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The way they were



Our files do not include a story on the final game of the season for the Royalettes, but we do know that "Char-

le" Milton and Margo Butler of the Legion girls team accepted the league championship trophies September

18, 1974 and that the Royalettes defeated Bloordale 8-7 in an extra inning of the playoff final.

1974 Legion Royalettes set to win

second double in two years

The Royalettes are once again in a very strong position this year. As the league draws to a close, the Royalettes are well placed for the play-offs and the league title itself.

Last Tuesday night the Royalettes played Chinguacousy at home at the Fairgrounds. They won the game easily, coming out 16-3 winners. On Friday night, in a game that had been rescheduled after being rained out, they took on Streetsville.

The result, 24-0 in the Royalettes favor, tells its own story. Their last game was on Monday night, away to Forest Glen where the girls really turned it on to whip the home team 35-1.

The only team that seems likely to stop the Royalettes from achieving their second double in two years, is Bloordale. Bloordale have been playing very well this season and already have beaten the Royalettes once, in Georgetown. Next Tuesday, July 15, Georgetown will once again take on Bloordale. This time

away. Defeat will mean the league trophy will be Bloordale's.

Another team that might provide Georgetown with some competition is Malton. Last year Malton fielded two teams both of which had some success. This year they combined both teams, and are reported to be very strong.

The Royalettes will play Malton for the first time on Tuesday night, the result will appear in next week's Herald.

The Ontario playoff schedule should be available very shortly. The Royalettes already know that they are playing in the 'A' level of the playoffs, the highest level. The games are played on a best out of three basis. Defeat in the first round puts the teams in the consolation tournament, defeat after that puts teams out of the tournament all together.

The Royalettes lost the Ontario championships last year, but are confident of victory this year. Their pit-

chers, Laura Wilkes and Barb Curry, catcher Margo Butler and leading batter Leanne Gilson are all playing brilliantly.

Playoffs loom ahead

The Georgetown Royalettes will have to win on Tuesday night to go through to the second round of the Provincial Women's Softball Union playoffs. At press time they are tied one-all with Burlington in the best of three series.

After winning the first game of the series Thursday night, the Royalettes slumped at home Saturday leaving the series all square. The deciding game will be played Tuesday night at the Fairgrounds. The location was decided by the flipping of a coin.

Playing at Kilbride, near

Burlington, the Royalettes seemed to have Burlington contained and won 14-9. Georgetown's batting was steady and productive, rather than spectacular. Laura Wilkes' pitching was effective and their defence contained the uninspired Burlington batters. Slacking at the end of the ninth allowed Burlington to make a late come-back and make the score respectable.

However, it was a different story on Saturday night. The Royalettes couldn't find the smooth rhythm that had worn down Burlington three night's previously. Their batters couldn't cope with the extremely fast Burlington pitcher and were often struck out with the bases loaded.

Burlington, on the other hand, were a completely different team from the ragged one on Thursday and the game was kept close. It was a case of Burlington making the most of the breaks that came their way whereas Georgetown seemed to run out of luck.



Versatile Nancy Shortill!

Royalette shortstop Nancy Shortill was back in her old familiar position as catcher two weeks ago at the Ontario regionals in Stouffville.

For the Ontario Intermediate ladies fastball finals August 14 she may see further duty at that position. Tournament play is hard (on the players) and a catcher can become fatigued in that keyed-up crouch position. Playing too many games, a catcher might lose just enough energy to affect her batting, Nancy says. Some teams do change their catchers in an effort to give them a rest.

Joey Bennett is the regular catcher for the Royalettes and she has been a solid and consistent performer for the team since the season opened in May. Joey and Nancy are both versatile enough that they can inter-change their positions at the word of coach Ted Wilkes.

Ted Wilkes calls Joey Bennett and Nancy Shortill the two top catchers in the Metro Toronto ladies league "and no coach on the other teams would dispute that," Wilkes says.

Nancy says there is a possibility that coach Wilkes could switch her again from shortstop to catcher to give Joey Bennett a rest at that position.

This is the first year Nancy has played shortstop, but she has adapted quickly to her new position. Last year Patty Glen was shortstop for the Royalettes.

Nancy, who played all her previous ball as a catcher says it has been hard to adapt to shortstop but she is determined to keep improving.

The physical education graduate of York University is currently employed at Georgetown's YMCA as a program director.

Nancy was born and raised in Ballinacree. She started playing baseball in the Kinsmen girls league then she progressed to the Limehouse

rep team when she was 12 years old. After a stint with Hillsburg on their Midget and Juvenile rep teams, Nancy joined the Royalettes in 1978.

GOOD DECISION
 "It was a good decision to come to the Royalettes because of the better competition," she says. "It was a better league and I could improve my own skills. Ted has really helped a lot; he knows quite a bit."

There are some subtle differences in playing shortstop and catcher, Nancy says. As a catcher, you must know the strong and weak points of your pitcher as well as the other batters. For shortstop it helps to have good speed, a quick glove hand and a good throwing arm, she says.

The Royalettes as a team like to win, but they're always learning from a loss, says Nancy. She echoes the sentiments of many of her fellow players when she says that the Legion girls could have beaten any team at the regional tournament two weeks ago.

To take on the best that Ontario has to offer at the girls intermediate level, the Royalettes should lighten up defensively while trying to hit consistently. "We have to be well-balanced," she says. "We have to go out with a positive attitude plus try and have fun."

Nancy thinks she and her teammates should think of the Ontario finals as if it were any other tournament and then perhaps their pre-game jitters will not upset their play during the opening game. "I'll probably be nervous for the first game, but after the first play you usually settle down," she says.

We don't know where Nancy Shortill will be playing for the Ontario finals in Georgetown, but either at shortstop or catcher or at bat, she's sure to be a potent force for the Royalettes.



Royalette shortstop Nancy Shortill, a three-year veteran of the team, slices a bunt just foul of the third base line. Nancy's versatility which allows her to play shortstop as well as catcher could help out teammate Joey Bennett behind the plate if coach Ted Wilkes decides to give Joey a rest in the Ontario finals. Fatigue could become a factor if the games are long and hot.

(Herald photo)

Cardinals take Wally's

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Shoppers Drug Mart (Brewers) 12
 Optimist Senators to Pitcher for Shoppers Drug Mart was Brent Falcone and Phillip Miller. Doubles - Brent Falcone. Comments - good team effort.

Wally's Auto Body Mets 13
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 Pitcher for Wally's - Chuck Peebles. Triples - Jeff Ryan (2), Doubles - Chuck Peebles (3), Greg Lindberg, Trevor Banks. Outstanding player - Greg Lindberg.

Pitcher for Cardinals - George Kent. Home runs - Tim Vanderkooy, Triples - Sean Dwyer, Doubles - Tim

Vanderkooy, Jeff Kent. Outstanding players - George Kent, Tim Vanderkooy.

Comments - Some good batting by the Mets to keep the game interesting.

Stingers start playoffs

The Georgetown Stingers of the Halton Rural Minor Softball Association will be starting their playoff schedule this Friday August 7 against Limehouse in Glen Williams at 6:30 p.m.

The Midget girls team will play Limehouse in game two Tuesday August 11 in Limehouse at 6:30 p.m. while the third game (if necessary) will start Friday August 14 at Glen Williams.

Coach Brian James says his team has beat Limehouse the past two times they have played them. He is looking for his girls to play a tight defensive game and to "hit with authority".

With most of the girls back from holidays but perhaps a little rusty, he is nevertheless looking forward to some competitive ball.

Hornby girls softball

HALTON RURAL
 SOFTBALL LEAGUE
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 Hornby P.D. Electric 11
 Omagh 9

Hornby players were - Janelle Lewis, Heather Speck, Kathy Griffiths, Reanne Chudleigh, Linda Waters, Angle Whitlam, Arden Rynsoever, Nicole Dupuis, Kelly Stewart, Pamela Lopez, Maureen Comeau.

Omagh players - Denise Gregg, Michelle Herder, Tammy Brouwers, Andrea Godt, Raymonde Melanson, Mary Myers, Jennifer Angus, Laurie Robertson, Angela Aye, Denise Pickett, Wanda Didur.

Hits by Hornby - Janelle Lewis (2), Kathy Griffiths (2), Reanne Chudleigh (2), Linda Waters (1), Angie

Whitlam (1), Arden Rynsoever (1), Nicole Dupuis (1), Kelly Stewart (1).

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