

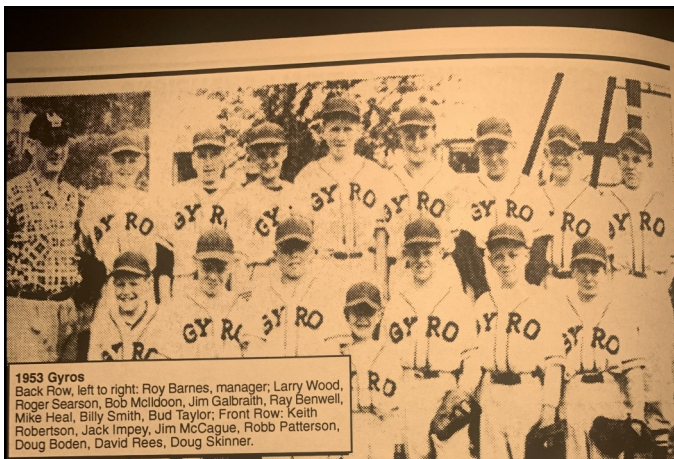
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The Players who started it all



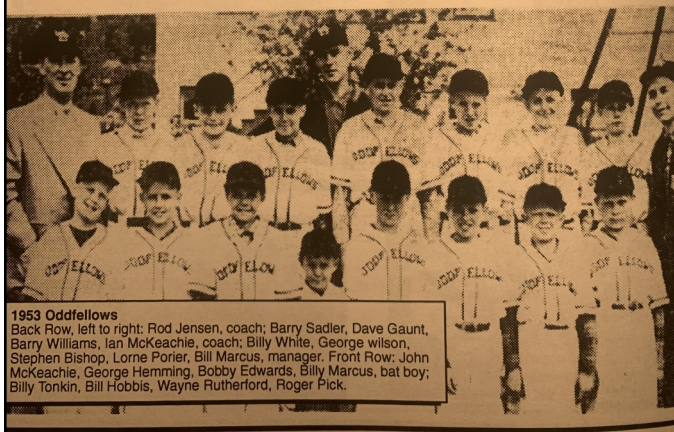
1953 Gyros

Back Row, left to right: Roy Barnes, manager; Larry Wood, Roger Searson, Bob Moldoon, Jim Galbraith, Ray Benwell, Mike Heal, Billy Smith, Bud Taylor; Front Row: Keith Robertson, Jack Impey, Jim McCague, Robb Patterson, Doug Boden, David Rees, Doug Skinner.



1953 Rotary

Back Row, left to right: Dave Glancy, manager; Dick Munn, Jim Peters, Barry Harvey, Jim Marshall, Niel McMurchy, Vince Rivers, Barney Barnswell, coach; Front Row: Dave Rivers, Ricky Watson, Glen Hycroft, Bruce Simpson, Ron Empey, Bobby Martin.



1953 Oddfellows

Back Row, left to right: Rod Jensen, coach; Barry Sadler, Dave Gaunt, Barry Williams, Ian McKeachie, coach; Billy White, George Wilson, Stephen Bishop, Lorne Porier, Bill Marcus, manager. Front Row: John McKeachie, George Hemming, Bobby Edwards, Billy Marcus, bat boy; Billy Tonkin, Bill Hobbis, Wayne Rutherford, Roger Pick.



1953 North Kiwanis

Back Row, left to right: George Kulai, coach; Bobby Holness, Johnny Balloch, Roddy Woolls, Dick Murphy, Bobby Bloomfield, Wayne Schwandt, Cecil Butt, Don Wakelyn, manager; Front Row: Ken McAllister, Russ Ashworth, Jackie Gaston, Don Ballard, Ken Holman, David Askam, Tommy Birkinhead, Brian Stipe.

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The first Little league game in Victoria was played May 17, 1953, at the newly built field, named Jaycee National Little League Park.

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Published by Coach Don

Player Profiles

Cameron Galloway has been playing at National for 6 years. Cam's favorite position is pitcher because he likes the pressure. He is also going to try his hand as a catcher this year. His favorite memory is his first tournament (9/10 year old). His parting advice to upcoming Major players is. Don't give up on yourself, perservere, listen to your coaches

Connor Petrovic has played little league for 6 years, 3 of those years burning up the base paths at National. Connors favorite positions are catcher and shortstop. " being a part of National is an honor:" Connors parting advice to upcoming Majors players is, Try your hardest, Don't give up. Don't be afraid of what's ahead of you.

Good advice by both Cameron and Connor. These players are not only amazing on the field but off it as well. I wish them much success and best wishes as they continue their journey this year and start a new one next season.

A lot of work goes into making a little league season happen. You need the four main components, Sponsors, whose generosity pays for equipment and uniforms. Volunteers, who look after most things including coaching, concession, maintenance, schedules, and so much more. The Players, who want to be there two to four times a week to watch and learn and to be part of a team. The parents and caregivers, who are responsible to get the players to and from practices and games.

I want to recognize a couple of groups. The coaches who never stopped since last season. Fall ball and the winter clinics kept these coaches going 10-11 months of the year. Their passion and dedication to developing these players is very inspirational. All of these young people are ready to move into the next phase of their baseball journey.

Our executive board who meet once a month to make decisions that usually have a positive impact on the running of the league. Lead by our illustrious leader Megen, our board has worked hard to try and make this a positive experience for all of our players, especially putting teams together, which isn't an exact science, as we still have many kids who do not show up for assessments. A big thank you to our coaches. Best of luck to everyone for a wonderful 2023 season

Go National !



I think that Little League is wonderful.
It gets the kids out of the house.

