

ELMWOOD GIANTS
BASEBALL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



FALL EDITION

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FALL CLEANUP AND FIELD WORK

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bev Fisher, the field is in great shape. Sod was laid on the basepaths to narrow them to a width of 6 feet. Grass seed and fertilizer was spread in an attempt to fill the dips and holes. The advertising signs that hung on the outfield fence were moved to the backstop for more exposure over the winter. Bev designed a convenient way of storing the diamond tarps overhead in the dugouts. The holes under the fence in right field were repaired and the lips around the infield were removed. Bev worked almost every day through September to finish this work. Dave Kodak, Al Kinley, Don Krasowski, Bryan Hodgson, Paul Lagimodiere, Glen Hunter, Gord Menzies, Brett Muron, Wes Pomeransky, and Grant Churchill also pitched in with the cleanup.

ADVERTISING

We now have sold seven 8'x4' field advertising signs. Tim Muron was able to solicit sponsorship from Bosch and E.H. Price. Thanks Tim! Dave Kodak continues to do a great job in coordinating this aspect of our organization.

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ELMWOOD GIANTS

JUNIOR GIANTS SEASON RESULTS

The Elmwood Juniors squeaked by Altona in the league semi-finals, winning game 5 by a score of 2-1. Elmwood was able to dress only 9 players for this game as injuries and the flu bug took a heavy toll. In the final game, Curtis Furber pitched outstanding baseball. In the infield, not one player played at his regular spot. Mike Parisien who had not played in the field all year played first base and pitcher Chris Johnson handled second base. In just his third at bat of the season, Parisien came through in the clutch, driving in the winning run.

The team advanced to the finals against St. Boniface who had also gone to a fifth game in the semi-finals against Pembina Valley. Unfortunately, injuries and the flu continued to decimate the Giants roster. Chris Johnson pitched great in the opening game, but the Giants could not hold on to a late lead and lost 3-2 in extra innings. Game 2 saw the Giants take a 4-1 lead on Tyler Tilbury's 3-run homer but Curtis Furber with a pulled groin was not his usual self on the mound and the Giants lost 9-5. In game 3, midget call-up Shane Seddon had only one bad inning giving up three runs. The Giants spoiled chances to take advantage of numerous baserunners and lost 3-1 and the series 3-0.

PRICE®

As league finalists, the Giants represented Manitoba in the Western Canadian Championships in Yorkton. Unfortunately the tournament took place at a time when many players had to travel back to school in the USA. As such, only 5 regular players and 4 affiliated midget players were able to go to Yorkton. The Giants picked up pitcher Josh Voth from Altona, outfielder Chris Moffat from Pembina Valley, outfielder/pitcher Chris Norquay from St. Boniface, and infielder/pitcher Elliot Desilets from St. James. Despite a jumbled roster, the team played very well. The Giants went 2-1 in the round robin, beating St. Albert and Regina, earning a rematch in the finals against the Saskatoon Stallions. As Saskatoon had gone undefeated in round robin play, the Giants would have to beat them twice in the finals to claim the gold medal. The Giants rode the efforts of pitcher Josh Voth, winning the first game 5-1 and forcing in a second game. In game 2, the Giants gave up five runs in the first inning and couldn't quite complete the comeback, falling 6-5 and settling for a silver medal.

SEASON RECORD

League: 22-9, Playoffs: 5-5, Westerns: 3-2

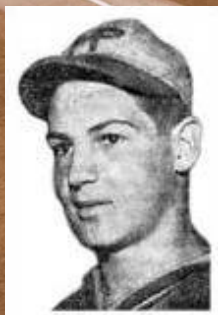
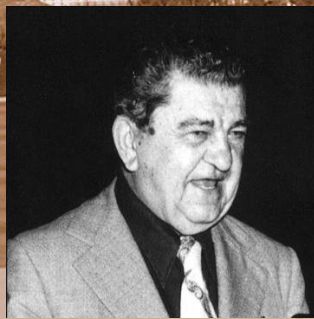
Elmwood placed catcher Daniel Perron, second baseman Cody Hunter, third baseman Bryan McIntyre, and utility player Curtis Furber on the MJBL All-Star team. In league awards, Chris Johnson was named the Kevin Paul Halford award winner. This award, which comes with a \$300 scholarship, recognizes a graduating player who shows strong baseball performance while maintaining high marks in a post secondary institution. Chris is studying physiotherapy at the University of North Dakota.



Founding

Curly Haas

Coached the Giants organization in the late forties. Led the junior team to a provincial championship and a western championship in 1948. Took over the senior team in 1949 and managed them in the Mandak league in the early 50's. Became the commissioner of amateur baseball in Canada in the 60's and was the General Manager of Team Canada in the Pan Am Games in 1970 and 1971. Served with the Manitoba Baseball Association in a variety of capacities in the 70's. Inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Honour Society 1971 and the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001.



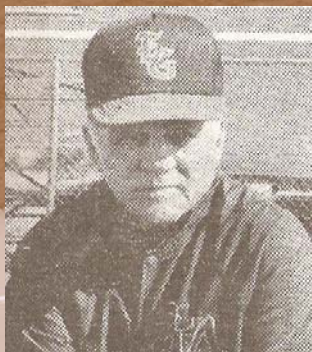
Terry Sawchuck

Played junior baseball with Morse Place from 1944-1947 and helped them win several championships. Joined the Elmwood Giants in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League in 1948 and was the batting champion while still only 18 years old. Played with the Giants until 1950 when they entered the Mandak League. Signed a contract with the Detroit Red Wings and went on to a hall of fame career in the NHL. Up to 1956, returned each summer to play in the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League and always played at an elite level until it was time to return to hockey training camp.

Fathers

Len Gzebb

An outstanding player for the Giants from 1946-1950. Coached the Giant Juveniles to a provincial championship in 1951 and coached the Giant Juniors until 1956. Helped form the CKRC Redeyes softball/baseball team that raised thousands of dollars for charity in the 60's. Coached youth baseball very successfully at Melrose C.C. in the 70's and was a key organizer for the Giants 100th year reunion in 1974. Served in an advisory capacity with the return of the Elmwood Giants in 1977. Inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Honour Society 1974 and the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007.



Joe Sandrk

One of the key people in reestablishing the Elmwood Giants in 1977. Served on the Board of Directors of the Giants from 1977 until his untimely passing. A tireless worker for the organization. Helped raise thousands of dollars and spent untold hours working on the field making it one of the best in the province. Served as president of the Giants for eight years and was always a great spokesman and front man for the organization. Selected to the Manitoba Baseball Honour Society in 1991 and inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007 as a member of the 1978-80 Elmwood Juniors.



SENIOR GIANTS SEASON RESULTS

The Senior Giants finished in fourth place in the league standings. As a result, they played Mitchell in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, they lost the best of three series 2-1. This was a bit of a shock for the organization. The Senior team had played in the provincials and had done reasonably well. Pitching for the team was excellent, however timely hitting was their short-coming. This was the first time in a number of years that the Giants did not make the league finals. It seems as if this version of the team had too many part-time players and others who expected to play regardless of their performance. Look for a big shake up in personnel next year. There is also a need for a full-time coach/manager to represent the Senior team. Anyone interested should contact any member of the Board of Directors.



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**SENIOR MUDCATS
SEASON RESULTS**

The Mudcats finished in 7th place in the overall league standings. They played the defending champions St. James in the quarter-finals. They lost the best of three series 2-1, but all three games were one-run victories. The loss dropped the Mudcats to the A Division playoff. They defeated Maples two games to none and then beat Springfield in three straight games to win the A Division championship. In the series sweep of Springfield, the Mudcats got excellent pitching from Tyler Koswin, Mike Zurba and Marc Saurette. Look for the Mudcats to add several players to next year's roster as several veterans are hinting at retirement.

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