**SPORTS** 



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# The way they were

1974 Legion Royalettes set to win

second double in two years



Our flies do not include a story on the final game of the season for the Royalettes, but we do know that "Charlle" Milton and Margo Butler of the Legion girls team accepted the league championship trophles September ousy at home at the Fairgrounds. They won the game easily, coming out 16-3 win-

ners. On Friday night, in a game that had been rescheduled after being rained out, they took on Strectsville. The result, 24-0 in the Royalettes favor, tells its own story. Their last game was on Monday night, away to Forest Gien where the girls really turned it on to

The Royalettes are once

again in a very strong posit-

ion this year. As the league

draws to a close, the Royalet-

tes are well placed for the

play-offs and the league title

Last Tuesday night the

Royalettes played Chinguac-

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 16, Georgetown will once again take on Bloordale, this time away. Defeat will mean the league trophy will be Bloor-

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

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

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 pitc-

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Pitcher for Shoppers Drug

Mart was Brent Falcone and

Phillip Miller. Doubles -

Brent Falcone, Comments -

Wally's Auto Body Mets 13

Cardinals 16

Peebles, Triples - Jeff Ryan

(2), Doubles - Chuckle Peeb-

les (3), Greg Lindberg, Tre-

vor Banks. Outstanding pla-

Pitcher for Cardinals -

George Kent. Home runs -

Tim Vanderkooy, Triples -

Sean Dwyer, Doubles - Tim

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**SQUIRT GIRLS** 

Hornby P.D. Electric 11

Omagh 9

Hornby players were -

Janelle Lewis, Heather

Speck, Kathy Griffiths, Re-

anne Chudleigh, Linda Wat-

ers, Angle Whitlam, Arden

Rynsoever, Nicole Dupuis.

Kelly Stewart, Pamela Lop-

Omagh players - Denise

Gregg, Michelle Herder.

Tammy Brouwers, Andrea

Godt, Raymonde Melanson,

Mary Myers, Jennifer

Angus, Laurie Robertson,

Angela Aye, Denise Picket,

Wenda Didur.

ers, Maureen Comeau.

yer - Greg Lindbert.

Pitcher for Wallys - Chuck

good team effort.

Optimist Senators 10

hers, Laura Wilkes and Barb Curry, catcher Margo Butler and leading batter Leanne Gilson are all playing bril-

### **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 gameof 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

Playing at Kilbride, near

Cardinals take Wally's

Vanderkooy, Jeff Kent. Out-

standing players - George

Kent, Tim Vanderkooy.

Glen Williams.

authority".

competitive ball.

Hornby girls softball

Hits by Hornby - Janelle

Lewis (2), Kathy Griffiths

(2), Racanne Chudliegh (2).

Linda Waters (1), Angle

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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 effect-ive and their defence contained the uninspired Burlington batters. Slacking at the end of the ninth allowed 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 bat-ters 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.

Comments - Some good batting by the Mets to keep

the game interesting.

Stingers start playoffs

The Georgetown Stingers of the Halton Rural Minor

The Midget girls team will play Limehouse in game

Coach Brian James says his team has best Limehouse

With most of the girls back from holidays but perhaps

Whitlam (1), Arden Rynsoe-

ver (1), Nicole Dupuis (1),

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Kelly Stewart (1).

Softball Association will be starting their playoff schedule this Friday August 7 against Limehouse in Glen Williams at

two Tuesday August 11 in Limehouse at 6:30 p.m. while the

third game (if necessary) will start Friday August 14 at

the past two times they have played them. He is looking for his girls to play a tight defensive game and to "hit with

a little rusty, he is nevertheless looking forward to some





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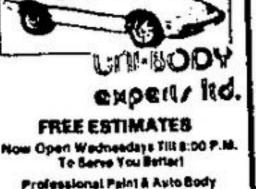
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# Versatile Nancy Shortill!

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18, 1974 and that the Royalet-

les defeated Bloordale 8-7 in

an extra inning of the playoff

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 Intermed.

iate 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

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 Gies 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 improv-

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

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

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

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 calcher, 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 tighten up defensively while trying to hit consistency. "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 pretheir play during the opening "I'll probably be nervous for the first game, but after the first play you usually settle down," she

don't know where Nancy Shortill will be play-ing 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)

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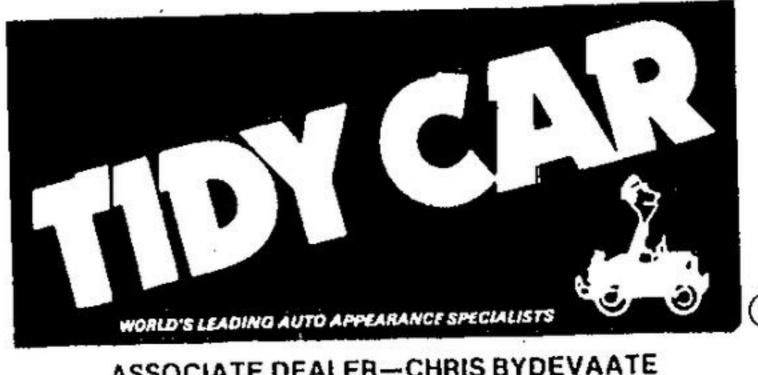
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