

Media Release:

St. Thomas of Villanova Student, "FIRST CANADIAN BASEBALL PLAYER IN HISTORY" to make USSSA All-American Team!!!!!!

USSSA will host World International Gold medal games in July 2010.

He is an 11th grade student at Villanova High School and hails from the Town of Tecumseh in the Windsor/Essex County region across from the city of Detroit, Michigan.

(See article below featured in Tecumseh Tribune)

Tecumseh player makes USSSA All-American Team.

by Cheryl Hardcastle

Skylar Janisse, who hails from Tecumseh's Maidstone hamlet, the son of Chris and Laura Janisse, got word this month on the official date of the American Big Baseball event he was selected to play in as part of the USSSA's National Baseball team. He is going to Florida as the only Canadian kid playing in the event. They will play countries such as Puerto Rico, Italy, France, Dominican Republic, and Mexico. Amateur Baseball Report did all the scouting and Janisse is currently ranked 16th overall in ABR's rankings. To learn more about the whole 'Journey to the Dream' that Skylar experienced, visit amateurbaseballreport.com



Tecumseh kid makes us very proud. That's right, Team USSSA baseball. Skylar, a pitcher (recently clocked @ 88mph) and infielder with the Windsor Selects, caught the eye of an organizer of the Amateur Baseball Report (ABR) program last summer. The plan was to select kids from six regions to participate in all American USSSA team tryouts. The players selected would be put on the USSSA National team and would play in an international baseball event. When the Selects were playing in Michigan, Skylar was invited to Ohio for a Regional tryout last July.

"It just so happened that my Windsor team was playing near there at around the same time so I attended the tryout," says Skylar, an 11th grade student at St. Thomas of Villanova.

From there, Skylar headed to a camp in Florida where the final cuts were made.

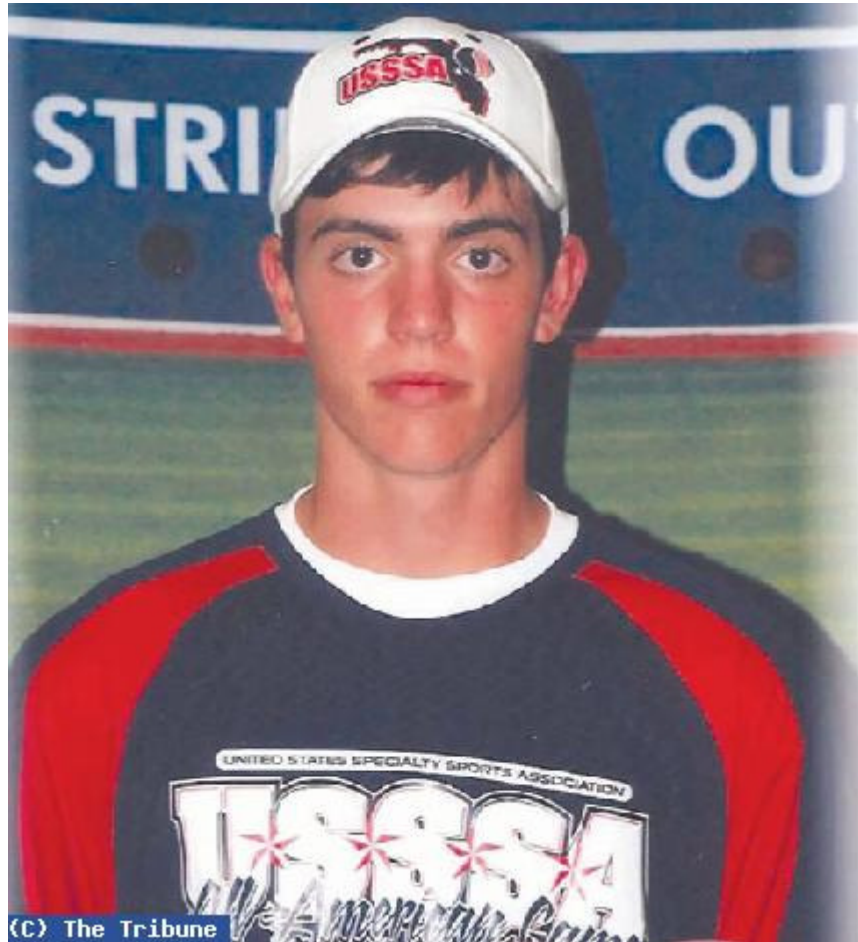
"They didn't tell me I made the team until I arrived home; I guess they had a hard decision to have a Canadian kid make the team," says Skylar. "I was extremely pumped when I found out that I made the team and would be playing in this huge event with some of the best players in the world at my age level."

He expects to hear of a more definite schedule on games soon. The Gold Medal Games have opening ceremonies scheduled for July 11th and tournament games going July 12th to July 17th, 2010 taking place at the Houston Astros Spring Training Complex (Osceola Sports Complex) in Kissimmee, Florida.

"I know there's going to be eight countries competing and I'll be in my Team USSSA uniform," he says, acknowledging that he's glad he took his dad's advice and made a choice at 13 between hockey and baseball to be serious only about baseball. "I play basketball for

my high school team but baseball is more involved, I work at it every day.”

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Tecumseh's Skylar Janisse in his Team USSSA baseball uniform.