

"Central Alberta's biggest summer attraction - Lacombe's big baseball tournament will be staged next Tuesday and Wednesday. Final preparations are all but

completed, and tournament chairman Jack Ferris reports everything in readiness for the opening games at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

FIRST of more than 30 tournays

Big Names in Baseball

Big names will appear on the line-ups of the various visiting teams. Indian Head aggregation is fresh from a spring-training program in Florida, and enjoys a close tie-in with the Rogers Hornsby baseball circuits of the States; Ladd Field of the U.S. Airforce Alaska command boasts a team that placed in the quarter-finals at the mammoth American baseball tournament at the New York polo grounds last year; Sceptre, Sask., has two big-time hockey players, Metro Prysti and Bert Olmstead of the Chicago Black Hawks, on their roster; and so it goes down the line.

One thing is sure. With the baseball talent from central Alberta and the outside teams appearing here, fans at the ball tournament will see the finest ball ever witnessed in this area."

A story in the June 8th edition of the paper noted the last minute preparations, including bleachers to seat more than 6-thousand, seating for another 3-thousand, backstops and diamonds being measured and built, and plans to feed the expected, large crowds. A separate story noted:

"Ladies of the town and district are planning to man the pavilion counter and at least four 'grease spots' on the baseball grounds ... a partial list of what is being ordered: Potatoes, 1,500 lbs.; cold meats, 1,100 lbs.; tomatoes, 300 lbs.; pies, 1,000; parkerhouse rolls, 6,000 ... "

The event also featured an aerial display by the R.C.A.F. and a simulated battle by members of the Calgary Tank regiment. Public dances were held each evening and an industrial exhibition was also part of the show. The Edmonton Chamber of Commerce sponsored a "cavalcade of good will" with more than one hundred cars expected to make the excursion to Lacombe. The town declared June 21st as a civic holiday.

The California Mohawks and Sceptre split first prize money when rain prevented the championship game.

Mohawks advanced to the final with an easy, 15-0 win over Stettler. The collegians scored 13 runs in the first inning and coasted through the five inning contest.

Mohawks 15 Stettler 0

Watkins, Bauhofer (1), Pisani (4), Makras (5) and Bricker Gatin, Prockiu (1), Stevenson (1), Al Chapman (1), Pat Chapman (1) and Wicks

In was in stark contrast to their dramatic win over Alaska Command. Down 4-1 in the last of the 8th, Mohawks rallied with a walk, single and **Bob Donkersley's** three-run homer to tie. Then, in the bottom of the 9th, **Don Bricker** reached on a walk and **Roy Taylor** blasted one over the left field fence to give the Mohawks a 6-4 victory.

Alaska Command 4 Mohawks 6

Morse and Brown
Barnett and Beiden

Bert Olmstead tossed a three-hitter as Sceptre topped Lacombe 2-0 in other semi-final action. The game was called after six innings by rain and wiped out a pitching duel between Olmstead and **Roger Berlando** of Lacombe.

Lacombe 0 Sceptre 2

Berlando and Tanner
Olmstead and Serpa

Earlier, Sceptre whipped Innisfail 12-5.

Innisfail 5 Sceptre 12

Fred Harmon, Irving Suggett (4) and Harold Noble
Eddie Debarbano and Clarence Grant

The powerful Indian Head Rockets were ousted by Stettler, 11-6.

Indian Head 6 Stettler 11

Calhoun, Jenkins (5) and Quarterman
Prockiu, Bradley (3) and Wicks

Lacombe had won a spot in the semi-final with a 7-4 victory over C.N.R.

Bolger and Bricker
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Bowden 2 Alaska Command 7

Troness and Malm
Bailey and Brown

losing Pitcher & Catcher - [MY DAD]

Innisfail won by default over the Amber Valley Coloured Giants who failed to show.