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Bronze for Expos

The Windsor Lady Expos novice baseball team defeated Chatham 20-2 for a bronze medal on the weekend at the Waterloo Ghosts Invitational.

The Expos, who lost 7-5 to Chepstow in the semis, were 2-1 in pool play with wins over Palmerston and Waterloo and a loss to Stratford.

Pitchers Maddie McCloskey and Jaymie Mailloux recorded shutouts.

Michaela Rilett and Mackenzie Siddall led an offence that scored 55 runs over five games.

Lauren Lefler hit a home run.

Silver finish

The Windsor Lady Expos Tier II midget team earned a silver medal on the weekend at a tournament in Halton Hills, losing 7-2 in the final against the Scarborough Stringrays.

The Expos, who were defending their title, went 3-0 in pool play and beat Guelph and Palmerston in elimination play to advance to the final.

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	W	L	T
Genuine Photo	2	0	2
Windsor Reds	3	2	0
Divine Intervention	2	3	0
Windsor Rockies	0	3	2

Lady Expos golden

The Windsor Lady Expos 18U team captured gold in the A Division on the weekend at the Motor City Showdown in Canton, Mich.

The Expos (5-1-1) defeated the Diamonds of Grand Rapids 7-5 in the title game.

In semifinal action, they beat the Oakland Sidewinders 5-3.

It's their second tournament win of the season.

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Windsor Wild capture gold medal at USSSA fastball U18 championship

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The Windsor Wild fastball team won the USSSA 18-and-over SGS Shootout fastball tournament on the weekend in Toledo.

The Wild went undefeated in the single elimination playoffs en route to defeating the Ohio Cougars 6-2 for the title.

Pitchers Kandice Bagley and Candace Gatecliffe helped lead the team to the victory. Brittany Shepley made key catches in centre field and Trisha Whaley's three-run homer in the first inning of the quarter-finals set the tone in a 4-0 win against the Southwest Wizards.

The Wild earn a berth at the USSSA World Series later this month in Columbus.

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Wild qualify for softball nationals

The Windsor Wild women's softball team qualified for the Canadian intermediate Tier I championships after a second-place finish at the Open Division Provincial Championships in Byron, Ont.

The Wild dropped the second game of a final doubleheader 4-2 against Byron after blanking them 3-0 in the first game.

Ellen Sinclair was the tournament-leading hitter with a .690 batting average while Alex Wiseman hit .525 and Keri Bagley batted .475 for Windsor, which beat the Hamilton Pontiacs 11-8 in semifinal action.

Kallie Desjarlais homered and was named defensive player of the tournament for the Wild, which competes for the national title Aug. 20-22 in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Fastball champs

The Windsor Lady Expos 11U and Wildcats 10U squirt fastball teams are off to the Tier I provincial championships from Aug. 13-15 in Guelph.

The Wildcats finished second and the Expos finished third at qualifiers on the weekend in Brantford.

Also in Brantford, the Windsor Wildcats 11U team qualified for the Tier II division of the provincial championships following a 2-2 record.

Lady Expos second

The Windsor Lady Expos Novice 14U team reached playoff action Sunday at the J.P. Wilde Memorial baseball tournament in Toledo, Ohio, where they lost 2-1 to the Adrian Lookouts.

Natalia Younan, Michaela Rilett and Caitlyn Hillman led the offence, while Maddie McCloskey, Jaymie Mailloux and Mackenzie Siddall led the team in pitching.

Expos golden

The Windsor Lady Expos novice team captured gold at the Tier II provincial qualifiers on the weekend at the Ciociaro Club, defeating the Windsor Wildcats 4-0 in the final.

Maddie McCloskey was the winning pitcher while Brooke Prior, Michaela Rilett, Lauren Lefler and McCloskey led the offence for the Expos.

Jaycie Miller and Jada Adkins were the top hitters for the Wildcats, who join the Expos at the provincial novice Tier II championships Aug. 6-8 in Vaughan.

Softball berth

The LaSalle Turtle Club senior girls fastball team earned a berth at the Little League senior girls softball world series following an 11-8 win over the Windsor South Canadians Saturday at Central Park.

Joya Germanese went 3-for-4, Victoria Brunet was 2-for-3, Amanda Simke pitched a complete game and Amber Gelinhas had three shoestring catches.

The world series is Aug. 8 in Roxana, Del.

Wildcats golden

The Windsor Wildcats 10U girls fastball team won gold at the Michigan Outlaws girls fastball tournament on the weekend in Sterling Heights, Mich., defeating the Michigan Outlaws Black 8-0 in the finals.

Wildcats pitchers Alyssa Matton, Lauryn Debono and Tala Dean gave up six runs in five games while leading the offence were Lauryn Debono (0.636), Tala Dean (0.571), Alyssa Matton (0.500) and Alyssa Puskaric (0.416).

The Wildcats (5-0) beat the Macomb Eagles 6-4 in the semi-finals and also had wins over Extreme Fastpitch 9-1, the Oakland Edge 13-1 and the Michigan Vipers 10-0.

They will head to Pickering July 30 for a provincial qualifier.

Expos even

The Windsor Lady Expos Novice team went 2-2 at the Michigan Outlaws Last Chance tournament in Sterling Heights on the weekend, with wins against the Macomb Eagles 4-3 and the Michigan Outlaws 6-5 and losses to the Oakland Edge 9-2 and the Wild Black 8-0.

Mackenzie Siddall and Natalia Younan led the offence and Jaymie Mailloux and Maddie McCloskey were the pitchers for the Expos, who next compete at a provincial qualifier this weekend at the Ciociararo Club.

Fastball gold

Hitchcock Chevrolet won the Sportsfest Ladies' Fastball League championship this week 6-1 over Timeout Bar and Grill.

Allie Telfer scattered four hits over six innings for the win.

Timeout defeated Foolery's 2-1 to advance to the finals against Hitchcock.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

	W	L	T
Windsor Reds	11	4	0
Windsor Rockies	8	6	2
Genuine Photo	7	7	2
Divine Intervention	4	13	0
Thursday Results	Reds 13	Rockies 6	
Divine Intervention 6	Genuine Photo 5		

Late rally

The Turtle Club scored four runs in the top of the seventh inning, including Joya Germanese's two-run single, to win Game 2 of the senior girls District 5 championships 9-6 over the Windsor South Canadians Thursday at Central Park.

Amanda Simke was the winning pitcher.

With the series in a 1-1, a deciding Game 3 is today at Central Park at 6:20 p.m.

S. Canadians out

The Windsor South Canadians major girls softball team were eliminated in Monday's semifinal at the Canadian Softball Championships in Victoria, B.C.

The Canadians lost 13-2 to Layritz, B.C.

On world stage

The Windsor South Canadian junior girls softball team leave this week for the Little League World Series in Kirkland, Wash.

They open the championship against a team from the South-east U.S. Sunday at 2:45 p.m.

Double victory

The Windsor Lady Expos Novice team earned two victories Wednesday at the Canadian National Championships in Ille Perrot, Que.

The team started with a win over the Whitby Eagles 9-0 and defeated the team from Manitoba, the Winnipeg Rebels 12-1 in the afternoon.

Lady Expos undefeated at nationals Unbeaten Expos

The Windsor Lady Expos are 6-0 heading into the double-knock-out playoff round of the Pee wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship in Ille Perrot, Que.

Friday they beat Cole Harbour 15-0 and Lac St. Louis 16-1.

They take on Winnipeg Lightning today at 2 p.m.

The bronze medal game is Sunday at noon while the final is at 3 p.m.

Wildcats soar

The Windsor Wildcats 11U team beat Oakville 15-0 in their B division opener at the provincial fastball championships Friday in Guelph.

In other action, the Wildcats 10U team lost 4-0 to the Windsor Lady Expos in an A division opener and the 9U Wildcats won their opener in Halton Hills.

Games continue through the weekend with playoffs Sunday.

Wildcats sweep

The Windsor Wildcats 11U squirts girls softball team won the provincial Division B championship on the weekend in Guelph.

Windsor (4-0) swept Oakville in a two-game series final, 9-6 and 14-9.

Pitchers Kiana Freeland and Kyleen Wilson each earned two wins.

MVP Nicole Bondy batted 10-for-15 recording two home runs, doubles and triples and 15 RBIs.

Wilson was 11-for-16 with nine RBIs, Chelsea Salter was 8-for-16 and Robyn Marentette was 7-for-15.

In the Division A championships, the Wildcats 10U team went 0-2 and missed the playoffs.

The 9U team finished 1-2 in Halton Hills.

Newton ahead of learning curve

Catholic Central graduate has athletic pedigree

JIM PARKER
The Windsor Star

Samantha Newton doesn't expect the learning process to slow down this season.

Newton helped the St. Clair College Saints to an OCAA women's fastball title last season and earned league rookie of the year honours as well as being named championship MVP.

She was also a member of the Windsor Wild baseball team, which won a silver medal at the provincial championships

earlier this summer.

"I never expected anything big of the year," the 20-year-old Newton said.

The pharmaceutical technician major also became the first female freshman to earn the Al Hoffman Outstanding Achievement Award as St. Clair's student-athlete of the year.

"I didn't start out great at all," Newton said of her first year with the Saints.

"I tried out, but I didn't show I could throw (because of an injury)."

She was third on the Saints in runs batted in and once she got throwing, she wound up finishing fourth in the OCAA with a 2.59 earned-run average and created a dynamic pitching duo with Candice Gatecliffe.

See NEWTON, B2



TYLER BROWNBIDGE/*The Windsor Star*

Samantha Newton was the first female to win St. Clair College's top athlete award in her first year.

Newton set for new season

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"I learned so many things," said the five-foot-six Newton, who is a Catholic Central high school grad.

"I played little league before, but this is way better. Compared to that, it's 10 times better playing (at St. Clair)."

Newton put her arm on hold this summer while playing for the Wild where Gatecliffe and Kandice Bagley took care of the pitching.

"They've been doing it longer," Newton said.

"I played shortstop and bat-

ted fourth, but I'll pitch again at St. Clair."

Newton's family has a long list of athletic achievement.

Her grandfather was a professional football player, an aunt was a pro figure skater and a cousin went to the Olympics in BMX cycling.

A one-time hockey player with the Windsor

Wildcats, Newton seems to have found her comfort zone pitching.

"I never expected athlete of the year and I'm sure everyone is expecting a lot," Newton said of the upcoming season.

"I'll play better because I've learned so much."

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Samantha Newton
TYLER BROWNBIDGE
The Windsor Star



Lady Expos golden

The Windsor Lady Expos novice team captured gold at the Canadian championships on the weekend in Quebec.

In the final, the undefeated Expos (9-0) beat the Chepstow Diamonds 4-3 after 10 innings.

Wildcats start strong

The Windsor Wildcats novice girls fastball team won their opener 16-1 over P.E.I. Thursday at the Eastern Canadian Championships in St. John, N.B.

Hannah McClounie and Mandy Johnston were both 3-for-3 while Jada Akins was the winning pitcher.

Today, the Wildcats face New Brunswick at 9:30 a.m. and Nova Scotia at 1:30 p.m.

Double victory

The Windsor Wildcat novice girls fastball team recorded wins over New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Friday at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Saint John.

In the first game, the Wildcats beat Saint John 10-3.

Sierra Johnston was the winning pitcher while Hailey Bondy hit a two-run homer.

In the second game, the Wildcats defeated Nova Scotia 8-1.

Jada Akins earned the win on the mound while Hannah McClounie hit a home run.

Today, the Wildcats play Quebec's second team at 8 a.m. and Newfoundland at 11 a.m.

Wildcats sweep

The Windsor Wildcats novice girls fastball team swept the Eastern Canadian Championships on the weekend, including an 8-1 win Sunday over Napanee in the final.

Hailey Bondy and Bailey Dell were top hitters, Mandy Johnstone had the game winning RBI and Jada Akins was the winning pitcher.

Saturday, the Wildcats (7-0) beat Quebec Etoiles in an elimination round 20-3. Sierra Johnston was the winning pitcher and also helped lead the offence.

Also leading the Wildcats were Natasha Paolatto and Hannah McClounie, who was named top hitter of the tournament.

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Wildcats roar

Hailey Bondy and Bailey Dell led Windsor's offence as the Wildcats beat Napanee 8-1 Sunday for the novice girls title at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Saint Johns, N.B.

Dell had the game-winning RBI and Jada Akins was the winning pitcher for the Wildcats, who went 7-0 at the tournament.

Also leading the Wildcats were Natasha Paolatto and Hannah McClounie, who was named the tournament's top hitter.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

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Games at Windsor Stadium

Windsor Rockies vs. Windsor Reds

(Windsor Reds lead series 1-0)

Thursday Games Reds 5 Rockies 4

Thursday, Sept. 9 Reds vs. Rockies

Monday, Sept. 13 Rockies vs. Reds

Thursday, Sept. 16 Reds vs. Rockies

If necessary, subsequent games played on

Mondays and Thursday

Two-time defending champion Saints open OCAA fastball season Saturday

The St. Clair Saints, the two-time defending provincial women's fastball champions, will open their OCAA season with a two-game homestand on the weekend.

The Saints will face Seneca College Saturday and Conestoga Sunday on the campus Diamond at St. Clair College. Both games are at noon.

Returning players include catcher Keri Bagley, who led the team in batting (.429), RBI leader Trisha Whaley, pitcher and OCAA championship MVP Samantha Newton, OCAA all-star Kandice Bagley and Team

Canada catcher and third baseman Jennifer Gilroy.

New to the team are three former Windsor Lady Expos — Lisa Ternosky (Assumption), Ashlee Thibeault (Holy Names) and Andrea Ruys (Herman).

Admission is free on the weekend and complimentary hot dogs and pop will be served.

In addition, the Windsor Wildcats' squirt teams will play an exhibition game following Sunday's game.

Lancers take field

The women's fastpitch team at the University of Windsor will host Carleton and Ottawa for its opening weekend at the Ciociaro Club.

The Lancers take on Carleton Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m. and Ottawa Sunday at noon and 2 p.m.

Newton sweeps

The St. Clair College women's fastball team swept Conestoga in a doubleheader Saturday in Kitchener.

St. Clair's Samantha Newton pitched both games, improving her record to 4-0.

Newton also went 4-for-7 with three RBIs and a homer; Lyndsay Schincariol was 3-for-6 with four RBIs and Trisha Whaley was 4-for-6.

The Saints host doubleheaders against Mohawk (2-3) Wednesday at Jackson Park at 5 p.m. and first-place Durham (5-0) Saturday at St. Clair at noon.

Saints sweep

The women's fastball team at St. Clair College swept Mohawk College in a doubleheader Wednesday in Windsor. St. Clair's Kandice Bagley pitched a no-hitter for a 10-1 victory in the first game. In the second game, St. Clair's Samantha Newton pitched a three-hitter in a 5-0 win.



Baseball spat sparks probe

Windsor coach, parents tossed from park in New Brunswick

MARY CATON
The Windsor Star

The Ontario Provincial Women's Softball Association is investigating a report that coaches and parents from a Windsor Wildcats team and a Napanee team got into a physical confrontation as the two clubs played for the eastern

Canadian novice girls' fast-ball championship final in New Brunswick last weekend.

Wildcats head coach Bill Bondy has been asked to file a report by Tuesday to the PWSA and to Bev Adams, the president of Softball New Brunswick and the tournament's umpire in chief.

A Toronto Sun story said a



Bill Bondy

"I did not see (any) punches thrown," Bondy said Friday.

"I'm unsure of that (kicking incident) too.

"I was in left field with my player."

Windsor assistant coach punched a Napanee parent and that the mother of a Windsor player joined in the fray and kicked a Napanee parent.

Bondy said his report will lay blame on the umpiring crew working the championship game for 13 and 14 years old girls.

Bondy said the trouble began when a Wildcats baserunner ran over Napanee's third baseman.

The Napanee player was shaken up on the play and it was her father who raced around from the first base side of the park to start yelling at the Windsor player.

Bondy said when the umpires didn't intervene, Wind-

sor assistant coach Rod Drouillard went outside the fence to get help from Adams and the umpire in chief.

Bondy, who was the third base coach, said that's when Drouillard got caught up in a confrontation with the Napanee dad.

Drouillard, who denies punching the man, was tossed from the park along with the Windsor mom and the Napanee dad.

See BONDY, E2
Selects glance, E5

Bondy says officials slow to act



NICK BRANCACCIO/*The Windsor Star*

Windsor Wildcats women's fastpitch coach Bill Bondy.

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Bondy said Drouillard and the Napanee dad wound up shaking hands and watching the end of the game from the flat bed of a pickup truck outside the park.

They were both allowed back inside the park to watch the medal presentations after Windsor won 8-1.

"They shook hands and came back in to watch the ceremony and take pictures of their daughters," Bondy said.

"I'm going to be very surprised if there's any disciplinary action.

"I wish the officials had taken over a lot quicker.

"I guarantee you start throwing people out and it will stop all the other people in a hurry. Nobody was ejected until after all this happened."

Bondy said the umpires stayed on the diamond but made no effort to separate the coaches as they argued whether or not the Windsor player intentionally bowled over the Napanee fielder.

"I was hoping the officials could take control of it and they didn't," Bondy said.

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"THE FEMALE COACHES KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN A GUY COACH WOULD."

OLIVIA GYORI

The feminine touch

Lady Expos win national title with style, grace

BOB DUFF
The Windsor Star



NICK BRANCACCIO/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos coach Tamara Siddall, right, instructs Maddie McCloskey on how to lay down a bunt during a practice at Jackson Park. Watching are Siddall's sister, Joslyn Lefler, also a Ladies Expos coach, from left, Caitlyn Hillman and Lauren Williams.

The Lady Expos coaches have come to expect this sort of behaviour from their players.

In fact, they demand it. Siddall and Lefler are well-versed in adolescents and their needs.

Both doctors who work out of the Windsor-Essex Teen Health Centre, they take a different approach to running a bench and training a team.

"I think our perspective on adolescents is probably different than most adults," Lefler said.

"We're able to transfer the information and knowledge and skills that we've learned from working with teens into our coaching situations, and help them become successful people."

Siddall first encountered the Expos' program as a parent

when her older daughter Brooke played for the organization, and admired the approach they took to youth sports.

"I liked the attitude that they're not just developing athletes, but they're developing young girls who will be confident and will persevere in life, and hopefully grow up to be good mentors and coaches themselves," said Siddall, who

quickly realized she wanted to play a larger role.

Five years ago, when a team was without coaches, Siddall and Lefler quickly volunteered to fill the void.

"Our first priority is that they improve their self-esteem and their self-confidence, and learn to use those skills in everyday life," Lefler said.

They begin the girls with a straightforward mantra.

Don't worry about errors, hits, or umpiring calls.

"Those other factor you have no control over, but you always have control over your attitude," Lefler said.

"You are responsible for your attitude."

Baseball is a challenging sport to the character and the psyche of the player due to its humbling nature.

With hitting and pitching intertwined amidst group efforts in the field of play Siddall describes it as, "the individual team sport."

"Often during a game, you'll experience every emotion," Siddall said.

"The key is to persevere and realize that baseball is a game of failure."

When those difficult moments arise, that's when it's proven valuable not merely to have two women for the players to turn to, but two women with extremely high levels of adolescent acumen at their disposal.

"They're more sensitive to what's going on," said catcher Natalin Younan, 13.

"They understand us better." "The female coaches know what we're talking about more than a guy coach would," added second baseman-outfielder Olivia Gyori, 14.

See LADY, E2

Saints face Durham

The men's baseball and women's fastball teams at St. Clair College will face undefeated Durham teams in doubleheaders today at the campus diamonds.

The women's team (7-2) will face Durham (5-0) at noon and 2 p.m. in a battle for first place.

The men's team (4-8) will play Durham (12-0) at 1 and 3 p.m. and also host Humber (5-7) Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

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Lady Expos coaches are role models for female players

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Pat McCloskey, the third member of the coaching staff and the lone male, accepts this as reality

"I just kind of stay off to the side when they're talking girls talk," said McCloskey, who admires what Siddall and Lefler bring to the table.

"The role model aspect is immense. They're both wives, both mothers, and both doctors.

"It's fabulous for the girls to be able to look up to those two and strive to be just like them."

Siddall has seen boorish behaviour toward female athletes. As a rule of thumb, generally, it's delivered by a male coach.

"A lot of times, we play against teams and I can't even imagine people would let their child play for that coach," she said.

"It's actually shocking and unfortunately, most of the time, it's by male coaches."

McCloskey, the father of two girls, thinks some men find it difficult to relate to the inner workings of the female athlete.

"Girls have to feel well to play well," he said.

"Boys have to play well to feel well."

He describes himself as the dad of the team, citing Siddall as their ethical and moral com-

pass, and Lefler as the spiritual leader.

"They really know and understand the girls," McCloskey of his co-coaches.

"Everything is positive. There's no yelling at the kids. Everything is very respectful. That makes a big difference with girls."

Siddall comes from a strong baseball background and now, she and her husband can both boast that they've made national news wearing an Expos uniform.

Joe Siddall broke into the major leagues with the Montreal Expos in 1993, catching the first of 73 big-league games he'd suit up for with Montreal, Florida and the Detroit Tigers.

The first person Tamara contacted when they won the Canadians was Joe, who was at another baseball tournament with their son Brett.

"I sent Joe a text, and he was thrilled," she recalled. "He sent one back that said, 'Do you realize the difficulty of what you've just accomplished?'"

Playing in Ile-Perot, Que., the Expos quickly became fan

favourites of the locals.

"People were going home and coming back for our next game in their (Montreal) Expos hats and shirts," Tamara said.

Tamara makes it clear that Joe was a spectator for this ride to glory.

"This is my baby," she said. "Saying that, I can run a lot of things by him."

She was into baseball before she was into Joe.

"I always played," she said. "I was a pitcher, but I wasn't near as good as any of these girls."

Clearly, these girls are very good.

Shortstop Michaela Rilett is entering Grade 9 at Kennedy next week and intends to try out for the football team.

Pitchers Jaymie Mailloux, Maddie McCloskey and MacKenzie Siddall carried the load at the nationals.

MacKenzie, 13, Tamara and Joe's daughter, is the female Jim Abbott, a fireballing southpaw who mows down hitters despite being born without a right hand.

"THEY REALLY KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE GIRLS."

PAT McCLOSKEY

"We haven't taught her how to do it, she just did it on her own," Tamara said.

MacKenzie, 13, draws a unique perspective of the daily proceedings on the diamond with her mom running the show.

So is Tamara her mother, or her coach when they put on their uniforms?

"She's both," MacKenzie said. "Pretty much all the time."

The players have developed an equally unique bond, as much friends as they are teammates.

"We have a group of girls together who want to play the game, who are very good athletes and have learned how to succeed as a team," Siddall said.

The same desire brings these two sisters back to the ballpark each year to continue to offer girls their unique perspective on how to play the game.

"Obviously, you have a genuine like for children if you work with children," Lefler said. "I think that's reflected in why you coach, because you like kids."

About as much as they enjoy each other's company.

"When you're with someone that you like, and you appreciate their input and enjoy being with them, it makes it easier," Siddall said.

Bagley honoured

Kandice Bagley, a pitcher with the St. Clair Saints' fastball team, was named the OCAA female athlete of the week.

The Windsor native pitched a no-hitter last Wednesday in a 10-1 victory over Mohawk.

Bagley surrendered only one run while striking out five Mohawk batters. She carried a perfect game through four innings and helped herself at the plate with two hits and two RBIs. Bagley has an ERA of 2.94 in 26.2 innings pitched.

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St. Clair's Ashley Asselstine hits the ball against Conestoga Sunday during OCAA fastball action at St. Clair College. The defending champion Saints beat the Condors 12-2. For more, see D4.

The two-time defending champion St. Clair Saints opened the women's fastball season with a 1-1 record at home on the weekend.

The Saints recorded a mercy-ruled 12-2 win over Conestoga Sunday.

Kandice Bagley allowed no runs and two hits in four innings and she went 2-for-2 at the plate with one RBI.

Lyndsay Schincariol went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Keri Bagley went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Trisha Whaley had a two-run homer while going 1-for-2.

St. Clair opened the season with an 11-7 loss to Seneca Saturday.

Keri Bagley went 3-for-4 and took the loss for the Saints, who made eight errors and stranded 11 runners on base.

Samantha Newton had two RBIs.

The Saints play the Windsor Wildcats intermediate team in an exhibition game Wednesday at the campus field at 6 p.m.

Saints fall short

The women's fastball team at St. Clair College finished 2-2 on the weekend at the national championships in Saskatoon.

The Saints lost 4-0 in semifinal action Monday to Durham College.

Earlier Monday, the Saints lost 7-0 to the host University of Saskatchewan.

Sunday, the Saints had wins over the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology 9-1 and the University of Calgary 12-3.

Kandice Bagley earned both wins on the mound and also had three hits in the second game.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK



The LaSalle Turtle Club's major girls team went 19-0 on the season to clinch the division championship. Front row, from left: Megan Lilly, Brandi Morris; second row, from left: Samantha Frenette, Emily Roy, Samantha Diotte; third row, from left: Kim Damphouse, Nikki Damphouse, Emily O'Bright, Kelsey Jones, Madeline Scott, Dana Rosassen; back row, from left: Mike Morris, Paul Scott, Melissa Rupert.

Fastball tourney

The women's fastball team at St. Clair College (7-2 OCAA) leave today for the University National Championships in Saskatoon.

The defending national champion Saints open Saturday against the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and the University of Saskatchewan.

OCAA leaders Durham College (8-0) and Guelph University make up the trio of Ontario teams at the championships.

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Wildcats punished for fight

Saints to defend OCAA fastball title

The Ontario Provincial Women's Softball Association handed out discipline but wouldn't reveal details about a fight during a Windsor Wildcats-Napanee Express game in the Eastern Canadian novice girls championship final in August.

The incident took place in New Brunswick but since it involved two Ontario teams the PWSA took over the investigation.

Both parties remain tight lipped about the punishment since everyone who was sanctioned has exerted their right to an appeal.

"The appeal panel is being assembled now and the hearing will take place this month with a final and binding decision being handed down within seven days of that hearing," Debbie Malisani, president of the PWSA, wrote in an e-mail.

Wildcats head coach Bill Bondy said he didn't have to lodge his own appeal for his actions in the game.

He didn't say who from Windsor's side was centred out for discipline.

"We're not supposed to comment on that," Bondy said.

Malisani would not say what discipline was doled out only that "a number of individuals should receive discipline regarding this incident."

After a hard collision at third base, a heated exchange between a male Napanee supporter broke out with the Windsor coaching staff.

It's alleged a Wildcats' assistant coach threw a punch and a Wildcats' mom kicked a man.

The women's fastball team at St. Clair College will defend its OCAA title Friday and Saturday at the women's fastball championships in Oshawa.

The Saints, runners-up in the regular season at 7-2, will face third-place Seneca College (6-6) at 1 p.m.

Fifth-year infielder Trisha Whaley heads into the the play-offs with an .556 batting average.

Lyndsay Schincariol is hitting .500, Samantha Newton leads in RBIs with 14 followed by Whaley with 12.

The two-day double knock-out championship also features regular-season champs Durham College (10-0), which opens Friday against Mohawk College (2-9).

The Durham College Lords are responsible for the Saints only two regular season losses.

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Saints in Oshawa

St. Clair women's fastball manager Bill Smith is hoping he sees more of the Saints' offence that unloaded on the first day of the recent national collegiate championships when the OCAA tourney opens today in Oshawa.

"I'm hoping the bats pick up again this weekend," Smith said Thursday as the team headed to Oshawa where they open with a game today against Seneca College at 1 p.m.

In recent years, the Saints have won three OCAA gold ('05, '08, '09) along with a silver in '06 and a bronze in '07.

They come in as the tournament's second seed with a 7-2 record behind the 10-0 mark of the hosts from Durham. Seneca went 6-6 on the season.

At the nationals, the Saints pounded out 17 hits in a 12-3 win over Calgary and also thumped Southern Alberta Institute 9-1 on the first day but the bats fell silent and managed just five hits total in a pair of second-day shutout losses to the University of Saskatchewan and Durham.

"You have to be on top of your game at the plate," Smith said.

"Hopefully, we play an aggressive offensive game against Seneca and set a pattern."

Durham opens the OCAAs with a game against the 2-9 Mohawk Mountaineers at 11 a.m.

The national invitational tournament brought together teams from university and college last weekend even though the OCAA hadn't yet determined a 2010 champ.

So instead, they invited the 2009 finalists in St. Clair and Durham to take part.

Saints advance to semifinal

Whaley has two RBIs in St. Clair loss

LOCAL ROUNDUP

THE WINDSOR STAR

St. Clair College will play a semifinal game against Mohawk today at the OCAA women's fastball double-knockout championships Friday in Oshawa.

The Saints are 1-1 after a 12-2 loss to Durham College.

Trisha Whaley went 1-for-2 with two runs and two RBIs to lead the Saints.

Earlier, Durham beat Mohawk 10-0 and St. Clair won their opener against the Seneca Sting 11-5.

Jennifer Gilroy went 4-for-4 and Lisa Ternosky was 3-for-4.

Lyndsay Schincariol and Kandice Bagley each recorded three RBIs for the Saints, who faced the regular-season champs Durham College Lords later Friday.

Schincariol and Bagley were two of four Saints to win awards at the fastball banquet Thursday at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre.

Schincariol was named rookie of the year, hitting .500 in five regular-season games.

She scored six runs on eight hits with 10 RBIs for the Saints, who finished second in the standings with a 7-2 record.

Bagley and the Saints' Trisha Whaley were named OCAA all-stars.

Bagley (.486) led the Saints with 17 hits and 13 runs and also recorded eight RBIs.

Whaley (.556) had 12 RBIs, 12 runs and 15 hits.

Also, Samantha Newton was named top pitcher for 2010.

Newton, who was last year's rookie of the year, led the league with a 5-0 record.

The Windsor native struck out 26 batters in 30 innings, allowed 14 runs on 23 hits and 21 walks for an ERA of 3.27.

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