

Limehouse Bantams win league, playoff Championships



The Limehouse Bantam Boys baseball team enjoyed a championship season this year, finishing in first place with a 14-4 record and winning their playoff series in Kilbride on Aug. 10-11 by going undefeated in three games. Pictured here from left to right (back row) are coach Mark Osborne, Don Pat-

erson, Jared Iverland, Jamie Willett, Jason Bowman, Fred McDonald, Rob Brown and manager Fred McDonald. Front row, left to right are Dave Patey, Mike McArthur, Sheldon Stuckless, Dave Osborne, Derrick Robson and Kevin Willett. Absent are Chris Nolan and Mark Gidden. (Photo submitted)

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Congratulations to the Limehouse bantam boys for winning both the league and playoff championships.

The for the first time in 12 years, the bantam boys have brought home the elusive hardware. After starting the year with a 2-3 record, the boys went on to post a 14-4 season, good enough to win the Halton Rural Minor Softball Association title.

In the playoffs, held in the town of Kilbride on Aug. 10-11, the team posted a perfect 3-0 record to claim the championship.

Game 1 - Aug. 10th
Limehouse vs. Lowville

Lowville started quickly in this game, scoring a run in the first inning.

Limehouse got their bats going in the second inning, scoring four runs on five hits along with three walks.

They scored three more runs in the third inning on three walks, sacrifice bunt, and three hits. This was all the scoring they needed to post a 7-3 victory over the Lowville team.

Game 2 - Aug. 11th
Limehouse vs. Cheltenham

This had to be the most exciting game played all year. Limehouse scored first in their bottom half of the first inning, scoring two runs for a quick 2-0 lead.

Cheltenham came back in their half of the second inning scoring 2 runs to tie the game. Limehouse would have none of this, so they scored three runs in their next at bat making the score 5-2 in favour of Limehouse.

There was no more scoring until the Cheltenham 6th when they scored two runs to close the score 5-4.

In their half of the seventh inning, Cheltenham scored one more run to tie the score 5-5. Extra inn-

ings were needed to settle matters.

Cheltenham scored first in their half of the ninth inning. With the game on the line, Limehouse came back with a run of their own to tie the game once more.

The international tie-breaker rule was put into effect in the 10th inning with Cheltenham having first kick at the can. They did manage to score the runner from second base to take the lead once more 7-6.

In the bottom of the inning, Limehouse got their bats going once again. They scored the runner from second base on a single by Derrick Robson. Singles by Mike McArthur, Fred McDonald and finally Mark Gidden scored the 8th and winning run to end the game.

Jamie Willett, with some sound defence behind him, pitched 8 2/3 innings to pick up the win.

Game 3 - Aug. 11 Finals
Limehouse vs. Cheltenham

This game was no contest for the boys from Limehouse. After losing to Limehouse, Cheltenham had to play right away against Pustinch to see which team would qualify for the finals. Cheltenham won this game 16-13 which means they played a lot of ball in very warm weather.

After a short breather Cheltenham was ready to take on the boys from Limehouse once again. Limehouse, fresh after a three hour rest, jumped all over the Cheltenham pitching, gaining a 9-2 lead after only three innings.

Cheltenham, game as they were, just didn't have anything left after playing two games in a row.

The final outcome of this championship game was Limehouse 15, Cheltenham 6.

Congratulations again to the Limehouse bantam boys and their coaches Fred McDonald and Mark Osborne for a very satisfying and exciting year of baseball.

Softball playoffs wrapping up Limehouse baseball season

With just the semi-finals and championship games to wrap up, the president of the Limehouse Men's Softball League said the season has been so successful that new teams will be added to the present eight squads next year.

President Karl Killingbeck said most of the current teams carried close to the full 18 player compli-

ment they were allowed and there seemed to be enough interest from others in the area who wanted to join.

"We'll be accepting applications for new teams in the spring. There are a couple of teams from Milton who may join, as well as some people in Georgetown, which hasn't had a league for a few years."

While Killingbeck couldn't say how many teams would be taking part next year, he said as many as 10 more was a possibility, if they could find the sponsors for them.

"There were only about two defaults during the year, so the guys are serious about playing. Most have said they'll return next year, though there has been a little talk about one or two teams becoming tournament teams. In any event, it should be a good year."

After the completion of most of the double round robin playoff rounds, Georgetown Rent-All and Hilltop Construction are playing their third and deciding semi-final game tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 p.m. Hilltop won the first game, while Georgetown came back on Sunday, winning 8-4 to tie it up.

Andy's Haulage holds the advantage in the other semi-final best of three series, having won the first game 2-1 over Miller Hi-lites. They played the second game last night (after press time) and if necessary, the deciding match will be on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

The champion will be decided in a best of five series, beginning Monday and continuing on Wednesday and Friday. If necessary, the fourth and fifth games will be on Sunday, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Limehouse Men's Softball League Regular Season Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Georgetown Rent-All	21	16	4	1	33
Milton Skate Exchange	21	14	5	2	30
Limehouse Lighthouses	21	11	9	1	23
Hilltop Construction	21	11	10	0	22
Andy's Haulage	21	9	11	4	22
Miller Hi-lites	21	8	9	4	20
Remax Warriors	21	8	11	2	18
Bathurst Blue Jays	21	1	20	0	2



Hilltop Quarry runner Pete Gardner slides into second base while avoiding the tag from Georgetown Rent-All player Chris Haines. The two teams are tied 1-1 in the best of three series due to Georgetown's 8-4 win on Sunday. The two teams play the deciding game tonight in Limehouse. (Herald photo)

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