and Brookfield 1-0 in the tourney's opening game last Tuesday.

Saturday was a day of heroics for Summerside. In the day's opening game, Newfoundland took a 1-0 lead in the second inning and that stood until the bottom of the 7th when Twins' DH Bill George doubled home Greg MacDonald and Ron Boland with the tying and winning runs to keep Summerside alive.

The Twins then met Ontario at 5 p.m. Saturday in another sudden-death game. Greg MacDonald, who went 2-3 against Nfld., singled to lead off against Ottawa and scored on an error for the only run of the game as the Twins shocked Ontario. Ron Boland threw a two-hitter for the victory. Both he and Lund finished the tourney with 2-1 records.

Ottawa had finished in third place after preliminary round action behind Saskatoon and Calgary.

OTHER GAMES

In other games Saturday, N.S. ousted Manitoba 1-0 in eight innings as Mark Smith struck out 13 and allowed just two hits; Dale Ryan lost his no-hitter in the 7th inning and struck out 12 as Brookfield elimi-



ROB SCHELLER looks downcast as he watches closing ceremonies Sunday night at the National Senior Men's Softball Championship in Summerside. Scheller was the losing pitcher as Saskatchewan fell 2-1 to Alberta in the deciding game.

nated 4th place British Columbia 1-0; and Alberta nipped Saskatoon 1-0 in a battle of unbeaten teams.

The all-star team included pitch Glen Jevney of Alberta; catcher Randy Dutiaume of Manitoba, first baseman Mike Worsley of Nova Scotia; second baseman Glen Littlejohn of Newfoundland, third baseman Dave LaFrance of Alberta, shortstop Marty Kernaghan of Alberta, left-fielder Len Chanasyk of Saskatchewan, center fielder Rob Shick of British Columbia, and right fielder Don Burnett of Ontario.

Top batters were Manitoba's LaFrance and Ontario's Larry Skinner, who each batted .500 (5-10).

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For Canadian Fastball Champs 1986

Marty Kernaghan: MVP, all-star again

Grafton native Marty Kernaghan just keeps piling up the awards of achievement.

First and foremost, Kernaghan helped the Alberta Brake & Clutch team based in Calgary to its third straight Canadian men's fastball championship this past weekend at Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

ABC reclaimed the national title in P.E.I. by snatching a last-inning 2-1 triumph from Saskatoon All-Amatics in the final of the week-long competition.

The Saskatchewan squad had handed Alberta its only loss of the tournament the previous day in the semi-final by prevailing 1-0 in 17 innings. ABC went through the preliminaries unbeaten and unscored upon in four starts.

Kernaghan again was named the all-star shortstop of the tournament and once more was selected as MVP of the round-robin preliminaries.

Now, Kernaghan is accompanying the Saskatoon team on a 21-day tour of Taiwan, China and Japan.

Two-Year Fastball Commitment

Kernaghan: Canadian team member again

For the second time in his illustrious fastball career, Grafton native Marty Kernaghan has earned a spot on the Canadian national men's team.

Son of Jack and Pat Kernaghan of Grafton, Marty attended a tryout camp based in Kitchener last month and won the short-stop's berth over 10 days during a series of exhibition games which concluded in Quebec last Wednesday.

Kernaghan last played on the 1983 Canadian squad which won a gold medal at the Pan Am Games in Venezuela.

By making the national team this time, he's committed to competing for his country in the next Pan Am Games in Indianapolis in 1987 and for the next world championships slated for Saskatoon in 1988.

Regularly a member of the Alberta Brake and Clutch out of Calgary, Kernaghan accomplished an unprecedented double last summer in being named the MVP of the ISC tournament in Kimberley (Wisconsin) and the Canadian championships in Waterloo, Ontario.

Kernaghan and his ABC cohorts, as 1985 Canadian champs, will take part in the next ISC event at Sioux City, Iowa, August 1-10.

Marty Kernaghan honored at Calgary sportsmen's dinner

Grafton native Marty Kernaghan was one of nine athletes honored at the 31st annual Calgary Booster Club Sportsmen's Dinner held in Alberta last month.

Marty's parents, Pat and Jack Kernaghan, who still reside in Grafton, were among the 760 people attending the banquet.

Guest speakers for the occasion were former NHL'er Dennis Hull, ABC sportscaster Al Michaels and colorful ex-major league umpire Ron Luciano.

Kernaghan was introduced at the awards dinner by Russ Peake, sportscaster for CFCN TV, Calgary.

In his introduction, Kernaghan was described as "a hard-hitting, slick-fielding shortstop and leader of the Alberta Brake and Clutch team which won the 1985 Canadian senior men's fastball championship and finished third among 48 teams at the world ISC tournament in Wisconsin."

Among his many accomplishments listed were these:

Most valuable player awards at the Camrose World Series of Fastball, Saskatoon Invitational and Alberta provincial tournaments, Canadian and world championships;

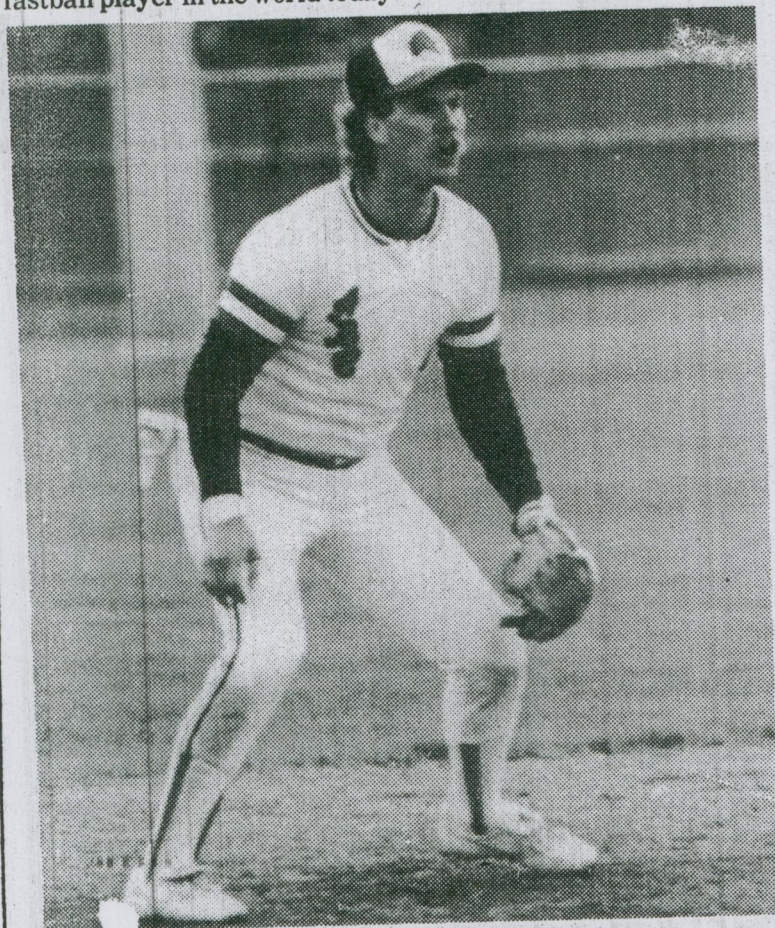
He also was named MVP of the ABC team;

All-star in the Midwest Fastball League, Regina and Saskatoon Invitational Tournaments, Calgary Super Tourney, Camrose World Series of Fastball, Canadian and world championships;

In addition, Marty set or tied records for most home runs (4) and runs batted in (10) at both the Canadian and world championships;

He was a member of the Canadian gold medal team at the 1983 Pam Am Games in Venezuela.

"Many observers close to the game consider him the finest fastball player in the world today," concluded Peake.



Marty Kernaghan



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Penn Corp solidifies infield with addition of Kernaghan

By Steve Allspach
Journal sports writer

Penn Corp, the Sioux City fast-pitch power already primed and loaded with a power-packed lineup for the 1987 season, has added more weaponry to its arsenal.

Shortstop Marty Kernaghan of Alberta (Canada) Brake & Clutch, the most valuable player in the 1985 International Softball Congress World Tournament, has agreed to play for the insurancemen this season.

Penn Corp finished fourth in last summer's ISC World Tournament in Sioux City and second in the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) national tournament in Bellevue, Wash.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Kernaghan was earned All-World honors and was named most valuable player of the '85 ISC classic after hitting .381, belting three home runs and driving in 10 runs, one short of the ISC World Tournament record.

Last year, Kernaghan brought a .440 batting average to the ISC classic in Sioux City, where his Alberta Brake & Clutch team won two games and lost two games.

Kernaghan was also named All-World second team in 1984, but was not named to either of the top ISC squads last summer.

Kernaghan also hit over 30 home runs last season.

The Penn Corp infield already features veteran third baseman John Ege, an ISC All-World selection last summer.

Kernaghan will play for Penn Corp in weekend tournaments. He replaces Steve Kerian, who operated at shortstop for one season for Penn Corp, but has since joined the Decatur (Ill.) Pride team.

Kernaghan, who visited Sioux City recently to negotiate personally with Penn Corp sponsor Ken Opstein and Penn Corp Manager Gale Kurtz, emerged as one of the top players on the international fast-pitch scene in 1983 when he helped his Canadian team win the softball gold medal in the Pan American Games in Venezuela in 1983.

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In 1985, Kernaghan slugged 25 home runs, drove in 87 runs and hit .386.

Kernaghan should feel right at home in snazzy Penn Corp Park. In a regular-season tournament in 1985, the 28-year-old slugged four homers, drove in 12 runs and had 12 hits in 24 at-bats.

"With the addition of Marty Kernaghan, we are now the probable favorites to win the world fast-pitch championship," said Opstein.

"Seattle lost its great pitcher, Jimmy Moore, to Detroit and the new Detroit team (Nothdurft Tool) certainly cannot build to the fielding and hitting strength of Seattle in the first year," added Opstein.

Moore pitched his Seattle Pay 'N Pak team (actually based in Bellevue, Wash.) to consecutive ISC and ASA (Amateur Softball Association) national titles in 1985 and 1986.

Along with Kernaghan, Penn Corp has also improved its team with the addition of New Zealand pitcher Paul Magan, catcher Mark Sorensen and designated hitter Denny Delorit.

Magan, the most valuable pitcher in the 1982 ISC World Tournament, compiled a 38-5 record this winter in pitching his Wellington team to one of New Zealand's two national championship titles.

The Penn Corp pitching staff already includes All-World selections Steve Schultz and Pete Sandman.

Sorensen has played recently for The Farm Tavern of Madison, Wis., a team that has folded. Delorit was an ASA All-American with Aurora (Ill.) Home Savings in 1980.

Moore's new team in Detroit is also

in the process of building a national championship contender.

Along with Moore, Nothdurft has added a slugging shortstop of its own in Chuck Prescott. Prescott, a former All-World player with the Allentown (Pa.) Sunners, left that team to apparently join the Decatur Pride, but has since been added to the Nothdurft squad.

Prescott, an ASA All-American first-teamer the past two years, hit .560 in the 1985 national tournament. Prescott's Allentown teammate, Jim Brackin, has also jumped ship to Nothdurft.

Brackin was the leading hitter in the 1986 ASA national tournament with a .562 batting average. Also on the Nothdurft team is Jim McElkdowney, who played for the University of Michigan's 1979 College baseball World Series championship team.

Penn Corp opens its season April 23 in Florida against the Clearwater Bombers, then play in a round-robin tournament April 25-26 in Fort Pierce, Fla.

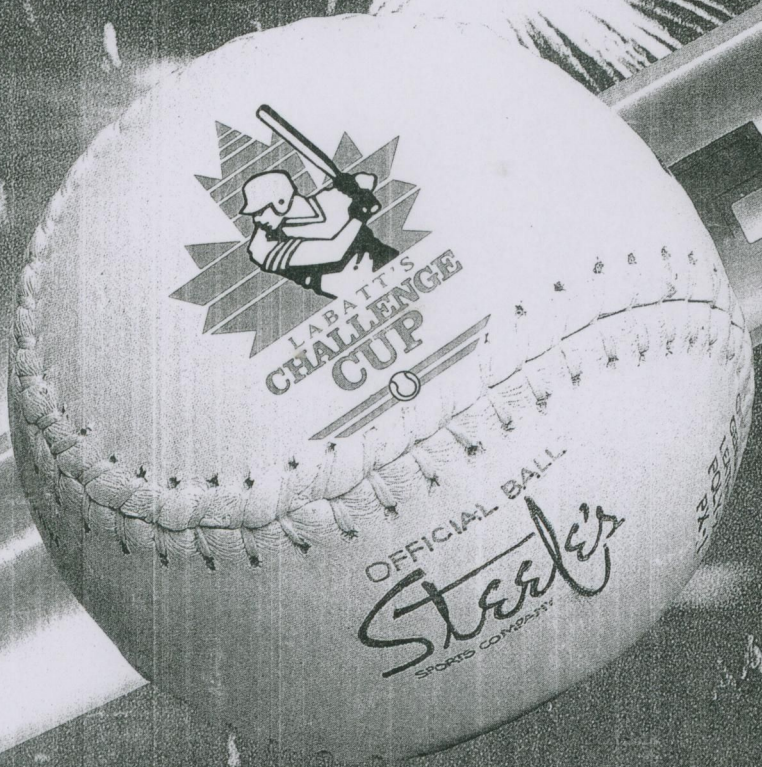
■ The Sioux City Fast-Pitch Association voted at its 1987 organizational meeting Monday night to adopt the international rule regarding placing a runner at second base in extra inning games.

According to international rules, in league games at Hubbard Park tied after seven innings, the eighth inning will open with the last batter in the previous inning being awarded second base to start the first extra inning.

■ For the record, there is at least one change in nomenclature concerning fast-pitch. According to the rule book, the "designated hitter" will now be referred to officially as the "designated player."

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—	David Hoffman	IF/OF
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JEVNE, Glenn — Pitcher
 Height: 6'1" Weight: 170 lbs.
 Club Team: Camrose Merchants (Camrose)

- one of Canada's premiere pitchers
- selected Alberta's top adult player in 1987
- resides in Wetaskiwin, Alta.
- 1988 National Championship — gold medal
- 1988 World Championship — bronze medal
- 1987 Pan Am Games — gold medal
- 1987 National Championship — bronze medal
- 1986 National Championship — gold medal
- 1985 National Championship — gold medal
- 1984 National Championship — gold medal



ABBOT, Bob
 Height: 5'10" Weight: 170 lbs.

- hails from Uxbridge, Ont.

During past 30 years he has played, coached, managed, umpired and been involved in the administration at the local, provincial and national levels.

- 1st vice president O.A.S.A.
- director of Softball Ontario
- chairman Softball Canada national teams
- 1989 Canada Games champions
- 1981 Provincial champions

BAYTOR, Terry — Coach
 Brampton, Ontario

- high school vice-principal
- 15 years coaching experience
- 1989 Pan Am qualification — gold medal
- 1988 World Championship — bronze medal
- 1987 Pan Am Games — gold medal
- 1984 World Championships — silver medal
- 1984 Pan Am Games — gold

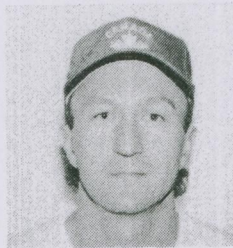
FORD, Glenn — Outfielder/Catcher
 Born: 30/09/57 Height: 6'3"
 Weight: 205 lbs.
 Club: Ontario Ambassadors (Scarborough)

- anchored the National Team outfield in centerfield since 1983
- resides in Newmarket, Ontario
- 1988 World Championship — bronze medal
- 1987 Pan Am Games — gold medal
- 1984 World Championships — silver medal
- 1983 Pan Am Games — gold medal



KERNAGHAN, Marty — Infielder
 Born: 09/08/58 Height: 6'0"
 Weight: 200 lbs.
 Club: Penn Corp — Sioux City, Iowa

- one of Canada's well-travelled players
- born in Cobourg, Ontario
- began playing senior softball with Calgary (Dome Petroleum and then Alberta Brake and Clutch) before moving to Sioux City, Iowa
- known for his excellent power-hitting ability
- 1989 ASA and ISC Champions (Penn Corp)
- 1988 World Championship — bronze medal
- 1986 National Championship — gold medal
- 1985 National Championship — gold medal
- 1984 National Championship — gold medal
- 1983 Pan Am Games — gold medal



CHANASYK, Len — Outfielder
 Height: 6'0" Weight: 185 lbs.
 Club: Rempel Bros. (Saskatoon)

- born in Vermilion, Alta.
- veteran of western Canada softball (Wetaskiwin/Camrose, Saskatoon) but only his first year with the National Team
- selected to National Championship All-Star team in 1986
- 1988 World Championship — bronze medal
- 1987 National Championship — gold medal
- 1986 National Championship — silver medal
- 1984 National Championship — gold medal

CHASE, Doug — Catcher
 Age: 28 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 170 lbs.
 Club Team: Port Alberni Athletics/Victoria Payless

- 1989 Canadian National Team — gold medal at Pan Am Trials
- 1989 Victoria Payless — NorWest League Champions/B.C. Provincial — inspirational player
- 1988 Payless Provincial Champions — 3rd Canadian Championships — NorWest League All Star
- 1987 Port Alberni Provincial Champions — NorWest League All Star — most inspirational; All Star catcher at Canadian Championships
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- 1984 Port Alberni Athletics — MVP at Provincial Championships

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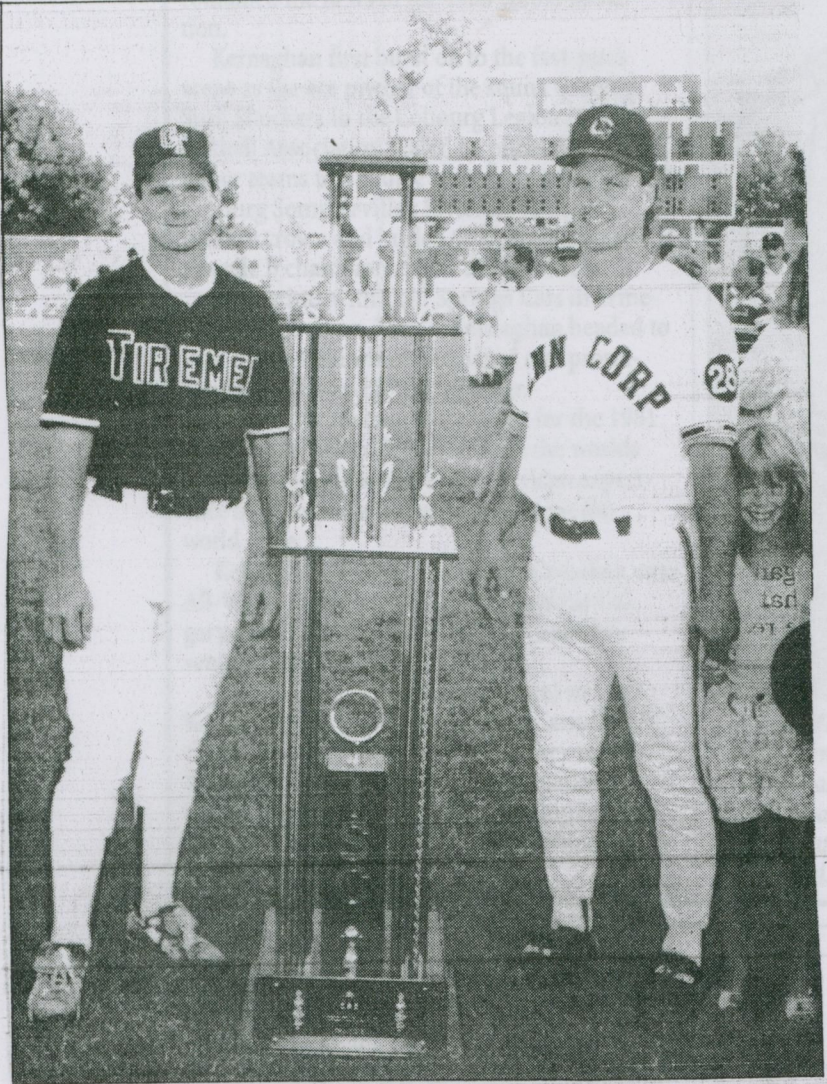
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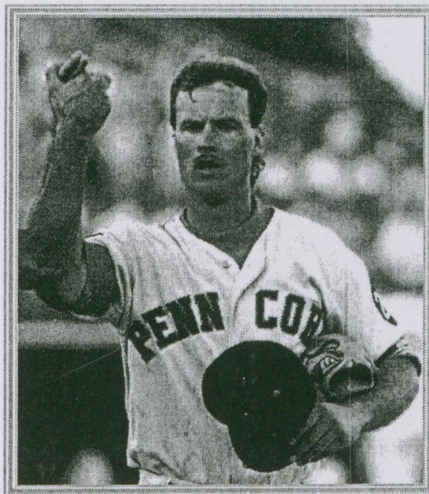
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Small world, big trophy — It almost boggles the mind that two Canadians who learned how to play softball in the Cobourg-Grafton area would wind up playing opposite each other in the International Softball Congress world fast pitch championship final at Sioux City, Iowa, but that's precisely what happened recently when Marty Kernaghan's Penn Corp team beat Allan Burnham's Owen Sound Canadian Tiremen. The two local natives stand beside the huge keeper trophy Penn Corp won by virtue of their 10-inning 2-0 victory.

Marty Kernaghan - HoF - 2002

MARTY KERNAGHAN, PLAYER - -by Roger May



Marty Kernaghan was elected to the ISC Hall of Fame as an infielder. He played in 11 ISC World Tournaments as a shortstop or third baseman from 1984 thru 1995, missing the 1994 season because of a broken leg.

In his first year of men's fastpitch, Marty played in the 1978 ISC with the Oshawa Tony's & then in '79 with the Camrose Merchants.

Marty played his minor softball in and around the eastern Ontario town of Grafton, where he was raised, on the north shore of Lake Ontario. The Kernaghan family, parents Pat and Jack and their other 3 children, Peggy, Shelley and Marty's older brother, Sandy, lived in a house next to the Co-op.

Marty started playing softball as a pitcher and while playing in the Squirt Division, age 8-10, he pitched the Cobourg Team to a Provincial title, by defeating Brad Underwood and his Owen Sound team.

Marty continued perfecting his pitching by throwing almost daily. On one of these exercises, Marty convinced his sister, Shelley to grab a glove and catch for him.

While working on his rise ball, one of Marty's pitches really rose and tipped off the top of Shelley's glove, hit her right between the eyes, broke her glasses in half and broke her nose. Unfortunately, Marty was not able to persuade Shelley to tape up her glasses, get a towel to mop up the blood (so mom would not find out!) and continue catching.

Needless to say after that incident, Marty practiced against the Co-op wall which had a strike zone painted on it. Subsequently, of course, Marty's errant rise ball took its toll a number of times on the window located above the strike zone. Marty continued to pitch during his midget, juvenile and junior years with a lot of success.

Grafton's Junior team, coached by brother Sandy, captured the Ontario title. This tournament featured Marty in a 19 inning, complete game marathon against the town of Verona, another small, eastern Ontario community. The game likely would have ended sooner but the umpire realizing he had just thrown the opposing pitcher out of the game, reversed his decision and allowed him to continue.

The following year (1978), a quarter of the way through the season, Marty joined the Oshawa Tony's, a powerhouse team in men's major fastball at the time. During that season Marty played mostly in right field. The following year Marty was coaxed into moving west to Camrose, Alberta by former Ontario pitcher, Peter Brown.

In the early 1980's Marty signed with the Calgary-based Alberta Brake and Clutch team which travelled to numerous invitational tournaments. With the increased exposure to major men's fastpitch, Marty's playing skills became apparent to others and in the mid-80's he joined the great Penn Corp team in Sioux City. It was with that club (later National Health Care) that he enjoyed his greatest success, playing shortstop and later moving to third base.

Marty still resides in Sioux City with wife, Beverley and daughters Jennie, 18 and Abby, 11. Both daughters play softball and you can bet they are well coached.

In a recent interview, Marty acknowledged the contributions made by his teammates and the opponents he faced. "During all my years of playing fastpitch", Marty stated, "I competed with and against the greatest players of my era. Without that competition I would not have had the successes that I achieved throughout my career. I was also fortunate in having some outstanding sponsors, managers and coaches, beginning with my minor softball days until my retirement".

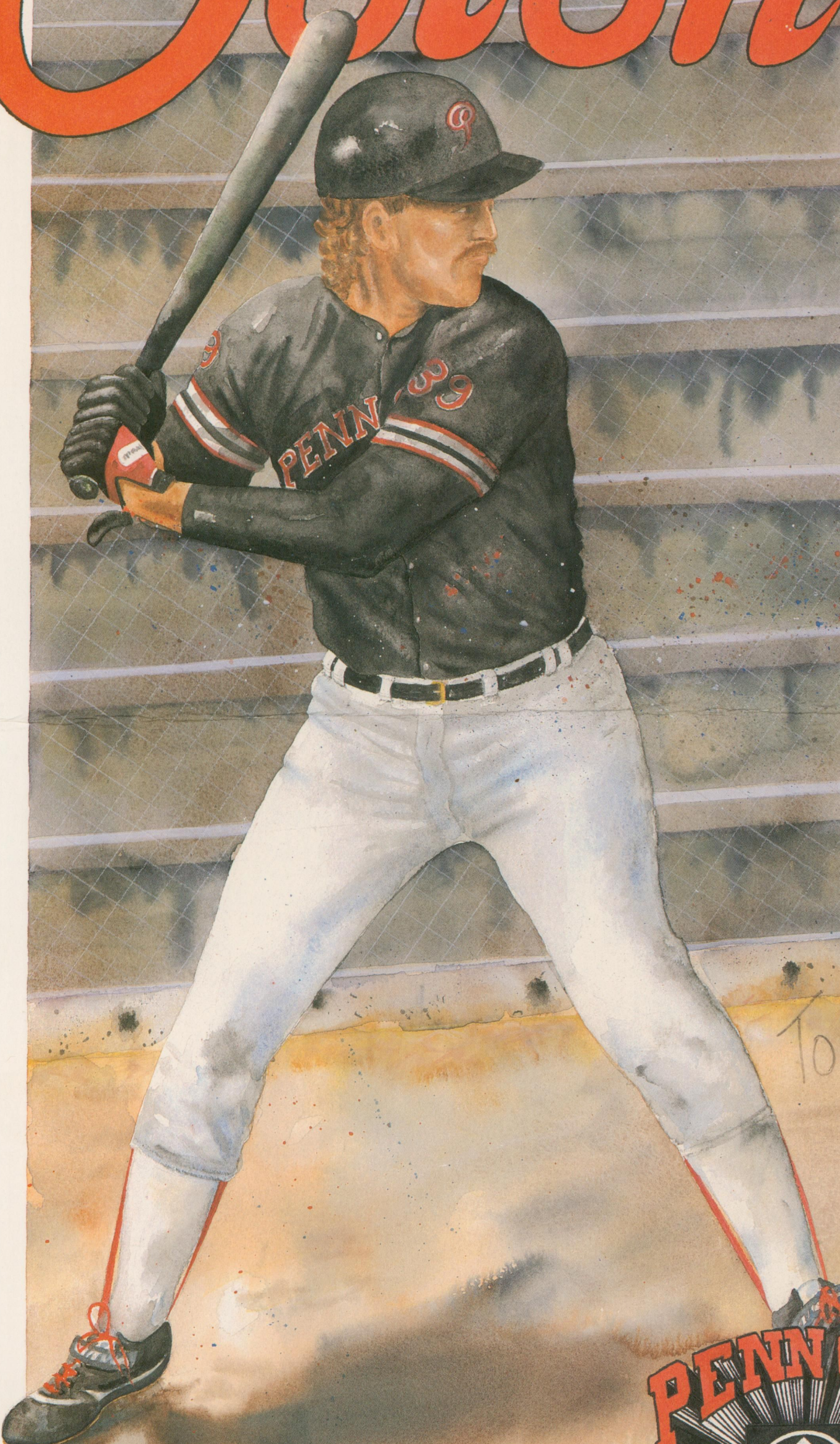
Marty who is a successful, licensed pilot, noted that it was his softball skills that enabled him to begin a career that he thoroughly enjoys-flying for a living.

Marty Kernaghan was also a member of championship fastpitch teams in ASA & Softball Canada National Championships. In addition he was a member of Team Canada during the 1983 Pan-Am Championship as well as the 1992 ISF Men's World Championships, both times winning Gold Medals.

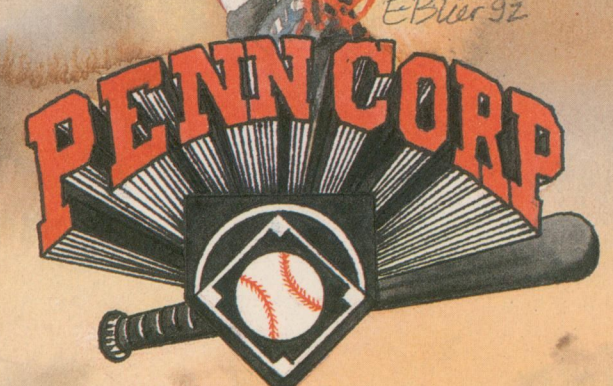
Marty Kernaghan was voted ISC All-World, eight times (1st team, 4 times; 2nd team, 4 times) and batted .361 getting 60 hits in 166 at-bats while scoring 31 times with 36 RBI's.

In thirteen ISC World Tournaments, Marty's teams won 4 championships, were runners-up, twice and 3rd, twice, with a 4th, 7th and 11th in three other World Tournaments.

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