

Victoria W o m e n ' s F a s t b a l l L e a g u e

ROUND 1

MAY 2004

Presidential Address

Here we are, already halfway through the season, honestly, where does the time go? Welcome back to all of our returning players and a "BIG WELCOME" to those new players that have joined us. I hope all of you are enjoying playing and are staying relatively injury free.

A very large "CONGRATULATIONS" goes out to our very own Debbie Duke for being inducted to the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame. Quite an accomplishment Deb and we are all very proud of you!!

Congrats also go out to the Reds for being voted the "Most Inspirational Team" at our Ice Breaker tournament. Well-done girls!!

I have noticed that there are a fair number of new, "younger" players on the teams we have played so far and I'm excited that this should insure the longevity of our league. (Did we used to run that fast??) I have seen some great pitching and field play which is always a joy. The best thing for me is watching the positive interaction between teams. I am a firm believer in sportsmanship and fair play; everything else is a bonus. Thanks to all of you for representing this league in such a positive manner.

If at any time players or coaches have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the executive. We will do what we can to help you out, or find someone who can.

Please consider the Senior D provincials this year as Victoria is hosting the event at Hyacinth Park from August 6 - 8. Why not represent our League? If you have questions, contact Dave Chewpoy (727.7776) or Pat Hall (taphall@telus.net) for more info. Your intent to enter forms need to be in to Pat by June 15th.

To the executive, as always, huge hugs for your dedication, innovation and organization. You are a great bunch of ladies and I am impressed with how this league is moving forward on and off the field.

Best of luck to all of you in the second half. Play safe and have fun!!

Kim Graham, President

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WILD

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A quick quip from the ViP

It's hard to believe that we've finished the first round of the season already! Where does the time go? I hope that everyone is enjoying the better quality fields that we are playing on this year. It is certainly a pleasure to be on an 'even playing field' most of the time.

I attended a field users' meeting in February in Esquimalt and through that meeting and discussions with the president of Esquimalt minor ball, managed to secure the Bullen Park diamonds for the first time. Minor ball was interested in having us there so the girls playing in their system would have the opportunity to see what other women's fastball is played in the city.

Getting our permits from the City of Victoria has been a bit of a challenge this year as they used a new scheduling software system for the first time. The learning curve was steep, but they have figured the system out and it should be much more efficient in the seasons to come. Thus, we spent most of the first round playing without our permits. We have them now and your team reps were supplied with them at the team rep meeting.

The league would also like to thank View Royal and Cordova Bay for supplying fields again this year. I'm sure we can all agree that having such nice quality fields make playing the game that much more fun!

Enjoy the rest of the season and see you on the field!

Shelley Garner, Vice-President

Web Wonders

The league has had a website for several years now, and it has proven itself to be a valuable way to access and share information. This season the website has expanded to include a database to keep track of statistics that our Statistician is responsible for. Linked off of the league's homepage, so far the database is used to keep track of rosters, game scores, mvps and umpires. Each team has password protected access to log in and enter their information.

So far, only a few glitches have come up that had to be fixed. As time goes by, new features will be added. Suggestions are always welcome. The hope is that the team reps are finding it very easy to use but as always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Dawn or Uta.

Dawn Evans, Database Keeper

Round 1 Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Brewers	5	2	0
Wild	5	2	0
Panthers	4	2	1
View Royal Gold	3	2	2
Storm	3	3	1
Sliders	3	4	0
Sporty A's	3	4	0
Reds	2	5	0

More Chatter From Around the League

Forecast: Storm Ahead!

We have a few new faces this year and I would like to officially welcome them to the league but most of all to our team. In no particular order, Jenny Barath, Sandy Gibson, Maddy St. Aubin. They have been a strong addition to our team and we are glad they are a part of it.

Unfortunately, Maddy has been called away to work in Vernon for most of the summer. Her last game was May 19th. She will be back in June for one week but has put her name on the roster for next season. We'll miss your stretch on first Maddy. We welcome back Treena Cook who took a break but has come back to the old stomping grounds, we missed your enthusiasm Treena, glad you are back.

The rest of the team are our core players, Candace Anderson, Anna Canon, Rene Audy (who married a fantastic man last year, congratulations to you and Chris), Kim Graham, Laurie Heck, Cara Higgins, Kiki Kirkpatrick, Sherry McGarry, Bailey Washbrook and Michelle Zalba. This season seems to be going by very quickly, we have finished the first round already. Good luck to everyone in the 2nd round.

The new and still learning coach, Uta Garost

WWF - Wild Women's Fastball

Yes, it's the Wild WOMEN this year, not the girls. We've made the transition, with our first brand new momma taking a year off. Natasha gave birth to Kattia over the May long weekend. Other players missing in action? Jillybean, who's off gallivanting in Australia, and Carlie, who's putting her teaching and coaching talents to use out at Edward Milne. Players we gained? Heather "Chipper" Jones and her killer batting, and Krystle Wiseman, who joins us from the "Ice" in Vancouver (yes, now that we have Krystal Weber back - yippee! - that brings us to a total of 2 Krystles, 1 Krystal, and a Kris). We also gained Amanda, who brings our sibling count up to 8. Yes, that's right, 4 sets of sisters - Amanda and Tanya Malloch, Steph and Michelle Fredette, Kris and Andy Olson, and Jacqueline and Nicole Rioux. To carry on the family affair, we have our new co-coach Glyn, his daughter Krystle Smith, and her quasi-cousin Val Prysbyz. Yep, there's a lot of family love!

Golden Heat??

The View Royal Heat have changed their name to the View Royal Gold, since the team thought the Heat wasn't very original. We have enjoyed the first half of the season, and would like to thank the other teams for that.

A Super Tudor-y Sporty Team

We used to be Super As.
Then Tudor As.
Now we're the Sporty As.

S is for Sports Traders who are our new sponsors this year
P is for our pitchin' machines - Nikki, Mel, Kelly and Kim
O is for outstanding fun for everyone
R is for Coach Rod who keeps us lined up and going around the bases
T is for a big Thank You to the Tudor House for sponsoring us this year too
Y is for youth which we have in our new up and coming team members - Kelly, Rachel and Kim

As are what we get for our effort

Look for us soon with our new sponsor jerseys, courtesy of Sports Traders.

Thanks and kudos to the Tudor House who have supported our team for many years and with many beers.

2004 is a rebuilding year for us and Coach Rod. We've still got some of the old gang on the field and some new up and coming stars in the dugout. Welcome to our new players - Kelly and Rachel (imports from Sooke) and Kim, Tara and Leanne. Congratulations to Christina on baby no. 3, Samantha. Christina will be back on the field very soon.

Thanks to the Executive for their tireless efforts on our behalf. We're looking forward to a fun, Sporty season! Go As!

Rolling out the Reds...

There is plenty of news from the Reds! Its mind blowing, really...

New Faces - After a slim start - our team has filled out considerably. We'd like to welcome our new players: Leigh, Amy, Elaine, Melissa, and our emergency spare, Dawn.

Support Staff - former players turned management, Deb and Jen - they score keep, they base coach, they encourage, and they even hurl the occasional insult to really get us fired up (e.g. "there's no crying in baseball!").

Mascot - His name is Zeus - He's sophisticated, he likes to fetch balls, and has a mysterious air about him - just like us!

Fans - We've had a better fan turn out this year. At our last game we had a guy eating a hot dog in the bleachers - hey, we're not picky! We're just trying to keep our "one for the fans" cheer legit.

New Equipment - Big plans to get a shinny new bat (24 oz perhaps?) Someone was in charge of doing that...hmm...maybe we should keep better tabs on where our money is going and make sure that person isn't slinking off to some foreign country...doh!

Cooler - We're still surviving of the avails of our beer round win last year... supplies dwindling...must...go...to...liquor...store...

Still Sliding

First we need to congratulate Ned and Christa for adding Melanie to the Sliders' nursery last week; we hope Ned's ok after the 'fainting incident'. Second, we'd like to welcome Norm back to coach's corner. Thanks for all your support! Third, a huge welcome to all the new gals on the Slider roster: Shelley, Brooke S., Shauna, Carlie, Heather and Chicken. And last, but not least, welcome back Treva from her turn in the pregnancy rotation.

We've got lots of new faces on the team this year, and we're excited about playing fun ball with a fun bunch of gals! See you all on the ball field!

Whoaaaa Sliders!!

Thanks to all the teams that contributed to the newsletter! Established in 1999, the VWFL Newsletter is meant to provide a forum where players can communicate to the league or simply find out what's going on.

Dawn Evans, Secretary