



ACTON HISAKI bantam girls softball team. Front, left to right, Wendy Graham and Shannon Morris. Second row, left to right, Tracy Hagan, Leanne Preuter and Christine White. Third row, left to right, Ann Lucas, Kelly Ambrose, Heather Willmott and Deanna Louth. At rear, coach Elmer Lucas. Absent when photo was taken, coach John Kwiatkowski. Players, Leanne Munday, Diane Walker, Lisa Harlow, Jennifer Lee and Alison Coe. (Herald photo)

Hisaki Bantams ousted

By COLIN GIBSON
Herald Sports Editor

The Acton Hisaki bantam girls softball team saw their dreams of a Halton Rural Softball League playoff championship come to a disappointing end Wednesday evening in Cheltenham.

Cheltenham claimed the playoff championship trophy by scraping through with a 15-12 win.

Injuries and player availability had a lot to do with the Acton loss, according to team coach Elmer Lucas.

The Hisaki bantams journeyed to Cheltenham with only nine players.

Two players remained at home battling the flu bug, while another two players had work commitments and could not make the game.

In addition, stellar infielder Tracy Hagan started the game with a painfully sprained ankle and was forced out of the fray in the third inning.

Hagan's injury whittled the Acton team down to eight players.

Outfielder Lisa Harlow took over at third base, but she was nursing a knee injury.

Coach Lucas had nothing but praise for his team, despite the loss and still termed the 1989 season, "A success."

In Wednesday's game, Acton

opened up a 5-0 lead after two inn-ings.

Cheltenham scored six runs in the third, four in both the fourth and fifth innings and one run in the seventh inning to hang on for the win.

The Hisaki squad scored six runs in their half of the seventh inning and had the bases loaded when Cheltenham recorded the final out.

Kelly Ambrose and Heather Willmott shared the pitching duties for Acton.

Deanna Louth swatted a three-run homer and Christine White had some timely hits.

Lisa Harlow and Wendy Graham laid down some excellent bunts.

Coach Lucas praised Leanne

Munday for some excellent fielding plays and noted that catcher Leanne Preuter threw out three baserunners.

Overall, despite the playoff championship loss, the Hisaki bantams can be proud of their 1989 accomplishments.

The team advanced against Cheltenham by defeating Rockwood in semifinal action.

Over the course of regular season play, Acton finished in first place with a 13 win, one tie and one loss record. In the process, the team outscored the opposition 94-35.

Elmer Lucas assures one and all, that the team will be back next year to once again challenge for championship honors.

Teens in action

"Teens in Action" are holding a "Landlubbers Olympics" at the Robert Little School gym in Acton on Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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