



The Saskatoon Blue Jays Baseball Zone is proud to have the initials **QS16** on every baseball hat and helmet sticker distributed to the coaches and players this year. These initials are to honour the memory of **Quinn Stevenson**, a Blue Jay Baseball player whose jersey number was **16**.

Quinn Stevenson was tragically taken from his family (Craig, Bonny, and Shea) and our community on August 3rd, 2013. This tragedy only occurred 2 short weeks after his Saskatoon Blue Jay Midget AA team won the City Championship.



Quinn was a phenomenal young man who was the quintessential Saskatoon Blue Jay. Quinn played many sports, but he especially loved to play baseball. He played Blue Jay Baseball from the age of 6 until he was 17, but also played with the Zone 6 (Saskatoon) Bantam Selects in 2010. Quinn portrayed all the best qualities of a baseball player that we hope Saskatoon Blue Jays players of today and tomorrow can strive towards. He was competitive, but respectful of his competition and ALWAYS tried his hardest, no matter what the score; he never quit trying. Quinn took the game seriously, but knew how to include fun as part of it.

Quinn's Midget AA baseball team, the Saskatoon Blue Jay Slow Trains, was a team that grew from Quinn's (and his buddies) love of baseball and was a reflection of Quinn's dedication to baseball. The Slow Trains played for the fun of it, competed hard, and always enjoyed a trip to Fudd's, Don's, etc. after almost every game and practice. He convinced many of his friends who had never played baseball to come and play by describing how much fun it could be. He always made newcomers feel welcome and worked with them to bring out their best. From the testimonials of his teammates and friends, and by all accounts, Quinn was usually the first to the diamond and the last to leave. Quinn always encouraged his teammates and tried to help anyone who was struggling. Quinn was a positive role model for what minor baseball should be!

When you see **QS16** on hats and helmets, please honour **the memory of Quinn Stevenson**, but also remember what a *great teammate, competitor, and friend* to his teammates he was. Quinn truly was an ambassador for Saskatoon Blue Jay Baseball!