

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

ROUND 2

JUNE / JULY 2004

League Biz a la Prez

WOW!!!! That was the quickest season ever, I m sure of it... Hope all of you enjoyed yourselves and kept healthy enough to “give ‘er” for the playoffs and Sue Beischer. To those teams that are entering the qualifying tourneys for the Provincials, best of luck to you. Your league supports you 100%!! I know you will put out a great effort and your sportsmanship will shine. Show them what this league is made of.

Digressing for a bit, the executive has been discussing how we can bring up the attendance numbers at the AGM. You may not realize that in order for an executive to be “officially elected”, a quorum of 70% is required. The numbers at this year’s AGM were far below that, closer to 25%. This does not represent the majority of our league. We thought of having the voting for the next year’s executive at the Sue Beischer, with most teams being available during the middle of the day. We all agreed that we would rather focus on the fun stuff, and so we are asking all of you to please offer some suggestions as to how we can improve these numbers. Please feel free to offer your suggestions to any of us at any time. We are open to all REASONABLE ideas!!

Back to the good stuff.....a BIG CONGRATS to the Brewers on winning the season. It was close, with the Wild having the same points, but the Brewers edged them out in head-to-head play.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to let Sophie know just how much I have enjoyed being on the executive with her. Soph, you are great. Thank you for your endless hard work with the books, being the secretary previously and most importantly your web mistress prowess. You are truly a benefit to all of us. I wish you and Norm all the best back east and will patiently await your return. Our loss is their gain....we will truly miss you :o(

To all the rest of you, continued success on and off the field. Best of luck in the playoffs and in the Sue B tourney. Thank you for making my year enjoyable, I appreciate it more than you will know.

Dear Exec., as always, your dedication, hard work, and grand ideas make my job so much easier. Big hugs to you all!!

See you all on the field. Remember, good friends, good sports, good Luck!

Kim Graham, President

Provincials

Several of our league teams will be trying to qualify for the chance to play in the Provincials this year. Here are the dates and locations if you can get out and support them!

Junior ‘C’ ~ July 3 & 4 at Hyacinth Park

Senior ‘D’ ~ July 17 & 18 at Hyacinth Park

Good luck to the ladies from the VWFL!

So long Soph...

Not many of you may know that the Sliders will be without Sophie’s smiling face next season, and she’s taking Norm along to boot!! Sophie and Norm are moving to Kingston, Ontario in August. Norm will be doing a Master’s in Engineering at RMC, but he promises to bring her back as soon as he is finished.

I believe that I can speak for the entire league when I say that we will miss Sophie’s enthusiasm for the game and our league immensely while she’s away. Not many people realize the time and dedication she has shown to both the Sliders, and our league in the ten years she’s been a part of the VWFL and PGWSL.

Soph, we’ll keep center field warm for your return in 2006.

The Sliders

By the Numbers

It is hard to believe that playoffs are just around the corner and our Sue Beischer Tournament is only 4 weeks away. Congratulations to Brewers and Wild for a great season. Head to head all the way. Thank you everyone for entering scores, MVP and UMPs into the database. I think the availability for all to see the standings was a great success. Some were more interested than others, how many times a day did you look ML:), A reminder to all, ballots for Joanie Dillabaugh and Sue Beischer awards will be given with this newsletter. Please think about who you want to vote for and have ballots to me by July 19th. These awards will be given at the final Sue Beischer tournament.

We hope everyone had a fantastic season. Good luck to everyone in their respective play off roundsplay hard, play fair, play ball.

Uta Garost, Statistician

Championship Round Playoff Schedule

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June 30	July 5	July 7	July 12	July 14	July 19
(4) Storm vs (1) Brewers Topaz Skinned	(1) Brewers vs (4) Storm Topaz Finlayson	(4) Storm vs (1) Brewers Topaz Skinned	Winner 1 vs 4 vs Winner 2 vs 3 TBA	Winner 1 vs 4 vs Winner 2 vs 3 TBA	Winner 1 vs 4 vs Winner 2 vs 3 TBA
(3) Heat vs (2) Wild Bullen Park 1	(2) Wild vs (2) Heat View Royal	(3) Heat vs (2) Wild Bullen Park 1	Loser 2 vs 3 vs Loser 1 vs 4 TBA	Loser 2 vs 3 vs Loser 1 vs 4 TBA	Loser 2 vs 3 vs Loser 1 vs 4 TBA

Consolation Beer Round Playoff Schedule

June 30	July 5	July 7	July 12	July 14	July 19
Reds vs Sporty A's Sporty A's Bullen Park 2	Sporty A's vs Sliders Topaz NW Glasgow	Sporty A's vs Panthers Cordova Bay	Sporty A's vs Reds Topaz NW Glasgow	Reds vs Panthers Cordova Bay	Reds vs Sliders Topaz NW Glasgow
Sliders vs Panthers Cordova Bay	Panthers vs Reds Vic West Skinned	Sliders vs Reds Bullen Park 2	Panthers vs Sliders Vic West Skinned	Sliders vs Sporty A's Bullen Park 2	Panthers vs Sporty A's Vic West Skinned

Tourney Reports

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TOURNAMENT

Through the sun the wind and the rain the tournament went on with great enthusiasm from the younger folk. We hosted two Esquimalt teams and one from Gordon Head. The coaches from the midget teams enjoyed the day and we had a few inquiries as to how to contact us next year when these girls graduate. In this I feel we have achieved our purpose in both giving back to the girls youth programme as well as creating some exposure for our league. A suggestion from the midget coaches is to host the tournament in the first weeks of July when the girls have finished their season (except for the few playing in provincials) and are looking for a wrap up tournament.

On the VWFL end, the Wild produced a team while the Gold combined with the Reds and the Stormin' Sliders rose again. As this is a new tournament we are still working out the kinks. Perhaps we should incorporate the tournament into the schedule so that all players are aware and can set aside the day as we do for the Ice Breaker and Sue Beischer tournaments. If you have any other suggestions to improve on this tournament, please let me know.

SUE BEISCHER TOURNAMENT

The activities are planned and the schedule is in the works for July 24 & 25 at View Royal. Thank you to Ken for arranging to have the tournament at the View Royal Park even though you may not be participating. We will not know if the Gold will be participating until after the July 3rd weekend as they will be vying for a spot in the Junior C provincial tournament, which takes place on the same weekend in Surrey. Good luck to the Gold!

The View Royal club will have the concession open throughout the tournament for your dining pleasure and the beer tent will travel with us to the park, so we ask that you leave our personal coolers at home. Each team is asked to produce two prizes. Prize donations can be given to me at any time through playoffs or please email me to let me know what they are, and bring them to the tournament. League awards will follow the championship game.

Donna Holmwood, Tournament Director

A Big THANK YOU

Sliders wish to thank the Bank of Montreal staff for their continued support. Without them we couldn't have enjoyed a great 2004 season in the V.W.F.L. We've had another big roster change this year, and have enjoyed playing ball with our new teammates. Thank you BMO!

Whoooooaa Sliders!

Another Ball Season Almost Done...

It seems like only yesterday that I was applying for fields, now the end of another season is near. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable regular season and I wish you all good luck in the play offs and Sue B!!

As VP my primary jobs are done before the season starts. I apply for fields and make up the regular season schedule. It might not sound like much, but a lot of time and care goes into ensuring we get fields to play on and that each team gets as equal a chance as possible to play on all diamonds. These are tasks I have taken on gladly because I wanted to make a difference and do a good job. I've learned a lot in my 2 seasons as VP and I hope to leave everything in as good or better order than when I started. I'd like to thank all the executive members for their hard work and dedication to our league because without such a committed group our season would not go as smoothly as it does. Ladies, you all ROCK! Kimmy, you are truly amazing as you always manage to put on a "happy" face!

I'd also like to pass along another invitation for entries for the league logo. We have received some very good entries which will be posted on the web site for you to look at and ultimately vote on. For anyone who thought it was too late to enter a submission, you have until the end of the play offs to get your entry to any executive member. We will vote on the submissions at the Sue Beischer tournament and the logo will come into effect for next year.

Shelley Garner, Vice President

The Provincial Treasure Chest

Now that our regular season is wrapped up, the V.W.F.L. is preparing for the playoffs, the consolation 'beer' round, the Sue Beischer Tourney, and for some, the Provincials. The 2004 regular season has been a good year. We've seen some well rounded, spirited teams playing some good competitive ball, and this years' playdowns should reflect a great season.

On behalf of the V.W.F.L., I would like to extend our best wishes to the Wild, Sporty A's and Panthers who will be attempting to qualify for the Senior 'D' Provincials, and the Heat (Gold) attempting to qualify for the Junior 'C' division. In support of these teams, we hope to see lots of familiar faces on the stands!

Your Executive is always searching for ways to support teams and individual players in the V.W.F.L. while sustaining quality recreational fastball for women in the Greater Victoria Region. With this in mind, we have decided to support the teams that are gearing up for the 2004 Provincials by awarding the teams that qualify \$185, which is one half of the fees required to participate.

Good luck to everyone in the next few weeks.

Sophie LeBlanc, Treasurer