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Gold medal

Windsor Wildcats midget softball's Jessica Hitchcock of Essex was picked up by the Brantford Bobcats and helped the team win the gold medal at the national championship in Winnipeg, Man.

The U19 team took 10 innings and a suicide squeeze to win 4-3 over Surrey, B.C.

Hitchcock is a sophomore at Niagara University and plays for the university's team as well.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

PLAYOFFS

At Windsor Stadium

Semifinals

Windsor Rockies vs. Brewers

(Rockies lead best-of-five series 2-0)

Thursday Result TBA

Monday, Sept. 12 TBA if necessary

Dugout Reds vs. Team Combat

(Reds lead series 1-0)

Thursday Result TBA

Monday, Sept. 12 Time TBA

UNIVERSITY

OUA Football

WINDSOR LANCERS

Home Games at Alumni Field
(Live on Cable 11)

Monday Result Windsor 38 Toronto 5

Saturday Game Windsor at Laurier, 7 p.m.

Lancers Fastpitch

Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch Association

Sept. 10 at Ottawa, 2, 4 p.m.

Sept. 11 at Carleton, 9, 11 a.m.

Sept. 17 vs. McMaster, 2, 4 p.m. at Ciocairo

Sept. 18 vs. Brock, noon at Turtle Club

Sept. 18 vs. Brock, 2 p.m. at Turtle Club

Sept. 21 at Western, 5 p.m.

Sept. 21 at Western, 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Guelph, 2 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Guelph, 4 p.m.

Sept. 25 at Toronto, 12 p.m.

Sept. 25 at Toronto, 2 p.m.

Oct. 1 vs. Queen's, 2 p.m. at Ciocairo Club

Oct. 1 vs. Queen's, 4 p.m. at Ciocairo Club

Oct. 2 vs. York, noon at Ciocairo Club

Oct. 2 vs. York, 2 p.m. at Ciocairo Club

Oct. 15 at Laurier, 2 p.m. at Hillside Park

Oct. 15 at Laurier, 4 p.m. at Hillside Park

Oct. 16 at Waterloo, 12 p.m.

Oct. 16 at Waterloo, 2 p.m.

Women's Fastpitch

Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch games:

Saturday Result Ottawa 4 Windsor 3

Sunday Result Windsor 9 Ottawa 2

Saturday Games at Durham, 1 & 3 p.m.

Sunday Games at Seneca, 10:30 a.m.

UNIVERSITY

Women's Fastpitch

Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch League

Saturday Result Windsor 5-7 McMaster 0-6

Sunday Result Windsor 9-1 Brock 2-3

Wednesday Game at Western, 5 & 7 p.m.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

PLAYOFFS

At Windsor Stadium / Finals

Best-of-Seven

Sept. 19 Reds vs. Rockies, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22 Game 2 TBA

Semifinals

Dugout Reds vs. Team Combat

(Reds win series 3-0)

Thursday Result Reds 2 Combat 1

Lancers on top

The women's fastpitch team at the University of Windsor went 3-1 over the weekend in the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastball Association.

Windsor's only defeat came in Sunday's 3-1 loss to Brock.

Earlier that day, Windsor defeated Brock 9-2. The Lancers swept McMaster in a double-header 7-0 and 7-6 Saturday.

Kelsey Schincariol pitched the shutout, producing a no-hitter over five innings.

Schincariol leads

Pitcher Kelsey Schincariol went 3-1 over a weekend to improve the women's fastpitch team at the University of Windsor to a 7-5 record and fourth place in the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch League.

Schincariol and the Lancers were undefeated in a two-game series Sunday at Toronto, recording 4-3 and 3-2 victories.

Schincariol pitched her first win of the weekend in Saturday's opener at Guelph — a 4-1 Lancers victory where Schincariol also led the offence with four hits.

Hayley Ostrowski went 2-for-2 with a walk and a sacrifice bunt.

The Lancers lost the second game 6-5.

Ostrowski went 2-for-3 while Stephanie Manson, Heather Metcalfe and Schincariol were 2-for-4 for the Lancers, who host Queen's Saturday (2 p.m.) and York Sunday (noon) in double headers at the Ciocairo Club.

Women's Fastball

Saturday Result St. Clair 6 Humber 5

St. Clair 6 Humber 1

Sunday Result St. Clair 10-8 Conestoga 0-4

Thursday Game at Mohawk, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Game vs. Seneca, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Women's Fastball

Thursday Result St. Clair 10 Mohawk 0

St. Clair 13 Mohawk 3

Today's Game vs. Seneca, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

at Mic Mac Park

Women's Fastball

Wednesday Game vs. Mohawk, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL INTER-COLLEGIATE

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by St. Clair Saints and including the Windsor Lancers Saturday and Sunday at Mic Mac Park.

Saturday Games St. Clair vs. UNB, 9 a.m.

Calgary vs. Western, 9 a.m.

Durham vs. Windsor, 11:30 a.m.

UNB vs. Wester, 11:30 a.m.

St. Clair vs. Windsor, 2 p.m.

Durham vs. Calgary, 2 p.m.

St. Clair vs. Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

Western vs. Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

Durham vs. UNB, 7 p.m.

Sunday Games TBA

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

Final — Dugout Reds vs. Windsor Rockies

(Reds lead best-of-seven series 3-0)

Monday Results Red 16 Rockies 8

Reds 8 Rockies 7

Thursday Game 7 p.m. at Windsor Stadium

Fastball title

Dan Reaume hit an RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth as the Dugout Reds captured the Windsor Regional Fastball championship with a 3-1 win over the Windsor Rockies Thursday.

Todd Smith hit an RBI double and Rod Lynds threw a complete game four-hitter for the Dugout Reds, who won the best-of-seven series 4-0.

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Lancers fall short at national women's fastball tournament

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

THE WINDSOR STAR

The Windsor Lancers women's fastball team lost 10-4 in the bronze medal match to Durham Sunday at the National Inter-Collegiate Championships hosted by St. Clair College.

Rachel Wood went 4-for-4 for the Lancers, who finished with a 1-4 record.

The Saints lost 2-1 to Calgary in quarter-final action earlier Sunday.

Saints pitcher Melissa Bower allowed five hits in the loss.

Saturday, the Saints beat the Lancers 12-10 with Bower picking up the win on the mound.

Kelsey Schincariol took the loss for the University of Windsor.

Named to the tournament all-star team were St. Clair's Caitlyn Stiles, Beth Ann Alexander and the University of Windsor's Rachel Wood and Schincariol.

Saints in tourney with depleted pitching staff

Women's team at St. Clair to open against New Brunswick

MARY CATON
The Windsor Star

If the St. Clair Saints manage to win a medal at the national fastball championships they're hosting this weekend, they'll give a whole new meaning to one-armed bandits.

The Saints head into the six-team Canadian Intercollegiate Fastpitch Tournament with just one fulltime pitcher in Melissa Bowyer.

Rookie hurler Allison Telfer injured her knee in a game against Mohawk a week ago and is unavailable for the weekend championship.

"I have a really excellent team," Saints coach Bill Smith said of a roster that includes veterans Trisha Whaley and

Keri Bagley.

"I'd like to finish with a bronze medal but I don't know if I can do that with only one pitcher."

Bowyer is more than capable of

throwing multiple games in short order but the Saints will also miss Telfer's bat.

"She's an awesome hitter," Smith said.

Smith has had rookies Kelley Nelson and Ashley Carr brush up on pitching mechanics they've used in the past.

The Saints open the two-pool, round-robin tournament Saturday with a game against the University of New Brunswick at 9 a.m. at the John Ivan Complex at Mic Mac Park.

The Saints are in a pool with the University of Western Ontario and Durham College while the University of Windsor is in with UNB and the University of Calgary.

The Saints have reached the quarter-finals in each of the previous two national tournaments, knocked out both times by the eventual champs from the University of Saskatchewan.

With a mix of colleges and university programs, the na-

tionals are an invitational tournament where participants are extended positions based on their performance the previous season.

"They use a pecking order," said Ted Beale, a Saints athletic co-ordinator.

Organizing the fall championship was even more problematic than usual due to the strike by college support staff last month and the loss of Quebec's John Abbott College to the original eight-team field.

When a replacement couldn't be found, Guelph was eventually dropped from the schedule to even up the pools at three teams each.

Play continues through to the gold-medal game at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Saints on field

The St. Clair Saints women's fastball team will open the National Inter-Collegiate Championships against New Brunswick today at 9 a.m.

It's the first of two game scheduled for the Saints, who are hosting the tournament at Mic Mac Park.

St. Clair will face the Windsor Lancers at 2 p.m.

TOURNAMENT GLANCE

National Inter-Collegiate Championships

Round Robin

Saturday Games New Brun. vs. St. Clair, 9 a.m.
Western vs. Calgary, 9 a.m.
Windsor vs. Durham, 11:30 a.m.
Western vs. New Brunswick, 11:30 a.m.
Windsor vs. St. Clair, 2 p.m.
Calgary vs. Durham, 2 p.m.
Calgary vs. St. Clair, 4:30 p.m.
Windsor vs. Western, 4:30 p.m.
New Brunswick vs. Durham, 7 p.m.

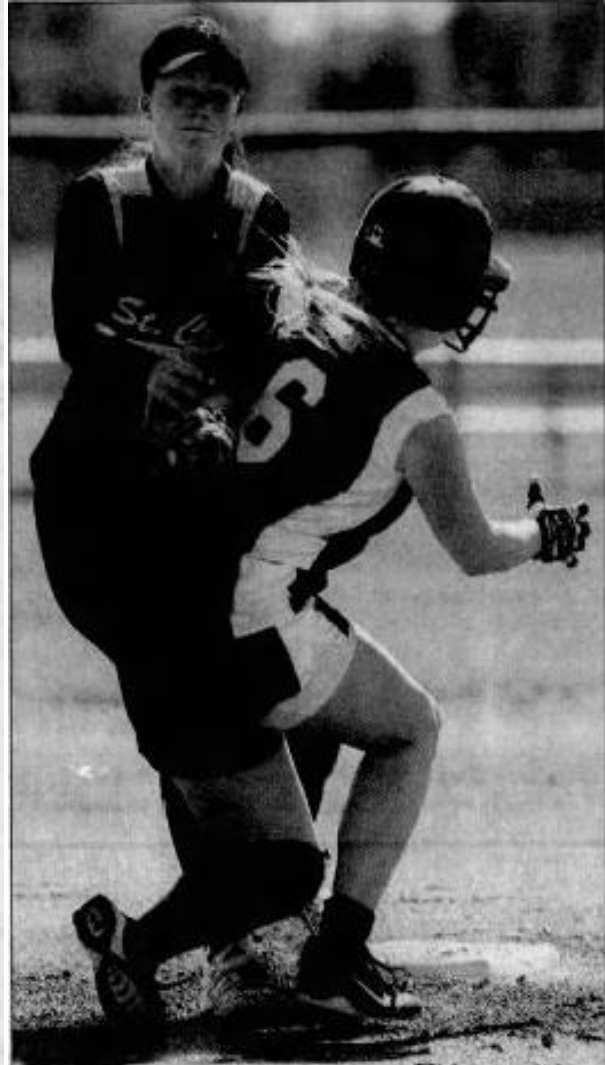
St. Clair Saints

Name	Position	Height
1 Keri Bagley	C	5' 7"
2 Kelley Nelson	IF	5' 2"
3 Cortnee Burgess	IF	5' 1"
4 Danielle Dagnais	OF	5' 1"
5 Ashley Carr	OF	5' 3"
6 Taylor Pope	OF	5' 5"
8 Beth Ann Alexander	OF	5' 11"
9 Danielle Desautels	1B	5' 9"
11 Lyndsay Schinzariol	C	5' 8"
13 Trisha Whaley	IF	5' 10"
14 Lisa Ternosky	OF	5' 5"
15 Ashley Asselstine	OF	5' 2"
16 Caitlyn Stiles	OF	5' 7"
17 Allison Telfer	P	5' 6"
18 Melissa Bowyer	P	6' 0"

Windsor fastball

Windsor Regional fastball will hold its year-end league wrap-up Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the Fireman's Bar & Grill (842 Dufferine Place).

The Windsor Reds won their third consecutive league championship this year.



JASON KRYK/The Windsor Star
St. Clair College shortstop Keri Bagley, left, tags out Contestoga's Christina Lawrence during an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association fastball game at St. Clair College. The Saints open the national championships Saturday.



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LIGHTHOUSE RAYMOND JAMES

Yesterday I got to sit down and talk about the 2008-2009 OCAA championship that I won with [Kandice Leigh](#) at St. Clair College. We had the chance to talk about the amazing coaching staff, incredible teammates and fans that we had supporting us.

My best memory was, without a doubt, hugging my sister after that final out then being swarmed by our teammates! Everyone knows I'm a hugger and that was hands down the best hug I ever received.

We're still friends with the majority of the girls from this team. Although we may not get to talk often, the memories of this fastpitch season will keep us connected forever ❤️👊

Comment with your favourite memory! If I'm missing anyone please tag them!

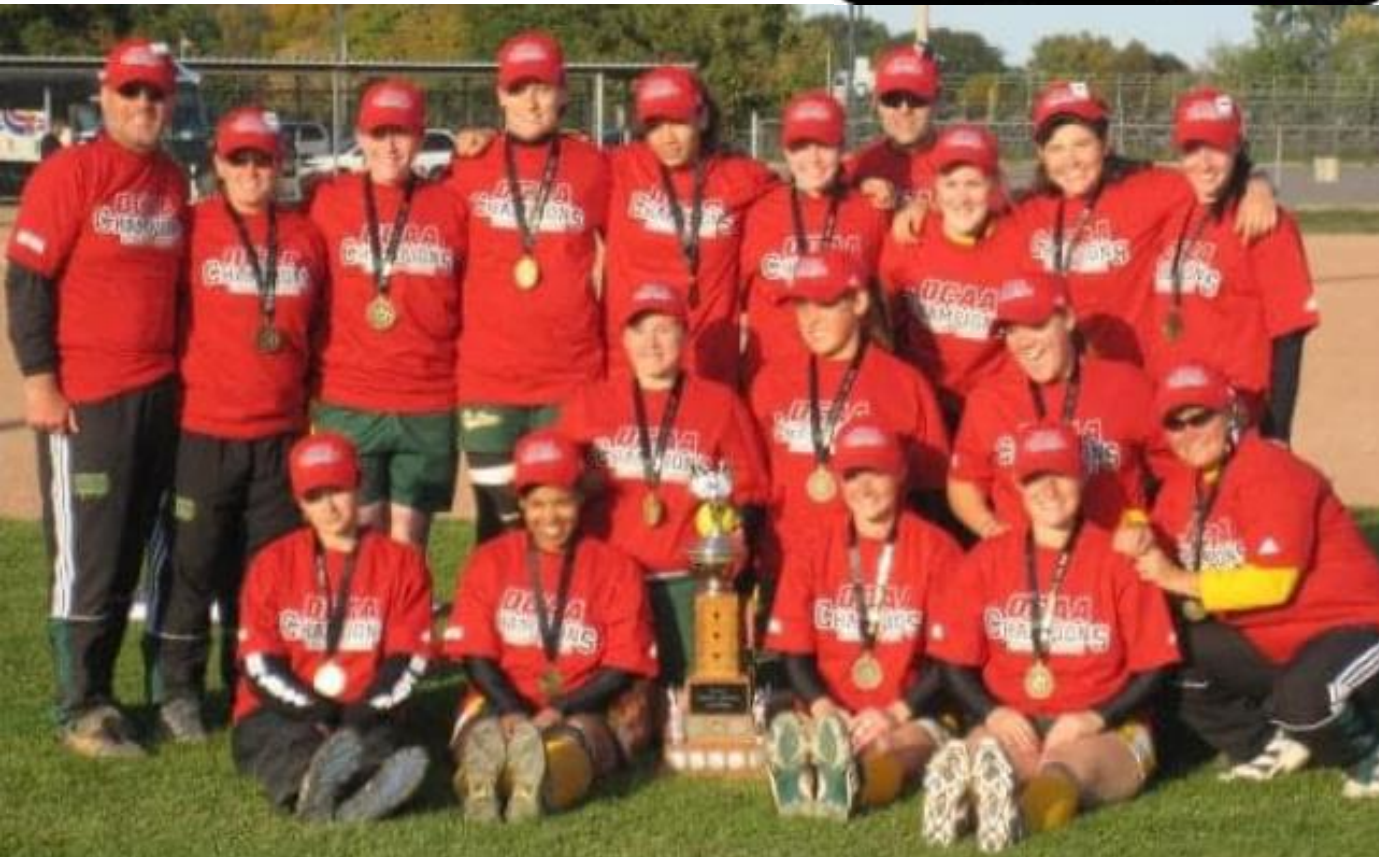
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Women's fastpitch

The Lancers women's fastpitch team closed out the regular season with a 2-2 weekend record.

Sunday, the Lancers swept Waterloo in a two-game series on the pitching of pitcher Kelsey Schincariol (11-5).

Schincariol struck out 12 batters and walked three in the opener, a 7-5 win in eight innings.

Kirissa Sword's sacrifice fly on the top of the eighth inning scored two runs for the victory.

In Game 2, Stephanie Manson went 3-for-4 to lead the offence en route to a 9-6 win.



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OCAA fastball

The women's fastball team at St. Clair College went 1-1 Friday at the OCAA fastball championships in Durham.

The Saints lost the second game 9-3 to the defending champion Durham Lords (2-0), who now wait on an opponent for Saturday's final.

Danielle Desaulles had two RBI's for the Saints, who held a short two-run after the first inning.

Caitlyn Stiles recorded a run and a hit and was named the player of the game.

The Saints won their first game 10-2 against Seneca.

Player of the Game was Trisha Whaley, who went 3-for-3 with three runs and two RBIs.

Melissa Bowyer pitched a complete game, allowing nine hits and two earned runs.

The Saints play Humber in a semifinal today at 10 a.m., with the winner advancing to a two-game sudden-death series against the Lords.

Saints bronze

Caitlyn Stiles and Trisha Whaley had three hits apiece in St. Clair's 12-7 loss to Humber at the OCAA provincial fastball championships Sunday in Osawa.

Whaley added an RBI and Melissa Bowyer pitched a complete game for the Saints, who still managed to walk away with a bronze medal at the Ontario event.



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FASTBALL Sports Fest Windsor

Games at 6 p.m.

Tuesday Games Dave Hitchcock Chevrolet at Foolerys Bar & Grill, Stadium
U23 at Time Out Bar & Grill, Jackson Park

Windsor Regional Fastball

	W	L	T
Windsor Rockies	4	1	1
Team Combat	4	1	1
Windsor Reds	3	3	0
Brewers	2	4	0
Divine Intervention	1	5	0

Games at Windsor Stadium

Today's Games Brewers vs. Reds, 6:30 p.m.
Team Combat vs. Divine, 8:45 p.m.

FASTBALL Sports Fest Windsor

Games at 6 p.m.

Tuesday Results Hitchcock 5-4 Bondy Realty 1-1

Foolery's 3-1 Time Out 1-3

July 5 Brad Bondy Remax Realty at U23, Stadium

Dave Hitchcock Chevrolet at Time Out Bar & Grill, Jackson Park

July 12 & 19 Playoffs

Windsor Regional Fastball

Games at Windsor Stadium

Today's Games Brewers vs. Team Combat, 6:30 p.m.

Divine Intervention vs. Windsor Rockies, 8:45 p.m.

FASTBALL Sports Fest Windsor Fastball League

Games at 6 p.m.

Tuesday Games Bondy Remax Realty at U23, Windsor Stadium
Dave Hitchcock Chevrolet at Time Out Bar & Grill, Jackson Park

Windsor Regional Fastball

	W	L	T
Team Combat	5	2	1
Windsor Rockies	5	2	1
Windsor Reds	3	4	0
Divine Intervention	3	5	0
Brewers	2	5	0

All games at Windsor Stadium

Thursday Results Team Combat 6 Brewers 3
Divine Intervention 13 Windsor Rockies 3

Monday Games Windsor Rockies vs Windsor Reds, 6:30 p.m.

Divine Intervention vs Team Combat, 6:30 p.m. Jackson Park

Windsor Reds vs Brewers at 8:45 p.m.

Thursday Games Brewers vs Divine Intervention, 6:30 p.m.

Windsor Rockies vs Windsor Reds, 8:45 p.m.

Wildcats winners

The Windsor Wildcats 16U fastpitch team won the Toledo SGS Magic Tournament on the weekend, defeating the Michigan Moxie 6-3 in the final.

Pitcher Madison Wallace recorded five wins while Alexa Georgio had three wins and a tie en route to the Wildcats 8-0-1 record.

Wallace also posted a team-high .676 batting average on the weekend.

Justine Tolton, Felicia Theroux, Rian Desbiens, Sarah Bondy, Amy Lucas and Alexa Georgiou also contributed at the plate.

The Wildcats are in the Indiana World Series starting July 25 in Indianapolis.

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Expos out

The Windsor Lady Expos were eliminated in the second round of playoffs 11-1 by the Livonia Storm on the weekend at the USSSA state tournament in Canton, Mich.

The Expos advanced following a first-round 6-4 win over the Eagles Fastpitch Softball Club and were 2-1 in pool play.

Maddie McCloskey and Jaymie Mailloux had strong pitching performances while Michaela Rilett led the offence.

Lauren Lefler, Lauren Williams and Maddie McCloskey recorded home runs.

Silver medal

The Windsor Lady Expos novice red team earned a silver medal on the weekend at the Chatham Golf/Softball Tournament on the weekend, losing 7-3 to the host team in the final.

Pitcher Megan Lilly picked up two wins and Melissa Costello batted over .700 in the tournament for the Lady Expos (4-2), who'll host one of three qualifiers for the Provincial Women's Softball Association's novice division at Jackson Park July 22-24.

Wildcats win girls fastpitch championship

World Series

The Windsor Wildcats 16U girls fastpitch team went 7-1 on the weekend to win the Toledo Fastpitch Classic.

The Wildcats beat the Wizards Elite 10-2 in the final.

Leading the attack, Daniel Vandervect went 2-for-3 with four RBIs, Amy Lucas had three RBIs, Felicia Theroux had two RBIs and Madison Wallace went 3-for-3 while batting a team-high .560 for the tournament.

Pitcher Alexa Georgiou allowed the previously undefeated Wizards only four hits.

Throughout the tournament, Georgiou (4-0) and Wallace (3-1) allowed only six runs against in eight games which included four shutouts.

The Wildcats will travel to Indianapolis next week to compete in the 16U World Series.



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UNDER-23 WOMEN'S CANADIAN FASTPITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Lady Expos prepare to host nationals



DAV JANISSE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos Carly Erina, from left, Jessica Russo, Lindsay Schincariol, Kelsey Schincariol, Nicole Malenfant and Krisay Johnstone will compete in the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship in Windsor in August.

Event planned in record time

JIM PARKER
The Windsor Star

It's been a six-month race for the Windsor Lady Expos to organize and prepare to host the 2011 Under-23 Canadian Fastpitch championship.

"We've only had six months and normally the host will get 18 months," tournament chairperson Tom Malenfant said Monday.

The tournament was origi-



Tom Malenfant

nally awarded to Prince Edward Island, but Softball Canada came looking to Windsor when that venue didn't work out.

"In terms of challenges, you have to be able to put together a committee that can execute," Malenfant said.

Everything from hot girls, to clothing sales, concessions and game day operations are just a few of the things that have to fall together for the five-day

tournament, which runs Aug. 10 to 14.

"You've got probably 200 players, coaches and parents coming in on (Aug.) 9th, so it's big (financially) for the area," Malenfant said.

It's also big for the local team, which is anxious to put skills up against the best teams in the country.

"I don't think people realize how high the competition really is," Windsor Lady Expos pitcher Kelsey Schincariol said.

"It's high-calibre ball."

See EXPOS, C2

TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

WHO: Windsor Lady Expos

WHAT: Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship

WHEN: Aug. 10-14

WHERE: Windsor's Wilson Park and Armin Field

OPENER: Windsor opens play with two games Aug. 10

Jim Parker

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Video of Tom Malenfant on the 2011 fastpitch tourney.

Expos Home-town tournament

CONTINUED FROM C1

The Lady Expos reached the Eastern Canadian championship two years ago and finished fourth.

"It was a huge deal," Schincariol said.

"Now, it's great to have this opportunity at home. We've been really excited waiting for it since we found out we were (hosting)."

Manger Ken Lebert said the challenge now is getting the players to focus on the task at

hand with just a few weeks left to prepare.

"What we've found is everyone's been looking ahead," said Lebert, who guided the Windsor Wildcats to a spot at the Canadians in 2003.

"We have to get that focus back."

At the provincial grands this past weekend, the Lady Expos went 1-2, but lost a pair of one-run games.

Earlier this season, the club lost 4-2 to Guelph, which won a silver medal at last year's na-

tionals and returned most of its roster.

"I think we have the talent," Lebert said.

"We showed we can play with them. Plus, we think the home crowd should help us out a little, too."

Three other Ontario teams along with the host will compete in the 10-team tournament. Two will come from Alberta, two from Saskatchewan, one from Manitoba and one from New Brunswick.

To round out his roster, Leb-

ert is expected to add another pitcher and a catcher from other clubs in the province prior to the tournament.

"It's going to be at home and our family and friends can come see us," Schincariol said.

Tournament passes are \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors and students. Weekday passes are \$8 and \$6, weekend day passes are \$10 and \$8 and a day pass after 4 p.m. is \$5 and will be sold at the game.

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Lancer Manson adds experience to Lady Expos

Stephanie Manson will hardly feel like a stranger on the Windsor Lady Expos.

The 20-year-old Manson was one of three pickups the Lady Expos made Thursday in preparation for hosting the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastball Championship.

"I played with about half the girls on the team at the University of Windsor," said Manson, who was picked up from the Mississauga North Tigers.

She was thrilled when asked to join Windsor for the tournament, which runs Aug. 10-14.

"I've never been picked up for anything in my life," Manson said.

"It's a big honour and it's a huge tournament."

io Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch Association Tournament where she led all batters with a .667 average.

"I wanted to get a bat," Lady Expos manager Ken Lebert said.

"We've lost a couple of one-run games and I wanted to add some pop."

Manson isn't so much known for her power, but she batted .387 for the Lancers in 23 games last year while batting in 14 runs.

"I'm not a power hitter, but I consider myself a contact hitter," she said.

"I'll get my singles and doubles and get on base."

She'll see time at designated hitter and third base with the Lady Expos and can also play the outfield.

"I'm happy to contribute anywhere I can," she said.

The Lady Expos also added catcher Jamie Simmons from Mississauga Southwest and right-handed pitcher Nicole Singleton from Hamilton.

Simmons will help fill the void while Lindsay Schincariol, who works in London, has to commute back and forth and can only make night games.

"She also has a very good bat," Lebert said of Simmons. "(Singleton's) a chucker. She's a top pitcher and throws a great rising ball."

Wildcats seventh

The Windsor Wildcats 11U black team finished in seventh place on the weekend at a USSA World Series tournament in Maumee, Ohio.

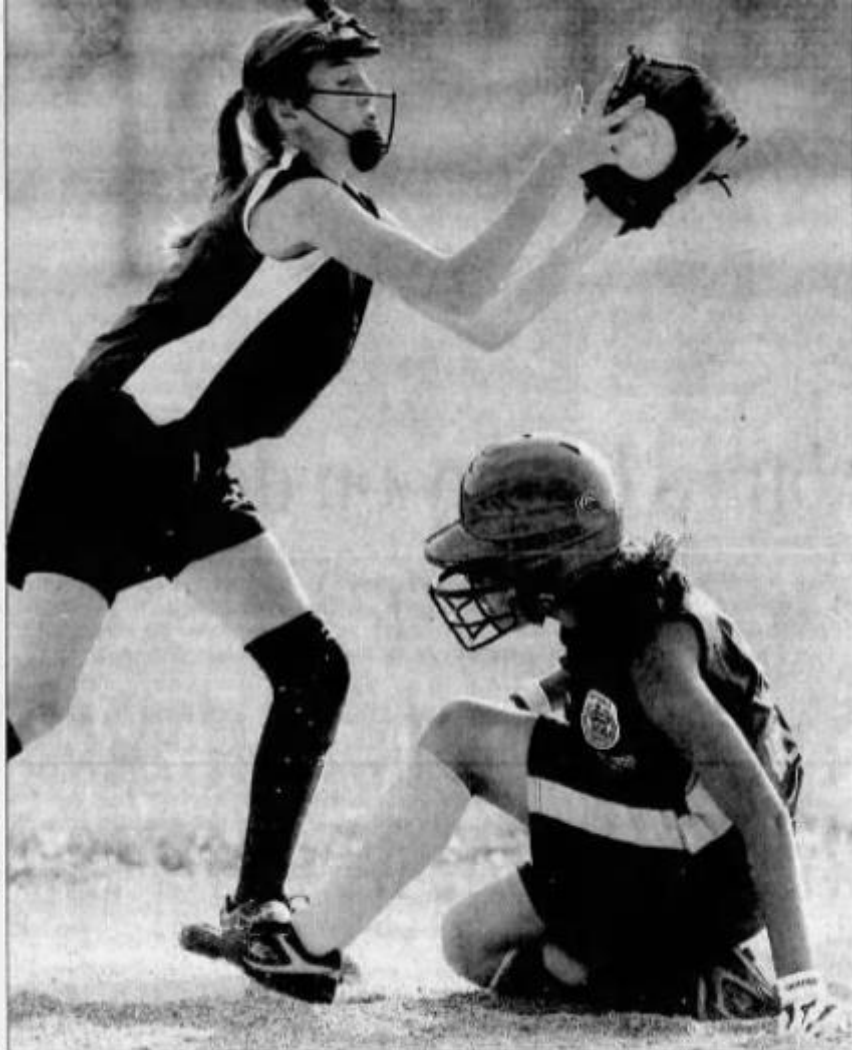
The Wildcats went 4-3 at the tournament, which included a four-game winning streak that ended in a 6-1 loss to the Pennsylvania Poisson.

Tala Dean (.505), Madison Bardoel (.490) and Carleigh Labelle (.416) led in hitting for the Wildcats, who will be at a squirt provincial qualifier this weekend in Stratford.

Expos qualify

The Windsor Lady Expos White novice fastball team qualified for the Tier I Division A championships following a fourth-place finish in a weekend qualifier at Jackson Park.

The Windsor Wildcats qualified for the Tier 2 Division B championships and the Expos Red and Expos Blue are at the Tier 3 Division C championships set for Aug. 5-7 in Guelph.



JASON KRYK/The Windsor Star

Windsor South's Catharine Francis, left, catches the ball as Turtle Club's Joanne Holland slides into second base Friday during the District final at Veteran's Park.



Stephanie Manson

A French major entering her fourth year at the University of Windsor, Manson helped the Lancers win bronze at last year's Ontar-



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FASTBALL

Windsor Regional League

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Team Combat	15	10	3	2	22
Windsor Rockies	15	9	4	2	20
Dugout Reds	15	7	7	1	15
Brewers	14	4	9	1	9
Divine Intervention	15	4	11	0	8

Monday Games Dugout Reds vs. Windsor Rockies, 6:30 p.m. at Windsor Stadium
 Divine Intervention vs. Team Combat, 6:30 p.m. at Jackson Park
 Windsor Rockies vs. Brewers, 8:45 p.m. at Windsor Stadium
Thursay Games TBA

Fastball title

Windsor's Kevin Cook, LaSalle's Paul Poulin and the Oakville Golden A's fastball team went undefeated to win the 44-and-over Tier I division championship at the Canadian National Oldtimers Baseball Federation nationals on the weekend in Burlington.

Cook pitched two innings with no runs and four strikeouts in an 11-8 win over Nova Scotia in Monday's final.

Poulin, whose hitting helped the A's to a 6-0 record, was named a tournament MVP.

LaSalle to host pair of Canadian championships

The LaSalle Turtle Club will host two Canadian softball championships this week at the Turtle Club Park in LaSalle.

The major division softball championship begins today with a game between the Turtle Club and Windsor South at 6 p.m.

Windsor South takes on Victoria Thursday at 6 p.m.

Games continue through the final Sunday at 6 p.m., with the winner advancing to the world

series Aug. 11-17 in Portland, Ore.

Saturday is the opener of the junior division softball Canadian championships also at Turtle Club Park.

That series features the Windsor South Canadians against Victoria in the opener while Sunday, Victoria faces Oyen.

Games continue through to Wednesday's final.

All games are at 6 p.m.

Silver medal

The Windsor Wildcats black team earned a silver medal at the Provincial Women's Squirt Qualifier on the weekend in Stratford, following two losses to Guelph 9-2 and 9-3.

The Wildcats had been undefeated in five games, including a 9-1 win against the Wildcats Red.

Carleigh Labelle batted .555 while Tala Dean had 34 strikeouts in 20 innings pitched.

The Wildcats, along with the Red team, have qualified for the A division championships Aug. 12-14 in Cobourg, Ont.

Girls title

The Windsor South Canadians reached the finals at the major provincial elimination championships in Brockville where they lost 10-0 to Toronto High Park.

The Canadians fell out of the winners bracket with Saturday's 4-3 loss to High Park, but reached the final after Sunday's 2-1 win against the host team.



DAN JANISSE/The Win
 LaSalle Turtle Club's Harli Rusnak makes a catch against Windsor South Wednesday during the Canadian softball championships in LaSalle. Windsor South won 12-2.

Canadian softball

Abby Bourque pitched a complete game to earn the victory on the mound and help Windsor South defeat Victoria 13-3 at the Canadian Little League Softball Championships Thursday in LaSalle.

Windsor South secured a spot in Sunday's final, where they will await the winner between the Turtle Club and Victoria.

The two teams will be in action today for the first game of back-to-back meetings at the Turtle Club fields at 2 p.m.

The winner of the Canadian championships will advance to the 2011 Little League Softball World Series from Aug. 11-17 in Portland, Ore.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Team Combat	17	11	4	2	24
Windsor Rockies	18	10	6	2	22
Dugout Reds	17	7	9	1	15
Divine Intervention	17	6	11	0	12
Brewers	15	5	9	1	11

Games at Windsor Stadium

Monday Games Brewers vs. Team Combat, 6:30 p.m.

Divine Intervention vs. Windsor Rockies, 8:45 p.m.

Thursday Games Windsor Rockies vs. Brewers, 6:30 p.m.

Team Combat vs Dugout Reds, 8:45 p.m.

FASTBALL

Windsor Regional Fastball

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Team Combat	18	12	4	2	26
Windsor Rockies	19	11	6	2	22
Dugout Reds	17	7	9	1	15
Divine Intervention	18	7	11	0	14
Brewers	16	5	10	1	11

Games at Windsor Stadium

Thursday Games Windsor Rockies vs. Brewers, 6:30 p.m.

Team Combat vs Dugout Reds, 8:45 p.m.

Windsor looks to clinch spot in softball final Turtle Club test

Windsor must defeat Victoria tonight at Turtle Club Park in order to reach Wednesday's National Junior Little League Softball Championship final against Alberta.

Monday, Windsor fell to 0-2 after losing 7-1 to Alberta.

Tonight's semifinal and Wednesday's final are both at 6 p.m.

In another national tournament, Windsor South defeated Turtle Club 14-4 Monday to claim the major Little League softball title at Turtle Club Park and advanced to the world series starting Thursday in Portland, Ore.

Wildcats qualify

The Windsor Wildcats intermediate women's fastball team qualified for the Eastern Canadian championship Aug. 18-21 in New Brunswick, following a silver medal performance last weekend at the provincials in London.

The Wildcats went 6-2 at the tournament before losing to Hamilton 6-3 in the gold medal game.

Top batters were Kerri Maurina (.526), Sue Verbeem (.400), and Erin Lambros (.368).

Pitchers Erin Lambros, Kerri Maurina, Jordan Sinclair, and Leslie Weinz combined for the wins.



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Windsor's Sam Kelly makes a catch during a game Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011, against Victoria in the semifinal of the Canadian junior little league softball championships at the Turtle Club in LaSalle.



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**UNDER-23 WOMEN'S CANADIAN
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Sisters wind up for nationals

Schincariols, Lady Expos in action today

JIM PARKER
The Windsor Star

Pitch and catch is something sisters Kelsey Schincariol and Lyndsay Schincariol have done for years.

This season, the two finally got to hook up together as teammates with the Windsor Lady Expos under-23 team, which opens play today Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship.

"This is the first time we've played together," said 20-year-old pitcher Kelsey, who will start the tournament opener for the Lady Expos today.



DAX MELMER/The Windsor Star
Windsor Lady Expos catcher Lyndsay Schincariol practises with her sister Kelsey at Jackson Park in preparation for the the Canadian under-23 fastpitch championship, which begins today in Forest Glade.

TOURNAMENT GLANCE



WHAT:
Under-23
Women's
Canadian
Fastpitch
Championship

WHEN: Today through Sunday
WHERE: Tom Wilson Field and Barry Amlin Field (Forest Glade)
HOSTS: Windsor Lady Expos
OTHER TEAMS: Alberta Belles, Calahoo 89 Erins (from Alberta), Smitty's Terminators (Manitoba), Saint John Selects (New Brunswick), Bramalea Slam, Guelph Gators, Whitty Eagles, Saskatoon Prairie Rage and Saskatoon Outlaws.
OPENER: Windsor opens play with two games today.

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INSIDE Expos in action

Tournament schedule and ticket information, B2.



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Windsor Lady Expos pitcher Kelsey Schincariol practises at Jackson Park as she prepares for the Canadian under-23 fastpitch championship, which opens today in Forest Glade.

Expos Sisters work together

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"There was always too much of an age difference until this year, but this has been really fun."

While not teammates before this season, 22-year-old Lyndsay, who is a catcher, has always been there for her younger sister.

"It started back when I played Little League and my dad's team needed a pitcher when I was 10," Kelsey said. "She would practice with me."

Lyndsay says her sister sometimes obsesses about a game or when a certain pitch is not working to her liking.

"I'm probably a better listener," Lyndsay said. "She'll pitch and if something's not working, it'll just keep bothering her. I'll get the bucket out, sit on it (at the park) and she just throws."

"She's a great pitcher and I've gotten to see her develop her style."

Whether the two get to hook up as battery mates this week or not remains to be seen.

While Kelsey throws the



Kelsey Schincariol



Lyndsay Schincariol

opener against Smitty's at 2 p.m. today, Lyndsay won't be available to play until the team's 6 p.m. game today against PrairieRage.

"I started my placement Monday," said Lyndsay, who is doing an internship in London as she finishes up her medical lab sciences program at St. Clair College. "I'll be driving down (for the evening games) and driving right back up."

Kelsey says she's enjoyed the guidance from her older sister this season.

"We have little quarrels with what pitch to throw sometimes, but ultimately I trust her," said Kelsey, who is entering her third year in social work at the University of Windsor.

"My sister's always right.

LADY EXPOS SCHEDULE

TODAY'S GAMES

Expos vs. Smitty's
at Tom Wilson Park, 2 p.m.

Expos vs. PrairieRage
at Tom Wilson Park, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY GAMES

Expos vs. Guelph
at Bernie Amlin Field, 2 p.m.

Expos vs. Outlaws
at Tom Wilson Park, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY GAMES

Expos vs. Calahoo
at Tom Wilson Park, 1 p.m.

Expos vs. Selects
at Tom Wilson Park, 8 p.m.

TICKETS

\$30 for a tournament pass and \$25 for seniors and students. Weekday pass for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

Weekend pass for Saturday and Sunday is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Jim Parker

She remembers batters. She remembers how they hit and is always thinking ahead. She's so smart behind the plate."

While the two have enjoyed a season together playing, the move might have made things the easiest for the family.

"My parents only have to go to one game," Kelsey said. "They're not going in two different directions on the weekend."

Lyndsay will graduate at the end of this season and is anxious to have a good showing at her first appearance in the nationals.

"I don't feel sad," she said. "It's a great way to finish and I think it's exciting."

"I hope we make a great impression and I think we'll bring it together when it counts."

Down the road, the two might be teammates again, but for now they've just enjoyed the ride this season.

"We could (play together again), who knows, but we'd have to move up to intermediate," Kelsey said.

"It's been a once in a lifetime kind of thing. We spend a lot of time together and it's been a lot of fun."

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Lady Expos rally over Rage

Wood delivers key RBI in fifth inning

JIM PARKER
The Windsor Star

The Windsor Lady Expos found just enough offence Wednesday to get their first taste of success at the Canadian Under-23 Women's Fastpitch Championship.

"It was just a little squeaker," Lady Expos shortstop Rachel Wood said. "It's always been one inning or two good innings and the rest are dead."

Windsor scratched out one run in the third inning and two runs in the fifth inning to rally for a 3-1 win over the Saskatoon Prairie Rage at Tom Wilson Park. That enabled the Lady Expos to even their record in pool play at 1-1 following a 6-0 loss to the Manitoba Smitty's Terminators earlier in the day.



DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos' Rachel Wood, left, looks for the call after tagging Saskatchewan Prairie Rage player Kelsey Tetarenko Wednesday during the opening day of the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship at Forest Glade Optimist Park. Windsor defeated Saskatchewan 3-1. In earlier action, the Lady Expos lost their opening game 6-0 to Manitoba.

See EXPOS, B3



DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos batter Lisa Ternosky connects during the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship Wednesday in Forest Glade. Windsor beat Saskatchewan Prairie Rage 3-1.

Expos Champs on deck

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"They were so tight," Lady Expos manager Ken Lebart said of the team's opening loss where the team was down just two runs after five innings. "No one wanted to make a mistake and I just told the girls to let go of it."

The evening win over the Prairie Rage was far from an offensive explosion, but it was enough for the host team to feel it can compete in the 10-team event.

"This win gives us confidence and let's us know we're capable," the 20-year-old Wood said. "Our goal is to get to Saturday (and the playoff format) as one of the top eight."

It wasn't the start Windsor was looking for when the Prairie Rage grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second inning against Lady Expos right-hander Melissa Bowyer.

"You just have to stay calm," said Bowyer, who allowed six hits in throwing the complete

game. "Stay on your game and take it one pitch at a time."

Windsor got life in the third inning when Lyndsay Schincariol got a second chance after her pop foul was dropped. She singled to centre and four batters later the Lady Expos were even after an RBI single by Michelle Maynard.

Wood provided the big hit in the fifth inning with two outs and the bases loaded. Her dribbler went under the glove of the Saskatoon first baseman and she outraced the second baseman to first base for the infield single.

"I'm saying, 'Oh my God, the first baseman's not going to get it,'" Wood said. "I just had to beat the second baseman, but it was close."

That allowed Beth Anne Alexander to score and leadoff hitter Lisa Ternosky smartly raced around from second to score and make it 3-1.

"Two runs (up) gives you some room," Bowyer said.

The 22-year-old Bowyer was solid in pitching in and out of trouble and got help from her defence.

Third baseman Stephanie Mason picked off a liner and got up to double a runner off first in the fifth inning.

Bowyer forced a pop up with runners on second and third to end the sixth inning.

With runners on first and third in the seventh inning, Bowyer struck out the final batter to secure the win.

"It's the name of the game," Bowyer said. "If you get into trouble, you have to get out."

It gets no easier for the Lady Expos today. They face Ontario champion Guelph, which took the silver at last year's nationals, at 2 p.m. and then the defending gold-medal champion Saskatoon Outlaws at 8 p.m.

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Hitting woes hamper hosts

Playoff berth on line for Lady Expos

DAVE WADDELL
The Windsor Star

For the Windsor Lady Expos, the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championships are becoming a hit or miss-the-playoffs proposition.

Facing the Guelph Gators, the Ontario champions and 2010 Canadian silver medalists, the Expos got a full taste of the type of offensive attack needed to progress in this 10-team tournament.

The Gators banged out 12 hits, many of the timely variety, in rolling to a 6-1 win Thursday.

"We never seem to be able to string enough hits together," said Rachel Wood, who had one of the Expos' three singles.

"It's been a problem all season.

"It's been one hit here and another there. We don't come out with the big bats."



DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos shortstop Rachel Wood, left, just misses the tag against Karman Coffey of the the defending champion Saskatchewan Outlaws Thursday during the fastpitch championship in Forest Glade. The Outlaws beat the Lady Expos 5-1.

Expos Final playoff push

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The Expos always knew Thursday was going to be a tough day.

In addition to facing the Gators, the Expos drew the defending national champion Saskatchewan Outlaws in the evening draw.

The Outlaws, who have won six straight provincial titles, downed the Expos 5-1 at Forest Glade Optimist Park. Windsor now sits at 1-3 with games today against Alberta Calahoo (1 p.m.) and St. John, New Brunswick (8 p.m.).

The top eight teams advance to Saturday's playoffs.

"We have to win both games Friday," Wood said. "That's our goal, to get into the playoffs."

In their afternoon game, starting pitcher Kelsey Schincariol held the Gators scoreless through the first two innings. She pitched out of jam in the second that saw the Gators have runners on first and second with one out.

However, Schincariol struck out Heather Marr and retired Bailey Reid on a fly ball to right field.

"There's not any (easy outs)," said Schincariol of the Gators' batting order.

The Expos were having

their own struggles with Gators starting pitcher Shannon Galea, who retired nine of the first Windsor batters and went the distance. Only leadoff hitter Lisa Ternosky was able to reach safely by beating out a bunt in the first inning.

The Gators opened the scoring in the top of the third inning in the opportunistic way good teams punish miscues.

Lindsay Woods hit a one-out single to left and advanced to third on a passed ball by Expos' catcher Jamie Simmons.

Guelph outfielder Suzanne Miller then lashed a base hit to centre scoring Woods.

"We just can't get the game's first run," Schincariol said. "We're always having to come from behind."

"It makes for a lot pressure on the pitchers."

The Gators broke the game open with a three-run fourth inning.

Guelph loaded the bases on three straight singles and pushed across a second run with Woods' sacrifice fly. The next batter, Amy Oliver, then bounced a grounder just past Expos' second baseman Ternosky to score a pair of tallies.

"They just seemed to find the holes," Wood said of the Gators. "Kelsey got them to hit



DAN JANISSE/The Windsor Star
Windsor Lady Expos shortstop Rachel Wood gets tangled up with Saskatchewan's Natalie Woodside Thursday in national fastball action in Forest Glade.

the ball on the ground, but it found a way through."

Windsor replied with its lone run in the bottom of the fourth with third baseman Jess Russo working Galea for a walk to open the inning.

Woods followed with a one-out single and then Schincariol muscled a liner to right field to drive Russo home.

With two runners on and only

one out, the Expos looked like they had something cooking. However, Galea got Stephanie Manson and Beth Alexander to pop out to second and end the threat.

In fact, Schincariol's base hit would prove the last safety the Expos would get as Galea mowed down the last 11 Windsor batters.

The Gators completed the scoring in the fifth by pushing across another pair of runs.

Catcher Julianne Proniak hit a flare single to centre and scored on Devan Ellis' rocket up the gap in right centre. The ball rolled all the way to the fence, some 290 feet away, allowing Proniak to round the bags comfortably.

Vicky Rumph cashed Ellis with a sacrifice fly to deep left to make it 6-1.

Schincariol left the mound after five innings having given up six runs on 10 hits. Nicole Singleton replaced her and pitched a pair of scoreless innings.

"We've played pretty well defensively and we've gotten good pitching," Wood said. "We feel we can compete with the teams here."

"We just have to wake the bats up."

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Guelph 4 Prairie Rage 2

Outlaws 5 Expos 2

Junior League Softball Canadian Championship

At Turtle Club Park Field 2

Wednesday Result (Final) Victoria 6

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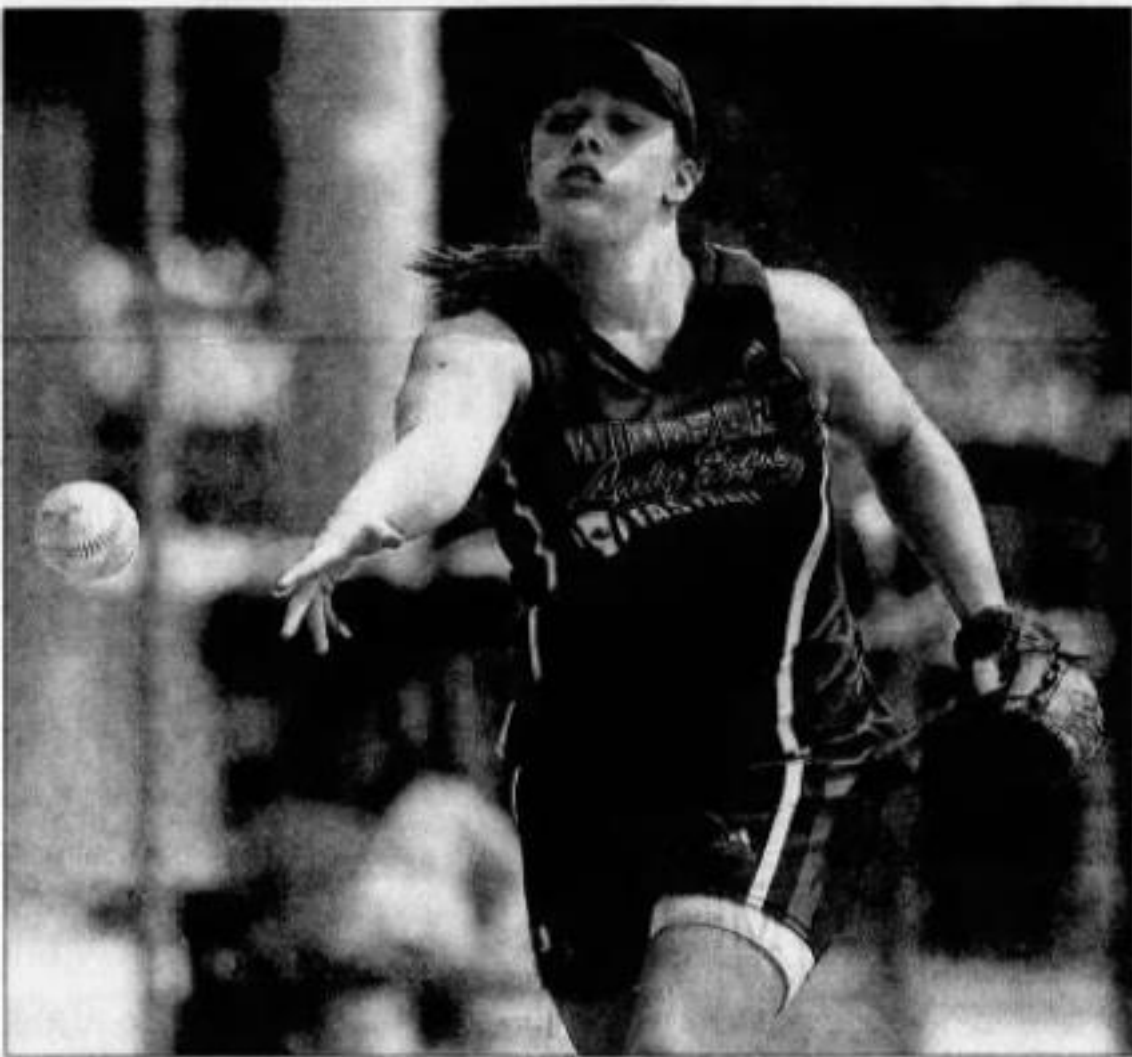
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Olympic dreams on hold



TYLER BROWNSBRIDGE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos' Nicole Singleton tosses the ball to first to get a Calahoo runner out during the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship Friday in Forest Glade. For more, see E4.

Nation's elite softball players still outraged by IOC snub

Watch Brittany Hicks in action for a few innings and it becomes apparent that she is an elite softball player.

She hits for power. In the field at shortstop, her range is impressive.

Baseball Canada has also noticed. Hicks was invited to try out for the national team last month, and reached the final cut down before she was let go.

At 20, she knows time is on her side.

"Hopefully in a few years," said Hicks, in town playing for the Guelph Gators in the Canadian under-23 women's fastpitch championship. "I plan to keep trying."

Hicks intends to keep the dream alive, even though the ultimate carrot no longer dangles in front of the planet's best female softball players.

When the sporting world gathers in London, England next summer for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games, for the first time since 1992, women's softball will not be contested.

"It's a little disappointing, but all we can do is hope that one day, it will be back in the Olympics," Whitby Eagles



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pitcher Amy LaRue said.

One day, perhaps, but one day soon? Unlikely.

Women's softball was part of the Summer Olympic Games for four Olympiads, from Atlanta 1996 through Beijing 2008. But in 2005 the International Olympic Committee voted to drop softball and men's baseball from the 2012 London Games, citing both as being too American for the Olympic movement.

"It was very disappointing," Bramalea Slam outfielder Kerriann Sullivan said of the IOC decision.

Duff Games snub hurts sport

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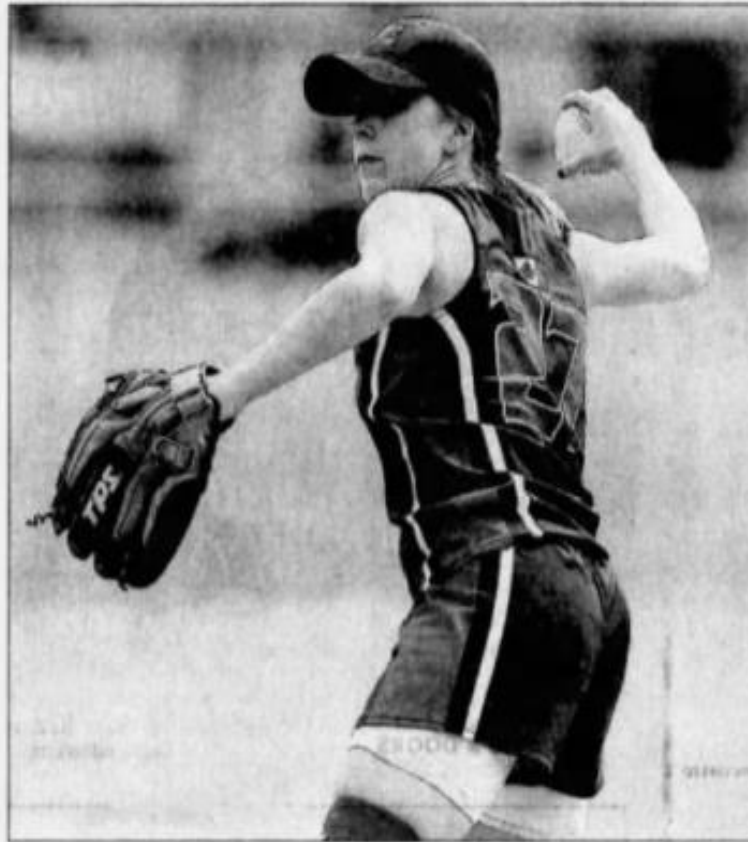
It was a choice many outside the game haven't yet realized took place.

"I was actually talking to a friend about it the other day and he was like, 'Well, we have a good fastpitch team,' and I said, 'Fastpitch isn't in the Olympics anymore.'

"I hate it. It's one of those things I would look forward to when I was watching the Summer Olympics."

In 2009, the IOC board met in Berlin and it was determined that softball would not return for the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, meaning that the earliest the sport could return to the Olympic program would be in 2020, when most of the players in this tournament will be at or closing in on their 30th birthday.

Canada is currently ranked third overall in the world, and to the game's top players, this Olympic slight is cause for outrage. It's akin to telling Sidney Crosby to forget about the Stanley Cup, or informing Justin Verlander that the World Series is no longer an option.



TYLER BROWNBIDGE/The Windsor Star

Windsor Lady Expos' Nicole Malenfant throws out a Calahoo runner at first Friday during the Under-23 Women's Canadian Fastpitch Championship Friday at Tom Wilson field in Forest Glade.

"When you're younger, growing up, you see Team Canada playing and you say, 'That's what I want to strive to achieve,'" said Katherine Guenther, a pitcher for the

defending national champion Saskatoon Outlaws.

"It's one of the goals you'd like to try and achieve in your life. When they take it out, it takes away the dream

you once had."

Earlier this year, the International Softball Federation and the International Baseball Federation announced they were planning to band together to make a combined bid for inclusion in the 2020 Games.

Getting back into the Summer Games is essential to grow the popularity of the game. At the moment, with softball on the outs with the IOC, maintaining the status quo is proving a challenge.

Player participation tends to plummet in the older age groups, as life's demands supersede diamond dreams, especially when there's no hope of Olympic gold.

"When you get older, it's like, 'Softball or a job?'" Sullivan said.

"There's nothing to look forward to beyond this, like the chance to get the gold medal for Canada."

Regaining Olympics status isn't merely about restoring softball's prestige.

A continued absence from the Olympic movement will significantly impact the future of the game.

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Lady Expos advance to playoffs

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The Windsor Lady Expos face elimination when they play fifth-seed Whitby in the first round of playoffs today at the U23 Women's Fast Pitch Canadian Championships at Forest Glade Optimist Park at 2 p.m.

A 12-6 win over St. John in a late game Friday secured the final playoff spot for the eight-seed Expos (2-4).

Winning pitcher Kelsey Schincariol led Windsor to an 8-1 lead after four innings.

Melissa Bowyer pitched 1 1/3 innings while Nichole Singleton earned the save.

Jessica Russo had four RBIs to lead at the plate while Jade McDonald went 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

McDonald had the only hit in the Expos's earlier 10-0 loss Friday to Alberta Calahoo.

Bowyer took the loss on the mound, pitching two and 1/3 innings with two strikeouts while allowing eight hits and eight runs.

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Starting Thursday in Portland, Ore.
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Friday Result California 15 Windsor 0 (5 innings)

Today's Game vs. Puerto Rico

Sunday Game vs. Texas

Monday Game vs. Illinois

Tuesday-Wednesday Playoffs TBA

U23 Canadian Softball Championships

At Forest Glade Optimist Park
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Friday Results Whitby 3 Bramalea 0

Guelph 3 Smitty's 1

Outlaws 10 Alberta Belles 1

Alberta Calahoo 10 Expos 0

Saint John 5 Prairie Rage 0

Alberta Belles 7 Guelph 3

Outlaws 10 Bramalea 1

Alberta Calahoo vs. Prairie Rage, N

Expos vs. Saint John, N

Junior League Softball Canadian Championship

At Turtle Club Park Field 2

Tuesday Result Victoria 8 Windsor 0

Wednesday Result (Final) Alberta vs. Victoria, N

Winner advances to Junior Little League Softball World Series Aug. 12 in Kirkland, Wash.

Previous Results

Monday Result Alberta 7 Windsor South Canadians 1

Victoria 6 Windsor South Canadians

Sunday Result Alberta 8 Victoria 7

Saturday Result Victoria 6 Windsor South Canadian 2

Canadian Softball Championships

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Wednesday Results Belles vs. Whitby, N

Calahoo vs. Outlaws, N

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Bramalea 2 Prairie Rage 1

Smitty's 6 Expos 0

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Today Games Bramalea vs. Belles, 10 a.m.

Selects vs. Calahoo, 11 a.m.

Whitby vs. Prairie Rage, 12 p.m.

Smitty's vs. Outlaws, 1 p.m.

Expos vs. Guelph, 2 p.m.

Bramalea vs. Selects, 3 p.m.

Calahoo vs. Whitby, 4 p.m.

Belles vs. Smitty's, 6 p.m.

Prairie Rage vs. Guelph, 7 p.m.

Expos vs. Outlaws, 8 p.m.

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Lady Expos fall in second playoff games

McDonald proud of team's effort

DAVE WADDELL
The Windsor Star

The Windsor Lady Expos had their hopes for the Canadian Women's Under-23 Fast Pitch title literally elude their grasp Saturday night.

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Already trailing 1-0 after an inning on Walz Kristen's RBI single, the Expos committed a pair of errors and starting pitcher Melissa Bowyer issued two walks to go with a pair of hits that produced four Alberta runs.

Jensen scored her second run of the game on a passed ball and Kirsten, who had walked, scored on an error by Expos' shortstop Rachel Wood on Kim Abma's grounder.

After another free pass to Chelsea Whalley, Lyndsey Anderson cashed both runners with a base hit to make it 5-0.

The Expos committed three errors, two in the critical second inning, in dropping a 6-0 decision to the Alberta Calahoo Erins that eliminated them from the tournament's playoffs.

"It was a tremendous experience for our girls to play in a national championship," Ex-

pos head coach Paul McDonald said after seeing his club finish sixth out of 10 teams.

"Our goal coming in was to get to the playoffs and we exceeded that by winning a game

"We came out a little flat in the game," McDonald said. "It was hard to get up so quickly after an emotional game against Bramalea.

"We made three or four errors, but the balls were hard hit too. They came out swinging."

The Erins completed the scoring in the third inning with a single run.

Leadoff hitter Jensen singled and came around on Rachelle Caputo's triple.

Bowyer went four innings and was charged with three earned runs on seven hits.

First baseman Kelsey Schincariol had the lone Expos' hit off winning pitcher Camille Czarnecki.

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and knocking a team out (Bramalie Slam)."

The tournament wrapped up Sunday afternoon at Forest Glade's Optimist Park with a rematch of last year's final between the Saskatchewan Outlaws and the Guelph Gators.

The Outlaws rallied for three runs in the top of the sixth inning to edge the Gators 4-3 and win their second straight na-

Against Bramalea, which finished third at the provincial championships, the Expos got an inspirational performance from starting pitcher Kelsey Schincariol.

Schincariol fainted in the dugout while pitching the Expos to Friday night's win over St. John, N.B., and was taken to the hospital by ambulance as a precaution.

However, she was cleared to start Saturday morning and was outstanding in tossing a complete-game three hitter in the 6-1 win.

Schincariol was aided by a 12-hit attack that allowed the Expos to overcome three more errors in the contest.

tional championship.

For the Expos, the Erins proved a bad match-up in this event. They had thumped the hosts 10-0 in round-robin play.

However, with the Expos down to their last loss in the playoffs, Windsor had a nightmarish second inning that essentially decided the contest.

See EXPOS, C3

The Expos jumped out front for one of the few times in the tournament with a two-run first inning.

Lyndsay Schincariol scored leadoff hitter Lisa Ternosky with a triple and Schincariol came around when her sister Kelsey delivered a single.

Ashley Vincent started the third inning with a walk and, after working her way around to third, she scored on error by Slam catcher Taylor Rogalsky.

Bramalea got that back in the bottom of the inning on Kerriann Sullivan's sacrifice fly that cashed Jennifer Barker from third after her lead-off single.

Jess Russo and Ternosky opened with consecutive singles and were scored on Lyndsay Schincariol's RBI single and a fielder's choice on Kelsey Schincariol.

Lyndsay Schincariol lashed an RBI single to score Russo again to complete the scoring.

Outlaws gang up for gold

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Duff Family of friends

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In the case of the Outlaws, that's certainly true.

Figuratively, and in some cases, literally.

Woodside's father Earle manages the Outlaws, while her mom Sheriann is an assistant coach. Boldt's father Kelly is the Outlaw's first-base coach.

"Earle's my uncle, too, and Nat's my cousin, so there's a real family connection," Stacey Boldt said.

A connection that caused Natalie Woodside to get misty-eyed as she talked about winning it all again alongside her folks.

"It's fun having them here," she said, fighting the urge to tear up. "Everyone wants mom and dad on the bench.

"My mom and dad have coached me all the way growing up, and it's great to share this with them. And the girls have become family. I don't think there's any team tighter than these 11 girls."

Certainly, there was no team that could match the fighting spirit of these wild west Outlaws.

Down 3-0 after four innings of Sunday's final, thanks mainly to Guelph shortstop Brittany Hicks, who clouted a two-run homer in the second, then tripled and scored in the fourth, Saskatoon began to claw its way back.

Anne Kelly's fifth-inning triple scored Lauren Bourdon, then the Outlaws stole away the lead in the sixth.

Three consecutive singles plated a run. Woodside's sacrifice fly brought home Lyndsay Koscielski to tie the score. Bourdon followed with a double to score Sydney Marquardt and it was 4-3.

"A couple of good hits can put you behind in the game, but a couple of hits can also get you back into the game," Natalie Woodside said. "We're the old ladies here on the field, all in our last year here. We know that when we need to pull through, we pull through.

"I wouldn't want to play against us."

Earlier in the day in the semifinal, Saskatoon scored three runs in the bottom of

the eighth against Calahoo, Alta. to earn its way into the final with a 5-4 victory.

"We took our time getting to the right spot, but I guess all that matters is where you are at the end," Earle Woodside said. "They play hard for each other.

"Chemistry is 99 per cent of this team."

Spending four years together in the junior ranks, the nucleus of this squad has grown as close as siblings.

"In the end, you don't really remember the medals," Earle Woodside said.

"You remember the friends you played with, and the acquaintances you make across the country.

"That's a huge part of why you play the game, sharing the friendships and the camaraderie."

The Outlaws certainly expect to maintain that connection next year as the majority of the team moves into the senior ranks.

"We're always going to stick together," Stacey Boldt said. "We're friends outside of ball, too, so we'll stick around for a

long time."

That's the thing about strong families.

You always know you can count on them when it matters

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Provincial title

The Windsor Wildcats squirt black team won the Provincial Women's Softball Association Division A gold medal this past weekend in Cobourg, defeating the Guelph Gators 1-0 in the championship game.

Madison Bardoel recorded the game-winning RBI for the Wildcats, who outscored their opponents 17-1 while going 4-0 at the tournament.

Pitchers Alyssa Matton and Tala Dean combined for a total of 41 strikeouts while allowing seven hits and five walks over 26 innings. Dean was named tournament MVP.

Lancers Fastpitch

Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch Association

- Sept. 10 at Ottawa, 2, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 11 at Carleton, 9, 11 a.m.
- Sept. 17 vs. McMaster, 2, 4 p.m. at Ciocairo
- Sept. 18 vs. Brock, noon at Turtle Club
- Sept. 18 vs. Brock, 2 p.m. at Turtle Club
- Sept. 21 at Western, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21 at Western, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 24 at Guelph, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 24 at Guelph, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 25 at Toronto, 12 p.m.
- Sept. 25 at Toronto, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 1 vs. Queen's, 2 p.m. at Ciocairo Club
- Oct. 1 vs. Queen's, 4 p.m. at Ciocairo Club
- Oct. 2 vs. York, noon at Ciocairo Club
- Oct. 2 vs. York, 2 p.m. at Ciocairo Club
- Oct. 15 at Laurier, 2 p.m. at Hillside Park
- Oct. 15 at Laurier, 4 p.m. at Hillside Park
- Oct. 16 at Waterloo, 12 p.m.
- Oct. 16 at Waterloo, 2 p.m.



Lancers on top

The women's fastpitch team at the University of Windsor went 3-1 over the weekend in the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastball Association.


Windsor's only defeat came in Sunday's 3-1 loss to Brock.

Earlier that day, Windsor defeated Brock 9-2. The Lancers swept McMaster in a double-header 7-0 and 7-6 Saturday.

Kelsey Schincariol pitched the shutout, producing a no-hitter over five innings.

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OCAA fastball

The St. Clair Saints swept Humber in an OCAA women's fastball doubleheader in Windsor Saturday.

Lyndsay Schincariol went two for three with two RBIs and Melissa Bowyer went the distance in a 6-5 victory in the second game.

In the first game, Allison Telfer struck out four batters in a 6-1 victory over the Hawks.

Fastpitch team

The Windsor Lancers women's fastpitch doubleheader against Queen's Saturday at the Ciociaro Club was cancelled because of the wet field conditions.

The team now sets their sights on the National Inter-Collegiate Women's Fastpitch Championships, which will feature top teams from both the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch Association and the OCAA.

It's hosted this weekend by St. Clair at Mic Mac Park.

The Lancers' regular season wraps up the following weekend at Laurier Oct. 15 starting at 2 p.m. and at Waterloo Oct. 16 starting at noon.

Schincariol leads

Pitcher Kelsey Schincariol went 3-1 over a weekend to improve the women's fastpitch team at the University of Windsor to a 7-5 record and fourth place in the Ontario Intercollegiate Women's Fastpitch League.

Schincariol and the Lancers were undefeated in a two-game series Sunday at Toronto, recording 4-3 and 3-2 victories.

Schincariol pitched her first win of the weekend in Saturday's opener at Guelph — a 4-1 Lancers victory where Schincariol also led the offence with four hits.

Hayley Ostrowski went 2-for-2 with a walk and a sacrifice bunt.

The Lancers lost the second game 6-5.

Ostrowski went 2-for-3 while Stephanie Manson, Heather Metcalfe and Schincariol were 2-for-4 for the Lancers, who host Queen's Saturday (2 p.m.) and York Sunday (noon) in double headers at the Ciociaro Club.

Fastball title

Dan Reaume hit an RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth as the Dugout Reds captured the Windsor Regional Fastball championship with a 3-1 win over the Windsor Rockies Thursday.

Todd Smith hit an RBI double and Rod Lynds threw a complete game four-hitter for the Dugout Reds, who won the best-of-seven series 4-0.

Saints on field

The St. Clair Saints women's fastball team will open the National Inter-Collegiate Championships against New Brunswick today at 9 a.m.

It's the first of two game scheduled for the Saints, who are hosting the tournament at Mic Mac Park.

St. Clair will face the Windsor Lancers at 2 p.m.

Saints in tourney with depleted pitching staff

Women's team at St. Clair to open against New Brunswick

MARY CATON
The Windsor Star



Trisha Whaley

Keri Bagley

"I'd like to finish with a bronze medal but I don't know if I can do that with only one pitcher."

Bowyer is more than capable of

throwing multiple games in short order but the Saints will also miss Telfer's bat.

"She's an awesome hitter," Smith said.

Smith has had rookies Kelley Nelson and Ashley Carr brush up on pitching mechanics they've used in the past.

The Saints open the two-pool, round-robin tournament Saturday with a game against the University of New Brunswick at 9 a.m. at the John Ivan Complex at Mic Mac Park.

The Saints are in a pool with the University of Western Ontario and Durham College while the University of Windsor is in with UNB and the University of Calgary.

The Saints have reached the quarter-finals in each of the previous two national tournaments, knocked out both times by the eventual champs from the University of Saskatchewan.

With a mix of colleges and university programs, the nationals are an invitational tournament where participants are extended positions based on their performance the previous season.

"They use a pecking order," said Ted Beale, a Saints athletic co-ordinator.

Organizing the fall championship was even more problematic than usual due to the strike by college support staff last month and the loss of Quebec's John Abbott College to the original eight-team field.

When a replacement couldn't be found, Guelph was eventually dropped from the schedule to even up the pools at three teams each.

Play continues through to the gold-medal game at 2 p.m. Sunday.



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St. Clair College shortstop Keri Bagley, left, tags out Contestoga's Christina Lawrence during an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association fastball game at St. Clair College. The Saints open the national championships Saturday.

Lancers fall short at national women's fastball tournament

The Windsor Lancers women's fastpitch team lost 10-4 in the bronze medal match to Durham Sunday at the National Inter-Collegiate Championships hosted by St. Clair College.

Rachel Wood went 4-for-4 for the Lancers, who finished with a 1-4 record.

The Saints lost 2-1 to Calgary in quarter-final action earlier Sunday.

Saints pitcher Melissa Bowler allowed five hits in the loss.

Saturday, the Saints beat the Lancers 12-10 with Bowler picking up the win on the mound.

Kelsey Schincariol took the loss for the University of Windsor.

Named to the tournament all-star team were St. Clair's Caitlyn Stiles, Beth Ann Alexander and the University of Windsor's Rachel Wood and Schincariol.

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