

# Turbitt set to umpire World Cup once again

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From the moment 11-year-old Lisa Turbitt umpired her brother's T-ball game as a last-minute replacement, she was hooked.

"I loved it," she said. "I wanted to go out that day and see how I could umpire at the higher levels."

After numerous clinics and now with about 2,000 games under her belt, Turbitt — who teaches seventh grade at Chris Hadfield School — is again taking her skills to the highest level. This week she'll be calling balls and strikes at the Women's World Cup in Taiwan.

It's the second time in a row that she has been assigned to the women's baseball championship tournament. At the inaugural Women's World Cup in Edmonton, Turbitt — Baseball Canada's 2004 Umpire of the Year — worked home plate for the gold medal game.

However, unlike two years ago, when there were six Canadian umpires, this time she'll be the country's lone representative. It will also mark the first time she's travelled outside Canada to umpire.

"This, being an international event, is very exciting. I'm very honoured to be representing Canada. Every time you get to do something like this it's exciting. It's a new opportunity. Not just the baseball side of it, but it's a country I haven't been to before."

Of course, umpiring international games does have a unique aspect in that many of the players and sometimes even fellow umpires don't speak the same language. "Sometimes (managers) come with their own interpreters, but it's mostly universal. Baseball is baseball is baseball."

Turbitt has helped pave the way for other female umpires. She founded Baseball

Ontario's female development program, which runs umpiring clinics across the province — contributing to the increase of female umpires. At this summer's Ontario Summer Games, both the pee-wee and bantam girls baseball championships will have all-female umpiring crews.

Turbitt's love for the game extends beyond umpiring. She continues to play herself, again behind the plate as a catcher in the Burlington Women's Fastball League, and is the pitching coach for Ontario at the bantam girls nationals in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

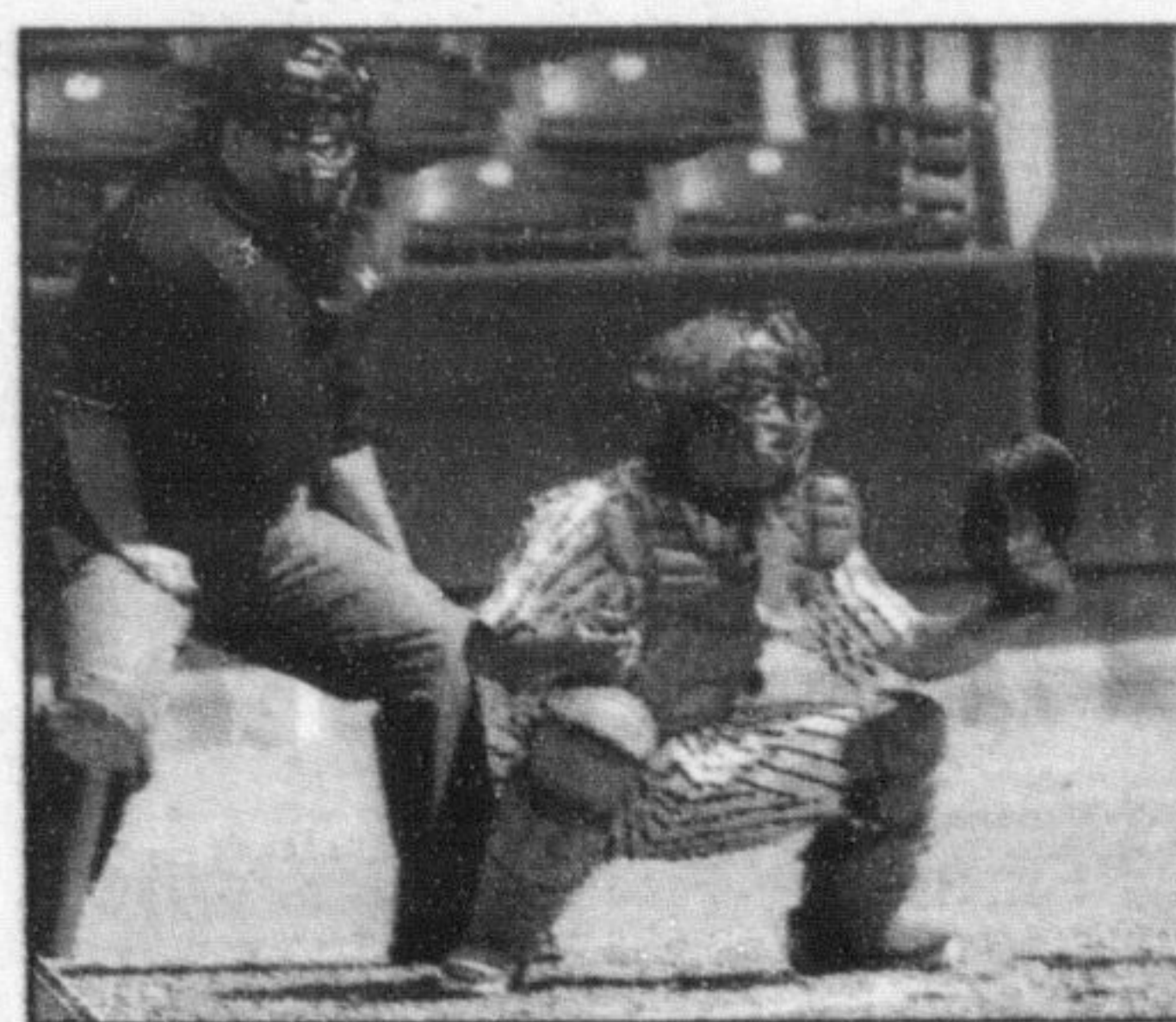


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Lisa Turbitt umpires at the 2004 Women's World Cup in Edmonton.

# Marauders destroy Imperials

By Murray Townsend  
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

The Marauders closed out regular season play with an embarrassment of riches Saturday afternoon, pulverizing the lowly Sarnia Imperials 67-0 on the friendly confines of Milton District High School.

Their 14th straight victory on home turf didn't exactly feature much resistance from the expansion visitors, but still served a number of purposes.

"The pressure was off today," said head coach Barry Emo. "It's been a tough season, so it was refreshing to go and play the game for fun."

Not that there wasn't work to be done. "We weren't trying to run the score up," Emo stressed. "But we also have a playoff game next week, so there were certain things we had to do."

One of those was getting an often hit-and-miss offence in gear, and quarterback Josh Spanick — in his first game of the season at the controls — was sensational in that regard. After losing his starting job in training camp, he once again looked like the player who came in last season when Domenic Camastro was injured and led the team to the league finals.

Spanick even showed his versatility by kicking a 25-yard field goal to start the scoring parade, and booted the extra point on all but one of Milton's touchdowns.

On Sarnia's second and third possessions, Marauder Antoine Bridge turned out to be an unwelcome receiver, intercepting two passes and taking over the league lead in picks with six.

Chad Kennedy capitalized on the interceptions with 42 and 15-yard touchdown runs to put Milton ahead 17-0 by the end of the first quarter.

George Baiden, Jon Nedeljkovic and Matt MacPhail each added majors before the half, which ended with a 38-0 hammerlock on the regular season-ending mismatch.

One of the few holdovers from the Marauders' first season, MacPhail knows first-hand what it feels like to play on a winless expansion club. His 30-yard interception deep in Sarnia territory was remarkably similar to the one he scored on in that tough first season.

In the second half, another original Marauder — Ryan McGill — came into the game and on a quarterback keeper near the goal line also scored a touchdown. Rounding out the scoring down the stretch were Mike Long and Kirshawn Thompson, the later on a huge 47-yard scamper.

Chris Green provided the highlight of the game for Milton in the third quarter. One of the hardest working and most dedicated Marauders, he'd never scored a touchdown and had only previously caught one pass. Spanick connected with him from the nine-yard line down to the two, and then on the next play, Green caught the ball again, this time in the end-zone.

With the Tri-City Outlaws losing to Oshawa Saturday, Milton finished first in the Northern Football Conference's Southern Division — with a 6-2 record — and will now host the 3-5 Sudbury Spartans in first-round play at Milton District Saturday. There's a possibility the game will be pushed back from 3 to 4 p.m. to accommodate the northern team's travel.



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Milton Minor Baseball would also like to invite all current players and any new players who attend tryouts to pre-register for next season at this season's prices.

All current house league players can pre-register on **SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2006 AT ROTARY PARK.**

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

As the President of Milton Minor Baseball, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer coaches and board members for their hard work this season. I know this season has not been without its hiccups, but I believe all players should have the opportunity to play and enjoy the game.

I would like at this time to invite ALL parents to help us make next season even better.

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at the Boyne Community Centre.

This meeting is an opportunity for ALL parents to get involved with the running of this organization.

There were only nine full time board members this year and as a result each was asked to perform several different jobs and tasks to make this season happen.

I can assure you they all did a great job.

The fact is, however, that we need more than nine board members to make a season the success it should be.

I would love to see parents from the younger age groups step forward. We had 10 teams between our 2 youngest divisions this season and that is more than the 5 older age groups combined. These players are the base from which this association can and will grow.

We need to have people step up and help to make that happen. I sincerely hope to see you all at the AGM.

Thanks

Richard Creamer  
President, Milton Minor Baseball

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