



UMPIRE OF THE WEEK

WEEK #2 - JUNE 10

DAVE PAGAN

NIPAWIN

ZONE 8 UMPIRE OF THE WEEK AWARD GOES TO DAVE PAGAN OF NIPAWIN, SASKATCHEWAN. DAVE HAS BEEN AN AMBASSADOR OF BASEBALL IN SASKATCHEWAN FOR MANY YEARS. FROM PITCHING FOR THE NEW YORK YANKEES, SEATTLE MARINERS, BALTIMORE ORIOLES, AND PITTSBURGH PIRATES, TO BEING AN UMPIRE FOR PROVINCIALS AND LOCAL LEAGUE PLAY, DAVE ALWAYS IS A LEADER.

DAVE HAS BEEN AN UMPIRE FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS BEEN A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL YOUNG UMPIRES COMING UP THROUGH THE SYSTEM IN ZONE 8. HIS CALM AND POLITE DEMEANOUR ON AND OFF THE DIAMOND IS SECOND TO NONE. HE HELPS YOUNG UMPIRES, PITCHERS, AND PLAYERS UNDERSTAND THE GAME. HE TAKES TIME TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE TO ENHANCE THE PLAY OF THE PLAYERS AND THE UMPIRES AROUND HIM. AT TOURNAMENTS, HE SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS WITH A SMILE AND SHARES STORIES OF HIS CAREER.

DAVE WAS INDUCTED TO THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (1987), THE PRINCE ALBERT SPORTS HALL OF FAME (1995), AND THE SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME (2005). IN 2018, HE WAS INSTALLED IN TO THE SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

IT ONLY SEEMS FITTING THAT DAVE BE SELECTED AS ZONE 8, UMPIRE OF THE WEEK FOR 2019. THANK YOU DAVE FOR ALL YOU DO FOR BASEBALL UMPIRES AND PLAYERS IN ZONE 8.

