

# Sports Scene

*Squeezing by with an 8-7 victory*

## R&R takes title from Coldwater

Penetanguishene R&R Sports captured the Georgian Bay Ladies Softball League Championship Wednesday night with an 8-7 extra inning win over Coldwater.

R&R captured the first two games of the series, but Coldwater rebounded for a 3-0 win in Penetang in game three. Carol Barr collected the win on the hill for Coldwater scattering 10 base hits. Meridith Orr picked up a couple of base hits in the victory. Marg Dorion, Marilyn Morasse and Sandy Dubeau

each went two for three at the plate in a losing cause.

Game four was played in Coldwater and saw the hosts pull the game out of the first in the bottom of the seventh with one out winning 3-2.

Coldwater scored in the first frame and saw the visitors knot the game in the fourth. Penetang took a 2-1 lead in the top of the seventh. Penetang pitcher, Donna Asselin, hit the first batter she faced in the bottom of the

seventh with a pitch and then proceeded to walk the next two batters. With the bases loaded, Telford ripped a single scoring Hawke. Asselin went to work and walked the next batter forcing in the winning run.

Barr picked up the win in this fixture allowing two runs on eight hits, walked two and struck out three.

The win forced a fifth and final game in Penetanguishene Wednesday night.

Coldwater struck early with a pair of

counters in their first at bat. R&R replied with three in the bottom half of the frame to take a 3-2 lead.

The visitors cashed two more runs in the fifth, but Penetang knotted the score in their half of the inning. Coldwater appeared to have taken a commanding lead with three in the sixth, taking advantage of five Penetang errors, but Penetang fought back in the last of the seventh to even the count at 7-7, prompting an extra frame.

With one out, Deanne King and Marilyn Morasse singled. Penny Moreau doubled with two out scoring King and Morasse. Donna Asselin then drew a walk and Joanne Robitaille singled to load the bases. Coldwater pitcher, Carol Barr then issued a walk to Carmen McNamara to allow Moreau to cross the plate with the game's tying run.

In the fateful eighth, Marg Dorion led off with a single to center and scored on Deanne King's triple to win the game and the series. King, incidentally, was playing with a slight handicap, - she happens to be four and a half months pregnant. (That never happened to George Bell.)

The victory represented Penetang's fourth in a row, but was undoubtedly the toughest. Coldwater has proven to be a legitimate challenger for league honors.

Penetanguishene R&R Sports would like to extend their thanks to their sponsor, Bob Duval of R&R Sports and also their husbands, friends and parents, "especially all our ladies who had to give 150 per cent against a highly improved coldwater ladies ball team."

"Yours in sportsmanship 1987 and the new season 1988. Thanks again. R&R Sports Ladies Ball Team."

## Seniors even the series with win

While the Toronto Blue Jays were battling the New York Yankees Sunday afternoon, the Vasey Giants and Vasey Seniors were engaged in their own dogfight.

After just 75 minutes of playing time, the Seniors emerged victorious with a 1-0 decision in game four of the best of seven Simcoe Rural Fastball League Championship series. The series is now tied at two games apiece. Game five was played last night with game six scheduled for tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Vasey ballpark.

The game was decided on an error to Giant's pitcher, Steve Tumber, who should be named pitcher of the year, if not MVP. After setting down 12 of the first 13 batters he faced, Tumber picked up a Keith Ball bunt opening the fifth frame and threw wide to first out of the reach of Don Foxall. The ball scooted out to right field past Ian Dundas who then took flight after the ball. The speedy Keith Ball turned on the after burners and scampered all the way home with the game's only counter.

Tumber only allowed five base runners in all and had one snuffed on a double play. Tumber allowed just three base hits, hit one batter and fanned two.

Across the diamond, Brent McLean was just as sharp in the balmy afternoon temperatures, allowing just four base runners and was never in trouble. McLean allowed no runs on three base hits, hit a batter, walked no one and struck out 10.



### Stretching the point

Jim Mills tries to beat out an infield hit as first baseman, Don Foxall stretches to catch the ball during Sunday's game four of the Simcoe Rural Fastball League Championship

Final series. Mills' team, Vasey Seniors, eked out a 1-0 seven inning win to knot the best of seven series at two games apiece. Seniors'

coach Bob Widde with back to camera eyes the play, while base umpire, Ed Cramm has a clear view ready to make the call.

## Schmidt a hit at Mosport

Midland's Gunther Schmidt experienced his second major accident of the season at Mosport Saturday, knocking his car out of next weekend's Canadian Championship in St. Jovite, Quebec.

Saturday started out fine. In the qualifying run, Schmidt finished sixth, only six tenths of a second from obtaining the pole position.

However, in the first race, the third, fourth, fifth and sixth cars were continually changing positions over the first nine laps. On corner number two, Schmidt attempted to pass the car in front of him, but the third car went into a spin, forcing the fourth car to go wide on the outside which left Schmidt with two options, a dead-on hit or chew up dirt on his

left side. He opted for the latter and went into a spin taking him past the fifth car parallel to the wall for about 20-30 yards. The car started turning again and met up with the wall full force.

Schmidt was unhurt except for an excruciating headache and a sore body. He did not require hospitalization.

The car, on the other hand, did. The gear box was shattered in the crash and the rear frame was bent. Possible damage to the motor or the main frame was not known. The outside of the car showed no other damage. Total damage to the car so far is estimated to be around the \$5000 mark. A complete gear box is valued around \$3500 alone.

An interesting, but unfortunate side note is the fact the car that started the spin and caused Schmidt's problems is the same driver that caused Gunther's first airborne crash earlier this summer. Unfortunately for that driver, he was later involved in a serious crash on the track during the weekend and had to be taken to hospital by ambulance with undetermined injuries.

At the time of Schmidt's disaster, he had recorded the second fastest lap time in the race to that point and was just 3-4 seconds out of first place. He had been enjoying his best performance of the entire summer. C'est la vie.