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14U Redbirds Prepare for Inaugural Season

Players and fans alike are ready for the 14U Redbirds first tournament of the year. After 2 months of practice and preparation, the team is set to begin their inaugural season this weekend at Inland Athletic Park. The Calgary Cubs Bantam Tournament starts this Friday with a match up against Okotoks Black squad. Game time is set for 6:30. The Saturday schedule includes 3 games, starting with an early 8:30 tilt against Edmonton.

For the players, preseason prep included hours of hitting practice and defence preparation at the Viper facilities as well as outdoor practices when the weather permitted. The team finished the exhibition season with 3 wins and 2 losses, which included a pair of wins over the Calgary Cubs and an impressive win over the Okotoks Dawgs Red squad.

Head coach Brent Cooper had these comments following the conclusion of the preseason. "The Redbird's coaching staff & management are very happy with the team's efforts thus far and look forward to working together to improve the results on and off the field. One of the Redbirds main focuses for the summer is to increase the team's knowledge around the game while continuing to have a positive winning attitude."

The excitement continues to grow for the players with the team moving their outdoor practices to Viper Stadium in May. The ballpark is ready for play and the team is looking forward to the opportunity to practice and play on their home field.



Behind the scenes the 14U Redbirds dedicated team of volunteers, led by team manager Kelly La Prairie, have been busy with tournament, practice and transportation scheduling as well as fundraising, and Redbirds uniform and apparel preparations. A huge thanks goes out to everyone involved with their stellar efforts thus far.

Some of the upcoming tournaments include the following:

- May 7-9 Calgary Cubs Inaugural Tournament – Inland Athletic Park
- May 14-15 Kimberley, BC
- May 21-23 2010 Early Bird Tournament - St. Albert, AB
- June 4-6 Dave “DOC” Plotsky Memorial Tournament – Sherwood Park, AB
- June 11-13 Regina, SK
- July 1-4 Canada Day Weekend Tournament – Okotoks, AB
- July 16-18 Valley of Champions Tournament – Kelowna, BC
- July 23-25 Big League Experience Camp and Tournament – Oliver, BC