

Reid Little

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Reid Little was one of the most successful fastball coaches in city history. During a span of two decades, Little consistently took his teams into contention for league and provincial finals.

Little began in the sport as a player in 1954, pitching house league softball, and the next year his team won the pee wee house league title. Little was MVP.

He switched to hardball the next season and his team again won the league title, with Reid as MVP.

In 1957 and again in 1958 he played all-star bantam, pitching both seasons.

He began his softball coaching career in 1963. In short order, house league championships followed, in 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1971.

In 1973 Little began coaching pee wee travel ball, and the following year he led his squirt team to the Inter-County and Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) titles.

His pee wee squads won Inter-County championships again in 1976 and 1977 (see team picture below), and in the latter year, won the coveted provincial title once again.

That year the squirts were named Cambridge Team of the Year.

Little led his team to another provincial championship in 1978 and again in 1983.

In 1984 and 1985 he was the Junior A coach, and in 1986 was honoured as the Ray Middleton Award winner for his dedication to minor softball through the years.

In total, Little's teams won four Ontario championships, six Inter-County championships, and were Inter-County finalists three more times. To this impressive list was added a string of tournament titles, and several Can-Am Games victories.

Reid Little, left, and below, with his 1976 pee wee team and the team's Inter-County championship crest. Little is pictured in the back left. Bottom left photo: Umpire Herb Morton, right, calls a Soo player safe at home after Galt's Paul Brewer made the attempted tag.



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