

### ***Ontario Expo's win 14th Annual Adam Fedoruk Tournament***

The 2012 Adam Fedoruk Memorial CanAm Tournament was another successful tournament and the Ontario Expo's were crowned champions late on Sunday afternoon after a weekend of rain, delays, cancellations and re-scheduled games.

The tournament was originally scheduled to start on Friday afternoon with each team being guaranteed three games throughout the weekend leading up to the semi-finals and finals. The old saying "You can't control what you can't control" was an appropriate saying given the many brief but torrential rain storms and clouds that hovered over the diamonds on Friday and Saturday. The league staff and the Town of Oakville staff made many attempts to remove the pools of water from the diamonds throughout the weekend to get the diamonds in playing condition. Best estimates are that there were over 700 gallons of water removed from both diamonds over the course of the two days.

In the end, the league put together a revised schedule and the tournament got into full swing at the crack of dawn on Sunday. The twelve teams played two games each leading up to the semi-finals and finals which was played at 4:30PM on Sunday. The Oakville Whitecaps 12U All-Stars faced off against the Ontario Expo's in what was a defensive battle. The Ontario Expo's prevailed and won the game 3-0 winning the tournament for the second year in a row.

The tournament was capped off with a ceremony prior to the championship game. The ceremony was a tribute to Adam and his love for the game. Adam played for the Blue Jays and wore jersey number 12 when he passed away in 1998. The league has retired his number 12 right across the league in memory of Adam.

President, John Sweeney presented the two teams playing in the championship finals with a set of jersey's (Blue Jays & Red Sox) all with the number 12 on the back and Adam's name across the top of the jersey. The jersey's were given to every player and coach to wear in the finals in memory of Adam and at the conclusion of the game, the players were able to keep the jersey's as a memory of the tournament and Adam. Every player that came to the plate was announced as number 12 and the scoreboard reflected #12 at bat for the entire game. Mr. Fedoruk was also presented with a Blue Jays jersey with the number 12 on it to wear during the game and then to be hung up in his office.

Once the games got underway on Sunday capped by a very emotional ceremony, the delays caused by the rains on Friday and Saturday became irrelevant very quickly. The league received many great comments from the teams about the tournament, the umpires, the friendliness of the volunteers and most of all how honored they were to be able to participate in such an important tournament in memory of Adam.





