

Batter Up! Let's watch some baseball Yorkton!

The local baseball season is winding down with one major event left to wrap things up.

Local fans will be treated to some of the best baseball short of the major leagues as Yorkton Minor Baseball (YMB) hosts the second year of a two year effort, the Western Canadian Baseball Championships. The event will feature the top five teams in Western Canada in each of the peewee, bantam and midget divisions for 15 teams in total.

Before waxing eloquent on the tournament, it would seem appropriate to congratulate and thank all the coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and the YMB executive for providing local kids with a healthy, positive outlet for their youthful energy while offering baseball fans some good entertainment. I tip my ball cap to those folks.

Three local Yorkton Cardinals teams will carry the colors for Yorkton, two as provincial champions and one as host team.

All three will be contenders for the Western Canadian title in their respective divisions, with the talent and the ability to do well.

The youngest of the trio, the Canadian Tire Pee Wee AA Cardinals managed to win the silver medal last year. Aply coached by Cliff Leschyshyn, assisted by coaches Jim Waggoner, Greg Andreychuk, Dallas Swan and manager Rachel Leschyshyn, the Pee Wees have a perfect unde-



A sporting view

Column

Alex Morgotch

feated season in league play this summer.

With the explosive bats of Karli Reeve, Beau Swan, Kody Rock, Zack Rakochy and Dylan Toffan the Pee Wee Cards will pose a major scoring threat at the tournament.

A solid defense behind the arms of pitchers Troy Waggoner, Matt Leschyshyn and Toffan combined with hitting power will make the Pee Wee Cards a definite medal contender.

A gold medal would certainly go well with last year's silver medal.

The Speedy Cash Bantam AA Cardinals may not have won a provincial title, but they were certainly in every game this year. Led by Morley Thorpe, and assisted by Barry and Drew Calanchie, the

Bantam Cards cannot be dismissed lightly.

A strong, rested bull pen and some solid bats, make the Bantams a threat in every game.

Players to watch for include Logan Calanchie, Colby Parachoniak, Cole Thorpe, Laine Yeske, Scott Sharp and Josh Blommaert. These boys can break a game open at the plate or shut down opposition scoring on the mound or in the field.

Finally, the R. Miller Midget AA Cardinals will represent the province as Sask. Midget champs.

Coached by Evan Wasylyniuk, assisted by Kevin Bender, Brian Boechler and team manager Wade Karcha, the team which got off to a rocky start early in the season, blew away the opposition at provincials to win it all and emerge as provincial champions.

While Wasylyniuk says winning is a team effort and probably believes it, there is no doubt starting pitcher Tyson Nesbitt will be greatly missed at the tournament. Nesbitt, who has been picked up by Labette Community College, has to report to his new team prior to the Western Canadian Championships, leaving a huge hole in the Midget Cardinals' bullpen.

What better way to end the current season than by taking in some baseball games. At \$10 for the day or \$20 for the entire weekend, it's some excellent, economical weekend entertainment.

Local players meet hockey legend at hockey camp

By **KARL KOPAN**
N-R Writer

It was a meeting two local youth will likely never forget. Neither will their parents.

Firstly because they got to meet hockey legend Bobby Orr and secondly because they agreed to abide by a heightened level of conduct on or around the ice.

While local hockey players Carson (a first year novice) and Brayden Miller (a second year novice) might not fully realize the full extent of who they recently met, their parents are extremely glad they were afforded the opportunity.

It was all part of the Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey program which took place at the Dakota Community Centre in Winnipeg at the end of July.

The opportunity presented itself when Carson won a draw for a player to take part in the monumental summer camp at a local hockey jamboree.

Since the whole family planned their summer holiday around the event - and were in Winnipeg anyway - organizers agreed to include the whole family.

While the two local players participated in both on and off-ice sessions, their parents Diane and Wade, took in a seminar geared towards parents which reinforced their role in their kids' involvement in the sport.

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- Bobby Orr

The gathering was also the occasion for Hall of Famer, Bobby Orr to issue a challenge to all Canadian minor hockey players, parents, coaches and officials: to join him in promising to uphold the values of respect and responsibility in minor hockey.

"The Festival is being held to stress to parents, coaches and players the values of respect and

responsibility and that positive attitudes towards healthy competition, teamwork, and fairplay are just as important to youngsters as the development of hockey skills," said Fred Lautenschlager, manager of sponsorship and promotions, GM of Canada.

"GM Canada and its network of Chevrolet dealers encourage all Canadians associated with minor hockey to make a commitment to respect and responsibility in our nation's game."

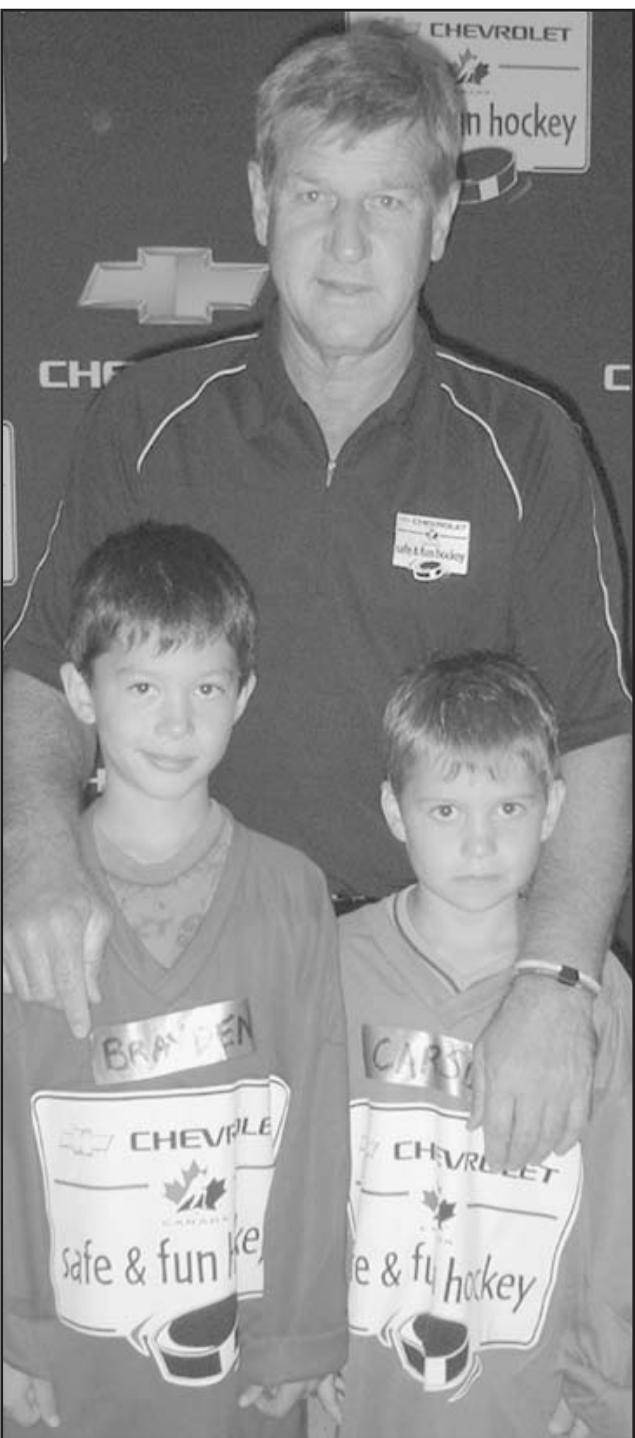
Hockey legend Bobby Orr couldn't agree more.

"I'm worried that many young players never get to experience the pure enjoyment of the game," he begins.

"They are pressured by parents, by coaches, and each other. As parents, coaches, and teammates it is our responsibility to ensure everyone leaves the arena with a positive experience to bring them back."

Orr explains the program is designed to promote values such as respect and responsibility both on and off the ice at an age where we can leave a lasting impression.

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POSING WITH HOCKEY LEGEND BOBBY ORR, Yorkton Novice Hockey Players Brayden (left) and Carson (right) Miller took part in the Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey program which took place at the Dakota Community Centre in Winnipeg. The two boys and their parents both took in seminars on making the game of hockey more rewarding for everyone concerned by following the personal goals of respect and responsibility.

Pro Golf Tour Update

Aug. 17 - 20, 2006

This Week's PGA Tournament	Last Week On The PGA Tour																
<p>The PGA Championship Defending: Phil Mickelson Total Purse: \$6,500,000 Yards: 7,561 Par: 72</p> <p>The inaugural PGA Championship took place in 1916 at the Siwanoy in Bronxville, N.Y. James M. Barnes won the first two titles in 1916 and 1919 (no championship occurred in 1917 and 1918). Walter Hagen won the most PGA Championships, taking home five Wannamaker trophies in the 1920s. Last year, Phil Mickelson brought home the second major victory of his career by defeating Thomas Bjorn and Steve Elkington by one stroke.</p>	<p>Tournament Results</p> <p>Champion: Dean Wilson Purse: \$990,000 2nd Place: Tom Lehman Purse: \$594,000 3rd Place: Flesch, Maruyama Purse: \$319,000</p> <p>Dean Wilson earned his first PGA Tour win with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff, topping Tom Lehman at the International golf tournament at Castle Pines on Sunday. Lehman and Wilson both parred No. 18 and headed to No. 9, where Lehman used an 8-iron from 175 yards and left his ball on the edge of the bunker, 30 feet away from the flag. Wilson hit an 8-iron from 160 yards and his shot landed six feet away. After Lehman barely missed wide on the 30-foot putt for birdie, Wilson sank his 6-footer to win the \$990,000 first-place prize. Wilson started the day in seventh place, five points behind leader Zach Johnson, and posted seven birdies and a bogey. Wilson's best previous finish was a tie for third at the 2004 Valero Texas Open.</p>																
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<p>Dean Wilson</p> <p>Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1969 Birthplace: Kaneohe, Hawaii Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada Turned Professional: 1992</p> <p>World Ranking: 72nd 2006 Earnings: \$1,900,601 PGA TOUR Victories: 1 PGA TOUR victory, 2006's the INTERNATIONAL.</p>	<p>The putting game is such a fickle part of the process that we can easily ruin it if we do not keep a consistent setup. One of the big problems the amateur golfer faces during a putt is to make sure that your wrists do not move during the putting stroke. More times than not, the wrists are moving during a putting stroke and since we are so used to it, there is no way to identify this as a recurring problem. The key to making sure that your wrists do not move during the putting stroke is to focus on keeping the end of the putter pointed at the center of your body. If the end of the putter does not stay centered, this shows you that your wrists have been moved during the putting process. By keeping the wrists still, the shoulders and back move the putter head and your hands can stay passive to make a good stroke.</p>																
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<p> Aug. 17, 1997 - Davis Love III shredded the label of "best player never to win a major" with an inspiring performance in winning the PGA Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club's West Course. Love finished at 11-under-par 269, the lowest winning total of any championship at Winged Foot, for a five-stroke victory over Justin Leonard. As Love sank his final birdie putt on the 18th green, a rainbow unfurled over the course.</p>	<p></p>																

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2006 Money Leaders		World Rankings		Driving Distance		Putting Average	
Rank & Player	Money	Rank & Player	Score	Rank & Player	Avg.	Rank & Player	Avg.
1) Tiger Woods	\$5,127,563	1) Tiger Woods	18.73	1) Bubba Watson	319.3	1) Brian Gay	1.710
2) Jim Furyk	\$4,692,916	2) Phil Mickelson	9.23	2) J.B. Holmes	314.8	2) Daniel Chopra	1.720
3) Phil Mickelson	\$4,123,005	3) Jim Furyk	7.64	3) Robert Garrigus	310.2	3) David Howell	1.726
4) Geoff Ogilvy	\$4,013,369	4) Vijay Singh	7.61	4) Brett Wetterich	308.3	4) Phil Mickelson	1.727
5) Vijay Singh	\$3,434,570	5) Retief Goosen	6.57	5) Tag Ridings	306.4	5) Steve Stricker	1.731