

We got beat out by Waterdown 4 - 3 in the final game. I was very proud of those boys and so was the Thurlow Community.

In 1968, grass roots started to grow. We also entered a Bantam team coached by the late Harry Hodgson and Wayne DeMille. They worked very hard and also went ahead. The first year they won the Eastern Ontario Cup and advanced to the Semi-finals. I stayed with the PeeWee's and Carman Dafoe started to help me again. We now had two ball fields - Foxboro and Harmony School.

In 1969, 1970, 1971 Carmel put the name on the cups again. Ball games got bigger, crowds more interested and things started to fall together. Jerry Mann and Garnie Adams did an excellent job in 1971 by going to the Semi-Finals against Hagersville.

1971 was the biggest year I had coaching. Bev Foster sponsored the Pee Wee team that year. We went to the All Ontario Championship against a team named Wheatley. This team wasn't as strong as the team I had in 1967 but what ever I asked they did and we fooled a lot of teams.

Team members were:

Carman Dafoe	Coach
Terry Holgate	Pitcher
Lance Vader	Score Keeper
Bruce McDonell	Pitcher
Bill Arthurs	Short Stop
Ted Foster	1st Base
Rod Dafoe	2nd Base
Jerry Masterson	Coach
Farley Vader	Catcher (Most Valuable Player)
Brian Masterson	Fielder
David Andrews	3rd Base
Bradley Sullivan	Centre Field
Randy Adams	Fielder
Tony Lattone	Fielder

Carman Dafoe and I thought this was nicest bunch of boys we ever worked with or ever will.

After all the work we had in ball we never regret the time we spent. We had two ball players from this group attend Pittsburgh Training Camp by Special Invitation from a Pittsburgh Scout (Jim Frail).

Now forgetting about baseball, one year I coached three hockey teams in Belleville. (Tyke, Bantam and PeeWee) I met Al Waterson and we decided to coach a O.M.H.A. Hockey Team from Thurlow. We had a lot of fun but beat bad, not enough ice time etc.

As far as I am concerned, this lit the fuse towards a Recreation Committee to raise money. Diane Genereaux and I had hounded council to start a Recreation Committee. Finally Al Waterson attended a Council meeting and pointed out all the money, and travelling etc.

Finally, Council called a meeting and around 75 people attended. When Council took interest, people did. A committee was formed that night.

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