

## *Village Sports*

A variety of sports were an important part of early life in Bruderheim – from soccer and baseball to basketball and hockey. In the early 1900s, baseball games took place in an open field south of the railroad tracks and pasture fields west of town. Since equipment was limited, the catcher was fortunate to wear a mitt and would protect himself by standing a lengthy distance from the plate. Basketball came to Bruderheim in the mid 1920s, and the girl's team won the Northern Alberta Championship in 1927. The first hockey rinks with a fence were located on local residents' land, and because there was no electric lighting, games and practice took place during daylight hours only. Bruderheim hockey teams throughout the years were very competitive and games drew large crowds of local fans.



*Left:* An early Bruderheim  
Baseball Team.

*Above:* Bruderheim Girls  
Basketball, 1930.



*Right:* An early Bruderheim  
Hockey Team.