

National News

70 years of memories

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National Parade's in front of Thousands



A little rain didn't stop our players and their families from marching in the 123rd annual Victoria Day Parade. Our players, coaches, and families represented our park with pride, holding up signs that read "National Little League, celebrating 70 years"

Our players ranging from blastball to majors and every where in between had a great time and when they got tired, they were able to hop into a 1964 Mustang driven by Lyall Atkinson and a 2008 Woody driven by Paul Wigmore.. Joining us were a few members representing the Doug Hudlin Charitable Society led by Barbara Hudlin. Thousands lined the streets and watched and cheered as the entries made their way down Douglas Street and ending at Courtney Street. Many thanks to our players and their families for helping us to celebrate our 70th season and special thanks to our Drivers Paul and Lyall.



Our lone blastball player, Archer, enjoying both vehicles

Winners, not only in baseball,
but in life don't always win,
they just don't give up



Player profiles

Kaden James

Kaden has played for 9 years at National, starting when he was 4 years old. His favorite position is centre field, because he loves to dive for catches. His most memorable moment was when he received a 1964 Seattle Mariners ball from Coach Don. Kaden's advice for new major's players is, " No matter how bad the game gets, never lose hope. Keep trying and don't get down on yourself, things will get better.

Beckston Shaver

Beckston has played at National for 7 years and his favorite positions are pitcher and shortstop. His favorite moment was playing in the May long weekend major's tournament. Beckston's advice to new major's players is, try your best, listen to coaches and you will see improvement. Try to bond with your team early in the season. Beckston is a competitive swimmer, so look for him to be in the Olympics in the next 10 years.

Whitaker Treble-Georgesesen

Whitaker has also played for many years at National. His favorite position is Catcher and pitcher. Whitakers favorite moment was the May long weekend major's tournament. He also loves playing whiffle ball with his dad. Whitaker's advice to new major's players is try every position and pick 2 positions that you like and work hard to be the best that you can be.

Sage words of advice from 3 remarkable players and young men who have worked hard to improve and are perennial all stars. Best wishes as you graduate from National, Best of luck next season.

A game to remember

Coach Reece and his team of minor players have been through a lot this year with injuries, illness and a player left for the Philippines. They hadn't won a game all season, not for the lack of trying, They kept the score close for most of them. That all changed on June 1 against a Layritz team. It is hard to win these games especially when you are the visiting team. They won 11-4 in a game in which teamwork was evident. There was stellar pitching by Ryan C. and the closer Carter B. The 7 year old catcher, Carter E. was a workhorse and was incredible, throwing a runner out while trying to advance to third base. Bases were being covered, timely hits were made and base running was outstanding. A good team effort and a well deserved win. Congratulations to the players and Coaches, Reece, Adam and Graham.

Baseball Life Lesson

- 1} Never give up
- 2) it's ok to strike out
- 3 }Do your absolute best
- 4} Teamwork is the best work
- 5} Keep your eye on the ball
- 6) Always swing hard
- 7}You can't do everything by yourself
- 8} If it's what you love, never stop loving it

Closing Ceremonies

Closing ceremonies happened on June 17 and just like that the season's over, except for some tournament ball, including National Little League hosting the 11-12 year old district tournament. This season, although short, was amazing. I've seen games in every division from Blastball, right through to Majors. The joy on these players faces is evident as they try to make a catch, hit the ball, pitch or make a play. The improvement, especially in the knowledge of where to throw the ball and when to run and when not to run to the next base was really a fun thing to watch near the end of the season. Well done players and coaches. Our executive board, led by our illustrious leader Megen Galloway worked hard to put together a program that we can all be proud of. We are losing a team and a half of players due to graduation, so we need to continue to work hard and keep developing a program that will attract families. We have been at this location for 70 years and the park only survives if we all get together and spread the word.

Award Winners

Jerry Hale award -	Cameron Galloway
Don Moore Most Improved Player award -	Archer Kellow
Doug Hudlin Junior umpire award -	Carlin Johnston
Home run award-	Beau deLeur
Home run 2nd place -	Carlin Johnston
	Sebastian Mack
	August Joo

This is the 6th and last issue of our National News. I have had a lot of fun putting these together, and hope that you have enjoyed, and related to some of the articles. I restarted this newsletter as a way to celebrate our 70th season. Several members of our first season in 1953 paid us a visit, we entered the Victoria Day Parade, we hosted and are hosting several tournaments. It was a short season but a very busy one. Our majors and 9-10 year old tournament teams are practicing and will soon be in action. Majors are from July 1-8 at National and the 9-10 team will be playing at Lakehill from July 8-16. Come and support our players. Check website for details.

Photos from our closing ceremonies



President Megen Galloway



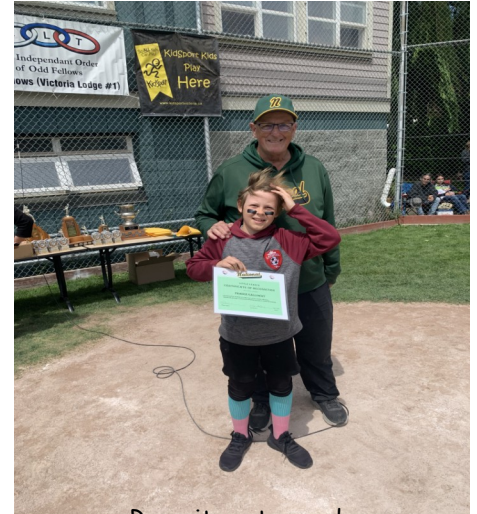
Doug Hudlin Junior Umpire Award

Carlín Johnston with Uic Jimmy Mclean and Barb Hudlin



Jerry Hale award winner

Cameron Galloway
With his mom and dad



Recruitment award

Fraser Galloway



Don Moore most improved player

Archer Kellow



Beckston Shaver, Lucas,Foreman Jerry Liang, Beau de Leur, Xavier Wilsher, Whitaker Treble-Georgesesen, Leo Major, Matthew Poeshek, Owen Hammond ,Connor Petrovic, Hudson Mottishaw, Kaden James, Cameron Galloway, Jonathan Biffard.

Our graduating players, who attended a lot of camps and practices, working hard and ,entertaining all of us with some outstanding moments. We thank them and hope that they are leaving with fond memories. Best of luck next season. Coach Sasa is also leaving. Thanks for everything Coach. We are going to miss you. Come back and visit when you can.