

The way they were: Their second year

had tougher competition but meaningful victories

In the summer of 1973 the Georgetown Royalettes found themselves up against another Georgetown girls team, the GT Royals, a juvenile team.

Because the midget age Royalettes had advanced to the tougher, more competitive Peel County league, the Royalettes played the GT Royals. Against their older sister team, the Legion girls outthudded the Royals in every department to earn a 19-4 victory July 14.

For the Royals, it was their first defeat in six starts while the Royalettes, in their total team effort, moved into first place, supported by the hurling of Laura Wilkes.

"Midget Club Nearer Title" In game action Friday August 9 the Legion-sponsored Royalettes midget ball club moved another step closer to the All-Ontario

The following is the second in a series of articles and pictures going back to the beginning of Royalette girls fastball in Halton Hills. This week The Herald looks at the 1973 season, the second year for the Legion girls and their first season in the more difficult Peel County Girls Softball league.

Midget A championship.

The Royalettes downed the highly rated Toronto team, North Bendale 7-6, completing a two-game sweep Tuesday; the team also won 6-3 in Georgetown.

Moxine Kemahead, Barb Curry and Debbie Hamilton had strong appearances at bat. Led by the strong pitching of Laura Wilkes, the team played good defensive ball with Diane Marshall and Margo Butler, making several key plays.

"Shot at Midget Crown" August 30 marked the date when the Georgetown Royalettes climbed to the Provincial Women's Softball Union Midget A title contest, but they were halted on the top rung by a team from Bridlewood near Agincourt.

A crowd of 300 watched the Royalettes take their second defeat in the best of three series under the lights at the Georgetown park, Friday night.

Bridlewood got standout fielding and hitting from their pitcher who led them to a 13-7 victory.

"This was the fastest and best fielding pitcher the Royalettes have ever faced," manager Jack Handy later told The Herald.

"The girls played terrific ball in the Ontario playoff and are a real credit to the town and their sponsors, Legion Branch 120," he said.

This was the Royalettes first attempt at winning the Ontario crown.

They dropped the first game in Bridlewood, August 21, in a 9-8 score after holding the lead for seven and a half innings. The game was called before the end of eight innings due to a curfew on the park lights.

The future looks great - Jack Handy

"The future looks great for our club," Handy said. "We lose only five players because of the age limit next year, compared to an average of 10 to 12 players being lost by the other clubs."

"Captured Pennant" Georgetown Royalettes have captured the Peel Girls' Softball Association pennant after championship play last September 3. Georgetown wrapped up the title Friday night by pounding Malton 25-5 in the last game of the 1973 schedule in Georgetown park.

Leanne Gilson was the Royalettes feature performer in this one with an outstanding hitting display that included three home runs. She also sparked defensive-



"Highlights of 1973 Royalettes" May - Legion Royalettes enter the tougher, more competitive Peel County league against big city teams. July - Royalettes defeat their older sister team, the GT Royals 19-4 and leave the juvenile team by the wayside over the course of the season. August - Royalettes defeated by Bridlewood in the finals of the Provincial Women's Softball Union Midget A title contest. September - Royalettes capture the Peel Girls County

Softball Association pennant after pouncing Malton 25-5 in the last game of the 1973 regular league schedule. Leanne Gilson was the Royalettes feature performer both offensively and defensively. October - Royalettes down Streetsville 9-6 and thus win the Peel Girls Softball Association championship in a minimum of two games. The local baseball team were treated to the traditional fire truck ride through the streets.



Forefellow shines for Nikki's Pools

North Halton Sports Twins 25
Pitcher: Dean Soucie.
Home runs: Dean Soucie (2), Cahir Blake.
Outstanding Player: Jeff Hannah, Dean Soucie.

Nikki's Pools Mariners 16
Pitcher: D. Forefellow, M. Miller.

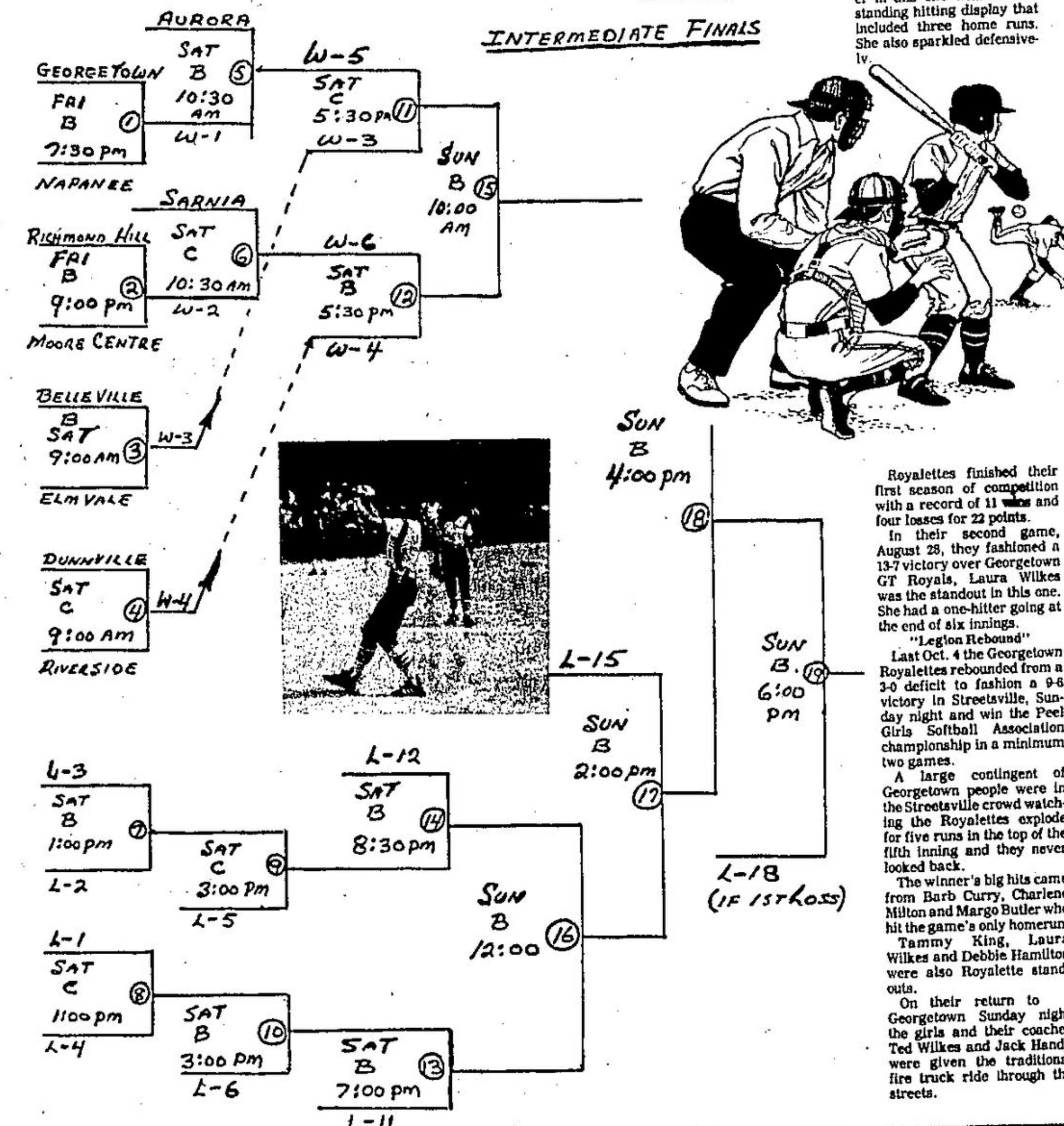
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Tourney schedule for Ont. finals

The above chart is the schedule for the Ontario Intermediate Girls Fastball finals to be held in Georgetown Aug. 14, 15 and 16. The host team, the Georgetown Legion Royalettes play first game Friday Aug. 14 at 7:30 against Napanee. If the Royalettes win, they play Saturday at 10:30. If the Legion girls lose they will play at 1:00 p.m. To follow this chart, 'L' stands for Loser while 'W' stands for Winner. If you follow the numbers which are circled, it will indicate which series the team plays next.

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