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WILDCATS BRING HOME SILVER MEDAL

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High school girls softball all-stars



AMANDA BOISMIER

SCHOOL: Belle River
GRADE: 11
AGE: 16
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Third base
PLAYOFFS: 0-1

FUTURE PLANS: Return for Grade 12



RACHEL MACLEOD

SCHOOL: Belle River
GRADE: 10
AGE: 15
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Shortstop
PLAYOFFS: 0-1

FUTURE PLANS: Return for Grade 11



MEGHAN BASTIEN

SCHOOL: Forster
GRADE: 12
AGE: 18
THROWS: Right
BATS: Left
POSITION: Pitcher
REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 3-5
PLAYOFFS: Lost in

quarter-finals 13-8 to Essex
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Pitching a shutout against Amherst
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: Shut out Amherst
FUTURE PLANS: Undecided



LEANNE HARRIS

SCHOOL: F.J. Brennan
GRADE: 11
AGE: 17
THROWS: Right
BATS: Both
POSITION: Second and shortstop
REGULAR

SEASON RECORD: 5-2
PLAYOFFS: Lost in quarter-finals
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Making first team, grand slam
FUTURE PLANS: Go to university



MACKENZIE BRUNATO

SCHOOL: UMEI
GRADE: 11
AGE: 16
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Shortstop
REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 5-3

PLAYOFFS: 1-1
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Playing in the all-star game
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: Making the playoffs
FUTURE PLANS: Many more summers of ball



TANYA NASH

SCHOOL: Leamington
GRADE: 12
AGE: 18
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Third base
REGULAR

SEASON RECORD: 7-1
PLAYOFFS: Lost in quarters
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Discovering, "There's no pain in baseball."
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: New warm-up routine
FUTURE PLANS: University



ASHLEY WAGGOTT

SCHOOL: Kingsville
GRADE: 10
AGE: 15
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Shortstop
REGULAR SEASON

RECORD: 7-1
PLAYOFFS: Lost championship game to Essex
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Home run, 209 feet
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: The final game
FUTURE PLANS: To continue playing baseball, both hardball and slopitch



HEATHER MACKENZIE

SCHOOL: Essex
GRADE: 10
AGE: 16
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Second base and shortstop

REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 7-1
PLAYOFFS: 3-0 (WECSSAA champs)
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Turning four double plays this season
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: Winning WECSSAA
FUTURE PLANS: Return for Grade 11



HAYLEY MIDDLEMIST

SCHOOL: Leamington
GRADE: 12
AGE: 17
THROWS: Right
BATS: Right
POSITION: Left centre
REGULAR

SEASON RECORD: 7-1
PLAYOFFS: Not too good
INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHT: Unforgettable catch
TEAM HIGHLIGHT: Our new warm-up strategy
FUTURE PLANS: Unsure



EMILY PAUL

SCHOOL: Harrow
GRADE: 11
AGE: 17
POSITION: First base
FUTURE PLANS: Go back for my senior year (Grade 12) of high school

FASTBALL

Windsor Men's League

	W	L
Windsor Body	6	1
Metro Catering	4	3
Q-Stirs	3	4
Forest Glade	1	6

Thursday Results Windsor Body vs. Metro Catering at Windsor Stadium, 8:30 p.m.
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Wildcats golden The Windsor Wildcats bantam girls fastball team won the gold medal at the 7th Annual Interlakes U.S.S.S.A. Tournament on the weekend in Commerce, Mich. The Wildcats defeated Lady Irish (Toledo) 5-3. Ellen Sinclair was the winning pitcher. Rachel Macleod hit a two-run homer to break a 3-3 tie.

Windsor Lady Expos The Windsor Lady Expos 12-and-under fastpitch team won the consolation championship at the Chatham Summer Gold Tournament on the weekend.

The Lady Expos competed in the 14-and-under division, capturing the title with a 7-6 win over London.

Chanel Bouchard was selected tournament MVP.

The Squirt team will compete for the Ontario Championship Aug. 20-22 in Brantford.



Wildcats still perfect The Windsor Wildcats are 2-0 at the USSSA World Series in Columbus, Ind.

Windsor defeated Virginia 6-0. Ellen Sinclair threw a two-hitter and struck out 10.

The Wildcats face Ann Arbor today to round out pool play.

Windsor South 5 Ottawa 2 The Windsor South Canadians major boys are 1-0 after a 5-2 victory in seven innings at the provincial championships in Ottawa.

Zachary Hudson broke a 2-2 tie after six innings with a three-run homer.

Windsor will face East Nepean today.

Wildcats advance The Windsor Wildcats midget tier I team has advanced to the Ontario championships July 23-25 in Waterloo.

The Wildcats moved on to the provincials with a pair of wins on the weekend in Fort Erie.

Windsor knocked off Clarkson 6-3 and then scored a 2-1 win over Oakville to earn a spot. Michelle Baggio and Cindy Kavanaugh each batted .333 for the Wildcats at the qualifier.



Lady Expos win The Windsor Lady Expos squirt fastpitch team defeated Woodstock in the championship game at the Chatham Summer Gold Tournament on the weekend. Expos pitcher Lerren Ducharme was named tournament MVP. The Lady Expos head to Brantford Aug. 20 for the Tier I Ontario Championships.

Wildcats win The Windsor Wildcats bantam girls fastball team beat Ann Arbor 12-1 in the USSSA World Series in Columbus, Ind.

Ellen Sinclair was the winning pitcher. Alex Wiseman had three hits and Bethanie Wachna had four RBIs.

Wildcats lose in Columbus The Windsor Wildcats lost 1-0 to Louisville in the USSSA World Series in Columbus, Ind.

Ellen Sinclair allowed four hits and one unearned run.

Wildcats win The Windsor Wildcats bantam girls fastball team recorded an 8-2 record at the USSSA 16 and Under World Series in Columbus, Ind., placing sixth in a field of 54 teams.

The Wildcats were led by Alex Wiseman's 445 average and 18 RBIs, pitcher Ellen Sinclair posted a 5-1 record and batted .455 and Kandice Bagley had a 3-1 pitching record.

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Bantam Wildcats The Windsor Wildcats bantam girls team won the USSSA World Series Warm-Up Tournament in Commerce, Mich.

The Wildcats rolled to the title with a perfect 6-0 mark and outscored the opposition 43-2 in the process.

Pitcher Ellen Sinclair earned her fourth win of the tournament in the final while Kandice Bagley, who had the other two pitching wins, delivered the game-winning single in a 2-1 win over Kalamazoo.

Next up for the team is the USSSA World Series, which runs July 26 to Aug. 1 in Columbus, Ind.

Midget Wildcats The Windsor Wildcats Midget team also claimed its division at the USSSA World Series.

Pitcher Amanda Boismier fired two no-hitters at the tournament while Torey Gault and Cindy Kavanaugh each batted .556. Leanne Harris finished with a .462 average for the Wildcats, who are in Waterloo this weekend for the Ontario Provincial Championship.

Windsor wins tourney The Windsor Expos defeated Mississauga North 15-5 to win the Brantford Bantam Minor Tournament on the weekend.

The Expos, who suffered only one loss during round-robin play, defeated Brampton 8-7 in their semifinal game to earn a spot in the championship.

Turtle Club Amy Thompson knocked in a pair of runs to help Turtle Club to a 10-4 victory over British Columbia Monday at the Senior Girls Canadian Fastball Championship in LaSalle.

Also Monday, Turtle Club beat Windsor South 9-5 and B.C. defeated Alberta 15-3. Round-robin play continues today.



CONCENTRATION: Kelly Nelson of the LaSalle Turtle Club delivers a pitch against Alberta Tuesday at the Senior Girls Canadian Fastball Championships in LaSalle. The Turtle Club won 18-5. Star photo: Dan Janssen

FASTBALL

Windsor Men's League

Final Standings

	W	L
Windsor Body	14	6
Metro Catering	12	8
Q-Stars	10	10
Forest Glade	4	16

Semifinals

Monday, Aug. 16 Forest Glade vs. Windsor Body, 6:30 p.m.

Q-Stars vs. Metro Catering, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19 Metro Catering vs. Q-Stars, 6:30 p.m.

Windsor Body vs. Forest Glade, 8:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

■ **Canada vs. China – 6-9 p.m.** (TSN): Team Canada took on Chinese Taipei Saturday and Greece yesterday, and won the first game but lost the second. The Canucks get right back on the diamond today, facing a Chinese team that represents one of this sport's great enigmas. In the 1980s and '90s, the Chinese dominated international softball but, after a shakeup in their coaching ranks, have failed to win a medal of any colour since Atlanta in 1996. With that history in mind, Canada will be looking for a win in this one.



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Turtle Club advances Sunny McInnis bunted in Katlyn Wagner as the Turtle Club edged Laritz, B.C. 3-2 in the final of the Canadian Senior Softball Regional Tournament Thursday in LaSalle.

Wagner's winning run capped a come-from-behind effort in a game that saw Turtle Club down 2-0. Caroline Nelson pitched all seven innings for the victory.

Turtle Club advances to the Senior League Softball World Series in Delaware Sunday.



CONTACT: Tia Hughes of the Windsor Wildcats makes contact with the ball in the sixth inning of their game against Ottawa during the provincial women's softball championships in Jackson Park Friday. The Wildcats lost 3-2. *Star photo: Tim Fraser*

Windsor Central finish on top The Windsor Central Little League minor and major girls won gold medals at the Forest Glade Fastball Tournament. The minors defeated Chatham Eagles 17-9. The majors defeated Chatham Eagles 9-8 in seven innings.

SOFTBALL

■ **Canada vs. Chinese Taipei** – 7-10 p.m. (TSN): This opener will be a rematch of a game played at the start of the month, when Canada topped Taipei, 7-5, to win the Prague Softball Cup in the Czech Republic. Canadian Jackie Lance was named tournament MVP in Prague and her teammate Kristy Odamura was named its top pitcher, so look for those two to provide leadership in Athens.



Lance: Canadian MVP

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JUNIOR GIRLS ADVANCE

The Windsor South Canadian Junior Girls (ages 13-14) advanced to next week's Little League World Series in Kirkland, Wash.

In the final of the Canadian championship in Victoria, B.C., Windsor won 1-0 against Layritz, B.C.

Kelsey Schincariol allowed only five hits and Alex Passa stole home to score the only run. — Star News Services

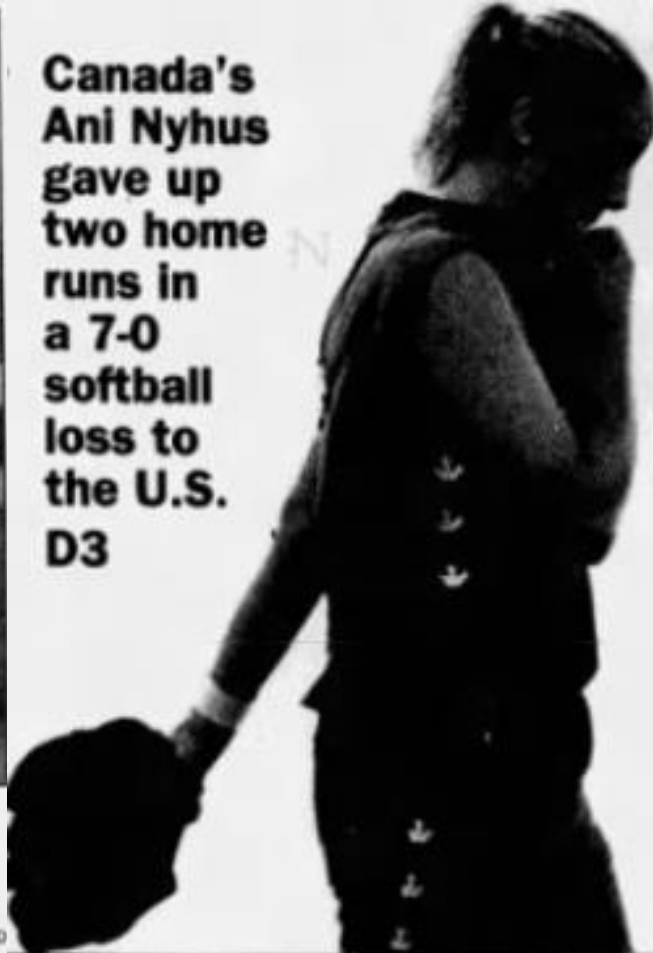
SOFTBALL

■ **Canada vs. United States** – 10 a.m. live, 6-11 p.m. encore (TSN): While the Canadian men's baseball team is looking for a pretty easy game today, their diamond compatriots in softball are facing a hugely difficult matchup in Athens. That's because Canada is facing the powerhouse Team U.S.A., the gold-medal favourite squad that boasts a 4-0 record thus far. But things might not be so daunting for the Canucks. Although their record is only 2-2, they've looked really good in their last two games. Canada started the Olympic tourney with a pair of losses, but stormed back with two shutout victories, 2-0 over Chinese Taipei on Saturday and 1-0 over Japan on Monday.



CANADIAN ACE: Lauren Bay throws a pitch against Japan Tuesday in Athens. Reuters photo

Canada's Ani Nyhus gave up two home runs in a 7-0 softball loss to the U.S. D3



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Caplin strikes gold Windsor's Colleen Caplin won a gold medal at the Canadian Senior Women's Fastpitch Championships in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Caplin played third base for the Brampton Blazers, who beat the Winnipeg Lightning 7-0 in the final. It was Caplin's sixth Canadian championship medal.



Fastball sweep The St. Clair Saints women's fastball team earned a double-header sweep over Canadore College Saturday. Saints pitcher Sara Smith allowed only one earned run, striking out six batters in the 3-2 victory in game one. Maggie Gray ripped a key bases-loaded triple to secure a 7-1 win in the second game.

Saints split In OCAA women's fastball, the St. Clair Saints split a pair of Saturday games against Conestoga. Sara Smith struck out six batters as St. Clair won 2-1 in the first game. Conestoga took the second game 3-0.

Lancers split The University of Windsor Lancers women's fastpitch team won two of their four games on the weekend.

Torey Gault and Johanna Zerasa both went three-for-three with Gault batting in a pair of runs in the Lancers' 7-0 win over York Saturday.

Windsor pitcher Kerri Maurina went the distance, striking out four batters and allowing only four hits.

Also Saturday, Windsor defeated Waterloo 6-0 and fell 2-0 to Toronto. Sunday, Guelph defeated Windsor 6-1.

Smith on fire St. Clair's Sara Smith earned her third win of the season as the Saints defeated Cambrian in a women's fastball doubleheader Saturday.

Smith recorded four strikeouts and went four-for-five to lead the Saints to an 8-7 win in the first game.

Smith and rookie outfielder Jen Legge each scored a pair of runs as the Saints (5-3) defeated Cambrian 12-0 for the sweep.

Windsor Lancers
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St. Clair advances The women's fastball team at St. Clair College advanced to the Final Four OCAA Championships at Seneca College Oct. 22-23. St. Clair (6-4) defeated Seneca 9-5 in the second game of a doubleheader. Jackie Desjardins recorded the win and Maggie Galamb went 3-for-3. In the first game, the Saints lost 5-3.



ON TARGET: St. Clair's Michelle Butler pitches Wednesday during a 6-4 loss to the Lancers in an exhibition fastpitch game at Jackson Park. Both teams are preparing for this weekend's playoffs.
Star photo: Brent Foster

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Multi-sport talent made Haidy 'King'

Excelled at hockey, fastball

By DAVE WADDELL,
STAR SPORTS WRITER

Gord Haidy, one of the greatest all-around athletes to ever call Windsor home, died Wednesday after a long illness. He was 76.

With a competitive edge to match his athletic ability, Haidy excelled in hockey, baseball and was considered in his prime to be one of the premier fastball pitchers in Canada.

But, while his bold and aggressive play on the rink and on the field earned him professional offers from the Detroit Red Wings as well as several major league ball clubs, Haidy preferred to let others do the talking about his accomplishments.

"My dad never talked much about himself," said his son, Marty Haidy.

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"He'd tell stories, but they were usually about other guys he played with. I found out more about his playing days from people like (former Wings) Jimmy Skinner, Marcel Pronovost and Johnny Wilson. They spoke highly of him which is something I'm proud of."



Gord Haidy

One such tale involves Haidy and Gord Howe accepting invitations to the Detroit Tigers' training camp in the late 1940s.

Legendary Wings coach/GM Jack Adams would have none of it and told the pair to pack in the ball games or they'd never play hockey again.

"I figured I'd get more of a chance in hockey," Haidy said in a Windsor Star article in 1993 about his decision to spur the Tigers' offer and those from Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Haidy's passion for baseball was filled on the local diamonds in the Windsor and Detroit area. He won three Senior A fastball championships, one Detroit Baseball Federation Class A title and pitched five no-hitters.

Struck out 23 batters

In one game in 1955, he struck out 23 batters. In another, he tossed a no-hitter after coming on in relief of the starter who'd walked the first four batters.

Such pitching prowess earned him the nickname "The King."

On the ice, Haidy was a hard-nosed right winger with a gift for scoring and a fiery temper.

Haidy was the leading scorer for Windsor during the two seasons he played for the Spitfires and became the property of the Detroit Red Wings when they made the club a farm team.

In 1948-49, he joined the Indianapolis Capitals of the AHL and won a league title with them a year later.



CUP OF COFFEE: Gord Haidy played one game in the NHL. File photo

Haidy tangled with Adams

Tiff with GM hindered career

The Wings wanted to sign Haidy to an NHL contract when he once again butted heads with Adams.

"He told me he missed a meeting to discuss a contract with Jack Adams and Adams was so furious he told my dad he'd never play in the NHL," said Marty Haidy, who said the recent death of his brother Gord Jr. in a motorcycle accident took a toll on his father.

"Chicago wanted him, but the Wings wouldn't release him."

In 1950, Haidy played in his only NHL game, a 2-1 overtime victory for the injury-riddled Wings against the Maple Leafs in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup semifinals.

After a one-year stint with New Westminster in the WHL in 1952-53, Haidy returned to play for the Windsor Bulldogs Senior A team for nine seasons.

He finished fourth in Bulldogs all-time scoring (232-229-461) and set club records during the 1953-54 season for most goals (47) and penalty minutes (191).

Haidy, who was inducted into the Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, is survived by his wife Lorraine, nine children and many grandchildren.

SAINTS DROP TWO

Jackelyn Desjardins had a hit and five strikeouts Saturday as the St. Clair women's fastball team dropped a pair of games to Durham College.

Desjardins went the distance in a 2-0 loss in the first game of the afternoon doubleheader.

Desjardins combined with Michelle Butler for a 5-0 loss in the second game.

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The Saints (6-6) face the Mohawk Mountaineers (7-3) at 3 p.m. and a victory guarantees a medal in this double elimination format.



Cindy Bentley

"We lost two close games to them (Mohawk) during the season," Saints assistant coach Cindy Bentley said. "But our bats have been coming around lately. If the bats are there, we're going to be in the money."

The Saints return just four players — outfielder Jessica McCullough, outfielder April Lounsbury, shortstop Lindsay Verkoeyen and pitcher Sara Smith — from last year's team.

"It's a different club," said Bentley, who assists head coach Bill Smith. "It's different leadership and a lot of new talent."

Second-year player Verkoeyen has really stepped into a leadership role, according to Bentley.

"She's been swinging an excellent bat. Defensively, we had to move her to short from third base because of an injury but she's done the job there too."

Verkoeyen, who batted .317 over 12 games, feels the Saints have the right recipe to medal after failing to do so in 2003 when they hosted the OCAAs at Mic Mac Park.

Plenty of talent

"We had a lot of talent out this year and we've built on that and progressed," the second-year architecture student said. "Last year, we had awesome defence but we didn't have the bats. This year, the bats have been awesome and the defence is still solid."

Newcomers like second baseman Maggie Gray, with a team-leading .415 average and nine runs batted in, and Jackelyn Desjardins, with a .320 average, have shored up the offence.

Pitching remains solid with Sara Smith on the mound.

She worked 35.33 innings for a 3-2 record and 3.17 earned run average. The Saints are without Melissa Galamb's 1.77 earned run average due to a season-ending knee injury but Desjardins (1.75 ERA over 12 IP) has helped fill the void.

Smith will get the call against Mohawk today. The tournament concludes Saturday.

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POWER SUPPLY: Jackie Desjardins has helped shore up the Saints' offence. Star photo: Brent Foster

Saints bank on bats

Playoffs to begin today in Toronto

By MARY CATON
STAR SPORTS WRITER

The St. Clair Saints are hoping their bats will carry them to a medal at the OCAA women's fastball championships which open today in North York.

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Lancers in tough against top seed

Fastball playoffs kick off today

BY MARY CATON
STAR SPORTS WRITER



"During the season, we lost to Toronto 2-0 but we stranded 13 runners, so we've got a good shot."

Not a power lineup, the Lancers, who clinched the Western division with a seventh-inning rally against the University of Western Ontario on the final weekend of the season, rely on making contact and aggressive base running.

Defensively, the Lancers are solid up the middle with Laura Sovran catching, Katie Pitkin at short and Torey Gault at second.

Solid rotation

"We are good defensively but we can't win without hitting," said Sovran, who will catch starting pitcher Kerri Maurina against Toronto.

Sovran likes the rotation Windsor has on the mound with Maurina, Shannon Mosdell and Leslie Weinz.

"Our pitching depth is a lot better than last year," Sovran said.

Last year, the Lancers played a 10-game exhibition schedule (going 6-4) as they work their way towards official varsity status.

Now considered a club sport, Stamatidis said it could be anywhere from one year to 10 before the league gains OUA approval.

The OIWA championships are a round-robin format. Windsor will play Carleton (15 points) at 4 p.m. Saturday and Western (18 points) at 8 p.m.

As well as hot bats, the Lancers are hoping for at least lukewarm weather in the nation's capital.

"I hear it's already snowed up there," said Sovran, shivering at the thought.

"We're good defensively but we can't win without hitting."

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Lancers earn silver

Women's fastball team just misses golden finish

STAR STAFF

The Windsor Lancers won a silver medal at the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastball Association championship tournament in Ottawa on the weekend.

In just their second year of existence, the Lancers came within an extra base hit of winning gold.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

They loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh inning Sunday against Guelph but managed to push across just one run in a 5-3 loss.

Windsor third baseman Johanna Zerafa was named the MVP of the final for her defensive play at the hot spot.

The Lancers knocked off Ottawa, the defending champs, 8-1, in a Sunday morning semifinal behind the three-hit performance of Erin Kanaly. Kerri Maurina was the winning pitcher.

In earlier tournament action, Windsor lost 7-6 to Western. They beat Carleton 5-1 behind the pitching of Shannon Mosdell and two hits from Amy Tiffin.

Windsor opened the championships with a 5-0 extra-inning victory over Toronto. Maurina pitched all eight innings for the shutout. Zerafa chipped in a two-run single.

Quick exit for St. Clair Saints It was two games and out for the St. Clair Saints at the OCAA women's fastball champi-

onships in North York on the weekend.

The Saints lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Mohawk Friday to start the tournament when the Mountaineers pushed a run across against pitcher Sara Smith in the first inning and made it stand up.

Smith gave up just three hits over seven innings.

St. Clair's second loss in the double elimination format came Saturday, 6-3 to Seneca which broke open a 1-1 game with a five-run rally in the fifth.

Jackie Desjardins started on the mound for St. Clair but Smith was tagged for the loss in relief.

For the second straight game, the Saints outhit their opponent, this time 9-6.

Smith and shortstop Lindsay Verkoeyen were named OCAA all-stars.



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