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Powderpuff Tournament

Jim Dandies claim championship title

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Herald Sports Editor

Threatening skies and flashes of lightning provided suitable accompaniment to the thunder crashing from the Jim Dandies bats as Ballinafad's favorite lassies topped Burlington's Edwards Realty, 14-10 to claim the championship trophy in the 9th Annual Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff Softball League Tournament that wrapped up late Sunday afternoon at the Fairgrounds.

The three-day tournament attracted 32 entries from Georgetown, Acton, Ballinafad, Orangeville, Midland, Milton, Burlington, Erin and Mississauga and local area honor was well-defended.

Shady Ladies, of the Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League, defeated Orangeville's Medical Centre 5-2 to win the Consolation Final.

The Edwards Realty crew put on quite a show before the championship game got under way in an obvious attempt to psyche-out the Ballinafad belles.

In the pre-game huddle, Edwards Realty were whooping it up, singing, dancing and carrying-on in a manner that could best be described as cocky rather than confident.

Ballinafad might have been slightly cowed by the antics of their opponents as they meekly went out in order in their first at bat and Burlington jumped into an early 2-0 lead courtesy of a two-run homer by shortstop Betty Toth.

No doubt, Ballinafad coach and mentor, Jim Bailey, laid a few choice words on his charges as the Jim Dandies came out like gangbusters in the second inning and never looked back.

An eight-run explosion in the second inning - paced by a pair of two-run homers from Sharon Marshall and Vivian Brenner - served to cool down Edwards Realty who, to their credit, struggled back to make things interesting.

The score was 8-7 for Ballinafad after four innings and then the Jim Dandies', Lisa Longstreet - the Championship game Most Valuable Player - decided enough was enough.

Longstreet clouted a three-run home run in the top of the fifth inning and Edwards Realty never did get back into the game enough to threaten.

The Jim Dandies held a 13-8 lead after 5½ innings; teased Edwards Realty by allowing the Burlington team to inch to 13-10 after six innings, then Ballinafad clinched the game by scoring a single run in the top of the seventh inning while Edwards Realty was set down, one-two-three in their last at bat.

Ballinafad team members include: Sandra Prowse, Betty Sojka, Sharon Marshall, Vera Longstreet, Lisa Longstreet, Marion Lumbers, Liz Smith, Kathy Martin, Vivian Brenner, Cindy McGowan and Carol Ann See.

During the tournament, Jim Bailey was assisted in the first base coaching box by Doug Smith.



Ballinafad - top tourney team

Shady Ladies will settle for Consolation triumph

It was the Ev Metler Show in the Consolation Final of the 9th Annual Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League Tournament as she provided a strong performance on the mound to go along with a home run as Georgetown's Shady Ladies defeated Orangeville's Medical Centre team, 5-2.

Shady Ladies got off to a shaky start and fell behind, 2-0 after two full innings of play.

Then Metler took charge, blanking the visiting Orangeville team the rest of the way and allowing the Shady Ladies lumber to provide the finishing blows.

Shady Ladies scored three runs in the third inning to edge in front 3-2 and added two more insurance runs in the 4th inning to provide



Ev Metler

more than enough support for the pitching heroics of Metler, who was selected the game's Most Valuable Player.

Donna Davey also clouted a round-tripper for the winning team with Robin Maltby, Debbie Ireland and Sue Martin scoring runs for Shady Ladies.

Gloria Lang accounted for the Medical Centre scoring with a two-run homer.

Filling out the Shady Ladies roster were: Lori Hofing, Marie Grootjen, Jackie Diegel, Suzette Corley, Melanie Hewson, Virginia Walker, Jean Turnhout, Colleen McGuire, Carol Dean and Barb McBean.

Coaching duties were handled by Shane Hillock, Ian Seaton and Al Dean.



She went thataway

Play-offs looming

With only four weeks remaining in Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League regular season play, the league standings still reflect a tussle at the top.

Dirty Shirts appear comfortable in front with 27 points, while Shady Ladies and Travelling Blueberries are locked in second place, each with 22 points.

It's Not Easy Being Green, Blue Lite and ½ Croc'd share third place with 19 points so the final four weeks of regular season play could see a significant change in the standings.

All teams qualify for three-day playoff tournament scheduled for

the Fairgrounds, Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

LEAGUE STANDINGS
(As of Aug. 11)

TEAM	PTS
Dirty Shirts	27
Shady Ladies	22
Travelling Blueberries	22
Blue Lite	19
½ Croc'd	19
It's Not Easy Being Green	19
Pink Cadillacs	18
Raisin' Hell	16
Roger's Dodgers	14
Life's A Peach	13
Red Sox	12
Blue Zone	11



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