

Powderpuff predictions perilous

Regular season race could turn into a dogfight

With the passing of the all-star break and resumption of regular season play, this week's American League East is shaping up to be a real dogfight. All teams except the Tigers have a good chance of taking the pennant. This year's standings of the ladies powderpuff league makes the major leagues look like a picnic.

A win will move a team two or three places higher in the standings. A loss and you're back in the 'B' division. Every game is becoming increasingly important as the playoffs loom.

Travelling Blueberries 17 Raisin Hell 14

The 'Berries had a feast in this game as almost every girl had a base hit. Heather Cartwright had three safeties and four RBIs. Elaine Moreland chipped in three RBIs and struck out four Hell Raisers.

Elaine Naylor, Cathy Crichton and Jane Long each legged out two hits apiece as the Blueberries got a good effort from all.

Raisin Hell put on a good show as well, but a sixth inning defensive lapse cost them this game. Debi

Miller played a solid first base and Andy Ford played a good game defensively behind the plate. Maxine Presseault pitched valiantly for the Hell Raisers but came up short in this well played game.

Blue Lite 17 Roger's Dodgers 5

Even short staffed, Blue Lite was still able to put the boots to Roger's Dodgers. Janet Poirier ran wild on the base paths lashing out three triples. Ann Dale and Jeannie Brookes both lashed out homers for the Lite brigade. Roger's Dodgers couldn't dodge the Blue Lite onslaught on this night. A few bright spots did prevail however. Linda Donais went three for three and Lori King and Dini Adams also had two hits each.

Dirty Shirts 23 S'Not Easy Being Green 10

The Dirty Shirts continue to show signs that they may be the team to beat. Another impressive showing helped solidify their spot atop the standings. Sue MacDonald continues her assault on the RBI leader board with five more giving her 11 in two games.

Janet Ransom slammed out a triple and a double to help support a fine pitching performance by Linda Anderson. Heather Hansen hit a tremendous homer and Lauri Shaw had two ribbies. It's Not Easy is proving just that as the 'Greeners have hit a rough spot in the schedule. Sharon Zmija smoked a homer and Diana Tripp punched out a three-bagger. Sue Williams made her return from holidays by hitting a nice double.

Half Croc'd 20 Blue Zone 13

This game turned out to be a homerun derby as the two teams combined for seven dingers. Ironically Blue Zone had five homers yet lost to a well-balanced Croc attack. Bev Barrett and Linda McClure did the homer damage for Half Croc'd. Colleen Costello, Wendy Farrow and Goldie Cash each had nice nights at the plate.

Sandra Robinson managed to keep the Blue Zone bats off balance long enough for her team to produce the winning runs. Sandy truck out six Zoners on the night.

Blue Zone bats were jumping in this game but defence cost them dearly. Cindy Kemper spanked out

two homers and Diane Richardson, Anne Korzack and Cathy Watson had solo moonshots. Janice Murray also had a triple but the Blue Zone got bit by a mad croc in this game.

Shady Ladies 17 Red Sox 4

Shady Ladies overwhelmed the Sox in a one-sided match. Donna Davey paced Al's gals with three hits and, get this, a stolen base. Melanie Henson finally got untracked with her first homer. Robin Maltby also slugged a tater. Virginia Walker and Marie Grootjen also had their hitting shoes on with three hits apiece.

Red Sox-rollercoaster season continues. Jean Puckering and Carolyn Woodworth pitched well for the Sox and Dawn Hills had a good double for the falling Sox.

Pink Cadillac 17 Life's a Peach 5

This was a long night for the Peachy ladies. The Caddies could do no wrong and after a close start, blew this game wide open. Brenda Hamilton, emulating Fred McGriff, had a grand slam. Sherri Diegel crushed out two doubles to back up solid pitching from Betty Fendley. Joanne Peyton and Stacey Orpen shone defensively making fine catches in the field.

Other than a solid defensive effort, Life's a Peach had a dreary game. Debbie Titus and Debbie Anderson played solidly and Laurie Henson had a two base hit.

Raisin Hell 14 Blue Zone 1

If anyone can figure out Raisin

Hell let the league know. This team plays hot and cold and on this night Blue Zone got them when they were sweltering. Bernie Bishop belted a grand slam and Lois Cassissta also hit one out. The Hell Raisers combined for more than 20 hits to burn a luckless Blue Zone. The lone bright spot for the Zone was the single run by Janice Murray.

It's Not Easy Being Green 26 Blue Light 6

"It's Not Easy" remains another enigma, one week they play great, the next, brutal. The Greenies really played well in this game mauling one of the league's top dogs. Kasey Waldie led the way with two doubles and three runs batted in. Chris Stoyles turned a great double play and Susie Williams used her speed on the base paths. A great team effort by everyone according to coach Bert Tripp.

STANDINGS AS OF JULY 21

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Diane Richardson, of Blue Zone, prepares to lash out at a pitch in the Powderpuff Ladies League softball game played last Friday at the Fairgrounds. She and her mates ran into a red-hot Raisin Hell team,

however, and fell to the wayside by a lopsided score. Dirty Shirts top the league standings with 22 points, followed by second place Blue Lite, with 17 points. (Herald photo)

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