

Two Familiar Faces on the Bulls Coaching Staff in 2017!

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The Lethbridge Bulls will have a couple familiar faces on the coaching staff this season. Two former Bulls standouts will take over the coaching duties from Ryan MacDonald who led the Bulls to two West Division titles in three seasons as head coach, and the WMBL Championship in 2015. Jesse Sawyer who has been Coach MacDonald's assistant the last two years will move into the head coaching position, and former Bull, Joel Blake will take over as assistant coach. It is a very exciting time as the Bulls have been able to build from within the organization with two great alumni of not only the Lethbridge Bulls program, but also the Prairie Baseball Academy.

Sawyer and Blake's career paths look almost identical. Both attended the Prairie Baseball Academy in 2007-08. From PBA the duo went on to attend NCAA Division I, South Dakota State University. They were impact players from day one, hitting almost exclusively 3 and 4 in the lineup for the Jackrabbits in their 3 years in the program. Sawyer finished his career at SDSU with a .325 average (208-641), 44 2B, 50 HR and 173 RBI. Joel Blake finished with a .373 average (262-703), 70 2B, 22 HR and 149 RBI in three seasons with the Jackrabbits. Blake played one season for the Waneroo Giants of the Metro State League in Perth, Australia where he was named a league all-star as a catcher.

Since their playing days have ended both have been very involved on the coaching side. Sawyer is in his 4th season with the Prairie Baseball Academy as the programs Junior Varsity head coach. Sawyer has coached in the Lethbridge American Legion program as well as heading up the camp program for PBA. Joel Blake is in his 5th year with the Vauxhall Academy Jets, and was the head coach of the Vauxhall Spurs for three years before accepting the position with the Bulls.

It is a very exciting time for Bulls fans. Both Sawyer and Blake bring a passion for the game that is hard to find. It is tremendous to see two great friends come full circle in their careers. After playing together for so long, this summer with the Bulls will be the first opportunity Sawyer and Blake have had to coach together. They have been on opposite sides of the field in recent years, but never on the same side. As always the Bulls will look to come out on top of an extremely difficult West Division in the WMBL.

The Bulls 2017 WMBL season gets started on June 1st when the Bulls travel to Brooks to take on the Bombers. The Bulls home opener will be June 2nd when Fort McMurray comes to town for a weekend 3 game

set. Check in next week for an update on the first players signed for the 2017 season, and the complete 2017 Bulls schedule.

If you are interested in purchasing 2017 Bulls season tickets please contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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2017 Bulls Schedule

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The Bulls will kick off the 2017 season on May 31st this year with the annual TCMM Benefit Game & Youth Camp. Last year the Bulls ran their first ever TCMM kids camp and had close to 150 kids out! Information about the camp will be available closer to the season. There is a new webpage dedicated Tanner Craswell and Mitch MacLean. Please click [here](#) to check out that new website.

To view the entire 2017 Bulls schedule please click [here](#).

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4th Annual Legends of Sports Dinner

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February 14, 2017

Under the Lights Sports and Entertainment is pleased to present the **4th Annual Legends of Sports Dinner**. It will be held on **March 30th, 2017 at 6:30 pm** at the Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Blue Jays first ever World Series title and we will be honoring the anniversary by having the manager, **Cito Gaston**, and a player, **Kelly Gruber**, join us from that Championship team. With opening day just a couple days after the dinner what better way to kick off the baseball season then to celebrate the sport and its history.

As a special addition to the day, this year we will be hosting an exclusive Business Leadership Luncheon. Have the opportunity to sit in with them as they discuss the topic of leadership. This will be a town hall styled question and answer business opportunity with two Blue Jay all-time greats.

We will be partnering up with the Lethbridge Bulls, Prairie Baseball Academy, and Alberta Sport Development Centre – Southwest during this event. Proceeds from this event will be going towards Alberta Sport Development Centre – Southwest to help advance sport in Southern Alberta, the Prairie Baseball Academy Scholarship Fund, and towards maintaining the Lethbridge Bulls stability, specifically covering traveling costs, billeting, player support and community initiatives.

"We feel that Lethbridge is a great location for hosting and supporting top events. Anything from concerts, business conferences, or celebrity events, our city has proved to be successful time after time. For that reason the Bulls believe in this community and hope to pack the Lodge for yet another successful event reflecting on some of Canadian Baseball's finest history."

What: 4th Annual Legends of Sports Dinner

Where: Lethbridge Lodge Hotel (320 Scenic Dr S)

When: March 30th, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

"We are once again bringing sports royalty to the city on March 30th. We hope to see many members of the business and sports community join us for a day filled with education and entertainment. The new luncheon will be a unique opportunity to have lunch and discuss leadership in a town hall setting to both Cito Gaston and Kelly Gruber." Commented Bulls President and General Manager Kevin Kvame.

"We are extremely excited to have the opportunity to host both Cito Gaston and Kelly Gruber during this historic year. This year will mark the 25th anniversary of the Toronto Blue Jays first championship. This year's Dinner will once again be a special night and our 2 speakers this year will help us to remember one of the biggest feats in Canadian baseball history when the World Series title came north of the border." said Torey Scott, committee member.

Ticket Pricing

MVP Section: \$250.00/Ticket \$1800.00/Table

- Front row seating
- Meet & Greet ticket included with every ticket purchased
- Special signed item
- Each table purchase will receive 2 tickets to the Exclusive Leadership Luncheon

Coporate Section: \$1250.00/Table \$600.00/Half Table

- Each full table purchase will receive 2 tickets to the Exclusive Leadership Luncheon & 2 tickets to the Meet & Greet.

Bleacher Section: \$95.00/Ticket \$800.00/Table

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Cito Gaston played 11 season in the MLB from 1967 – 1978 and saw himself in 3 different jerseys throughout his career (San Diego, Atlanta, and Pittsburgh). Even though in he was named to the 1970 All-star team his playing days aren't what he is most known for. Once Cito retired as a player his time with baseball was far from over as he saw himself become a hitting coach which would eventually lead to his first manager position with the Blue Jays in 1989. This is where he made his largest impact with baseball and it didn't take long. In 1989 Cito took over a struggling Blue Jays team (12-24) part way through the season and turned the season around to end first in the AL East with a record of 89-73. After the Jays won the AL East division title in 1989, Cito was named Canadian Baseball Man of the Year from Toronto and Montreal baseball writers. Not only was he the first Blue Jays manager to bring a World Series to the organization (1992), he was also the first African-American manager to lead his team to a title. In 1993 Cito Gaston and the Blue Jays would win their second straight World Series title becoming the first team to win back to back titles since the Yankees did it back in 1977 and 1978. He managed a combined total of 12 seasons in his career all with the Toronto Blue Jays throughout two different stints. In those 12 seasons Cito managed to see himself climb all the way to the top of the wins list for Toronto Blue Jays managers. He has a career record of 913 wins and 851 loses giving him a .516 winning percentage and in his 12 years as a manager he had the honor of managing the AL All-star team in both 1993 and 1994. To cap off a very successful managing career Cito saw his name added to the Jays' Level of Excellence in Rogers Centre in 1999.

Kelly Gruber was drafted 10th overall by the Cleveland Indians in 1980, but it wasn't till 1984 with the Blue Jays that Gruber saw his first Major League Baseball Games. The Blue Jays picked Kelly up in 1983 in the Rule 5 draft. Gruber spent parts of 10 seasons in the MLB with 9 of them as a Toronto Blue Jay as he managed their hot corner from 1984 – 1992. It didn't take long for Kelly to become a fan favorite in Toronto and in 1989 became the first Blue Jay player to ever hit for the cycle. Gruber was a 2x All-star (89, 90), won a Silver Slugger (90), a Gold Glove (90), and won his only World Series title with the Blue Jays (92). Even with a successful career Gruber is still most known for "The triple play that wasn't" in Game 3 of the 1992 World Series, in which a diving tag looked like he had the runner for the third out, but the runner was called safe. That would have been only the second triple play in World Series history and the first one since the 1920 World Series between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Cleveland Indians. After the missed call Kelly went on to hit the game tying homerun in the 8th inning of Game 3 and the Blue Jays would go on to win that game and eventually the series. He ended his 10-year career with 117 HR, 443 R.B.I., a .259 batting average, and Bill James had him ranked as the 103rd best 3rd baseman of all-time in his New Historical Baseball Abstract. Today you can find him hosting baseball seminars and speaking at Charity Events.

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Bulls Sign Five PBA Hitters!

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Hello Bulls fans! We are less than 3 months away from the 2017 Bulls season getting underway. The first action is set for May 31st in the 5th Annual Tanner Craswell and Mitch McLean Memorial Game. This annual game is played to honour the boys and sees the Bulls take on the Vauxhall Academy Jets. Regular season action will get underway the following night when the Bulls head to Brooks to take on the Bombers. The first home stand will follow when the Bulls host the Fort McMurray Giants for three games June 2-4th at Spitz Stadium.

The Bulls are steadily filling out their 2017 roster. New head coach Jesse Sawyer will have to deal with losing several key veterans from the 2016 squad. 2017 will see a mix of new faces and returning players.

Expectations remain high as they do every year, and coach Sawyer expects the Bulls to compete for the top spot in the West Division.



Starting now and building into the season we would like to spotlight a few of the 2017 players. Today we will look at some of the bats the Bulls have picked up from right here in Lethbridge at our very own Prairie Baseball Academy. PBA is off to a great start in their non-conference schedule with a 7-4-1 record so far in the US. These 5 hitters have had a big role in leading the team to their hot start:



Dylan Borman – Dylan Borman has been a leader in the middle of the PBA lineup so far this season. The 2nd year third baseman has had a

hot bat all spring. So far through 12 games Borman is hitting .341 (15-44) with 12 R, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR and 10 RBI's. Borman will be a key bat for the Bulls this summer. In 2016 the Bulls had senior Mitch McGeein man the

hot corner, and it will be a tough role to takeover, but Borman could be a cornerstone at 3B for the Bulls moving into the future.



Dylan Flasch – Newcomer to PBA from Lloydminster, AB, Flasch has taken over at shortstop for the Academy. Flasch has held down the leadoff position for PBA so far this season, and has performed in his role brilliantly. In 12 games Flasch is leading the team with a .348 AVG (16-46) 13 R, 2 2B and 5 RBI. Flasch is setting the table by getting on base, and the players behind him have been consistently driving him in. For the Bulls Flasch will play in the middle of the infield, and his bat will be a key for the team this summer.



Carter Witbeck – Witbeck a Raymond, AB native has been the starting catcher for PBA the last two seasons. Witbeck backstopped PBA to their 6th straight CCBC Championship last May. Carter also got his first experience with the Lethbridge Bulls in the summer of 2016. In mostly a backup role Witbeck hit .331 in 82 AB, with 14 R, 8 2B, 1 HR, and 12 RBI's playing behind senior catcher Travis Steinke. In 2017 coach Sawyer will look for Carter to play a bigger role behind the dish. So far in 2017 for PBA, Witbeck is hitting .268(11-41) with 6 R, 1

2B, 2 HR and 10 RBI's through 12 games.



Brett Brittany – Brittany came out of nowhere to be a standout on the 2016 PBA Varsity team. The native of Fredericton, NB hit .336 (49-146) with 39 R, 13 2B, 6 3B, 5 HR, and 27 RBI. Centre fielder for PBA this season Brittany combines the rare commodities of power and speed. Brittany is versatile and can play any of the outfield spots. So far in 2017 Brittany is hitting .316 (12-38) 12 R, 5 2B, 2 3B and 10 RBI's through 12 games. Brittany got

his first taste of the WMBL last season with Swift Current. Brittany was fortunate enough to be apart of the 2016 clean sweep of the playoffs by the Indians (Now 57's).



Brett Semeniuk – Our last edition from PBA to the 2017 Bulls roster is Brett Semeniuk. Originally from Edmonton, AB, Semeniuk has grown tremendously in the PBA program. Semeniuk can play almost every position on the field and will provide a powerful left-handed bat for coach Sawyer in 2017. So far this Spring Semeniuk has been dealing with a nagging ankle injury but has managed to contribute from the middle of the lineup. Semeniuk is hitting .250 (9-36) with 6 R, 2 2B, 1 HR and 9 RBI's.

We will continue to spotlight more 2017 Bulls players in the coming weeks. To view the roster as it stands today please click [here](#).

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2017 Spring Training Camp

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See all of the camp information below.

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2017 Spring Training Camp



Prairie Baseball Academy is extremely excited to be putting on a camp for young athletes in Southern Alberta and surrounding areas this Spring. An all-star coaching staff has been put in place to run the camps and provide the campers with expert instruction in all areas of baseball.

Pricing	Camp Itinerary	Coaching Staff
Camp Cost— \$275.00 Ages— 9 - 15 Date— April 17-20 Location— Lloyd Nolan Yard/ Canola Harvest Field/Indoor (Weather Permitting) Includes 16 hours of instruction. Last day of camp will run from 9am until 12pm Each camper will receive a family game package. (\$60.00 Value) This does not include the Canada Day doubleheader	9:00am—10:00am Agility Training and Warm-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proper Dynamic Warm-up- Ladder Drills- Base running 10:00am—11:00am Throwing Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long toss program w/ Pull Down- Band Work- Flat Ground Mechanics 11:00am— 12:00pm Infield/Outfield <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proper Fielding Mechanics- Footwork- Throwing Mechanics- Infield/Outfield Philosophy 12:00pm—1:00pm Lunch 1:00—2:30pm Hitting and Pitching <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Breakdown of proper mechanics- Drill work 2:00-3:00pm Wiffle Ball/ Wall Ball/ Elimination & other Fun Games	Todd Hubka—Head Coach of the Prairie Baseball Academy. 6 Straight CCBC Championships. Ryan MacDonald—Assistant Coach of the Prairie Baseball Academy. Former Head Coach of the Lethbridge Bulls. 2015 WMBL Champions Jesse Sawyer—Head Coach of the PBA Junior Varsity team. Head Coach of the Lethbridge Bulls. Shayne MacInnis—Assistant coach of PBA Junior Varsity. Head Coach of Lethbridge Giants 14U.



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Brenda Wolsey of Royal LePage Sponsoring Home Opener!

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The Lethbridge Bulls 2017 home opener is Friday, June 2nd @ Spitz Stadium. The Bulls will be taking on the Fort McMurray Giants starting at 7:05pm. Lethbridge Hurricanes standout, Tyler Wong will be on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch!

Brenday Wolsey of Royal LePage South Country Real Estate is the title sponsor for the home opener, and we are very excited to have her on board. It should be a great night for baseball in Lethbridge, and we encourage you to come out and support the team. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for any regular season game in 2017 online, please [click here](#). You can also contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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Check Out the All New Under Armour Apparel

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The Lethbridge Bulls are very excited to be partnered with Under Armour starting in 2017. All the apparel the players wear, and merchandise sold to fans will be of the highest quality. Under Armour has established themselves as one of the top sporting brands in North America, and the Bulls could not be happier to be on board.

Check out all of this years apparel items below:



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2017 Home Opener a Gas King Family Friday!

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The Lethbridge Bulls 2017 home opener will be a Gas King Family Friday! June 2nd at Spitz Stadium the Lethbridge Bulls will host the Fort McMurray Giants in their first home WMBL action of the season. It is sure to be an exciting year for the Bulls in 2017. Former Bulls standouts, Jesse Sawyer and Joel Blake are taking over coaching duties in 2017. They have brought some familiar faces back from last year, and many new faces eager to put the pinstripes on and perform this summer.

Gas King has been an extremely loyal supporter for the Lethbridge Bulls over the years, and 2017 is no different. For ONLY \$40.00, you can take the whole family out to a Bulls game, AND get \$10.00 Gas King gift card.

This year's Gas King Family Friday's includes:

4 Bleacher Seat Tickets

\$10.00 Gas King gift card

\$25.00 Food & Beverage Voucher for the game. (Excludes Alcohol)

Game Day Program

This is over \$75.00 in value for just \$40.00. Why not come out and enjoy some great summer ball for the whole family! If you are interested, please visit any Lethbridge Gas King location, or contact the Spitz Stadium office @ 403-320-2025.



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- \$25.00 Food & Beverage Voucher (Excludes Alcohol)
- Game Day Program



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Family Fridays



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2017 Gas King Family Fridays Schedule

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July 14 • July 28

All games start at 7:05 pm at Spitz Stadium
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2017 UFA Charity Tug-O-War

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The Lethbridge Bulls are excited to add the United Farmers of Alberta Charity Tug-O-War promotion for the 2017 WMBL season. As of right now, 28 local charities from Lethbridge have signed on to participate. Each charity put up \$100 for the prizepool. The winner at the end of the season will earn \$2800 to be donated to their charity. All matchups will take place just before each of the Bulls home games in 2017. Make sure to come out and support these wonderful charities! The Lethbridge Bulls would like to thank all of the charities participating and to wish them good luck!

Below is a list of the scheduled matchups thus far:

Charity Tug-O-War Schedule				
Date	Game Time	Challenge #	Team 1	Team 2
2-Jun	7:05	1	Boys & Girls Club	LSCO
3-Jun	7:05	2	Bridges of Hope	Lethbridge & District Humane Society
4-Jun	2:05	3	Canadian Mental Health	Sea Cadets
8-Jun	7:05	4	Lethbridge Family Services	AAWEAR
9-Jun	7:05	5	STARS	Ourrecue.org
10-Jun	7:05	6	Big Brothers & Big Sisters	Lethbridge Minor Hockey
14-Jun	7:05	7	Canadian Blood Services	Firefighters Charity
22-Jun	7:05	8	Canadian Diabetes	ALS
23-Jun	7:05	9	Interfaith Food Bank	Lethbridge Association for Community Living
23-Jun	7:05	10	MS Society	Woods Homes
24-Jun	7:05	11	Chinook Autism	Lethbridge Theraputic Riding Association
24-Jun	7:05	12	YWCA	SAIPA
27-Jun	7:05	13	Covenant Health	Salvation Army
27-Jun	7:05	14	Lethbridge Food Bank	Arches
29-Jun	7:05	15	Round 2	
1-Jul	2:05	16	Round 2	
1-Jul	7:35	17	Round 2	
3-Jul	7:05	18	Round 2	
4-Jul	7:05	19	Round 2	
8-Jul	7:05	20	Round 2	
11-Jul	7:05	21	Round 2	
13-Jul	7:05	22	Round 3	
14-Jul	7:05	23	Round 3	
23-Jul	2:05	24	Round 3	
27-Jul	7:05	25	Semi-Finals	
28-Jul	7:05	26	Semi-Finals	
29-Jul	7:05	27	Finals	

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark at 403-320-2025.

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Bulls Win TCMM Game 3-0!

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The Lethbridge Bulls kicked off their 2017 year on Wednesday night at Spitz Stadium. The annual Tanner Craswell, Mitch Maclean Kid's Camp and Memorial Game were a huge success. Before the night game against the Vauxhall Jet's, both teams helped run the TCMM Kid's Camp. Over 120 kids ages 4-15 came out to participate in the camp. The coaches and players ran the campers through hitting, infield and outfield on a beautiful evening at Spitz Stadium.



Following the camp the Bulls and Jets took part in the annual TCMM Memorial Game. A great crowd was on hand to watch the Bulls take down the Jets 3-0. Brady Moxham started on the mound for the Bulls, throwing 2 scoreless innings. Wesley Moore started on the mound for the Jets in the final game of the season for Vauxhall. Moore, also a Junior National team member will join the Bulls pitching staff for the summer now that his spring season has finished. Moore threw well in his $3\frac{2}{3}$ innings of work against his new team. Bulls shortstop Dylan Flasch provided the best swing of the night, a large home run over the left field scoreboard in the 4th inning.

All in all Wednesday night was a great evening. As always the first batter of the game was played with no shortstop and no 2nd baseman in honour of our two former teammates. The memory of those boys continues to live on. All proceeds from last night's game go towards the TCMM Scholarship Fund.



Moving forward, the Lethbridge Bulls kickoff their 2017 WMBL season Thursday night in Brooks against the Bombers. Friday night the Bulls have their home opener at Spitz Stadium. The game is sponsored by Brenda Wolsey of Royal LePage. June 2nd is also the first Gas King Family Friday, take the whole family out for just \$40. For full details on that package please [click here](#).

If you are interested in purchasing tickets for tomorrow nights game please [click here](#), or contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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Bulls Start Season With 18-9 Win Over Brooks

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The Lethbridge Bulls kicked off their 2017 WMBL season with an emphatic 18-9 win over the Brooks Bombers on Thursday night in Brooks. New head coach Jesse Sawyer picked up his first win as a head coach in the WMBL, hopefully the 1st of many. The boys get right back at it with their home opener tonight at Spitz Stadium. Tanner Jesson-Dalton will start on the mound for the Bulls game against the Fort McMurray Giants starting at 7:05pm.

Thursday night was all about the offense for the Bulls. The boys combined for 20 hits, and 18 runs to start off the season on a high note. 1st baseman Alex Bishop led the swatting 2 home runs, scoring 3 runs and driving in 5. Dylan Flasch and Carter Witbeck also hit home runs on what was a great night to hit in Brooks. The two PBA standouts combined to go 8-12 with 5 runs scored and 5 RBI's. The Bulls will look to continue swinging it like they did Thursday night as they open up at home with 3 games this weekend against the Giants.

On the other side of the ball Greg Hollman started on the mound. Hollman was effective for the most part, pitching into the 6th inning. All told Hollman gave up 4 earned runs, walked 1 and struck out 5 bombers batters en route to his first win of the season. Liam Sabiston and Dylan Borman finished up the lopsided game on the mound for the Bulls.

The Bulls now move on to their home opening weekend. Friday night should be a fantastic evening at Spitz Stadium. Come on out and enjoy some great summer baseball! For last minute tickets please contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025. Go BULLS!

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Bulls Sweep the Giants to Start 4-0!

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The Lethbridge Bulls got off to as good a start as they could have over the weekend at Spitz Stadium. Three games against Fort McMurray, and three wins later the boys sit at 4-0 as they head to Medicine Hat tonight for the first meeting between the two West Division rivals.

Friday night was the Bulls home opener in 2017, and the boys did not disappoint. After jumping out to a 5-1 lead through four innings, the Bulls struggled in the 7th inning giving up 7 runs. It seemed as though everything the Giants hit in the inning found a hole, and the Bulls couldn't catch a break. Heading to the bottom of the 7th the Bulls found themselves down 9-5, needing a spark to get back into the game. The spark came in the form of two long balls from Brock Frentzel, and Jesse Hilyard, both two run shots. Dawson Moser picked up his first win of the season pitching 1.2 innings in relief, and veteran reliever Chris Stodolka picked up his first save in the 2017 campaign.

Saturday night was a much lower scoring game, but ended in the same result for the Bulls. An all around good effort from top to bottom ended with the Bulls beating the Giants 5-3. Brady Moxham started on the mound and battled his way through 4.1 innings. Moxham struggled a little with command, but only allowed 3 hits and 1 earned run while walking 6 and striking out 6 on the night. The bullpen took over in the 5th and shut the Giants down the rest of the way. Chris Stodolka pitched a scoreless 9th to pick up his second save in as many nights. On the offensive side of the ball, outfielder Nolan Handley led the way going 3-4 with 2 runs and an RBI. First baseman Alex Bishop also continued to swing a hot bat, picking up 2 hits in 3 AB's with a run and an RBI.

Sunday afternoon marked the end of the series, and the Bulls finished off the early season sweep with a 6-5 walk off win. Both teams got off to fast starts, and the game was tied 5-5 through 3 innings. Nolan Handley picked up his first homerun of the season, an opposite field 2 run shot in the 1st inning. Through four games Handley is hitting .529 with 7 runs scored, 2 2B, a HR and 4 RBI's. Carter Witbeck also had a great afternoon going 4-5 with 2 RBI's and a run scored. Witbeck was also the hero in the 9th inning, with the walk off single to right field that scored Dylan Flasch for the winning run. Witbeck now has two, four hit games so far this season. On the mound PBA freshman Liam Sabiston started. After a shaky start, Sabiston settled in to go 5 innings. Those 5 innings were enough, as coach Sawyer handed the ball over to the bullpen, who continued to pitch well. Louis Corral threw 3 scoreless innings, and Ben Erwin through the top of the 9th, recording a very rare 4 strikeout inning to pick up the win.

Coach Sawyer's squad will pick up some reinforcements tonight as four LSUS players will be in town and ready for tonight's game in Medicine Hat. Monday will be the first meeting between the two division rivals, and it will be the home opener for the Mavericks at Athletic Park. Let's hope the Bulls can continue their early season success and spoil their home opener for their 5th straight win in 2017!

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Alex Bishop Named WMBL Player of the Week!

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Alex Bishop of our very own Lethbridge Bulls was named the WMBL player of the week for week 1 of the 2017 season. Bishop a Junior at the University of Texas at Tyler got off to a tremendous start hitting 3 homeruns in his first 2 games of the year. All told Bishop hit .412 for the week with 2 2B, 3 HR and 9 RBI's. Alex continued to swing the bat well on Monday night in Medicine Hat. The Bulls spoiled their second home opener of the year topping the Mavericks 8-2. Bishop went 4-5 with 3 RBI's to move his average for the season to an even .500 through 5 games. Congratulations Alex!

The Bulls head to Swift Current today to take on the undefeated Swift Current 57's before returning home this weekend for 3 games.

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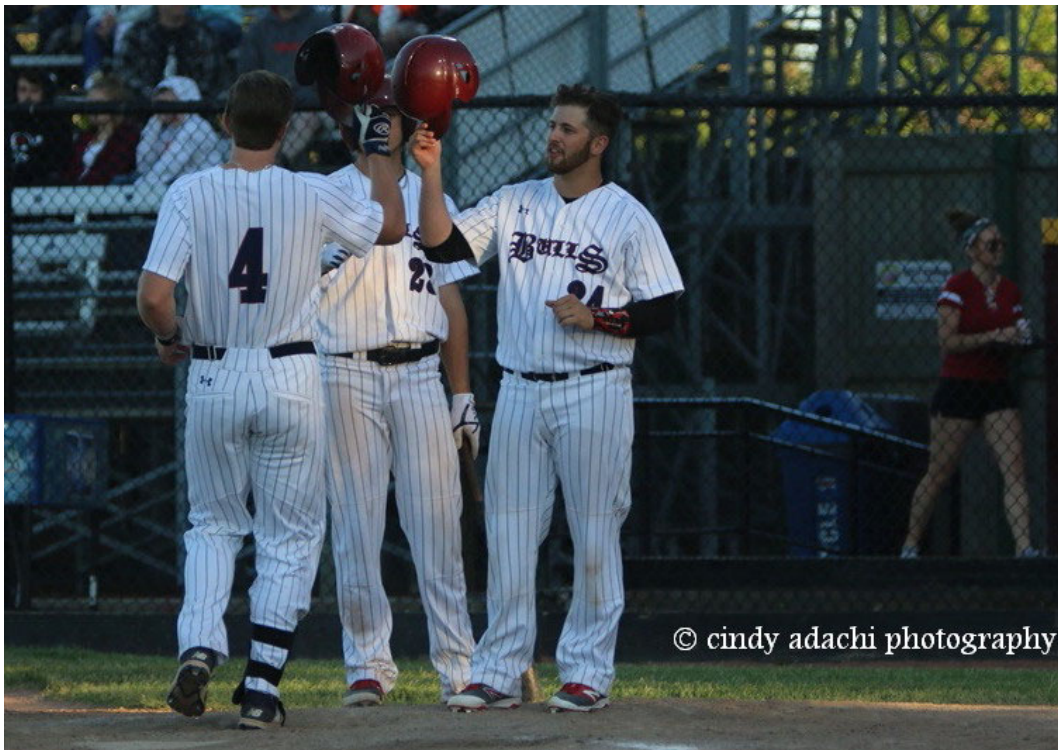
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Lethbridge Bulls Team Update

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The Lethbridge Bulls picked up a win in Swift Current on Wednesday to keep their record a perfect 6-0 so far in 2017. On Thursday night a crazy storm blew through Lethbridge which forced the postponement of the Bulls game against the Medicine Hat Mavericks. The boys will try again on Friday night when they host the Regina Red Sox at Spitz Stadium. Tonight's game is a Gas King Family Friday. For more details on the \$40.00 package for the whole family please [click here](#).



Thus far in 2017 there have been some outstanding individual performances from veterans and newcomers to this squad. Second year catcher Carter Witbeck is having himself a tremendous start to the season. Through six games Witbeck is hitting .520 (13-25), with 8 runs, 3 2B, 1 HR, 8 RBI's and zero strikeouts. The WMBL player of the week for week one of the 2017 season went to first baseman Alex Bishop. Bishop is hitting .440 (11-25) through 6 games. Bishop a mechanical engineering major at UT Tyler has 6 runs scored, 2 2B, 3 HR's and 12 RBI's so far this season. Five other Bulls are hitting .333 or better in 2017, and the team batting average thus far is a robust

.332. The Bulls will need to continue swinging the bats like they have if they want to stay atop the West Division standings.

On the pitching side the Lethbridge Bulls have battled through the first 6 games with solid starting pitching, and some great performances out of the bullpen. Prairie Baseball Academy pitcher Greg Hollman already has two wins for the Bulls. Hollman had his best stuff on Wednesday night in Swift Current throwing 7 innings, surrendering only 1 run and striking out 7 Swift Current hitters on the night. Dawson Moser and Chris Stodolka have been great late in the ballgame for head coach Jesse Sawyer. Moser has yet to give up a run in 3.2 innings, and veteran Chris Stodolka has already recorded 3 saves in 2017. Not to be forgotten, Vauxhall Academy Jets ace, Wesley Moore spun a gem in Medicine Hat on Monday. Moore threw 7 innings of one run ball in his first WMBL start to earn the win.



Coach Sawyer could not have asked for a better start to the 2017 season. Sawyer had this to say about his team's start. "Our boys have done a fantastic job in all phases of the game. It really has been a team effort thus far. I have been a part of a lot of WMBL games in my time, and this team has exceeded my expectations. The boys have showed up night in and night out ready to compete. As a coach it is exciting coming to the ballpark every day when you have a team full of gamers like that."

The boys are back in action tonight at Spitz Stadium. First pitch is at 7:05pm. If you are looking for last minute tickets please call the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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Bulls Head on the Road 7-2

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The Bulls dropped a slugfest 11-9, to the Okotoks Dawgs on Wednesday night at Spitz Stadium to put them at 7-2 so far in 2017. The boys will hit the road Thursday morning as they head into a 5 game stretch against Edmonton and Fort McMurray starting tonight in Edmonton. The West Division is tight at the top with Edmonton leading the way at 8-2, Lethbridge and Okotoks are right behind with records of 7-2.

The Bulls have continued to hit the ball well to start off 2017. As a team the Bulls are batting .309 through 9 games. Leading the way is 2nd year catcher Carter Witbeck. Witbeck is hitting .462 (18-39) which is tops in the WMBL. Nolan Handley and Alex Bishop are also swinging the bat well thus far. Handley is hitting .417 (15-36) with 9 runs scored, 4 2B, 2 HR and 8 RBI. Alex Bishop is hitting a cool .378 (14-37) with 8 runs scored 3 2B, 3 HR and 13 RBI. Moving forward this trio will need to continue to swing the bat well if the Bulls look to stay near the top of the West Division.

On the other side of the ball the Bulls have been a little inconsistent on the mound so far. Chris Stodolka and Dawson Moser have been lights out at the end of ball games. Moser has yet to give up a run in his 5 innings of work, and Stodolka has 4 saves already in 2017 with a 2.25 ERA. Brady Moxham turned in a gem on Saturday throwing 7 innings of one run ball against the Regina Red Sox. Moxham gave up only 4 hits and struck out 7 Red Sox hitters. Big right hander Greg Hollman is also having a nice start to 2017. Hollman is 2-0 in two starts with a 3.64 ERA, 12 strikeouts and only 1 walk. Hollman will get the ball tonight in Edmonton as the Bulls look to rebound after last nights loss.

Follow all the Bulls action [online here](#). The Bulls will return to Spitz Stadium next Thursday when they host the Brooks Bombers.

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Bulls Finish 2-3 on Ft. McMurray Road Trip

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The Bulls finished up a five game road trip on Sunday afternoon in Fort McMurray. It was not the best trip as the boys went 2-3 to put them at 9-5 on the season. The boys struggled to consistently hit the ball, and it showed in the scores of the games in Fort McMurray. This is the first stretch of adversity the Bulls have faced in 2017, and it will be exciting to see if they can turn it around this week with 3 straight games against the Brooks Bombers, starting tonight at 7:05pm in Brooks.

The boys started off the trip with a great 3-1 victory in Edmonton against the Prospects. Big right handed pitcher Greg Hollman turned in a great start for the Bulls going 6 innings, surrendering 8 hits, 1 earned run, walking none and striking out 2 Prospect batter's. Dawson Moser pitched two scoreless innings and Chris Stodolka picked up the save in relief.

The Bulls hit the road on Friday morning continuing 5+ hours from Edmonton to Fort McMurray. Friday night was a really tough game for the Bulls as they were blown out 14-1 by the Giants. It was a much different Giants team than the one that the Bulls swept on opening weekend. Credit has to be given to how well Fort McMurray played all weekend. Their starting pitching was strong, they played great defense and hit when they needed to. Saturday was a lot of the same. The Giants scored early in game 1 on Saturday afternoon, and the Bulls could never get themselves back into it dropping game two of the series 7-3. In the nightcap, the Bulls fought back with a 3 run top of the 9th inning to salvage a 7-6 victory and even their record at 2-2 on the trip. Sunday was a similar story as the Bulls struggled mightily all afternoon at the plate. Ultimately the Bulls ended up losing 4-2 after another attempted comeback in the 9th inning. All in all it was a very frustrating weekend for the coaching staff and the players. The Bulls now sit with a 9-5 record, only half a game back of the Okotoks Dawgs for first place in the West Division.

The WMBL can be a very unpredictable league from game to game, and any team can win on any night. The Bulls will surely bounce back from this bump in the road. Tuesday evening the team gets to hit in the friendly confines of the Brooks Bombers home field. On the opening night of the season the Bulls put up 18 runs on 20 hits in that stadium. Let's hope tonight's game can get the team back on track.

The next home action for the Bulls is this weekend. The team hosts the same Brooks Bombers at Spitz Stadium on Thursday and Friday night. Saturday the Bulls host the Okotoks Dawgs starting at 7:05pm. Please come on out and support the team, tickets can be purchased [online here](#), or by calling the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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Meet the Bulls Summer Camp

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The Lethbridge Bulls are very excited to be offering our "Meet the Bulls Summer Camp" again in 2017 from July 10-13th.

Each day there will be different Bulls players on hand to help coach the campers in baseball and other summer time sports.

On the 13th we will finish up the camp with a group water fight, and slip and slide. Always a camper favourite!

The cost for the camp is \$250.00. Included in that price is lunch for the kids each day and 4 tickets to a 2017 Lethbridge Bulls baseball game at Spitz Stadium.

If you would like to register your son or daughter [online please click here](#). If you have any questions about the camp please contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.



Meet The Bulls Summer Camp 2017



Under the Lights Sports and Entertainment is extremely excited to be putting on an elite camp for young athletes in Southern Alberta and surrounding areas this Summer. An all-star coaching staff has been put in place to run the camps and provide the campers with expert instruction in all areas of baseball.

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<p>Spitz Stadium</p> <p>Camp Cost— \$250</p> <p>Ages— 9 - 15</p> <p>Includes 3.5 days =21hours of instruction. Lunch is included</p> <p>Free ticket to a 2017 Lethbridge Bulls Game</p> <p>Time—9:00 am-3:00pm</p> <p>July 10th- July 13th (1/2 Day)</p>	<p>9:00am- 9:30am Agility Training and Warm-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper Dynamic Warm-up - Ladder Drills <p>9:30-10:00am Throwing Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long toss program w/ Pull Down <p>10:00 -11:45am Infield/ Outfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper Fielding Mechanics - Footwork - Throwing Mechanics - Infield/ Outfield Philosophy <p>11:45-12:45pm Lunch Break</p> <p>12:45- 1:30 pm- Hitting Drills and Proper Mechanics</p> <p>1:30-3:00pm- Games and fun</p>	<p>Todd Hubka—Head Coach of the Prairie Baseball Academy. 7 Straight CCBC Championships.</p> <p>Ryan MacDonald—Assistant Coach of the Prairie Baseball Academy. Former Head Coach of the Lethbridge Bulls. 2015 WMBL Champions</p> <p>Jesse Sawyer—Head Coach of the PBA Junior Varsity team. Head Coach of the Lethbridge Bulls.</p> <p>Shayne MacInnis—Assistant coach of PBA Junior Varsity. Head Coach of Lethbridge Giants 14U.</p>




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Strikeout ALS Campaign

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The Strikeout ALS Campaign is a new promotion the Lethbridge Bulls have put in place in 2017, and so far we are off to an incredible start! Three companies have stepped up to support this great cause. Holmes Ecowater, KCL Cattle and Roger's Sugar have been gracious enough to team up to donate \$8.00 for every Bulls strikeout in 2017. Through 15 games the Bulls have racked up 113 strikeouts as a pitching staff. At \$8.00/strikeout that works out to \$904.00 raised thus far. We are just about a third of the way through the regular season so let's hope the Bulls pitchers can continue to rack up the strikeouts throughout the remainder of the 2017 WMBL Season.

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Bulls Take 2 of 3 From Okotoks Over the Weekend

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The Bulls took 2 of 3 games against the Okotoks Dawgs over the weekend to get themselves back into 1st place in the Western Division in the WMBL. The team is now 20 games into the 2017 season, and the Bulls hold a record of 13-7. Canada Day is coming up this weekend, and as always it will be a great time to come out and see the Bulls play, with fireworks capping off the night. The Bulls take on the Yorkton Cardinals in a doubleheader on Canada Day this year. Game 1 of the doubleheader will be at 2:05pm, and the nightcap will be at 7:35pm at Spitz Stadium. If you are looking to get tickets for the Canada Day festivities please [click here](#), or contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

The Bulls have had a very tough schedule to start the 2017 season. 17 of their 20 games have come against West Division opponents. The other 3 games have been against Swift Current or Regina, who hold the top two spots in the Eastern Division of the WMBL. Right now the Bulls are halfway through their six straight games against the Okotoks Dawgs. The Dawgs sit only 0.5 games back of Lethbridge for the top spot in the division. Considering the tough schedule the Bulls 13-7 record is very good. Moving into the middle stretch of the summer the Bulls will need to maintain their focus, and fight for every game. Giving away even a couple games now could end up coming to bite teams at the end of the season when fighting for the top spot in the standings.

The Bulls have shown glimpses of brilliance on both sides of the ball in 2017. Like every team though, the Bulls have had a lack of consistency at times with both hitting and pitching. As of writing this article the Bulls have a .276 team batting average. First baseman Alex Bishop is leading the way. Bishop is hitting .387 with 15 runs scored, 5 2B, 4 HR and 19 RBI. Carter Witbeck and Nolan Handley have slowed a little, but still hold impressive numbers with averages of .320 and .319 respectively. Witbeck has scored 14 runs and driven in 15, while Handley has scored 12 and driven in 12. If the Bulls want to continue leading the way in the West, they will need those three hitters to anchor the middle of the order for Coach Sawyer's squad.

On the pitching side the Bulls have done very well all year when they can get the ball to the back end of their bullpen with a lead. Veteran Chris Stodolka leads the WMBL with 8 saves in 20 games. In total Stodolka has pitched 10 innings, struck out 13 and pitched to a 0.90 ERA. Dawson Moser has been just as good pitching primarily in the 8th inning. Moser has thrown 11 innings, struck out 16 with a 0.81 ERA and a 3-1 record. As for the starters Greg Hollman leads the way with a 3-0 record in 25.1 innings pitched. Hollman has struck out 22 hitter's, while only giving up 3 walks and pitching to a 3.19 ERA. Brady Moxham is 1-1 in 4 starts with a 3.85 ERA, 23 K's in 23.1 innings pitched. Lethbridge native Landen Bourassa made his first start for the Bulls last week in a great outing against the Brooks Bombers. Bourassa pitched 6 scoreless innings, gave up 3 hits and struck out 6 Bombers batters to earn his first victory of the season. As a pitching staff the Bulls hold a 4.70 ERA and a 158/93 strikeout to walk ratio.

As noted earlier in this article, this is a very important week/weekend for the Bulls. The boys have three more games against the Okotoks Dawgs before taking on the Yorkton Cardinals for Canada Day. Come on out and support the Bulls through this very important stretch of baseball. It is always nice when the boys can feel the support of the home crowd at Spitz Stadium!

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Chris Stodolka Named WMBL Pitcher of the Week!

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Chris Stodolka was named the WMBL player of the week for his work out of the bullpen last week for the Bulls. Stodolka pitched in 3 games, earning 3 saves. The veteran reliever who hails from Lethbridge only gave up one hit in his three appearances, and struck out seven of the batters he faced.

Stodolka is an alumni of the Prairie Baseball Academy, and is finishing his degree in civil engineering at the University of Texas at Tyler. So far in 2017 Stodolka is off to a tremendous start for the Bulls. Chris has a 1-0 record in 11 innings pitched, a 0.81 ERA, 14 K's and a WMBL best 9 saves in 9 opportunities. Along with 8th inning man, Dawson Moser the Bulls have one of the best back end's of the bullpen in the league. The team will need both pitchers to continuing throwing well late in games if the Bulls look to hold on to the top spot in the West Division.

Congratulations Chris Stodolka!

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Bulls Take 2 On Canada Day!

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It wasn't the easiest way to get it done, but the Bulls pulled out two wins on Canada Day in front of two big crowds at Spitz Stadium. In game 1 of the doubleheader the Bulls fought their way to a 12-11 victory in the bottom of the 9th inning. In game two it was a much cleaner game with the Bulls finishing on top 12-5 in front of a Spitz Stadium record crowd of 2268. Everyone from the Bulls organization would like to thank all the fans who came out to support the Bulls on Canada Day.

In Game 1 the Bulls got off to a great start putting up 8 runs in the first two innings. Brock Frentzel hit a 3 run shot to right field in the first, and Alex Bishop hit a 2 run homer in the 2nd. The Yorkton Cardinals fought the Bulls every step of the way scoring runs in each of the first 5 innings of the ball game. After 5 innings, the Bulls held a 9-8 lead. Heading to the 9th the Bulls were up 2 runs, and had the usually automatic Chris Stodolka in the game. Yorkton was down to their final out, and grinded out 2 runs to tie the game at 11. The Bulls had to walk it off to win, and that is exactly what they did. Brett Brittany led off the bottom of the 9th with a triple, and Ryan Pouwells completed an outstanding day by singling in Brittany for the win. Pouwells finished the day 5-6 with 3 runs scored and 4 RBI's. Alex Bishop was 2-2 with 3 runs and 4 RBI's, and Brock Frentzel was 1-3 with a run and 3 RBI's.

In game 2 of the doubleheader the Bulls again came out hot out of the gate. After 2 innings of play the Bulls held a 8-0 lead to the delight of the capacity crowd. Catcher, Carter Witbeck hit a 2 RBI double in the 1st to give the Bulls a 3-0 lead, and Alex Bishop hit his 2nd homerun of the day, a 3 run shot to cap off a 5 run second inning. Those 8 runs were plenty for starting pitcher Brady Moxham who threw a gem of a game. Moxham threw 8 innings, with 10 strikeouts, and 4 ER. If it wasn't for a little lapse on defense in the 8th inning Moxham may have had a shot to finish the game out. Instead Hunter Cunningham came in the 9th to finish the game off. Alex Bishop finished the night game 2-4 with a run and 4 RBI, Dylan Borman was 2-3 with 2 runs scored, Carter Witbeck chipped in 3 RBI's while going 2-5, and Ryan Pouwells was 1-3 with 3 runs scored out of the leadoff spot. It was great to see the Bulls offense breakout after struggling a little bit in their 6 straight games against the Okotoks Dawgs.

As of Monday July 3rd, the Bulls sit tied with the Okotoks Dawgs at 16-9 in the West Division. Edmonton sits 1.5 games back of 1st, and Medicine Hat 2.5 games back. In the East Division Regina has a half game lead over the Bulls and Dawgs at 16-8 for the top record in the WMBL. The Bulls host the Melville Millionaires for two games tonight and tomorrow at Spitz Stadium. Melville sits in last place in the East through 25 games.

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TCMM Memorial Alumni Game - Saturday July 15th!

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This Saturday the Lethbridge will be hosting their annual TCMM Memorial Alumni Game and Homerun Derby. The game will start @ 6:05pm and is open to any Bulls, PBA or Vauxhall Academy alumni players.

The alumni of these three great baseball programs is fantastic. A lot of players played for more than one of the programs, and there are some that played for all three. In years past this game has been followed by a WMBL Bulls game. This year however the main attraction is the alumni game. There will be no regular season game to follow.

If you would like to pre register or donate to the TCMM Memorial Fund please check out the [website here](#).



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Bulls Lose 5-1 To Kick Off Saskatchewan Road Trip

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The up and down season of the Bulls has continued throughout most of July. On Friday night the Bulls picked up two huge wins over the Medicine Hat Mavericks at Spitz Stadium to put a little bit of distance between the two teams. The Bulls currently sit in 2nd place in the West Division with a record of 21-16, 1.5 games ahead of the Mavericks, and 4 games behind Okotoks for first place. The Bulls are in Saskatchewan for the rest of the week, and will play two games against Weyburn and two against Moose Jaw. The boys will need to be sharp, as both teams are playing good baseball, and it is getting down to crunch time in the WMBL as we move towards the playoffs.

The theme lately for the Bulls has been a lack of consistency. The team has struggled to put complete performances together on both sides of the ball, and it has cost the team games that they should not have lost. The general nature of the WMBL is that any team can win on any night, and so far this year that has proved to be true. Last night in Swift Current the Bulls lost 5-1. Early on in the game the Bulls put a lot of good swings on the ball, only to find the opposing teams gloves. That has been the case a lot in July for the Bulls, they have not caught a lot of breaks, but that is baseball, and the boys need to continue to fight through these dog days of summer.

Alex Bishop continues to lead the team offensively. His batting average has dipped just a little bit, but he is still hitting a very solid .353 with 33 runs scored and 33 RBI's. Darius Carter and Blake Macdonald hold the only other averages above .300 for the Bulls. Macdonald is hitting .301 with 2 HR, and Carter is hitting an even .300 on the season. Catcher, Carter Witbeck is hitting .298 with 20 runs scored, and 21 RBI's in 2017. As a team the Bulls are hitting .273 which puts them in the middle of the pack in the league. Heading down the home stretch the Bulls will need to find some magic in those bats. There have been times this season where the bats have come alive, but also times where the boys have really struggled to consistently hit the ball hard. Hopefully the boys find that life in the bats for the remaining 4 games in Saskatchewan!

On the pitching side it seems to be a similar story. At times the pitching staff has looked phenomenal, and other times very inconsistent. Lethbridge native, Landen Bourassa has put together a very good season thus far. The big right hander is 3-0 in 4 starts with a 2.07 ERA, and 27 strikeouts in 26 innings. Greg Hollman has also pitched very well as a starter for Coach Sawyer's team. Hollman is 4-2 with a 3.79 ERA in 42.2 innings. Late inning guy, Dawson Moser has also had himself an outstanding campaign. The right hander from Arkansas has pitched 17.1 innings in relief with 3 saves, 26 strikeouts and a 1.55 ERA.

The Bulls have 11 games remaining in the 2017 regular season. A lot can still happen over those 11 games, and the Bulls need to fight for every win. If they can be consistent in all three phases of the game (pitching, defense and hitting) they should be able to hang on to that 2nd spot in the division and get themselves home field advantage in the 1st round of the WMBL Playoffs.

Make sure you stay tuned for what should be an action packed stretch run!

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Pink in the Park Day Sunday @ 2:05pm

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Sunday, July 23rd the Bulls will have their annual Pink in the Park Day. This years event is sponsored by Raymond Motors, "where its a short drive to a better deal."



As always the Lethbridge Bulls players will be wearing pink jerseys for the afternoon game against the Medicine Hat Mavericks. During the game all of the players/coaches jersey's will be in a silent auction. At the end of the game the fan with the highest bid on each jersey will get to take it home, after being signed by that player. If you would like to get a bid in before the game on Sunday you can message the Bulls on [Facebook here](#).

As well as the silent auction for all pink jerseys, the Bulls will raffle off a team signed home and away jersey. 100% of the proceeds from Sunday's game will go to the Jack Ady Cancer Centre in Lethbridge where 30% of all tumors treated are related to breast cancer.

Members of The Abreast of Bridge Dragon Boat team who are cancer survivors will be on hand to throw out the first pitch and be special guests of the Lethbridge Bulls.

Here is a preview on the uniforms the Bulls will be wearing this Sunday!

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Fight to the Finish!

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The home stretch is here, and the Bulls control their own fate. The 2017 WMBL regular season has been a roller coaster ride for the Bulls, but with 4 games remaining the boys have a chance to take 2nd place and get home field advantage for the 1st round of the WMBL playoffs. After Wednesday evening's games, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Edmonton all hold identical records of 24-20. Those three teams have clinched playoff births in the Western Division, but who takes 2 through 4th place is still up for grabs.

Tonight (July 27) and tomorrow the Bulls take on the Edmonton Prospects in two pivotal contests. The last time these two teams played, Edmonton took both games of the series up in Edmonton. With two the next two nights in Lethbridge, the Bulls are looking to exact some revenge, and close the season strong. The always important home field advantage in the 1st round of the playoffs is still up for grabs. Okotoks has locked up 1st place, and will take on the 4th seed in the West. The 2nd and 3rd place teams will battle it out starting next Tuesday (Aug 1st) in the opening round of the 2017 WMBL Playoffs.

The Bulls will finish up the season at home against Fort McMurray on Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon in Brooks. It is the most exciting time of the year to come out and see some baseball. The weather forecast looks absolutely beautiful, so if you are interested in catching some baseball this weekend, or next week for the playoffs please [click here](#) or contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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Bulls Open up Playoffs with Med Hat !

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The Lethbridge Bulls finished the 2017 regular season strong winning 3 of 4 of their final games and clinching 2nd place in the Western Division. With that second place finished the Bulls will host the Medicine Hat Mavericks in the 1st round of the playoffs. Game 1 goes tonight (Aug 1) at Spitz Stadium, first pitch is at 7:05pm.

The Bulls took the season series 4-2 over the Mavericks in 2017. As always the games between the two rivals were very exciting, and at times tempers flared up. The teams had a bench clearing incident less than two weeks ago in Medicine Hat. Last summer the Mavericks took down the Bulls in 3 games in round 1 of the playoffs. Games 1 and 2 ended in heartbreaking extra inning loses for Lethbridge. The Bulls are looking to exact some revenge this year as they get home field advantage this time around, and the Spitz Stadium crowd should be out in force!

Come on out and support the Bulls as they start the quest for a deep run in the playoffs in 2017. Game 1 and 2 go Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:05pm at Spitz Stadium. If you are looking to pick up tickets for either game please [click here](#), or contact the Spitz Stadium office at 403-320-2025.

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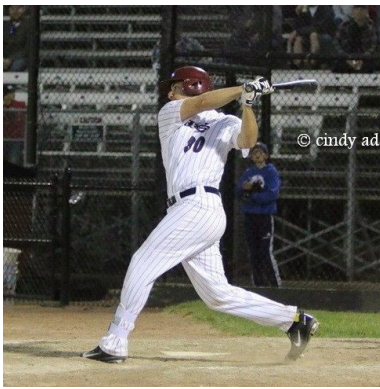
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Four Bulls Receive All-Star Selections!

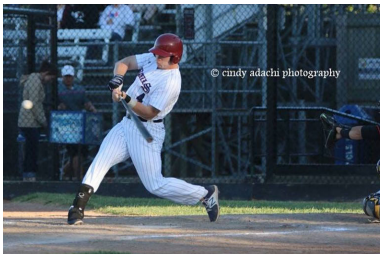
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The Lethbridge Bulls had four players named to the 2017 WMBL All-Star teams yesterday. The boys won 3 of their last 4 games down the stretch to clinch 2nd place in the Western Division. The 2nd place finish gives the Bulls home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The Bulls will take on their Highway 3 rivals, the Medicine Hat Mavericks in what is sure to be a great series.

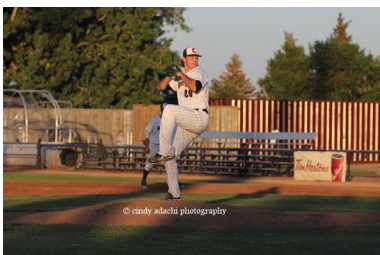
All-Stars



2nd Team OF - Jesse Hilyard - Hilyard had himself a very productive season for the Lethbridge Bulls. The Klamath Falls, OR native, started off a little bit slow after sitting out the spring season with a back injury. Once Hilyard got things going however his talent was easy to see. Hilyard finished with a .284 average in 116 at bats, 20 runs scored, 10 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR and 23 RBI's. Hilyard was the hero in the Bulls comeback win against Edmonton in a pivotal game last weekend. Hilyard crushed a 3 run shot over the scoreboard for the walk-off homerun. Congratulations Jesse!



2nd Team 1B - Alex Bishop - Bishop was the most consistent hitter and a staple in the middle of Coach Sawyer's lineup all season long. His numbers were good enough to be on the 1st team, but unfortunately the WMBL MVP slotted one spot higher than him. All in all in was a tremendous season for the Calgary native. Bishop hit a team leading .341 with 40 runs scored, 10 2B, 7 HR and 39 RBI in 48 games. The Bulls will need Alex to anchor the lineup in the playoffs starting this week against the Medicine Hat Mavericks. Congratulation Alex!



2nd Team RP - Dawson Moser - Moser was almost untouchable when he toed the rubber this year for the Bulls. The big right hander out of Arkansas was a force at the back end of the bullpen all summer. Moser started the season in the setup role, but worked his way into the closer spot in July. Moser pitched to a 1.47 ERA in 18.1 innings with a 3-2 record. Moser picked up 3 saves and struck out 26 opposing hitters. Congratulations Dawson!

2nd Team CP - Chris Stodolka - Stodolka was the only member of the Bulls who played on the 2015 WMBL Championship team, and he had himself a great season. A couple of difficult outings in the middle of the season hurt some of Stodolka's statistical numbers, but Chris was a force out of Coach Sawyer's bullpen all season, and will need to continue throwing well as the Bulls head into the playoffs. Stodolka finished the year with a 2-1 record, 4.35 ERA in 20.2 innings pitched and notched 10 saves which was good for 2nd in the WMBL. Congratulations Chris!



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Bulls Split First Two Games of Series

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Tuesday night the Bulls pulled off the extra innings win to take down the Medicine Hat Mavericks 3-2 and take a 1-0 series lead. Jesse Hilyard was the hero in the bottom of the 10th inning, hitting a walk off single to lift the Bulls to victory. Brady Moxham started on the mound and was outstanding. Moxham threw 9 innings, gave up 6 hits, 2 runs and struck out 6 Maverick hitters. Louis Corral pitched a clean 10th inning to pick up the victory on the mound. The Bulls banged out 11 hits on offense, including a 3-4 night from Brett Semeniuk, Alex Bishop was 2-4 with an RBI, and Nolan Handley also pitched in 2 hits going 2-3 on the night.

In game two last night the boys came out on fire. They put up 3 runs in the bottom of the first inning, and were threatening for more. Those 3 runs were all the team could muster however and they dropped the game 6-3, which evened the series at 1-1. Greg Hollman started on the mound and was pretty good over 6 innings of work. The big right hander gave up 4 runs, 3 earned, striking out 4. It was one of those nights where the Bulls hit a number of balls hard right into the opposing defense. Give Medicine Hat credit, they got a few clutch hits when they needed them, and the Bulls could not answer.

Heading into tonight the Bulls will send young left hander Wesley Moore to the mound. It is sure to be another exciting game, as these two teams are extremely closely matched. First pitch is at 7:05pm. Game 4 will go tomorrow night in Medicine Hat, and Game 5 will be back in Lethbridge on Saturday if necessary.

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Bulls Fall in 5 Games

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The Lethbridge Bulls finished off the 2017 WMBL season on a disappointing note, losing 4-1 to Medicine Hat on Saturday evening at Spitz Stadium in the fifth and deciding game of their playoff series. Even though it was not the way the team wanted to end their year, a lot of positive can come from this season looking forward to the 2018 WMBL season.

The Bulls grinded one out for the ages on Friday night in Medicine Hat to even have a chance to play a 5th game in this series. The Bulls were down to their final 5 outs of the season with a 2-0 deficit and not much going offensively. Nolan Handley started the top of the 8th inning with a solo shot to centre field and Brett Semeniuk followed two batters later with a two run blast to right field to give the team a 3-2 lead. Chris Stodolka locked down a 6 out save to force Saturday's deciding 5th game. It was an incredible high after losing a big lead in Medicine Hat in game 3. Unfortunately the boys could not muster up any more magic in game 5. Jared Libke threw an incredible ball game for the Mavericks, allowing only 1 Lethbridge hit on the night. The Medicine Hat Mavericks advanced to the 2nd round of the playoffs to take on the Edmonton Prospects who defeated the Okotoks Dawgs in 5 games.

Looking into next year the Bulls look to be in great shape. Lethbridge has always had a great track record of returning players from year to year. With the Prairie Baseball Academy located in Lethbridge the Bulls always have a steady supply of great college players already in town. Only two players from Coach Sawyer's 2017 roster will not be eligible to return in 2018. Outfielders, Brock Frentzel and Nolan Handley were the team's two senior players. From everyone in the Bulls organization we would like to thank you for your two years of service and we wish these two boys the best of luck in their future endeavours. With another year of college baseball experience many of the players on the 2017 roster can be back a little bit stronger, and a little bit more mature in 2018. It won't be long before the Bulls will be recruiting for next year, and trying to find that special group of guys who can get the team back to the WMBL Championship Series.

2017 was a difficult year at times at Spitz Stadium. Between phase one of the stadium's major renovation completed just days before the season started, and a flood taking out the main concession the Bulls still had just shy of 24,000 fans walk through the gates this summer. We cannot thank our great fans enough for all of the support they provide. Without you there would be no Bulls baseball in Lethbridge. Looking forward to 2018, Phase 2 of the renovation will be done before next summer's season, and the completed new grandstand should be incredible. Thank you again, and stay tuned for updates on the Bulls throughout the fall and winter!

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2017 Season in Review

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The Lethbridge Bulls finished the 2017 WMBL season with a 27-21 record good for second in the Western division. First baseman Alex Bishop had an outstanding year leading the team with a .341 batting average, 7 Home Runs and 39 RBI. Starting pitcher Brady Moxham was a standout on the mound with 5 wins, 48 strike outs and a 4.26 ERA. Greg Hollman had a slightly better ERA at 4.25. The Bulls would play their arch rival Medicine Hat Mavericks in the opening round of their best of five quarter final losing out in 5 games. In what might be described as the biggest upset of the season, Edmonton Prospects defeated a division leader Okotoks Dawgs in their quarter final and made it all the way to the WMBL final against last year's champion Swift Current 57s. Swift Current would retain their title with a 4-0 win at home in game 5.

The Lethbridge Bulls would like to thank all of their fans for coming out this year. Average attendance was close to 1000 per game but an all-time record was set on the July 1st evening game of 2,268.

A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors who have been big supporters of the Bulls over the years such as Gas King, Two Guys & A Pizza Place, Save On Foods, Average Joes, Cavendish, Spitz/Pepsico Foods, Pepsico Bottling and Molson Coors.

Thanks to our sign sponsors: Martin Brothers, Flexahopper Plastics, Western One, Fuel, Carefree Express, Waste Connections, Atlas, Alberta Broom, Sports Connection Source For Sports, Gateway Safety Services, Infincom, New West Truck, Lethbridge Lodge, Paradise Canyon, Boston Pizza, Davis, National Under Armour and our media partners Global, Country 95, Rock 106, CJOC, The Lethbridge Herald and B93.

Thanks to our patio and terrace sponsors, VisitLethbridge.com and College Ford Lincoln.

This year brought a new promotion that included our hash tag, #RunWithTheBulls. The first 100 fans to every game received discount coupons good at 10 different businesses: Roundtable Board Gamerie, Runners Soul, Casino Lethbridge Pure Canadian Gaming, Joeys, Maxim Muffler & Brake, Mr. Mikes., J. Walker Golf, Recreation Excellence, All-Tra Battery and Great Canadian Oil Change.

On the field interactive games included the Frozen T-shirt race by Paramount Printers, Egg Roulette sponsored by Cora Restaurant with eggs provided by Coaldale Foods and smocks by Lotus Salon, The Carefree Express Tire Race with tires provided by Fountain Tire- Fans had a chance to win gift cards from Tim Hortons, The T-Shirt Cannon sponsored by Davis GMC Buick, Lotus Salon donated great prizes all year long, The Athlete Project sponsored a Cross-Fit race. There was the Willilwa Shuffle and Family Friday Frisbees sponsored by Gas King, The Dirtiest Car in the Parking Lot by Mint Smart Wash and the Loudest Fans sponsored by 2 Guys Pizza.

Wendys gave fans an opportunity to win coupons as they walked into the stadium.

Spitz Stadium was home to the TCMM Benefit Game on May 31 to start the season. There was an Alzheimer's Charity Game on June 6 featuring the Bulls and members of the Hurricanes. The Local Heroes Softball game pitted the police against the fire department with proceeds going to the Canadian Diabetes Association and there was the annual TCMM Memorial Game that featured Bulls, PBA & Vauxhall Academy Alumni and a Homerun Derby.

The Lethbridge Bulls were also out in the community visiting schools, delivering flowers to deserving people in the Panda Flowers Petal It Forward Campaign, they helped with the United Way delivering tickets for the United Way night plus helped celebrate the Japanese Gardens 50th anniversary by putting on a pancake breakfast.

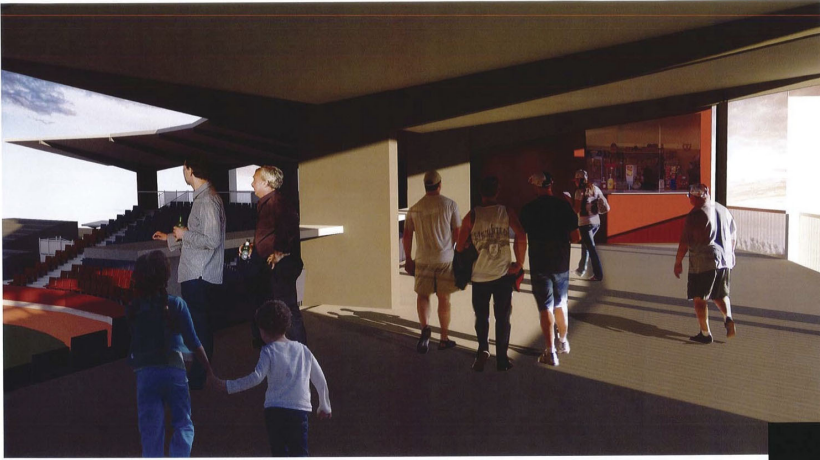
Other charity components during the season included Strike Out ALS where \$3292 was raised for the ALS Society of Alberta. For every strike out by a Bulls pitcher money was donated by Holmes Ecowater, KCL Cattle and Rogers Sugar.

Our Charity Tug of War sponsored by UFA featuring 28 local charities created some excitement as ARCHES won their match against STARS in the final game of the season and took home \$2800.

Our Pink In The Park game brought in \$1845 for the Jack Ady Cancer Center.

The Bulls are very excited about the new Spitz Stadium renovations which will include a new concourse, concession area and ticket center thanks to a \$2.3 million CIP allocation by the City of Lethbridge. Construction should begin very soon and be ready by the start of the 2018 season. See pictures of the renderings below:





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Have a great off-season. We'll see you next year.

For his own perspective of the season check out the blog by Mark Campbell from the Bulls Marketing Department [HERE](#).

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