

# Rockwood ball player is a national champ

Local Rockwood softball player and Rockwood Rebel graduate, Brittany MacPherson has just returned from the Canadian National Bantam Championships in Victoria, BC wearing hardware of a champion.

With a Gold at the Provincials, the Gators earned a birth in the National championship in Victoria BC, alongside silver medalists from Ajax.

MacPherson and her teammates had just one loss and finished the round robin with a 5-1 record, good enough for first place in the red pool. In the championship round, the Gators' first victim was non-other than their nemesis from Ontario, Ajax. With a similar record at 5-1, everyone was on pins and needles, during the clash of Ontario. The Gators fell behind early in the first inning but managed to battle back to tie it up and then went ahead for good, when MacPherson doubled off of the outfield fence, and scored on a home run by Tamara Graham.

The Gators continued to push forward with a strong performance in the semi-finals against the top BC team from Whiterock. The Renegades had finished first in their pool as well, and a win for either team would seal a birth in the National Championship gold medal game. Again, MacPherson had a strong showing going 2-for-3 at

the plate and scored the winning run, when she stole home to break a 3-3 tie. The Gators went on to win 5-3 and advanced to the gold medal championship game.

MacPherson's team turned to her for leadership, in the final, handing her the ball to pitch the gold medal game. The Gators fell behind early as the Ajax Raiders jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the 1st inning. MacPherson tied the game with a solo home run over the right field fence, to tie it up 1-1 after two innings. The Gators bats continued to surge as Lyndsay Butler also parked a home run, putting the Gators ahead for good. MacPherson continued her strong showing in the circle, pitching the Gators to a 7-5 victory and earning her and her team the Canadian Bantam Championship. The Gators compiled a record of 8-1, for the tournament while MacPherson went 3-0. The Gators managed to score 76 runs for the Championship tournament while only surrendering 17 in their nine games played. MacPherson was charged with giving up 5 earned runs over 17 innings in her quest for gold.

MacPherson pitched in five games winning the three games she started, while pitching two in relief. Brittany compiled 17 strike outs, with one walked batter for the entire tournament.



## MOUNTED PATROL

The OPP's Mounted Unit - Bosco and Jasper - waited patiently while OPP Constables Kate Carberry (left) and Steve Smith visited with Rumours Furniture Shop owner Lou Bozzelli while on patrol in Rockwood last week. Earlier this summer, the police services board recommended disbanding the Mounted Unit to save money, but Wellington County politicians voted unanimously to save the unit. - Submitted photo

## ACE PITCHER

Rockwood's Brittany MacPherson helped the Gators to Gold at the Canadian National Bantam championship in British Columbia. MacPherson pitched in five winning games and two in relief and had 17 strike outs.

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