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BWFL ALL-STAR GAME

North edges South

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HARRISTON - The Bluewater Fastball League held its All-star game Saturday evening in Harriston.

The North division prevailed 2-1 in the well-played contest. All the runs were scored on account of the long ball.

Two of the 11 teams did not send representatives due to other commitments. The Chepstow Lang Farm Colts were competing in the provincial qualifying midget tournament in St. Thomas and the Port Elgin Blue Devils were in the Owen Sound tournament.

The South division, comprised of players from the Wroxeter Junior Rippers, the Wroxeter Rippers, the Wingham Colts, the Harriston Mercurys and the Mount Forest Selects had 11 players on their roster.

The North division, comprised of players from the Belmore Stingers, the Formosa Brewers, the Chepstow Cubs and the Chepstow Aces, had 12 players in their line-up.

Originally scheduled as a nine-inning contest, the

All-star was a seven-inning affair as each team only had two pitchers.

Trevor Seip of the Rippers started on the mound for the South division and Scott Smith of the Stingers started for the North division.

Scott Leinhart of the Mercurys took over in the fourth inning for the South while veteran Pete Spitzig finished the contest for the North.

Smith got the first two batters, Dennis Wintemute and Trevor Seip of the Rippers, to ground out. After giving up a single to Ryan Fisk of the Mercurys, Smith struck out Harriston's Geoff Gunson.

Seip also faced four batters in the bottom half of the inning. After giving up a lead off single to Stacey Bauman of the Cubs, Seip fanned Matt Smith of the Cubs and Doug Lang of the Aces and Scott Smith grounded out.

The top of the second was a three-up, three-down inning for Smith.

Tom Lang of the Aces led off the bottom half of the inning with a single. He was advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by

Dave Deyell of the Stingers.

A walk to Eric Millen of the Brewers put runners on first and second. Fortunately, Seip got Cliff Cassidy of the Cubs and Mark Kuntz of the Brewers to fly out.

Smith only faced four batters in the top of the third. Scott West of the Colts was the only batter reaching base, receiving a free pass with two out.

Brent Reading of the Aces lead off the bottom of the third with a single. Robb Hammell of the Stingers then came to the plate and smacked the ball over the centre field fence to give the North a 2-0 lead.

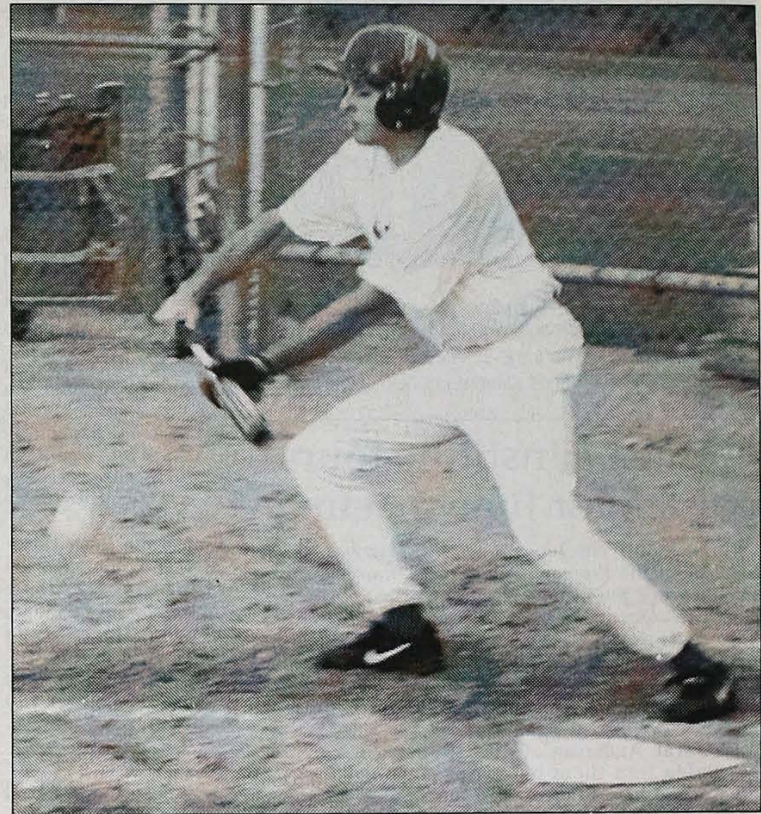
With Spitzig now on the mound for the North, Wintemute led off the top of the fourth with a solo shot over the centre field fence to cut the North division lead in half.

Leinhart took over for the South division.

Neither team threatened until the top of the seventh, when Hammell led off with a single and reached third on a two-out double by Matt Smith.

Leinhart struck out Doug Lang to conclude the game.

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Jim Brown photo

Bunt

Dave Deyell of the Belmore Stingers was successful on this sacrifice bunt to advance Chepstow Aces' Tom Lang from first base to second base during the second inning of Saturday's Bluewater Fastball League's All-star game.

Stingers split two eight-inning games

WESTERN ONTARIO - The Belmore Stingers played a couple of extra-

inning games last week in the Bluewater Fastball League, splitting the two games.

Playing Harriston last Tuesday, Scott Smith hurled a one-hitter and had 14 strike outs in a losing effort.

Playing under the international tie-breaker rule in the eighth inning, Ryan Fisk clubbed a two-run home run in the bottom of the inning to give Harriston the win.

Scott Leinhart posted the win on the mound for the Mercurys, giving up a pair of hits and recording 16 strike outs.

On Friday, the Stingers took on the Cubs and again went into extra innings, tied 0-0 after the

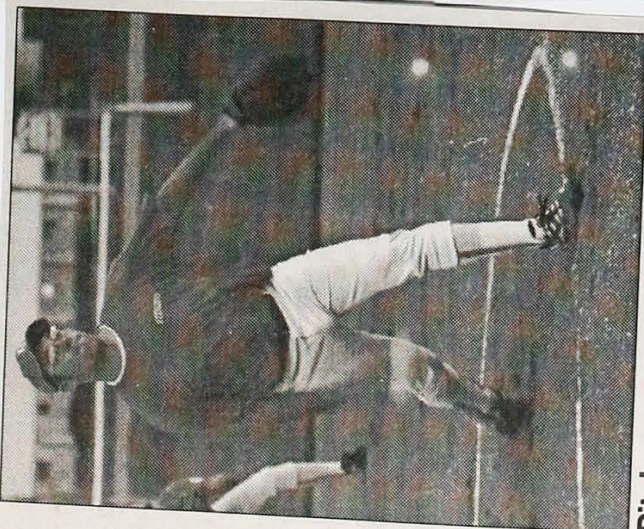
regulation seven innings. Smith again hurled a one-hitter and had 16 strike outs as the Stingers posted a 2-1 win.

Steve Romphf gave up four hits and had 11 strike outs in a losing cause for the Cubs.

The Cubs were able to score Greg Montgomery in the top of the eighth inning.

In the Stingers' half of the inning, Smith tripled to bring home the runner from second and Chris Eadie laid down a squeeze bunt to score Smith from third.

The Stingers compete in the Wroxeter tournament this weekend, playing the Shakespeare Colts at 8:45 p.m. on Friday.



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Pitch
Scott Smith started on the mound for the Belmore Stingers last Friday evening against the Wingham Colts.