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## When the Legion Royalettes wore blue and gold



Georgetown Royalettes of the Intermediate Girls' Softball League: Front row from left, Debbie Higgins, Charlene Milton, manager Donna Robbins, Leanne Gilson, captain Margo Butler, Centre, Shaaron Barclay, Lyn Scarborough, Barb Curry, Carolyn Barber, Patti Holotuk, Diane Marshall, Heather Hamilton, Back row, coach Jack Handy, Marilyn McMahon, Legion vice-president Bruce Collins, Lori Sherk, coach John Danylichuk. 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 poyntals 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 Danylichuk 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 overwhelming!

### LARGE TRYOUT

Ninty-six girls from the Kinsmen league tried out for the first Royalette team in the Spring of 1972. Handy and Danylichuk 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 girls' 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 wore 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. Georgetown 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 38-2, 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 demoralized Streetsville 4-1.

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

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 Danylichuk moved from Georgetown and Ted Wilkes, a knowledgeable 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 Wilkes.

### 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," Handy said.

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

**TYKEHOUSE LEAGUE**  
 At the halfway mark in the schedule all four Tyke teams are very close in the standing.

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.  
 Outstanding Player: Mike Wallace.

**Nikki's Pools Mariners 16**

Pitcher: M. Talbot, D. Moore, M. Wilkins.  
 Home runs: Marcus Miller, Mike Wilkins, Chris McHale, Mike McElroy, Mark Talbot.  
 Triples: Mike Wilkins.  
 Outstanding Player: Chris McHale.

**Thruway Muffler Rangers 16**  
 Pitcher: Andy Hoddinott, Billy Tutt.  
 Home runs: Dale McNiven.  
 Outstanding Player: Dale McNiven.

**North Halton Sports Twins 12**  
 Pitcher: Tom Beddoe.  
 Home runs: Dax Urbsatz, Jeff Gustafson.  
 Outstanding Player: Dax Urbsatz.  
 Comments: A solid effort given by both teams.

**North Halton Sport Twins 8**  
 Pitcher: Jason Morey...  
 Outstanding Player: Jeff Hannab.  
**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 Muffler Rangers 14**  
 Pitcher: Robert Ross.  
 Triples: Robert Ross, Terry Murphew.  
 Outstanding player: Robert Ross.

**TD Bank Blue Jays 22**  
 Home runs: 1.  
 Triples: 2.  
 Doubles: 3.  
 Outstanding Players: Josh Webster, Troy Gardiner, David Rivard.

**Halton Credit Union Indians 26**  
 Home runs: Greg McLeigh, Ryan Schirk, Kevin Latchford (2).  
 Triples: Gred Turnaway, 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, Greg Dawson.  
**TD Bank Blue Jays 13**  
 Outstanding Players: Adam Poyntz, Jeremiah Fendley, Blaine Kennedy.

**Elks Lodge Angels 11**  
 Outstanding Players: David Vandervalk, Kerri Ann Vandervalk.  
**Canadian Legion Cubs 22**  
 Home runs: Ryan Peils, Chris Barrow.  
 Triples: Mike Travers, Ross Thompson.  
 Doubles: Robert Hawes.  
 Outstanding Player: Chris Barrow.

**Halton Credit Union Indians 28**  
 Home runs: Ryan Schirk, Todd Fuller, Kevin Latchford.  
 Triples: Rooster Pearce.  
 Outstanding Player: Whole team earns star honors for some hustle bustle, good batting a defensive play.

**Braves 18**  
 Pitcher: Mike Wallace.  
 Home runs: T. Gardiner, Triples: T. Gardiner (2), D. Robbins.  
 Doubles: D. Robbins (3).  
 Outstanding player: John Blackmore.  
 Comments: Braves played very well.

**Thruway Muffler Rangers 16**  
 Pitcher: Chris Peavoy, Billy Tutt.  
 Home runs: Mike Bowles, Chris Peavoy (2).  
 Triples: Robby Ross.  
 Doubles: Billy Tutt, Doug Daniell.  
 Outstanding player: Chris Peavoy.

**Thruway Muffler Rangers 10**  
 Pitcher: C. Paley, Rob Ross, T. Murphy, A. Hoddinott.  
 Home runs: Billy Tutt.  
 Triples: Chris Patey, Kevin Brisley.  
 Doubles: Rob Ross.  
 Outstanding player: Kevin Brisley.

**Nikki's Pools Mariners 11**  
 Pitcher: M. McElroy, D. Moore, M. Miller, D. Fore-fellow.  
 Home runs: Mark Talbot.  
 Doubles: Kevin Usher, Derek Pollitt.  
 Outstanding player: Marcus Miller.  
 Comments: Once again,

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.

## Junior T-ball triumphs



**FUTURE BLIZZARD MATES?**  
 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 Esheldon, Jason Bowman and Richard Sowers continue onwards with or without a soccer ball. (Herald photo)

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