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## When the Legion Royalettes wore blue and gold



Georgetown Royalettes of the Intermediate Girls' Softball League: Front row from left, Debble Higgins, Charlene Milton, manager Donna Robbins, Leanne Gilson, captain Margo Butler, Centre, Shaaron Barclay, Lyn Scarborough, Barb Curry, Carolyn Barber, Patti Holotluk, Diane Marshall, Heather Hamilton, Back row, coach Jack Handy, Marilyn McMahon, Legion vice-president Bruce Collins, Lori Sherk, coach John Danylchuk. Missing are Andrea Walsh and Bev Roberts.

Back in the 'ole days of Royalette baseball the girls wore a big 'G' on the front of their jerseys, half of the players sported ponytails and they sometimes beat their opponents

by 30 points. The Legion Branch 120 Royalettes started out as a Midget girls team as an extension of Kinsmen softball. Ten summers ago coaches Jack Handy and John Danylchuk put together the first girls fastball team to represent Georgetown in the newly formed Halton County league.

Handy, who had been coaching in the Kinsmen league for eight years, remembers that the league was reluctant to allow their better players try out for a 'rep' team, but the idea finally caught on ... and the response was overwhelm-

#### LARGE TRYOUT

Ninty-six girls from the Kinsmen league tryed out for the first Royalette team in the Spring of 1972. Handy and Danylchuk whittled away until 25 girls remained after a week and then final cuts finally lowered the number to a workable figure.

But why start a team to play in neighboring communities? Georgetown had sent down players to various tournaments from the Kinsmen league and the girls had been very competitive with other girl's teams.

The idea to start a team to play intercounty became a reality when it was seen that not only were many girls interested, but there were many TALENTED girls available.

One of the first things the newly formed team sought was a sponsor. After the Royal Canadian Legion relinquished their sponsorship of Saturday morning hockey in Georgetown, the girls team approached them to see if they would like to sponsor their team. With welcome arms the Branch 120 members offered the girls team their support

and sponsorship. Thus, the name Royalettes is derived from the 'Royal' in Royal Canadian Legion.

The girls were blue and gold uniforms and played their home games on Friday nights. .

ROYALETTES FLASHBACK Here's how the action was reported about the Royalettes 10 years ago June 8: "The Royalettes are having

it all their own way in the district women's softball league. Last Wednesday they held on to a slight edge against

Limehouse for the first five innings, then doubled their score

in the last two. There was a good turnout of fans for an exciting and well played game. The Legion girls played their best

game to date with standout pitching by Barb Curry and terrific plays made at third by Heather Hamilton and at first base by Andrea Walsh. A lone home run was hit by Marilyn McMahon. Georgelown 20 - Limehouse 3."

Jack Handy remembers that at the time, the team didn't realise how potent they were. With players like Andrea Walsh (she's one of the fastest baserunners I've ever seen") and pitcher Caroline Barber ("she was one of the best pitchers in the Kinsmen league") the Royalettes dominated the regular league schedule playing against Omagh 33-2, Acton 38-2, Lowville 26-5, Limehouse 9-7 loss and Hornby 18-14 to name a few game scores during June and July their first year.

Our files tell us that at the invitation of the Streetsville coach the Royalettes played under the lights at Streetsville during the week of August 3. Streetsville was entered in the All-Ontario playoffs and the coach wanted a game with the Royalettes to prepare his team. Georgetown demoralised Streetsville 44-1.

However, on that fateful day September 18, 1972 a future Royalette, Cindy Stafford, pitched her best game of the year for Glen Williams to lead her team to a 10-3 victory

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over Georgetown. It was the deciding game of their best-of-three Halton girls fastball semi-final.

The Legion Royalettes played a great defensive game, but couldn't produce the hitting against the game's first star, Cindy Stafford. The other stars of the game were Heather Hamilton at third base and Maxine Kemshead of

the Glen for her performance at the plate. Nevertheless, the Georgetown Royalettes finished the season as league champions while Glen Williams and Limehouse fought against one another for the playoff finals.

After the first successful season, co-coach John Danylchuk moved from Georgetown and Ted Wilkes, a knowledgable coach of the Kinsmen league stepped in to fill the void. Jack Handy became his manager for the next three years as the girls steadily progressed at the tutelage of

**WEAK POINTS** 

Said Handy: "Ted was coaching in the house league. He was an excellent coach. He really worked with the girls and spent more time with each player individually to work on their weak points." Handy said Ted had a system and the girls had to stick

to it. "He might take a whole practice to perfect one play," But it was easy to predict the Legion girls would win

the All-Ontario Juvenile championship in 1976, Handy said. He could see the improvement of the players over the three year period.

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## Tyke house league finishes half season's games

By COLIN BROOKES Herald Special

TYKE HOUSE LEAGUE At the halfway mark in the schedule all four Tyke teams are very close in the stand-

Nikki's Pools Mariners and

the Braves lead the way with 10 points each while the Thruway Muffler Rangers and North Halton Sports Twins follow with six points. Mark Talbot of the Mariners leads the league with four home runs with Terry Murphy, Billy Tutt and Dick Jamer close behind with

three a piece. -The balance of the schedule promises to be even more exciting as the teams are improving with each game played.

Braves 18 Pitcher: D. Robbins, T. Gardner, W. McCauley. Doubles: Wes McCauley (3), Mike Wallace.

Wallace. Nikki's Pools Mariners 15

Outstanding Player: Mike

Pitcher: M. Talbot, D. Moore, M. Wilkins, Home runs: Marcus Miller, Mike Wilkins, Chris Mc-Hale, Mike McElroy, Mark Talbot.

Triples: Mike Wilkins. Outstanding Player: Chris McHale.

Throway Muffler Rangers 18 Pitcher: Andy Hoddinott, Billy Tutt. Home runs: Dale Mc-

Niven. Outstanding Player: Dale McNiven. North Halton Sports Twins 12

Pitcher: Tom Beddoe. Home runs: Dax Urbezat. Jeff Guistini. Outstanding Player: Dax

Urbszat. Comments: A solid effort given by both teams.

North Halton Sport Twins 8 Pitcher: Jason Morey ... Outstanding Player: Jeff Hannah.

Nikki's Pools Mariners 14 Pitcher: M. McElroy, M. Miller, M. Talbot. Home runs: M. Talbot. Doubles: Mike Wilkins. Outstanding Player: Marcus Miller. Comments: A well played

game with good batting, fielding and some outstanding plays.

Thruway Mulfler Rangers 14 Pitcher: Robert Ross. Triples: Robert Ross. Terry Murphew. Outstanding player:

TD Bank Blue Java 22

Outstanding Players: Josh

Webster, Troy Gardiner,

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Indians 26

Leigh, Ryan Schirk, Kevin

Triples: Gred Turnoway,

Ryan Hay, Rooster Pearce.

Outstanding Player:

Whole team earns a game star for good overall play.

Canadian Legion Cubs 21

Doubles: Tara Green.

Outstanding Players:

Angela Akers, Erin Travers.

Elks Lodge Angels 14

Outstanding Players:

Andrea Gaul, Scott Hobbs.

TD Bank Blue Jays 13

Outstanding Players:

Fendley, Blaine Kennedy.

Elks Lodge Angels 11

Outstanding Players:

David Vanderbyle, Kerri

Canadian Legion Cubs 22

Home runs: Ryan Pells.

Triples: Mike Travers,

Doubles: Robert Hawes.

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Indians 28

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Triples: Rooster Pearce.

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Outstanding Player:

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Home runs: 1.

Triples: 2.

Doubles: 8.

David Rivard.

Latchford (2).

Greg Dawson.

Robert Ross.

D. Robbins.

Braves 16

Pitcher: Mike Wallace. Home runs: T. Gardiner. Triples: T. Gardiner (2). Doubles: D. Robbins (3).

Outstanding player: John Blackmore. Comments: Braves played very well.

Thruway Muffler Rangers Pitcher: Chris Peavoy, Billy Tutt.

Chris Peavoy (2). Triples: Robby Ross.

Home runs: Mike Bowles.

Doubles: Billy Tutt, Doug Daniell. Outstanding player: Chris

Thruway Mulfler Rangers 10 Pitcher: C. Paley, Rob Ross, T. Murphy, A. Hoddi-

Home runs: Billy Tutt, Triples: Chris Patey. Kevin Brisley. Doubles: Rob Ross. Outstanding player: Kevin

Nikki's Pools Mariners 11 Pitcher: M. McElroy, D. Moore, M. Miller, D. Forefellow.

Home runs: Mark Talbot. Doubles: Kevin Usher. Derek Pollitt. Outstanding player: Mar-

cus Miller. Comments: Once again,

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the Thruway Muffler Rangers came close as they lose a squeaker to Nikki's Pools Mariners. Honorable mention goes to Andrew Hoddinott of the Rangers who pitched very well in the last innings and to Darnelle

Moore of the Mariners for

another strong game.

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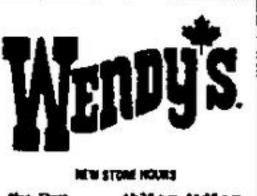
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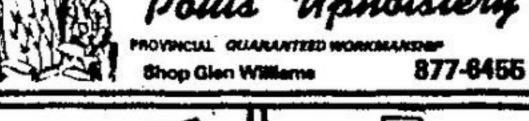
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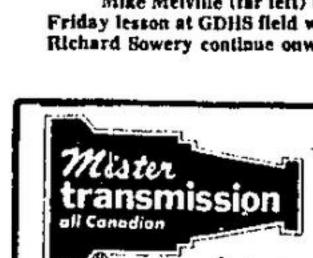


Mike Melville (far left) trips over a friend while dribbling in Soccer International's Friday lesson at GDHS field while (from left to right) Duff Sheldon, Jason Bowman and Richard Sowery continue onwards with or without a soccer ball.



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