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Shady Ladies take title

By COLIN GIBSON
 Herald Sports Editor

The 1989 Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff Softball League season came to a final - and fitting - conclusion Sunday at the Fairgrounds, with Shady Ladies edging Dirty Shirts, 13-12 to lay claim to the league's playoff championship crown.

A script writer could not have penned a better scenario given the circumstances.

The three-day playoff tournament - featuring all 12 league teams - was plagued Friday and Saturday by rain. Friendly rivalries abounded and none more so than that featuring Dirty Shirts and Shady Ladies.

Dirty Shirts finished on top of the league's regular season standings, while Shady Ladies had to settle for second place.

However, Shady Ladies gained a certain amount of bragging rights by claiming the Consolation Championship in the league's 9th Annual Invitational Tournament, staged Aug. 11 through the 13th.

As luck would have it, the skies cleared Sunday afternoon and softball, rather than unfavorable conditions, allowed the players the opportunity to decide the issue.

Through five innings, there was little to choose between either side and the 11-11 score accurately reflected the fierceness of the battle.

The early innings had their moments of drama, however.

Shady Ladies were in front, 2-0 after the first inning and the team's spirits were high. Then, what appeared to be disaster struck.

Team stalwart and first-string pitcher, Ev Metler, was nailed in the pitching hand by a line drive in the bottom of the second inning.

Ev went down clutching the hand as teammates and players from Dirty Shirts converged on the pitching mound in genuine concern for her well-being.

Ev eventually finished the inning but relinquished mound duties in the third because of the injury.

Players and spectators alike voiced opinions ranging from slim to none in terms of the Shady Ladies chances if the sturdy Metler was declared 'hors de combat' - basically, unable to play.

Dirty Shirts took advantage of this unfortunate circumstance to move in front, 8-5 after three full innings of play.

Metler returned to action in the fourth inning - despite a bruised and obviously painful right hand - and this proved to be the rallying point for the Shady Ladies.

Shady Ladies edged ahead, 13-11 after six full innings and - for both teams - the season came down to six outs.

Surprisingly, Shady Ladies were meekly retired, 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh.

Crunch time was at hand and once again, Ev Metler took matters in hand - injured hand in this case.

Metler enticed the first two Dirty Shirts batters to bow out on infield flies.

Two out, no sweat.

Not to be denied, Dirty Shirts rallied to score one run and had the tying run on first base as tension mounted - not to mention the Dirty Shirts players mounting the wire



SHADY LADIES. 1989 Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff Softball League playoff champions. Front row, left to right, coach Ian Seaton, Suzette Corley, Virginia Walker, Ev Metler, Marie Grootjen, Barb McBean, Melanie Hewson, Colleen McGuire, Debbie

Ireland and coach Shayne Hillock. Back row, left to right, Donna Davey, Carol Dean, Robin Maltby, Jackie Diegel, Jean Turnhout and Sue Martin. Coach Al Dean was absent when the picture was taken. (Herald photo)

barrier enclosing their bench area. In a fitting climax, the gritty Metler struck out the final Dirty Shirts batter to put the final cap on the win.

SHADY LADIES ROSTER

Coaches: Al Dean, Shayne Hillock and Ian Seaton. Players: Suzette Corley, Virginia Walker, Ev Metler, Marie Grootjen, Barb (Smith) McBean, Melanie Hewson, Colleen McGuire, Debbie Ireland, Donna Davey, Carol Dean, Robin Maltby, Jackie Diegel, Jean Turnhout and Sue Martin.

DIRTY SHIRTS ROSTER

Coaches: Craig Gray, Bob MacDonald and Al Moore. Players: Patti Puckering, Lynn Farrimond, Lauri Shaw, Jennifer Reynolds, Toni Lockwood, Sue Ferguson, Linda Armstrong, Pat Ackers, Karen Porter, Janet Ransom, Sue

McDonald, Molly Moore, Judy Pomeroy, Donna Wilson, Heather Hanson and Sharon Hale.

The Consolation Championship game was no less exciting, as Blue Lite edged Red Sox, 12-11.

Not too many details were made available from this game but from all reports it was another case where one team has to come out on top when both teams, actually, were winners.

Blue Lite won the game in the bottom of the seventh inning when Jennie Brooks swatted a drive that slipped past Red Sox outfielders resulting in Cindy Crawford dashing home with the winning run.

BLUE LITE ROSTER

Coaches: Colin Brookes, Tom Dearing and Keith Ewing. Players: Linda Armstrong, Jeanne Brookes, Shaaron Cater, Bren-

da Cole, Anne Dale, Monica Donaldson, Julie Fournier, Mary Kelly, Tammy Paddle, Janet Poirier, Priscilla Reyce, Angela Rumley, Debbie Tatham, Jean Wilson, Lu Oram and Cindy Crawford.

RED SOX ROSTER

Coaches: Jon Warren and Brian Bond. Players: Karen Appleyard, Bonnie Courchesne, Doreen Dobbins, Betty Flikkema, Dawn Hills, Kay King, Sherry Love, Ellen McGowan, Wendy Middleton, Debbie Oliver, Jean Puckering, Lynn Sargent, Maria Tassone, Eda Warren, Carolyn Woodworth and Peggy Gonley.

The Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff Softball League Awards Banquet and Dance is scheduled for Oct. 14, at the Acton Legion. Further information can be obtained by contacting league executive members.

Raiders post impressive wins

Milton no match for Georgetown squad

By COLIN GIBSON
 Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders coach, Peter Sturgeon, is the unflappable sort. He prefers keeping things on an even keel, rather than engaging in the roller coaster emotional ride that can occur by hitting too many peaks and plumbings too many valley depths.

He believes in his coaching philosophy, his system and feels that if his players work within themselves and his system, eventually success has to follow.

For the most part, the Raiders adhered to their coach's wishes in two exhibition games over the weekend and head into the final week of pre-season play sporting a 3-1 record.

The Raiders upended Milton

Merchants, 6-4, Friday night in Milton and proved to be less than gracious hosts Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, dropping the Milton crew, 5-3 before hometown fans.

Both games were chippy affairs highlighted more by penalty box parades than smooth, skilful hockey.

Sturgeon, in his way, feels his team can play whatever type of hockey is required, with the bottom line being - winning.

After Saturday night's game, Sturgeon felt that preparations for the upcoming 1989-90 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League season, were right or schedule.

"Our program is working well," he said. "The right attitude is there and the players are showing

discipline. We'll be a hard-nosed, tough hockey team that comes to play every night.

"With the program we've implemented, if it's followed, we should be able to move into the league's higher ranks. Our goal is to be Number One. But we'll take it one shift, one game, one win at a time."

The capturing of the Sutherland Cup, symbolic of Junior "B" supremacy, is Sturgeon's ultimate goal. He makes no bones about his aspirations but obviously, more fine tuning is needed with the Raiders.

Friday night's game in Milton was tight through the first period and penalty-filled.

The score was tied, 2-2, as Kevin Dance and Robb Doucette scored for the Raiders, with Jeff Daw and Colin Grieves replying for Milton.

The Raiders' Kevin Brown and Milton's Ken Guilford went at each other and both were ejected.

Georgetown opened up a 4-2, two-period lead on goals by Ken Kosziwka and Darren Lang, then matched Milton's two-goal third period outburst to seal the 6-4 win.

The Raiders' Jay Jasper and Milton's Chad Hailday were both given the heave-ho in the third period.

Overall, the game saw 48 minors, eight major penalties and two game misconducts handed out.

Sean Healy scored both third period Milton goals.

The friendly confines of Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Saturday night, did little to improve Milton's

fortunes as the Raiders led 4-1 after two periods then coasted to the solid, 5-3 win.

Familiarity bred an equal amount of contempt between the two teams, again, in the Saturday game that saw 28 minors, five majors and four game misconducts assessed.

Kevin Dance and Bill McDonald were ushered off the ice for the Raiders, with Milton's Darren Bain and Pat Hanniberry also shown the gate.

Chris Lee scored a pair of goals for the Raiders with singles going to Brent Presswood, Jason Stewart and Jim English. Kelly Foster collected three assists.

For Milton, Mike Dunphy, Sean Healy and Colin Grieves were the

marksmen.

This week will be devoted to paring down the team for the regular season and the team's final pre-season game is scheduled for Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena against Henry Carr Crusaders.

Raiders open their 1989-90 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League season on the road, with a game slated for Streetsville, Sept. 26.

Raiders home opener is scheduled for Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, with Oakville Blades providing the opposition.

Raiders split a pair of exhibition games with the Blades, winning 8-3 in Georgetown, then bowing 5-2 the Blades in Oakville.

Raiders schedule

HOME	AWAY
Guelph	Streetsville
Milton	Oakville
Burlington	Peterborough
Guelph	Burlington
Peterborough	Milton
Streetsville	Brampton
Peterborough	Streetsville
Brampton	Oakville
Burlington	Milton
Milton	Burlington
Burlington	Brampton
Streetsville	Streetsville
Brampton	Milton
Brampton	Peterborough
Milton	Oakville
Peterborough	Streetsville
Burlington	Burlington
Guelph	Brampton
Peterborough	Peterborough
Milton	Oakville

Youth bowling

GEORGETOWN Y.B.C.
SENIORS: Robert Harrison 645 (235), David Ridley 641 (232), Christina Lane 638 (224), Brian Bell 616 (260).

JUNIORS: Tonya Morris 537 (211), Cindy Clarke 515 (215), Robin Zander 474 (176), David Leslie 460 (171), Chris Wilkes 458 (185), Brian Hayes 458 (161), Alain Larocque 456 (172), Cindy Smith 448 (163), Sharon Shapcott 445 (190).

BANTAMS: Josh Cluney 403 (150), Matthew Walker 406 (156).

Bryan Foster 397 (143), Darrell Johnston 391 (145), Paul Larocque 376 (133), Nancy Larocque 434 (167).

PEEWEE: Richard Gostlin 316 (118), Thomas Palichuk 270 (101), Michael Cluney 248 (94), Brendan Louth 230 (100).

NEWS BULLETIN: Qualifying rounds for the Master-Junior Championships tournament start at the end of September. Entry deadline for the Senior Mixed Team Championships is Oct. 8.

Adult leagues are in the process of forming teams and could still use a few bowlers.