

Galt Gores

Inter-City Fastball Champions 1963, 1964, 1966



The Galt Gores fastball team of the mid-1960s was not lacking for talent, and none were as talented on the field as pitcher Gerry Hopcraft. The late Hopcraft, several times an Inter-City league MVP – he won the batting title in 1965 – was a legend in fastball circles. With his on-field leadership, and a talent-laden cast of teammates like Marty Myska and Bob Johnson, the Gores chalked up some impressive numbers between 1963 and 1968.

In '63 they posted a 20-4 won-lost record in the regular season and then bested Kitchener 4-1 in the first round of the playoffs before beating Guelph, also 4-1, to win the Inter-City title. Herb Morton was selected as an all-star coach that year. Two years later Morton was named coach of the year as the Gores posted an 18-6 regular-season mark en route to winning the league title once again after beating Brantford and St. Clements in post-season play.

In the O.A.S.A round that year they downed both Guelph and St. Catharines by identical 2-1 scores before dropping a heartbreaker, also by a 2-1 score, to Windsor.

In 1966 Hopcraft was again selected as the league MVP as the Gores posted an 18-10 record. They dominated post-season play once again, beating in successive outings Guelph (3-2), St. Clements (4-2) and the Sles (4-2). They went on to the O.A.S.A. playoffs with high hopes, and once again, it looked like they had the right stuff to win a provincial title after beating Guelph (2-0), Windsor (2-1) and St. Catharines (2-1).

But it was not to be. They were edged 2-1 by Oshawa in their final game. Legions of fans regularly packed Galt's Lincoln Park to overflowing as they watched the talented and entertaining Gores work their magic. Year after year, with the same nucleus of players, the Gores made summers memorable.

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