

## Angels will be demons

Elmvale Ladies look good in Midland tournament field

A group of ladies from Elmvale will be calling themselves Angels while playing like demons in this Saturday's Midland Therrien's Ladies' Softball Tournament at the Midland arena ball diamond.

The Angels always play like Demons, of course: they've played like demons in winning all but one game in their Barrie and District Ladies' Fastball League schedule, and their only loss came the day after they'd played like demons to win the Ontario Softball Association's ladies' Senior B championship in Sarnia.

Other than that single fatigued misstep, they've only lost a couple of tournament and exhibition tries all summer long, and come this weekend, they won't be worn out and they will be in their championship element.

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The only foreseeable problem for the club has to do with their recent problems of maintaining a competitive edge in league play. At times they've had to arrange exhibition contests to test their demonic drives, and one club which has tested them well is the Junior-level Agincourt Bopeeps, who placed third in this year's Junior provincials after splitting a couple of exhibition games against the Angels and beating them in early-season tournament play.

The Bopeeps will be there Saturday, but they'll by no means be the only threat to the Angels' devilishness.

There'll be six other clubs vying for the top prize of \$500 (\$1,000 total - the most offered in any ladies' tournament north of Toronto this summer), and, according to Angels manager coach John Brown, every one of them could walk away with the major hardware.

Here's a rundown and the schedule of opening games:

**ELMVALE ANGELS:** Local representatives in this, the fourth annual edition of the Therrien's tournament. Championship calibre at every position, but pitchers Anna Storey and Joanna McGinnis - both of whom have thrown enough no-hitters and one-hitters this year to make any batter shiver at the sight of their record before even stepping into the box - give the club the depth and experience where it's needed most in a top-calibre tournament like this one. Ontario Senior B champions after moving up from the Intermediate ranks last year, Penetanguishene tournament champions and almost shoe-in champs of the Barrie league, the Angels won't be giving anything away on Saturday and it'll take a near-perfect game to

beat them.

**GLENFIELD (North York):** Capable of defending their Therrien's championship title, but they've been on a downward slide since peaking with a shelf full of titles and an awesome lineup two years ago. If they've continued to slide, they could find themselves struggling for the consolation money right off the bat Saturday.

**OSHWEEKAN MOHAWKS (Brantford):** Ontario Senior B champions two years ago. Still tough, still quite capable of upsetting those who have unseated them.

**NORWICH:** The team that took the Senior B title from Oshwekan, only to lose it again this year to Elmvale after a tough struggle in the final game in Sarnia, they're a steady, experienced, club who will be difficult to rattle. If Norwich makes a mistake, you won't see them repeat it.

**AURORA DIGGERS:** Ontario Intermediate A champions for the past two years, they advanced to Senior B this year where they were beaten out by Elmvale in the early rounds of the championship. A strong offensive club, there are few, if any, weak spots in their batting lineup.

**AGINCOURT BOPEEPS:** Shut out the Angels in a Barrie tournament championship earlier this season and split a pair of exhibition games with the Angels in Elmvale. Young, spirited, and aggressive, but extremely disciplined. First-class gloves, and you can forget about getting one past the centre fielder. Their hustle can wear any of these clubs down to a frazzle.

**RICHMOND HILL DATSUN:** It took the Angels eight innings to get past this club in last year's Intermediate A championship tournament and another eight for the Angels to put them away in this year's Senior B tournament. Solid hitting, consistent pitching, they'll take anybody to the limit.

**COOKSVILLE:** The Angels have beaten this team three times this year, twice in the Barrie tournament and once in the Sarnia championships, but their experience will come into play and they're capable of surprises at any time. Good infield workers.

### OPENING SCHEDULE

Saturday	9 a.m.
Elmvale vs. Cooksville	10 a.m.
Richmond Hill vs. Aurora	11 a.m.
Agincourt vs. Glenfield	12 noon
Oshweken vs. Norwich	



### Bullish ballet

Reed Ellis of the Toronto Irish Canadians was one of the Midland Bulls' arched rivals during a rugby doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Midland Secondary School. Unfortunately for Ellis and the Irish, the

Bulls were in hot form on the hot day and took a 13-6 victory with them to their pig roast afterwards. The Old Bulls won the other game, 20-16, over the Toronto XL's.

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# Jackson grinds out another

Locks up another 30,000 with some pretty patient play

Mike Jackson kept his game while all those about him lost theirs and coasted to his fourth consecutive 30,000 Islands Golf Tournament title last weekend at Midland Golf and Country Club. Jackson, of the host club, fired a three-under-par 139 to give him a four-stroke victory over Al Pappel of Toronto's Don Valley Golf and Country Club. Pappel was the only golfer able to take the lead away from Jackson after the defending champ opened with a stunning 68.

Jackson won a trip for two to Florida from Hays Wardair Travel. He was also presented

with a symbolic championship jacket by Gord McLean of the tournament organizing committee.

Fred Lavin of MGCC won a gas barbecue from Jeffery's Pro Hardware with his low net score of 132.

Jackson, who understates it a bit when he says "I just like this course and this tournament," received his only real threat on Saturday when, after completing his first nine at even par, was told that George Stokes of Hidden Lakes had fired a four-under 31 on his first nine.

So, in his first real bearing-down, Jackson went out and chipped

three off par in his second nine while Stokes slipped with a big 39.

"That's what you have to do," says Jackson. "If the competition is better, as it was in this tournament this time, you just have to work a little harder. You just have to concentrate a little more and keep grinding away."

The next day Jackson was grouped with the other three top shooters from Saturday, including second-place Pappel. They started the back nine first, just after the early-morning rain stopped, and Jackson managed to hold everybody off until

the 17th -- or eighth hole into the day -- when Pappel began grinding away with a birdie, followed with an eagle on 18.

"I went from two up to two down in two holes," says Jackson. "And I was still paring the

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holes."

More work, more concentration, deeper grinding.

Pappel maintained his two-stroke lead over Jackson, and Stokes floated one behind Jackson, and the three kept on grinding

together until the 14th hole of the day (the front 5th), where both Pappel and Stokes lost their grip and triple bogeyed while Jackson ground out a par.

"From then on, I knew that if I could stay even they'd have trouble birdying in and I would probably be able to hang on," said Jackson.

Pappel's and Stokes' grinders continued to malfunction while Jackson's fine-tuned model kicked in for a 30-foot par putt on the 16th green of the day (front 7th). He coasted in.

"It was a nice one to win," says Jackson. "Those guys are good players. This was

definitely a better field than there's ever been."

Jackson knew what he was in for well before the Saturday's opening round. He knew some of the players travelling from some of the top-notch clubs in Southern Ontario would welcome the fast greens and near-perfect playing conditions that awaited them at greenskeeper Alex Labelle's newly-lush layout. He knew luck would play a smaller part than at a less well-conditioned -- and less challenging -- course.

"This kind of course helps me prepare for other tournaments at the more challenging courses," says Jackson.

"It's such a competitive course, you have to keep it in play all the time or you'll be forced into a lot of fairway chipping. And the course was in the best shape it's ever been in."

Jackson seems to have a lot of fun with MGCC's challenges, as he has had for the past seven years as a member, regularly enduring a 45-minute drive from his Collingwood home to work out on the narrow but clean Midland links.

And, obviously, he's been having a lot of fun in the 30,000 Islands for the past four years, always up to the challenge of a good, healthy grind.