

# Gidley drives Greening-Donald into final

Bill Gidley lined a shot over first base in the bottom of the eleventh inning to drive home Mike Jones from second base and give Greening-Donald a 16-15 win over the Dollartown Saints and a berth in the finals in recent Huronia Slow Pitch League playoff action.

The win gave Greening the best-of-five semi-final series, three games to one.

The final game was a see-saw affair in which the lead changed hands several times.

Dollartown had leads of 6-1 and 15-12 at different times and were leading by two going into the bottom of the seventh.

Bill Gidley led off with a double, but John Jones and Peter Jorgensen both popped for two quick outs. This set the stage for Glenis Mullings to deliver a clutch two-out double to drive in Gidley, and later he scored himself when Saints centrefielder Darryl Bates overthrew the cut-off man and the ball went

out of play.

In a controversial call, Glenis was awarded two bases and scored the tying run. It proved to be a costly error as the next batter David Durnall, popped up to send the game into extra innings.

Ed Hubbard was the winning pitcher, and even though he got off to a slow start he hung up six straight innings of shutout ball to finish the game.

Joe Crosato came on in the third inning for Dollartown and took the loss. Joe pitched well, but fell victim to errors which cost his squad the game.

Glenis Mullings was the offensive star for Greening as he connected for a grand slam home run to go with his seventh inning show to help Hubbard to victory.

Dollartown picked up home runs from Perry "Red" Lepage and Darryl Bates in the game.

In the opening game of the series, Dollartown shocked a Greening team which had won 22 straight ball games by edging them 11-9.

Greening had the tying runs on second and third with two out in the seventh when Bob Gidley lined out to shortstop Keith Sager. Gidley had driven in

two runs with a triple earlier in the game. Dollartown's Joe Crosato hurled a fine game to pick up the win.

Bill Murray cranked a three-run homer to straight away centre field in the first inning to give Dollartown the lead they never relinquished.

Darryl Bates also chipped in with a two-run round-tripper.

A costly error by substitute shortstop Peter Jorgensen, usually the centrefielder, had opened the gates for five runs in the fourth inning which probably cost pitcher Ed Hubbard the loss.

The second game saw Greening bounce back for a 12-6 victory to even the series.

Hubbard pitched exceptionally well for the win as his defense gave up an uncustomary six errors.

Bill Gidley's two-run triple spurred a five-run second inning that gave Greening the lead for good.

In the third game Greening seemed to be on top of their game as they hammered the Saints 19-4 to take a 2-1 lead in the series' pivotal game.

Ed Hubbard again pitched the win and had a shutout going until the bottom of the seventh when Dollartown scored

their four runs. Third baseman Darrell Gibbon's single with two aboard broke the shutout.

Offensive stars for Greening were Bill Gidley, who went five for five and had a hot series at the plate; Glenis Mullings, who had a two-run four-bagger and four RBI; and playing-coach Brian Duquette, who was four for four with four runs scored and four RBI.

Dollartown's Keith Sager came close to a home run again but was thrown out at the plate on a relay from centrefielder Peter Jorgensen to second baseman Brian Duquette to catcher Keith Kennedy in a textbook play.

Greening-Donald will be pitted against the winner of the Techform-Goman Boats semi-final which is still going on.

The final will be a best-of-seven affair. In that other semi-final series Goman Boats took a two games to one lead Monday night at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene after soundly defeating the Techform Eagles 16-7.

Third-baseman Bob Dymant cranked a two-run homer to lead the way for the Boatman.

The first game in this series also went Goman's way as Techform's Green Machine seemed to be a little rusty. Keith Dumais slammed a four-bagger and Barry Nickerson shut the door on the Eagles' batsmen in an

11-2 victory.

Game two saw a turnaround for Techform as their batters came alive to hammer Goman Boats 22-11. Russ Cousineau got the win while Billy Ladouceur led the offense with a pair of round-trippers.

The fourth and possibly last game of this series went Tuesday night but results were unavailable at press time.

The third game was put under protest due to a sixth-inning call by an umpire and that should have been ruled upon before Tuesday's game.

Should a fifth game be needed to decide this series, it will go at 6 p.m. tonight at McGuire Park.

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Laurin tagged a well-hit fly ball in right field during the ninth for the Bomberettes.

For Hot Stuff, Anita Weatherall played excellent defense in her position as catcher, making good throws to enable Jo-Anne Gorthy to tag two players at second base, and Anita herself put out two at home plate.

The championship team, the Beige Bomberettes, clinched first place in the league for most of the baseball year. They have shown excellent team spirit and earned the title - worked and practiced hard all season.

Runners-up Hot Stuff, not only demonstrated excellent team spirit but an excellent league spirit. They made their way from last place to second over all in the league and even though the odds against them were great in this tournament, they maintained a true

sportsmanlike attitude and enjoyed the fresh air, sunshine and exercise. And that's what the league is all about!

The following are the members of the finalist clubs:

**Bomberettes:** Linda Duval, Jane Salisbury, Kim Koenig, Sandra Gibbons, Jackie Dyer, Dorothy Cumming, Betty Laurin, Honore White, Lorraine Demsey, Linda McKinnon, Brenda Leonard, Donna Thornton, Jennifer Moreau, Marlis Freund.

**Coaches:** Brian Cumming and Ken Tessier.

**Hot Stuff:** Michelle Duquette, Sharon Weatherall, Janet Hope, Anita Weatherall, Cathy Toole, Sharon Reeves, Pam Carruthers, Bev Greenwood, Sharon Middleton, Jo-Anne Gorthy, Jane Dubbin. **Coaches:** Patricia Robitaille and Ken Greenwood.

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