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Fastball: The Brennan Cardinals rebounded from an earlier loss to St. Joseph's to down the Lasers 10-2 in the Windsor Wildcats high school girls fastball tournament held Saturday.

The Lasers, who were unbeaten heading into the final, had downed the Cards 15-12 during round-robin play, but they couldn't do much with Brennan pitchers Annemarie Rathburn and Tracy Lambert in the championship game. Leading the Cardinals' hitting attack were

Wildcats' clinic: It's been booming for three years, but for some reason interest was lacking for this year's Windsor Wildcats softball skills clinic for girls' age nine to 13.

"It's been cancelled," said Barry Fields, who coaches the novice II team. "There was just not enough kids this year."

The clinic had been set for Monday at Jackson Park.

"We don't know if it was because it was the long weekend or because there are so many other activities," Fields said. "There was just a poor response."

Last year, over 100 girls took part in the one-day clinic.

"Compared to last year, there was less than 40 per cent interest," Fields said.

However, because the Wildcats' program is now so successful, there was no open dates left this year to hold an alternate clinic.

"There was talk of early fall, but it's looking like we'll wait until next spring and do it every two years," Fields said.

"Because the Wildcat teams are so busy this year, we don't have any open dates. We just weren't able to pull off another date."

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	3	0	1
Westpoint	3	1	0
Ticket Wicket	3	1	0
Kilroy's	3	1	1
Metro Catering	2	2	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	3	2	0
Gameworld/Metro	2	3	0
South Windsor	1	2	0
Amherstburg Braves	1	3	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	2	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	3	0

Tuesday Results

Amherstburg Braves vs. Ticket Wicket, no report

Windsor Body vs. Westpoint, no report

Kilroy's 529 30-19 10 0

Amherstburg Chiefs 000 00-0 1 2

Rob Elder (WPI), Paul Flynn (4) and Shawn Jackson; Bastien (LPI), Foster (2) and Brown. Top hitters: For Kilroy's, Marty Sanders 3-3 with 4 RBI, Jim Brent 1-2 with home run and 3 RBI.

Tonight's Game

Metro Catering vs. Gameworld at Lanspeary Park, 6:15 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tuesday Results

WAA 9 Penalty Box 8

Samuel Plate Sales 10 Amherstburg 0 (mercy rule)

Legion Branch 578 14 McGregor 6

Tonight's Game

McGregor vs. Amherstburg at Centennial Park, 8 p.m.

B Division

Tuesday Result

Tecumseh vs. Sertoma at AV Graham, 6:30 p.m.

Tonight's Game

St. Anne vs. RMBA at Wigle Park, 6:30 p.m.

Tecumseh Metal vs. Lasalle at Front Park, 6:30 p.m.

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Tuesday Result

Marpeth at Leamington, no report

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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Friday Results

Westpoint 220 000 8-5 4 2
 South Windsor 001 100 6-2 7 2
 Art McIntyre (WP) and John DeMarco, Jon Burns (S); Mike Denopoli (LP), Larry Champ (S) and Mark Labord. Top hitters: Burn Baldo 2/3, HR, 3 rbi, Henry Jedlinski HR (Westpoint); Bob Taylor 2/3, HR, 2 rbi (South Windsor)

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

B Division

Sunday Game

Tecumseh Metal Products vs. St. Anne at Maldstone St. Mary's Diamond, 6 p.m.

Monday Games

LaSalle vs. Sertoma, 6:30 p.m.
 Tecumseh/St. Clair vs. Novice 1, 8:30 p.m.
 (Both games at Wigle Park)

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Friday Results

Merlin 5 Comber Legion Blues 3
 Tilbury vs. Stoney Point

Sunday Games

Merlin vs. Comber Legion Blues, 2 p.m.
 Leamington vs. Stoney Point, 8 p.m.

Tuesday Game

Comber Legion Blues vs. Leamington, 8 p.m.

Wildcats win: The Windsor Wildcats girls' fastball midget A travel team captured the Chingacousy Cougars tournament on the weekend in Brampton.

Windsor went 7-0 en route to winning the tournament, beating the host team wice, including a 2-1 decision in the gold-medal game.

Jen Malcolm was the winning pitcher in four games, pitching a pair of shutouts, while Lindsay Hannon won the other three games.

Offensively, Angie Zappacosta batted .51 and Nicole Hunter hit .556.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Tuesday Results

Metro Catering 100 000 6-1 4 2
 Windsor Body 100 004 x-5 5 8
 Tim Whittaker (LP), Kir Eghoetz and Brian Richie; Ron Parent (WP) and Ian Brownlie. Top hitters: Bob Harper 2/3 (Metro Catering); Loris Murer 2/3, Bob Kemler 1/2, 2 rbi (Windsor Body)
 Westpoint 002 022 6-6 5 8
 Metro City 101 100 6-3 5 3
 Rick Rock (L), Syl Grenier and Bruno Flaminia; Jeff Griffin (W) and John DeMarco. Top hitters: Serge Lanfaine (M) 2/3, Jason Ullman (W) 2/3
 South Windsor 1010 40-15 14 4
 Amherstburg Chiefs 00 0 10-1 2 4
 Dwayne Harris (WP) and Tom Firr, Frank Jedlinski; Jeremy McKinnon (LP) and Steve Merwin, Chris Brown. Top hitters: Joe Jay Firr 4/4, Dwayne Harris 3/4 (South Windsor)

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Monday Results

Ticket Wickel 221 010-7 7 3
 Kilroy's 100 030-4 3 2
 Time limit: Rob Guttridge (WP), Keith Traquair (S) and Wayne Banks; Paul Flynn (LP), Elder (S) and Shawn Jackson. Top hitter: Mike Mailhoux, 2/3 2 rbi (TW)
 Metro Catering 022 002 6-7 8 2
 Penalty Box/SWS 000 002 6-2 3 3
 Kirk Eghoetz (WP), Tim Whittaker (7) and Rod Drouillard, Tim Stevenson; Jeff Tieszen (LP), Gerry Mayes (7) and Rick Burns. Top hitters: Rob Drouillard 2/4 2 rbi, Brian Richie 3/3 2 rbi (MC)
 Tonight's Games
 Gameworld/Metro Sports vs. South Windsor at Windsor Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
 Windsor Body/Buck or Two at Amherstburg Chiefs, 8:15 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tonight's Games

WAA vs. Legion Br. 578 at Superior Park. Penalty Box vs. Samuel Plate at Wigle Park
 McGregor vs. Amherstburg at Co-An Park
 (All games at 6:30 p.m.)
 B Division
 Monday Results
 Novice 1 13 Sertoma 0
 Tecumseh Metal Products 17 St. Anne 7
 Tonight's Game
 LaSalle vs. Tecumseh at A.V. Graham, 6:30 p.m.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	5	1	0
Windsor Body/Buck	4	1	1
Ticket Wickel	4	1	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	4	2	0
Kilroy's	3	1	1
Gameworld/Metro	4	4	0
Metro Catering	3	5	0
South Windsor	2	3	0
Amherstburg Braves	1	4	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	2	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	4	0

Wednesday Result

Amherstburg 000 000 0-8
 Penalty Box 200 011 6-4
 Dallas (L) and Shawn; Mayes (W), Tieszen and Chase. Burns Top hitters: Wilson 2/2, Tieszen 2/3 (Penalty Box)

Tonight's Games

Ticket Wickel vs. South Windsor at Windsor Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
 Kilroy's vs. Gameworld/Metro Sports at Stodgell Park, 6:30 p.m.

Friday Games

Amherstburg Braves vs. Windsor Body/Buck or Two, 6:30 p.m.
 Westpoint Indians vs. South Windsor Jrs., 8:30 p.m.
 (Both games at Windsor Stadium)

Monday Games

Ticket Wickel vs. Kilroy's, 6:30 p.m.
 Metro Catering vs. Penalty Box/SW Sales, 8:30 p.m.
 (Both games at Windsor Stadium)
 Westpoint Indians at Amherstburg Braves, 8:15 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tonight's Games

McGregor vs. Penalty Box at Wigle Park
 Samuel Plate vs. Windsor AA at Shore Acres
 (Both games at 6:30 p.m.)
 B Division
 Sunday Game
 LaSalle vs. St. Anne at St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Tonight's Game

Stoney Point vs. Morpeth, 8 p.m.
 Friday Games
 Comber Legion Blues vs. Comber Legion Golds, 8 p.m.
 Merlin vs. Stoney Point, 8 p.m.
 Sunday Games
 Tilbury at Comber Legion Golds, 2 p.m.
 Tilbury vs. Comber Legion Blues, 5 p.m.

Monday Game

Stoney Point vs. Merlin, 8 p.m.



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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Ticket Wicket	6	1	0
Windsor Body/Buck	6	1	1
Westpoint	6	2	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	5	2	0
Kilroyz	4	2	1
Gameworld/Metro	4	5	0
Metro Catering	3	4	0
South Windsor	2	6	0
Amherstburg Braves	2	6	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	5	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	4	0

Tuesday Results

Gameworld	100	002	003-4	6	0
South Windsor	200	100	000-3	10	4

Syl Grenier, Rick Rock (W) and Bruno Flammia; Dwayne Harris (L) and Andrew Switzer. Top hitters: Wes Kivinen (G) 2/4, T.J. Firr (W) 2/4, Frank Jedlinski (W) 2/3, Dwayne Harris (W) 2/4.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	9	1	1
Ticket Wicket	8	2	0
Westpoint	8	3	0
Metro Catering	6	4	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	6	5	0
Kilroyz	5	4	1
Gameworld/Metro	5	6	0
Amherstburg Braves	3	8	0
South Windsor	2	9	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	5	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	5	0

Wednesday Result

Penalty Box	102	011	1-4	9	2
South Windsor	300	000	0-3	4	1

Gerry Mayes (WP), Larry Griffin (S) and Rick Burns; Larry Champ (LP) and Marc Labord, Tom Firr (G). Top hitters: Jim Howard 4/4, 2 2b, 2 HR, 3 rbi (Penalty Box); Dwayne Harris 2/2 (South Windsor).

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Thursday Results

Ticket Wicket	000	011	1-3	7	3
Gameworld	200	020	x-4	9	0

Rod Kramer (L) and Wendell Banks; Rick Rock (W) and Bruno Flammia. Top hitters: James Grayer 4/4, Bruno Flammia 2/3 (G).

Kilroyz	000	100	1-2	4	3
Metro Catering	100	410	x-4	7	1

Rob Elder (L) and Dean Ataman; Time Whittaker (W), Kirk Ehgoetz and Rod Drouillard. Top hitters: Marty Sanders 2/3 (K), Brian Richie 2/2, Marc St. Pierre 2/3 (M).

West. Indians	200	000	0-2	6	0
Windsor Body/B.T.	002	000	1-	3	0

R. Parent (WP) and J. Brownlie; M. Woolson (LP) and J. Demarco. Top hitter: N. Keren 2/3, J. Olivastri 1/1 1 rbi (WB).

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Friday Results

Amherstburg Braves	301	011-4	8	1
South Windsor	300	014-8	12	1

Dallas Kelly (LP) and Mark D'Anunzio; Dwayne Harris (WP), Larry Champ and Mark Labord. Top hitter: Mark Labord HR (SW).

Monday Games

Metro Catering vs. Westpoint Indiana, 6:30 p.m.

Kilroyz vs. South Windsor, 8:30 p.m. (Both games at Windsor Stadium)

Ticket Wicket vs. Amherstburg Braves at Amherstburg Centennial Park, 8:15 p.m.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	10	2	1
Ticket Wicket	8	3	0
Westpoint	8	4	0
Metro Catering	7	4	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	7	5	0
Gameworld/Metro	7	6	0
Kilroyz	5	5	1
Amherstburg Braves	3	9	0
South Windsor	3	9	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	5	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	6	0

Tuesday Results

Penalty Box/SW Sales & Windsor Body/Buck or Two 3	
Gameworld/Metro Sports 3 Amherstburg Chiefs 2	

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	10	2	1
Ticket Wicket	8	3	0
Westpoint	8	4	0
Metro Catering	8	4	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	7	5	0
Gameworld/Metro	7	6	0
Kilroyz	5	5	1
Amherstburg Braves	3	9	0
South Windsor	3	10	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	5	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	6	0

Wednesday Result

Metro Catering	001	101	01-4	9	0
South Windsor	200	000	10-3	5	2

Tim Whittaker, Kirk Ehgoetz (WP-6) and Rod Drouillard, Larry Champ (LP) and Mark Labord. Top hitters: Mike De Napoli 1/3 2 rbi (SW); Jason Halyburton 2/3 2 rbi, Brian Richie 2/3 1 rbi, Ehgoetz 2/4 (MC).



Windsor Wildcats Midget Tier 1 1994

Back Row: Paul Layfield, Lith Webb, Nikki Hutter, Jennifer Carriere, Al Zappacosta, Stefania Diponio, Jennifer Malcolm, Colleen Caplin, Elaine Lalonde

Front Row: Jennifer Andrew, Amber Staudt, Lindsay Hannon, Christine Hamel, Sabrina Carter, Angie Zappacosta

End of the line for Dawson scholarships

By Mary Caton
Star Sports Reporter

For years the Dawson family has handed out scholarships to Windsor's finest student/athletes.

And with those scholarships, the family has also handed out quite a few dreams.

The generous financial aid offered by the Gladys and Edward Dawson Memorial Scholarship has allowed graduating students to pursue careers in teaching, law, medicine and journalism to name just a few.

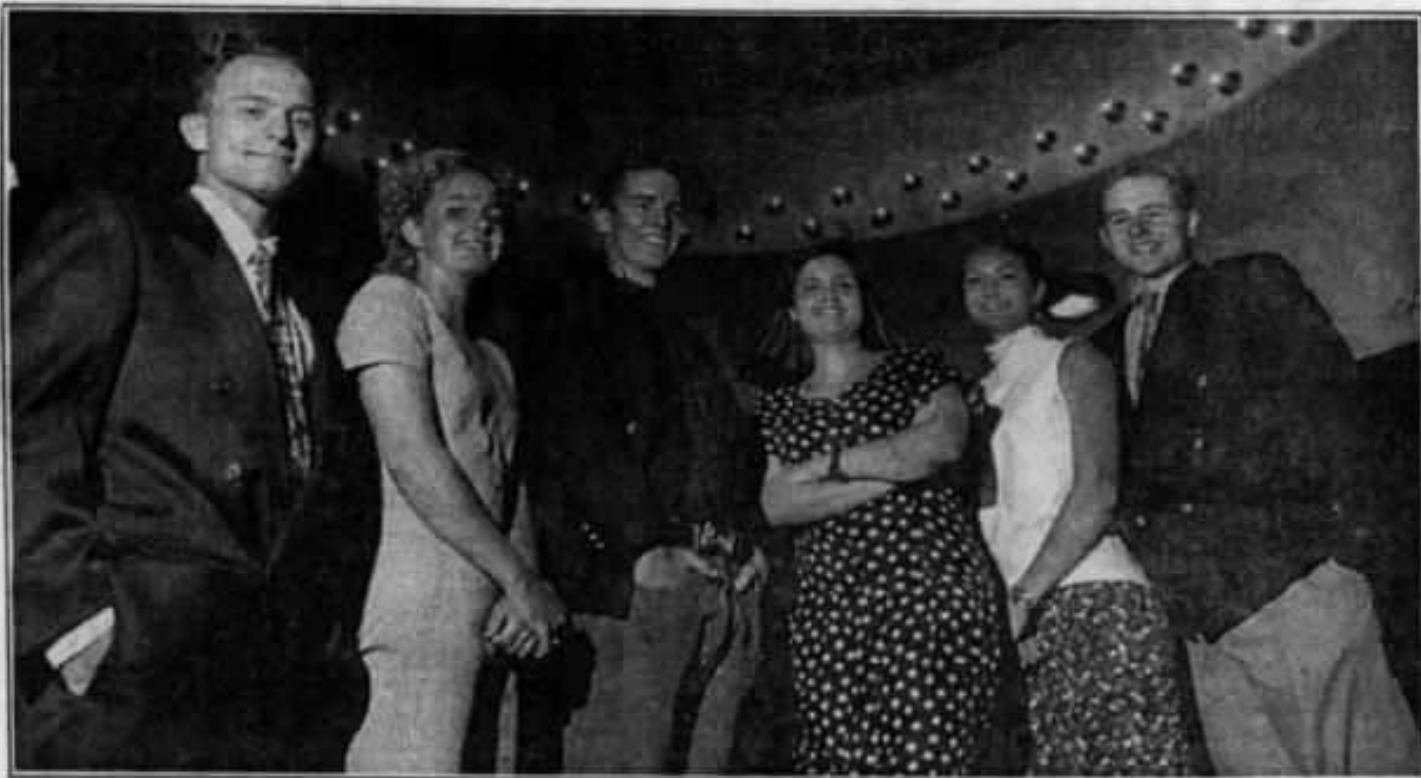
The six winners honored Tuesday at a dinner at the Royal Marquis, each recieved \$4,000 towards their post-secondary education.

They are: Riverside's Colleen Caplin, Assumption's David Michels and Massey's Sydney Hope, Matthew Jones, Julia Thomas and Rhys Trenhaile.

THIS GROUP comprises the final recipients of this prestigious award. After 20 years, the committee is ending the scholarship at the request of the family.

"They did not want winners who would not be able to identify with the people responsible for making the award happen," said committee member Frank Johnson.

Edward Dawson passed away in 1968 after an outstanding career as a teacher and coach at Patterson Collegiate. His wife, Gladys, came up with the idea of a scholarship fund in his name and when she died in 1973 the family decided to honor both of them.



WINNERS, from left, David Michels, Colleen Caplin, Rhys Trenhaile, Sydney Hope, Julia Thomas and Matthew Jones. *Star photo/Ted Rhodes*

Over the course of 20 years, 117 student/athletes have received a total of \$263,110.

"It's kind of sad to see it end but it's nice to go out on a high note," said Diane Girard, a niece of the Dawsons.

THIS YEAR'S scholarship total of \$24,000 is the highest one-year output.

It will allow Caplin to study sports medicine next fall at Eastern Michigan University, where she has been offered a softball scholarship. She ran track and played badminton, basketball and volleyball at Riverside.

Hope, who participated in basketball, soccer, volleyball and gymnastics, is bound for McMaster University to study geography and environmental studies.

Jones, who swam and played badminton, is intent on a career in dentistry that will begin at the University of Windsor.

Michels swam and played volleyball and soccer at Assumption, is off to the University of Calgary for its pre-med program.

Thomas, who ran track and cross-

country, is debating whether it's Queens or Windsor for biology.

And Trenhaile, like fellow Massey grad Jones, will be at the University of Windsor to study science. He played soccer and ran track and cross-country.

As well as excelling in sports, all six have maintained averages of 85 per cent or better during their high school careers.

"It's a little difficult to see this come to an end," Johnson told the gathering. "But in you, the winners, this scholarship doesn't end, it just carries on."

Windsor fast becoming a power in girls' fastball

WOMEN'S BASEBALL IN Windsor hasn't taken long to become as dominant in the province as their male counterparts.

A good case in point was last weekend's London Girls' Fastball Tournament where all four Windsor Wildcats teams participating came home with a medal including two gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze medal.

"To get to any medal round in any division is something, but to get two golds and four medals is something," said Barry Fields, who guided the Novice II squad to a gold-medal finish.

"To see Windsor across the board was something and we were the talk of the town."



AMATEUR BASEBALL ROUNDUP

All four Windsor teams went perfect in pool play.

The Novice II team, which features 12 year olds, started with a 12-1 win over Byron, a 14-3 win over Markham and a 12-4 win over Milton.

In the semi-finals, the club beat Oakridge 6-2 before claiming the gold with an 8-3 win over Seaforth.

Pitchers Sara Smith and Heather Vernes led the team combining to strike out 40 in five games.

Offensively, Kim MacKinnon batted .405 with 10 RBI and Vernes batted .428.

The Novice Tier I team, featuring players 14 and under, captured the other gold medal.

The squad completed pool play with an 8-1 win over Markham, a 6-4 win over London and a 9-8 win over Oakville.

From there, the club beat St. Catharines 3-1 in the semi-final before taking the gold with a 6-3 extra-innings win over Guelph.

Angela Lauzon led the club with a .500 average, seven RBI and also pitched 4½ games. Christina Cushman also batted .500 and drove in eight runs.

The squirt team, which features players 12 and under, won a silver medal.

The club opened pool play with an 8-2 win over Waterloo that featured a no-hitter by Sarah Tremaine. The Wildcats then completed a triple play in beating Brampton B 6-2 before Jodi Nelitz's no-hitter completed pool play as Windsor beat Cawthra 19-1.

Windsor bested Stratford 7-8 in the semi-finals before falling 7-0 to Brampton A in the gold-medal final.

Offensively, Jill Farrah batted .571 in the tournament and Mary Beatty batted .555.

The bantam team finished with a bronze medal. The club scored pool play wins of 3-0 over Brampton, 13-1 over Six Nations and 7-1 over Stratford.

The club then fell 7-3 in the semis to London, which is the defending provincial champions.

For the tournament, the club received strong performances from pitchers Chantelle Seguin, Tracy Lambert and Robin Fairin.

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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	11	3	1
Westpoint	11	4	0
Ticket Wicket	10	4	0
Metro Catering	9	5	0
Gameworld/Metro	8	6	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	8	7	0
Kilroyz	7	6	1
Amherstburg Braves	3	10	0
South Windsor	3	11	0
S Windsor Jrs	0	5	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	6	0

Thursday Results

Penalty Box/SW	001 001 0-2	6	1
Gameworld/MS	400 111 x-7	4	2

Rick Rock (WP), Syl Grenier (7) and Bruno Flammia; Murray Brookshaw (LP) and Jim Chase. Top hitters: For GW, Chris Lanoue 2/3, Flammia 1/3 2 rbi; For PB, Jeff Wilson 2/4, Hr: Jim Howard



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Sunday's Angels, a girls 13- and 14-year-old girls fast pitch softball team from Shawnee, Kansas will be touring Ontario from Aug. 6-12 and is looking for local teams interested in playing a game. The Angels are of house-league calibre. Teams interested in playing against the Angels should contact Bill Sunday at (913) 432-4299 or by mail at 2832 S. 45 Terr, Kansas City, KS 66106.

Windsor Wildcats: It was another impressive weekend for the Windsor Wildcats, who competed in the Ann Arbor Summer Classic over the weekend.

The Novice Tier I team scored won its division for the third straight year. The club scored a 21-5 win over Pinconning, a 19-0 win over Oakland Merchants, a 7-2 win over Highland and an 11-8 win over St. Clair Shores to reach the final, where the club beat Ann Arbor 6-3.

Krysten Gray led the club with a .857 batting average. She scored 10 runs and drove in three.

The Squirt I team finished second in its division. The club lost 8-7 in the final to Kerns Great Lakes.

Sarah Tremaine batted .857 in the medal round and .583 in pool play.

The Novice Tier II team finished with a 3-1 record and second in its pool. A tight 5-4 loss to Ann Arbor kept them out of the medal round.

The Midget II team went 1-4, the Midget I team was 2-3 and the Bantam I team went 3-0-2 and just missed the medal round as Waterloo gained the berth with a 4-0-1 mark.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Tuesday Result

Gameworld/MS	010 000 0-1	1	2
Westpoint Indians	013 106 x-11	11	0

Rick Rock (LP), Dan Mitchell (6) and Bruno Flammia. Jeff Griffin (WP) and John DeMarco. Top hitters: For Gameworld/Metro Sports, Wes Kivinen 1/3. For Westpoint Indians John DeMarco 3/4 with 4 rbi, Jon Burns 2/3, Wally Woodall 2/3 with 1 rbi, Jon Weir 1/2 with 1 rbi.

Tonight's Game

Ticket Wicket vs. Penalty Box/SW Sales at Lanspeary Park, 6:30 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tuesday Results

Windsor AA 8-3 Detroit 3-2 (second game suspended by rain in fourth inning). Royal Canadian Legion 578 Branch 1 Penalty Box 4 Samuel Plate Sales vs. McGregor, no report

Tonight's Game

Legion 578 Branch at Amherstburg, 8 p.m.

B Division

Tuesday Result

Sertoma vs. Tecumseh, no report

Tonight's Games

St. Anne vs. Novice #1 at Wigle Park. Tecumseh Metal Products vs. LaSalle at Front Road Park (Both games at 6:30 p.m.)

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Tuesday Result

Leamington 7 Comber Legion Blues 2

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	12	3	1
Westpoint	12	4	2
Ticket Wicket/Champs	10	5	0
Kilroy's	9	6	1
Metro Catering	9	5	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	9	8	0
Gameworld/Metro	8	9	0
Amherstburg Braves	3	11	0
South Windsor	3	11	0
S Windsor Jr's	1	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	7	0

Thursday Results

Westpoint Indians	000 300 6-2	3 4
Metro Catering	002 300 x-5	5 1

Jeff Griffin (L/P), Steve Johnston (S) and John DeMarco, Ken Pinkowski (S); Roy Allen (WP) and Ron Jewell, Tap hitters: Ken Pinkowski 1/2, 2 RBI, Henry Jedlinski 1/2 (Westpoint); Roy Allen 1/1, Ron Jewell 1/1, 2 RBI (Metro Catering).

South Windsor	001 100 3-4	2 4
Kilroy's	004 212 x-18	16 3

Larry Champ (L/P) and Mark Labord; Paul Flynn (WP) and Dean Ataman, Tap hitters: Larry Champ 2/3 (South Windsor); Jim Brand 2/4, Shawn Jackson 2/4, Paul Curran 2/4, Neil Ataman 2/3, Steve Francis 2/3, Paul Flynn 3/4 (Kilroy's).

Monday Games

Windsor Body/Buck or Two vs. Westpoint Indians, 6:30 p.m.

South Windsor vs. Gameworld/Metro Sports, 8:30 p.m.

(Both games at Windsor Stadium) Penalty Box/SW Sales vs. Amherstburg Braves at Amherstburg, 8:15 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Thursday Results

Detroit 8-1 Samuel Plate Sales 4-10
Penalty Box 10 Amherstburg 5 (mercy rule)

Tuesday Games

Detroit vs. Penalty Box (2) at Wigle Park, 6:30 p.m.

Amherstburg vs. Samuel Plate Sales at Superior Park, 6:30 p.m.

Br. 578 Legion vs. McGregor at Co-As Park, 6:30 p.m.

B Division

Sunday Game

Novice 1 vs. St. Anne at St. Mary's Park, 6 p.m.

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Thursday Result

Leamington vs. Morpeth, no report

Friday Result

Comber Legion Blues 14 Morpeth 11

Sunday Games

Tilbury vs. Comber Legion Blues, 5 p.m.

Martin vs. Comber Legion Golds, 8 p.m.

Monday Game

Leamington vs. Martin, 8 p.m.

Wildcats roll: A bronze-medal performance by the Midget I team at a regional tournament last weekend has earned the club a trip to the provincial finals later this month.

The club rode the strong arm of Jen Malcolm after losing its opener 5-3 to Maryhill in the double-elimination tournament.

Following that defeat, Malcolm threw a two-hitter in a 7-0 mercy win over Kitchen-er.

Malcolm was again on the hill in a 1-0 nine-inning win over Thorold in which she allowed just three hits and struck out 11.

Malcolm then grabbed her third straight pitching win with a two-hitter in a 10-3 win over Maryhill.

Lindsay Hannon then followed with a two-hitter in an 8-1 win over Brampton that clinched the bronze medal before the club bowed out of the tournament with an 11-4 loss to Waterloo.

For the tournament, Jen Carriere batted .556, Colleen Caplin hit .521 and Sabrina Carter hit .313.

A top-two finish at the provincials will send the team to the national championships.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' Novice I team dropped a 6-1 decision to the hosts in the championship game of the St. Clair Shores girls' fastball tournament on the weekend.

Windsor defeated L'Anse Cruise 15-0, Marine City 19-2 and St. Clair Shores 15-2 in pool play to reach the final.

Erin Murphy led the attack with a .688 average and Jenny Fields batted .455 with four RBIs.



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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	13	4	0
Windsor Body/Buck	12	4	1
Kilroy's	10	6	1
Ticket Wicket/Champs	10	6	0
Metro Catering	10	5	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	10	8	0
Gameworld/Metro	8	10	0
South Windsor	4	11	0
Amherstburg Braves	3	12	0
S Windsor Jr's	1	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	8	0

Wednesday Result

Windsor Body/Buck or Two vs. South Windsor, no report

Tonight's Games

Gameworld/Metro Sports vs. Ticket Wicket at Windsor Stadium

Penalty Box/Southwest Sales vs. Westpoint Indians at Stodgell Park
Both games at 6:30 p.m.)

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Wednesday Result

WAA 8-13 Amherstburg 2-3

Tonight's Games

Detroit vs. McGregor (2) at Wigle Park, 6:30 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 578 vs. Samuel Plate Sales at Shore Acres, 6:30 p.m.

B Division

Wednesday Results

Sertoma vs. Novice #1, p.p.d.

LaSalle 12 St. Anne 3

Tonight's Game

St. Anne vs. Tecumseh at A.V. Graham School, 6:30 p.m.

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Tonight's Game

Leamington vs. Morpeth, 8 p.m.



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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	13	5	0
Windsor Body/Buck	12	4	1
Pen. Box/SW Sales	11	8	0
Kilroyz	10	6	1
Ticket Wicket/Champs	10	6	0
Metro Catering	10	5	0
Gameworld/Metro	8	10	0
South Windsor	4	11	0
Amherstburg Braves	3	12	0
S Windsor Jrs	1	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	8	0

Thursday Results

Gameworld/Metro Sports vs. Ticket Wicket, no report

Penalty Box/SWS 120 021 0-7 10 1
Westpoint Indians 001 001 0-2 5 1

Jim Tiessen (WP) and Rick Burns; S. Johnston (LP), A. McIntyre (6) and J. Demarco. Top hitters: J. Tiessen 2/3 3 rbi, D. Tazzman 2/3 1 rbi, J. Forster 2/3 (PBSW). HR: Tiessen.

Tonight's Games

Amherstburg Braves vs. Metro Catering, 6:30 p.m.

Kilroyz vs. South Windsor Jrs., 8:30 p.m.

(Both games at Windsor Stadium)

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Thursday Results

Detroit vs. McGregor (2) at Wile Park, no report

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 578 vs. Samuel Plate Sales at Shore Acres, no report

B Division

Thursday Result

St. Anne vs. Tecumseh, no report

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Thursday Result

Morpeth & Leamington 5

Tonight's Games

Comber Legion Golds vs. Comber Legion Blues

Merlin vs. Stoney Point

(Both games at 8 p.m.)

Wildcats win: The Windsor Wildcats girls' fastball teams picked up another couple of tournament championships over the weekend.

The Bantam I team travelled up to Port Huron and marched to the final of the double-knockout tournament with wins over Ann Arbor, West Branch, Saginaw and Stratford.

In the final, the unbeaten Wildcats faced Stratford and lost the first game 7-3, but bounced back to thrash Stratford 9-1 to win the tournament.

Picking up three wins on the mound for the Wildcats was Tracy Lambert while Chantelle Seguin, who hit .615 for the tournament, added a pair of pitching victories. Lindsey Kohutch batted .428.

At Chingaucousy, the Novice I team posted a 3-0 mark in pool play to reach the semi-finals against Guelph.

In the semis, Sarah Siddal belted a homer to snap a 7-7 tie and give the Wildcats an 8-7 victory.

The final was another tight battle but pitcher Angie Lauzon ensured herself of the win by scoring on a throwing error in the eighth inning in a 3-2 triumph over Brampton.

Lauzon, who is a reliever, Sheri Switzer and Christine Cushman combined in a pitching by committee system to win all five games.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Windsor Body/Buck	12	6	1
Westpoint	14	6	0
Ticket Wicket/Champs	12	6	0
Metro Catering	11	6	0
Kilroyz	10	7	1
Pen. Box/SW Sales	12	-8	0
Gameworld/Metro	8	10	0
Amherstburg Braves	5	12	0
South Windsor	4	13	0
S Windsor Jrs	1	6	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	9	0

Tuesday Results

Penalty/Southwest 000 101 0-2 5 1
Kilroyz 000 000 0-0 3 1

J. Tiessen (WP) and J. Chase; P. Flynn (LP) and S. Jackson. Top hitters: J. Batsan 2/3, J. Forster 2rbi (PBSW)

Westpoint Indians 11 Amherstburg Chiefs 0

Tonight's Game

Ticket Wicket/Champs vs. Metro Catering at Lanspeary Park, 6:30 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tuesday Results

Samuel Plate 1 WAA 0

Detroit 8-3 Legion Branch 578 7-11

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Tonight's Game

Comber Legion Blues vs. Comber Legion Golds

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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	15	6	0
Windsor Body/Buck	13	6	1
Metro Catering	13	6	0
Ticket Wicket/Champs	12	7	0
Pen. Box/SW Sales	12	7	0
Kilroyz	11	7	1
Gameworld/Metro	8	12	0
Amherstburg Braves	5	13	0
South Windsor	4	14	0
S Windsor Jrs	1	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	9	0

Tonight's Games

Ticket Wicket vs. Windsor Body/Buck or Two, 6:30 p.m.

Kilroyz vs. Gameworld/Metro Sports, 8:30 p.m.

(Both games at Windsor Stadium)

Metro Catering vs. Amherstburg Braves at Amherstburg, 8:15 p.m.

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tuesday Games

WAA vs. Royal Canadian Legion 578 at Superior Park

Penalty Box vs. McGregor at Co-An Park

(Both games at 6:30 p.m.)

B Division

Sunday Result

Sertoma vs. St. Anne, no report

Tonight's Game

Tecumseh Metal Products vs. Novice 1 at Wigle Park, 6:30 p.m.

SUN PARLOR LEAGUE

Sunday Results

Stoney Point def. Tilbury (score unavailable)

Comber Legion Blues 15 Morpeth 9

WINDSOR WILDCATS: Another weekend, another double gold-medal performance from the Windsor Wildcats.

The Midget II team and the Novice II team each claimed gold at the Chatham Summer Gold Tournament.

The Midget II team was 3-0 in pool play including an 18-1 win over Enniskillen, a 9-0 win over South London and a 17-0 win over Pointe Edward.

In the semis, the club scored a 7-6 win over Chatham, which bested them for provincial gold a year ago. The Wildcats Midget II team then concluded play with a

2-1 win over Milton.

Nicole Meloche was named MVP after batting .400 with a .750 on-base percentage and a .75 earned-run average allowing just one run in 10 innings.

Pitcher Cindy Vernes was 4-0 with a 1.08 ERA.

Offensively, Shari Andrew batted .714 and Tammy Page .615.

The Novice II team also went 3-0 in pool play before besting Sarnia 15-1 in the semis and then knocking off Byron 18-3 in the final.

In five games, the club outscored the opposition 82-11.

Natalie Taylor was named MVP. She batted .917 and hit a grand slam in the final.

Heather Vernes batted .900 and Terri-Lynn Owchar .725.

Meanwhile, the Midget I team was eliminated from the provincial championships in elimination play.

Playing a double-knockout format, the Midgets opened the tournament by dropping a 4-0 decision to Burlington. The Midgets rebounded for a 4-3 win over Guelph before being ousted from the tournament with an 8-6 loss to Waterloo.

Turtle Club: Jennifer Geary had two hits and drove in four runs as Turtle Club defeated South Canadians 9-3 Saturday in the Little League District 5 major girls' softball championship game.

Turtle Club will now represent District 5 in the provincial finals in Canterbury later this week.

Melissa Krisko allowed five hits in picking up the win as Turtle Club broke open a 3-3 tie with four runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Talya Natyshak had two hits for South Canadians and Alana Piche drove in a pair of runs.



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FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	17	6	0
Windsor Body/Buck	14	6	1
Metro Catering	15	6	0
Pen Box/SWSales	14	8	0
Ticket Wicket/Champs	13	9	0
Kilroyz	12	8	1
Gameworld/Metro	9	12	0
Amherstburg Braves	5	16	0
South Windsor	4	16	0
S Windsor Jrs	1	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	10	0

Monday Results

Amherstburg Braves	000 000 0-0-3-0
Ticket Wicket	000 000 1-1-2-0

Rod Kramer (WP) and Teo Metron. Top hitter: none. HR: Metron (TWC)

South Windsor	100 010 10-3- 9-2
Metro Catering	100 200 01-4-10-2

Tim Wittaker (WP) and Rod Drouillard; Dwayne Harris, Larry Champ (LP-6) and Mark Labord. Top hitters: John Jedinski 2/3 (SW); Jason Hallyburton 2/3 2 rbi, Kirk Ehgoetz 2/3, Ron Jewell 2/3 (MC). HR: Hallyburton

Tonight's Games

Gameworld/Metro Sports vs. Windsor Body/Buck or Two. 6:30 p.m.
Kilroyz vs. Westpoint Indians. 8:30 p.m.
(Doubleheader at Windsor Stadium)

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Tonight's Games

Detroit vs. Windsor AA. 6:30 p.m.
Detroit vs. Penalty Box. 8:30 p.m.
(Both games at Wigle Park)

Windsor South: Leslie Weinz tossed a no-hitter Thursday to lead Windsor South past Perth 18-0 at the Eastern Canadian senior girls softball championships in Ottawa.

The win advances unbeaten Windsor South club into Saturday's final of the four-team double knockout tournament.

Weinz, who had five strikeouts and three walks, got ample support from her catcher Kelly Zlotnik, who had two hits and two RBIs. Also chipping in with two hits and two RBIs was Carolyn Rivait.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Westpoint	19	6	0
Metro Catering	16	6	0
Windsor Body/Buck	14	7	1
Pen Box/SWSales	15	8	0
Ticket Wicket/Champs	13	10	0
Kilroyz	12	10	1
Gameworld/Metro	10	13	0
Amherstburg Braves	5	17	0
South Windsor	4	16	0
S Windsor Jrs	2	7	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	10	0

Thursday Results

Metro Catering	300 502 0-10 14 8
Gameworld	103 004 0- 8 5 1

Allen (W), Ehgoetz and Drouillard; Rock, Grenier (L) and Flammia Top hitters: Drouillard 3/4, Kaschak 3/3 (Metro) Kivenen 2/4

Kilroyz	020200 2-6 5 3
South Windsor	000 205 1-7 8 3

Francis (L), Flynn and Ataman; Champ (W) and Labord. Top hitters: Jackson 2/3 (Kilroyz), Taylor 3/3, Labord 2/3 (South)

Westpoint 7 Amherstburg Braves 1

Tonight's Game

Windsor Body/Buck or Two vs. Penalty Box/Southwest Sales. 6:30 p.m.

SUN PARLOUR LEAGUE

Thursday Result

Morpeth 8 Merlin 0

Tonight's Game

Stoney Point vs. Comber Legion Golds. 8 p.m.

Sunday Games

Leamington vs. Tilbury in Comber. 5 p.m.
Comber Legion Blues vs. Comber Legion Golds. 8 p.m.



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SENIOR GIRLS' SOFTBALL:

Windsor South bounced back from a Saturday defeat to knock off Fort Erie 6-3 Sunday and capture the title at the Eastern Canadian Little League senior girls' softball championships.

South will now represent Eastern Canada in the national championships in Duncan, B.C. later this month.

Leslie Weinz picked up the win Sunday on a three-hitter over seven innings while Cailin Bosnyak and Kelly Zlotnick drove in two runs apiece.

On Saturday, Weinz drove in both runs as South dropped a 4-2 decision to Fort Erie.

MAJOR GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Fort Erie thumped Turtle Club 16-2 in the championship game of the Eastern Canadian Little League major girls' softball finals on Monday.

Kelly Bondy and Sarah Katt each drove in one run for Turtle Club who earned a berth in the final by knocking off Fort Erie 12-8 on Sunday.

In that game, Bondy had three hits, Jenny Geary added two and Dawna Gorrell drove in three runs.

Earlier, Turtle Club defeated Alta Vista 9-6 with two hits apiece going to Tiffany Quinn, Rebecca Lozon and Katie Lynn.

South wins: Windsor South is off to Duncan, B.C. for the Canadian junior girls softball championship after capturing the Ontario title on the weekend.

Lesley Wienz earned the pitching win as Windsor South doubled Fort Erie 6-3 in the final. Kelly Zlotnik and Cailin Bosynak paced the offence, each driving in a pair of runs.

Baseball bits: The Windsor Wildcats' Novice II team will take on a visiting team from Kansas City, Kan. next Tuesday at Wigle Park. Game time is 8:30 p.m. ... The Detroit Tigers will stage an open tryout camp at Labatt Park in London on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp is open to players age 16 to 19. For more information or to register call 1-680-2099 ... The District Five Big League Girls all-star team will be in Fort Erie beginning Sunday for the Canadian championship ... The Windsor Wildcats' Midget II team finished third at the Waterfield Summer Spectacular over the weekend. Pitcher Cindy Vernes was 3-0 and Shari Andrew batted .636.

Softball: Windsor South split a pair of games on the weekend at the Canadian Little League senior girls softball championships in Duncan, B.C.

On Saturday, South made eight errors behind pitcher Carolyn Rivait, who allowed just five hits, in dropping a 4-2 decision to Central Saanich. Kelly Zlotnik drove in both runs for Windsor.

On Sunday, Zlotnik pitched the first two innings and kept the hosts from Duncan off-balance before Leslie Weinz came in and allowed just two hits over the next five innings in a 6-4 triumph.

Zlotnik and Rivait had two hits apiece to spark South's attack.

Today, South plays Calgary and a win will qualify the Windsor squad for the medal round.



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Windsor South: Windsor South got in a hole in the first inning and never got out of it as they were buried 12-5 Monday by Calgary at the Canadian Senior girls softball

championships in British Columbia. Windsor could have secured a berth in Thursday's final with a victory, but now will have to win two games in a three-team tie-breaker to earn the right to face undefeated Central Saanich, B.C.

Calgary, Duncan B.C. and Windsor all finished the round-robin at 1-2. Windsor faces Duncan today while Calgary has the bye and faces the winner of today's game Wednesday for a trip to the final.

Against Calgary, Windsor fell behind 5-1 after an error-plagued first inning.

Carolyn Rivait, who had one hit and one RBI, took the loss.

Meredith Popp had a pair of hits, including a home run, while Melissa Lovegrove had a hit and an RBI.

Softball: The Windsor District Five All-Stars will have a chance to gain revenge and a national title at the same time when they face Calgary in the Canadian Big League Girls Softball championship game in Fort Erie tonight.

Calgary, which is 2-0, downed Windsor 20-8 during round-robin play. To reach the final, Windsor, which is 2-1, downed Fort Erie 6-2 Tuesday in the semi-finals with Charlene Ladouceur picking up her second win of the tournament.

FASTBALL

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	T
Westpoint	20	6	0
Metro Catering	17	8	0
Windsor Body/Buck	17	8	1
Kilroyz	15	11	1
Pen.Box/SWSales	15	9	0
Ticket Wicket/Champs	14	10	0
Gameworld/Metro	10	14	0
Amherstburg Braves	6	17	0
South Windsor	5	19	0
S Windsor Jrs	1	8	0
Amherstburg Chiefs	0	10	0

Friday Results

Windsor Body 000 001 01-2-5-2
 Kilroyz 000 001 02-3-7-3
 Larry Lauzon (LP), Gary Geoffries (B) and Bob Kemier, Rob Elder (WP) and Dean Ataman. Top hitters: Joe Olivastri 2/3, Loras Muir 2/3 (Windsor Body); Jim Brent 3/4, Neal Ataman 2/3 (Kilroyz).
 South Windsor vs. South Windsor Jrs., no report

WINDSOR WILDCATS LEAGUE

A Division

Semi-finals

Tuesday Games

WAA vs. Samuel Plate Sales, 6:30 p.m.
 Penalty Box vs. Legion 578, 8:30 p.m.
 (Both games at Wigle Park)

No-hitter: Kirk Ehgoetz tossed a six-inning no-hitter and helped his own cause with a game-high three hits as Metro Catering blanked the Amherstburg Braves 11-0 Tuesday night at Windsor Stadium on the final night of the Municipal Fastball League's regular season.

Rod Drouillard caught the no-hit performance and also added a pair of hits.

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Windsor Wildcats: The Windsor Wildcats' Midget II team has qualified for the Ontario grand championships, which will be held Aug. 26-28 in Stratford.

The club earned that berth with a silver-medal performance at the regional tournament in London over the weekend.

The Wildcats opened the tournament with a 7-0 win over South London and then followed that up with a 7-0 win over Milton. In that game, Wildcats' pitcher Cindy Vernes tossed a no-hitter.

The club then dropped a 7-6 decision in extra innings to Brampton and was nearly eliminated after falling behind 7-0 to Niagara Falls before rallying for a thrilling 8-7 victory.

The club finally bowed out as Brampton once again handed them a one-run loss, this time by a score of 2-1.

For the tournament, Tina Page batted .438, Heather Bondy batted .429 and Laura Palamides batted .417.

Meanwhile, the Bantam I team bowed out of the Ontario Summer Games following two tough defeats. The Wildcats dropped a 4-1 decision to Erin Mills and then was edged by Oshawa 3-2.

This weekend, the Squirt team heads to Kingston for grand championship play. The club opens against Orleans on Friday.

Fastball: Sy Grenier was pitcher perfect for Gameworld in Municipal Fastball League playoff action on Wednesday, tossing a perfect game in a 17-0 shutout of the Amherstburg Chiefs.

Grenier struck out 16 of the 21 batters he faced and also contributed to the offence with two hits and a pair of RBIs.

Windsor Wildcats: The Windsor Wildcats' Squirt I team finished in fifth place at the provincial grands over the weekend at Kingston.

Windsor opened the tournament with an 18-2 win over Orleans, but dropped its second match by an 8-1 count to Brampton.

The club then rebounded for a 12-5 win over Waterloo and a 7-6 victory over Stouffville before bowing out of the tournament with a 12-3 loss to Markham.

For the tournament, pitcher Jodi Nelitz finished with 31 strikeouts in 18 innings.

Offensively, Christine Oldnall batted .533 with six RBI, Sara Tremaine batted .500 and knocked in five runs and Courtney Rivington batted .467 with six runs batted in.

Windsor Wildcats: The Windsor Wildcats' midget II team captured a silver medal over the weekend at the Ontario grand championships in Stratford.

The club opened the tournament with a 10-5 win over Barrie and followed that with a 7-6 extra-inning win over Cawthorn. The club then downed Owen Sound 2-1 before falling 4-3 to Brampton in the double-knockout tournament. The club rebounded to score a 6-2 win over Thorold, but settled for the silver when they fell to Brampton 7-0.

For the tournament, Tina Page batted .435, Sarah Ryall batted .400 and Heather Bondy batted .389. Pitcher Cindy Burns went 3-1 and fanned 25 batters in 27 innings.



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DON GILBERT and other area umpires share their secrets for coping with the toughest job in baseball. See reporter Mary Caton's story on B2

Callin' it like they see it

By Mary Caton
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They step up to the plate night after night but no one ever cheers for them.

If they have a good game, few people notice and fewer care.

Let them have a bad game and a chorus of complaints will rain down upon them from the stands and the dugouts alike.

Such is the accepted lot of a baseball umpire.

Still, guys like Clayt Tourangeau has called umpiring his hobby for 37 years. And Don Gilbert has strapped on a chest protector for 17 years.

Each man takes pride in his work and approaches the plate with a healthy dose of humor that seems key to their survival.

"It's a thankless job,"

Tecumseh Green Giants' manager Don Fields said. "But what I like about all those guys is that you can talk to them. They listen to what you're saying."

"All those guys love baseball," adds Bill Symonds who coached with the Tecumseh Green Giants for years. "They're not in it for a thousand bucks, that's for sure."

Money is definitely not the motivation for this trio. In fact, Ladouceur won't take any money for doing Little League games or any of the travel expenses incurred for doing an out-of-town Little League tournament.

Tourangeau has a standing offer to run umpiring schools free of charge to any baseball organization in the area

and Gilbert has been teaching for the Ontario Baseball Association since 1978.

"When I'm teaching, I talk about developing a thick skin," says Gilbert, 45, "I tell them don't let the parents get to you."

Turning a deaf ear to insults is definitely a trait most people learn to acquire over the years.

"THE BIGGEST problem I find now from when I started is the nature of the conversations," Gilbert said. "Before, a guy came out and discussed a play. Now, it's very personal. They tell you you're blind, you're brutal. It has nothing to do with what happened on the field."

"But, I still think a good umpire has to do everything they can to keep the guy in the game," Gilbert continued.

Tourangeau agrees.

"The thing to look for in an umpire is how are you going to handle yourself when you get in a pickle. Calling balls and strikes is no big deal. But how are you going to react when something goes wrong. I want to become part of the team."

I'm not there to dominate and nobody every paid one red cent to watch me umpire. What they do on TV, that's entertainment. You don't want to go nose-to-nose with anyone. If they have a legitimate beef you listen to them and when they're through then you tell them how you saw it.

"AFTER THAT, I say 'Are we done?' And if we are then I'm turning around and don't follow me because it's too damn much paperwork if you do."

Ladouceur, who has umpired at 13 Canadian championships and over 50 Ontario championships, uses creative thinking to quiet a bothersome agitator.

At one particular game, a heckler from the stands had a comment about every ball

and strike Ladouceur called. Finally, the teacher from Holy Names in Essex walked into the stands and sat down next to the heckler.

"I told the pitcher to go ahead and pitch the ball and he did and I called it a ball. The guy in the stands said, 'I get your point.' And he was quiet the rest of the game."

Another time, it was a player whose yapping forced Ladouceur into action. He asked the teenager who the best player on his team was and when he pointed a finger at a teammate Ladouceur told the yapper that if he mouthed off again, the star would be thrown from the game.



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Gilbert, who works at Ford, recalls the first time he was assigned to a women's fastball game. He decided to play the role of macho man and didn't bother bringing his chest protector to the game. He left the park with a bruised body and a bruised ego. Not only did the foul tips hit his

arms with stinging force, but he split the seat of his pants open in the third inning.

"From that day on, I've always brought two pairs of pants to a game and I've never gone without proper equipment."

The highlight of Gilbert's career was doing the world senior championships in Italy in 1988.

He called balls and strikes for Ben McDonald, now of the Baltimore Orioles. And the catcher was Ed Sprague, now of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Tourangeau has also done a number of international tournaments over the years and each New Year's Eve he raises a glass to his fellow officials.

"Every time we'd get together for a tournament we'd always say we'll write and stay in touch and we never do," the 58-year-old said of his international cohorts. "But the common holiday for all of us is New Year's Eve so one guy suggested we toast all of us on that day."

Afterall, if they don't toast themselves, who will?

Underhanded Hames leads Oakville



Burlington's Dick Hames threw a curve into the proceedings and helped the Oakville Old 'A's win its second consecutive Canadian Oldtimers Baseball Championship at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia last week.

Hames was one of three Burlington Hard Boys added to the team.

Hames, 58, toiled eight innings in four games, picked up three saves, struckout 10 and allowed just one unearned run.

Hurler Errolli Duncan, 59, pitched six innings in three games and also only gave up one unearned run. Rod Currie, 39, went 6-for-15 at the plate in the 16-team tournament.

Hames, of former fast-ball fame, throws underhand windmill fashion. His style was disputed several times during the tournament, but there was nothing in the rule book to stop him.

Oakville beat Tecumseh Green Giants, another Ontario entry, in the championship game, 2-1.

"They play against us here and they don't complain (about my pitching)," said Hames, "I got the last laugh anyway. In the last inning I had a runner on, so I switched to overhand and all they got were two popups and a groundout."

It is the fourth national championship for Hames in three different sports.

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Hard Boys' Avestel Credit Union Eagles (from left) Dick Hames, Erroll Duncan and Rod Currie display the gold medallions they earned for taking top spot in the Canadian Oldtimers Baseball championship for the second straight year. The three Hard Boys were members of the Oakville Old A's who successfully defended their 1993 championship, won at Hamilton last year.

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