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Ituna Blue Jays Capture Provincial B Fastball Championship

In the fall of 2021 David Renkas decided he wanted to try and put together a U13 boys fastball team for the 2022 season. He invited any local boys for this age group to come out and try a few practices before winter to see if this was something they might be interested in playing in the spring. When spring of 2022 arrived, the team consisted of boys from Ituna, Balcarres, Foam Lake, Neudorf, Sheho, and Wynyard. The “league” included teams from Prince Albert, Delisle, Debden, Laird, Ochapowace, Okanese, Saskatoon, and Rosebud (Wadena). While there were no regularly scheduled weekly games, there were 3 or 4 days held throughout the season where any teams could attend and play a set number of games. The Ituna team attended one of these days in Fishing Lake on July 9th. They also hosted exhibition games with Rosebud and Ochapowace to prepare for provincials.

On the July 15-17 weekend, the Ituna Blue Jays travelled to Delisle for provincials, entered into the B division. They played in extreme temperatures of no less than 35 degrees, unless it was a torrential downpour complete with funnel clouds. They went undefeated through regular play, defeating Ochapowace, Delisle, and Okanese. In the championship round it was the first place Ituna Blue Jays vs the



Team picture: Back: Coaches- David Renkas, Scott Temple, Curtis Geisler (missing Andy Methven) Middle: Kayden Kresowaty, Jeremy Filarczuk, Spencer Hauser, Logan Methven, Rhett Rogers, Carter Machuik Front: Bennett Temple, Shawn Renkas, Vincent Nanaquewetang, Jaxon Geisler, Hayden Hilts.

fourth place Ochapowace Loud Voice. The Blue Jays defeated Ochapowace 8-1, earning their spot in the gold medal game.

In the final they came up against a hard-hitting Debden team. Debden scored

two in the first inning while Ituna responded with the maximum of five runs. In the second inning Debden scored their maximum five runs and Ituna again answered back with five runs. The score at that point was

10-7 for Ituna. Debden was scoreless in the 3rd and 4th innings. Ituna scored two in the bottom of three, making it 12-7. When Ituna was up to bat for the bottom of the 4th inning, they only needed to score one run to put the

game out of reach. Machuik was walked to first and with aggressive base running scored the run on a pass ball while Filarczuk was up to bat. The winning pitcher for the game was Geisler.

Coach Renkas acknowl-

edges it was a great group of players and parents that came together to allow these young men to showcase their ball talent. It was a great year.

- Submitted by
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The Blue Jays with their supportive families and fans.