

From Lake Park in Dollard to Sai Tso Wan Field in Hong Kong;

Jackie Raftery started playing baseball 12 years ago in the Lac St Louis Region, Dollard Amateur Baseball Association and Pierrefonds Baseball. Jackie has played on mixed, mainly boys, teams as well as all girls' teams. Jackie also played on Quebec Provincial teams; 2 years at Bantam, 1 Canadian Championship, and 1 year at the Midget level. Next month Jackie will be playing for the Long Zhu North American Liberty Belles in the 2010 Hong Kong Phoenix Cup Women's International Baseball Tournament. Teams will be there from Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Chinese Taipei, Australia and the Belles representing North America.

Jackie is a very versatile player she pitches, catches, and plays middle infield as well as outfield. Jackie's passion for baseball is expanding as she has started to teach younger kids in winter training sessions as well as being an assistant coach for the Dollard all girls Mosquito B Reds team.

The Long Zhu North American Liberty Belles players are mainly from the United States however Jackie Raftery as well as a couple other girls are the few Canadians on the team. The team will arrive in Kowloon Hong Kong on February 5th, and begin their fight for the Championship on the 6th. The Championship game will be held on the 9th and the team will return home within the following few days. The tournament will be held at the Sai Tso Wan Baseball field in Kowloon.

Last year the tournament had a website available for friends and relatives of the team to follow. Once this link is available, it will be posted.

