



Ron Buckler, 1956

Between 1956 and 1965 Red Lake was the hotbed of Fastball in Ontario. Some of the best ball players in the province lived here, and the caliber of competition attracted teams from across Canada and the Northern United States.

A young pitcher named Ron Buckler dominated Red Lake's fastball scene throughout this period and was key to the league's

success. Renowned for his blinding speed and superb control, Ron could have played professional ball, but he chose to stay in Red Lake. He remained involved in local sports for over 30 years, coaching and mentoring many young athletes.



The Buckler Brothers
Ron age 16 and Lome Age 8



THE RED LAKE DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1956

Back Row: George Sangster, Tim Smith, Moe Toffanello, George Firth, Dick Maxwell,
Walter Prokulovich, Andy McDougall

Middle Row: Pete Pidwerbeski, Roy Bingham, Agness Kwasnecia, Ron Buckler, Roy Toffanello, Jim Shearn

Front Row: Ed Timkin, Bob Green, Delina Jones