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The playoff picture has become a little bit clearer, However, there are 6 of 9 teams still alive for the top four spots (and an extra playoff life) and no one has been eliminated from that 8th and final playoff spot.

Four wins should get a team in the top 4. So that puts Calahoo in a great spot because of their 4 wins. Sitting at 3 wins and hoping for at least one more is Saskatoon G-Force and Carnduff Southeast Steelers. Both teams will have it tough tomorrow with G-Force playing Kars and Calahoo and Carnduff facing Kars and Smitty's. Those games could allow the 2 wins and 2 losses teams Kars and North Delta Sunfire into the top four. The Sunfire may have it easier playing Synergy and NFL Impact. The other 2 win teams Saskatoon Synergy will have to fight to make into the top 4 as they need 2 wins and are playing North Delta and Calahoo.

According to the rules the final playoff spot could produce tiebreakers. as one-win Lady Diamondbacks will play NFL tomorrow and an Impact win could produce a tiebreaker if other games fall in a certain way. One-win Smitty's could also get forced into a tie breaker if they lose their first game tomorrow to the Lady Diamondbacks and later to Carnduff. It is looking like the big games for the last playoff spots are the lady Diamondbacks Newfoundland tilt as well as the Lady Diamondback Smitty's game



The Daily All-Star Lineup

1. Leading off from the North Delta Sunfire, #23 **Sara Riske**. In her game vs Kars, she hit 2 triples and a double in 5 appearances, bringing her tournament average up to .545. She also scored 3 runs and had 3 RBI. In her second game of the day she became the first player in this championship to put one over the fence, driving one into the net protecting the scoreboard.
2. In the second spot is #16 for the North Delta Sunfire **Leah Riske**. In her game vs. Kars she went 2 for 4 with 4 RBI. Leah and Sara Riske accounted for 7 of the 11 team's RBI in the game
3. In the third spot in the lineup, from DC Kars Aces, outfielder #21 **Tessa Thomas**. In the game vs BC, she hit 2 triples and a single in 4 appearances. That brought her tournament average up to .645.
4. In the clean up spot we have from the Saskatoon Co-op G Force designated player #14 **Jordan Kulbida**. In her game vs SK3 She hit 2

triples to go along with a walk in 4 plate appearances, moving her tournament batting average to .667. She also scored 3 and had 4 RBI.

5. In the fifth spot in today's all-star line up is Saskatoon G Force's 3rd short stop #12 **Brielle McCullough**. She went 3 for 4 against the Lady Diamondbacks bringing her tournament average to .615.

6. In the sixth spot, from North Delta Sunfire, playing first base, #9 **Rachel Charles**. Leading off she had 4 hits in 5 at bats, she scored a run and hit one as well.

7. In the seventh spot from Calahoo Erins is #34, pitcher, **Courtney Auger**. In her 5th inning win against Newfoundland she faced 16 batters, one over the minimum, allowing only a walk.

8. The eighth spot in the lineup will be taken by Saskatoon Lady diamondbacks outfielder #23 **Kim Vibert**. She went 4 for 5 against DC to move her championship batting average to .615. she also recorded 2 RBI and scored a run.

9. The finals spot on the All-Star lineup is filled by the first baseman from Calahoo Erins, #1 **Camille Czarnecki** for the second straight day. Camille went 3 for 4 vs. the Steelers She finished her day with a championship leading batting average of .816!

GAME SUMMARIES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
BC	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	11	12	0
DC	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	9	3

The Aces looked to be cruising coming into this game after 2 wins yesterday. The Sunfire had every reason to be down, at 0-2 and having to face the defending champs first game of the morning. DC Kars Aces fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 11-2 loss to BC North Delta Sunfire. BC North Delta Sunfire scored on a single by Jennifer Selles, a triple by Sara Riske, a single by Leah Riske, a fielder's choice by Sara Zboya, a walk by Britni McLennan, and a fielder's choice by Rachel Charles in the first inning.

Alana Westerhof earned the victory in the circle for BC North Delta Sunfire. She went five innings, allowing two runs on six hits, striking out three and walking one. Riske and Alissa Bullis entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. BC totaled 12 hits. Leah Riske, Selles, Brittany Meyer, and McLennan all managed multiple hits Sara Riske led Sunfire with three hits in five at bats.

Stacie Cox started the game for Kars Aces. She allowed four hits and six runs over one inning, striking out one and walking one. Madeline Hickingbottom took the loss after surrendering two runs on six hits over four and a third innings, striking out three. The Aces racked up nine hits. Tessa Thomas and Karlee Handy each racked up multiple hits for DC Kars Aces. Thomas went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Kars in hits.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK3	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4	9	2
HOST	0	0	2	4	0	3	X	9	14	0

Both teams came off stinging losses from the night before. The Lady Diamondbacks out hit Synergy 11-4 but lost 2-1 and G-Force committed 4 errors and gave up a 7-2 lead to Carnduff.

After giving up 3 and the lead in the top half the HOST pulled away for good with four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Brielle McCullough singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run, Jordan Kulbida tripled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs, and Randi Rocheleau grounded out, scoring one run.

Kailey Strouts earned the victory in the pitcher's circle as she allowed four hits and three runs over three innings, striking out three and walking zero. Rachael Huber threw four innings in relief out of the bullpen. Co-Op G-Force scattered 14 hits in the game. Kulbida and Cassidy Ball, managed 2 hits and McCullough and Dana Lahti had three hits. Co-Op G-Force didn't commit a single error in the field. Ashlyn Rupps had seven chances in the field, the most on the team.

Abby Ridgewell took the loss for the Lady Diamondbacks. She went three innings, allowing four runs on eight hits. SK3 saw the ball well today, racking up nine hits in the game. Kim Vibert, Kereluk, and Amy Friesen each collected multiple hits for SK3 Saskatoon Lady Diamondbacks.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK1	4	0	6	3	X	X	X	13	6	0
SK2	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	2	4

SK2 Saskatoon Synergy watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 13-0 loss to SK1 Carnduff Southeast Steelers. After their big win against provincial rival G-Force last night Carnduff came out of the gates quickly, scoring on a triple by Aimee Unchulenko, a single by Toni Ross, and a single by Vanessa Skiba in the first inning. A couple of Synergy errors helped them to 6 runs in T3. They finished the game with 3 more in T4 for a championship total of 29 runs in 3 games

Carmen Hughes earned the win for Carnduff Southeast Steelers. She allowed two hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out three.

Kelsey Trulsrud took the loss for Saskatoon Synergy. She surrendered eight runs on five hits over two and a third innings, striking out two.

The Derdall sisters, Landry and Kenzie Derdall each managed one hit to lead Synergy.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
BC	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	8	13	3
MB	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	12	3

North Delta Sunfire continued to look like one of they score 19 runs today including 8 to beat Smitty's Terminator out of Manitoba. Despite a 7-run deficit in the sixth inning, the Terminators almost came all the way back, eventually falling 8-6 to BC North Delta Sunfire Traing 7-0 and with thought of losing by the runs ahead rule they tallied six runs in the failed comeback. Zoe Hicks, Taylor Studler, Steff Sheard, Emily Smith, and Sheard powered the rally with RBIs.

MB Smitty's Terminators couldn't keep up with BC North Delta Sunfire early in the game. North Delta Sunfire got things started in the second inning on an error by center fielder Dani Klassen.

Smitty's put up five runs in the sixth inning. The offensive onslaught was led by Hicks, Studler, Sheard, and Smith, who each had RBIs in the inning.

BC North Delta Sunfire scored three runs in the fifth inning. Sara Riske and Leah Riske each drove in runs during the inning.

Alissa Bullis was the winning pitcher for BC North Delta Sunfire. She lasted five innings, allowing six hits and three runs while striking out one. Alana Westerhof followed but could not get an out and was replaced by Riske who threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen. North Delta racked up 13 hits, Riske, and Brittany Meyer managed multiple hits for BC and Charles went 4-for-5. Sarah Thomson took the loss for Manitoba. She went four and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on seven hits, striking out eight and walking one. Smitty's totaled 12 hits in the game. Studler, and Courtney Kwasnitza each managed 2 hits for Smitty's Terminators and Sheard and Hicks each had 3.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
AB	3	1	5	0	1	X	X	10	10	1
NL	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	0	4

NL Impact fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 10-0 loss to the Calahoo Erins Calahoo scored a single by Loni Da Costa followed by a single by Caurie Miller on a 1-1 count, that scored two runs.

Courtney Auger took to the pitcher's circle for Calahoo Erins. She gave up no hits, striking out four and walking one. Calahoo scattered ten hits in the game. Madison McGonigal, Da Costa, and Miller all managed multiple hits.

Jenna Connolly went two innings, allowing six runs on six hits and walking one for Impact Calista Corbett threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK3	0	3	1	0	0	3	2	9	18	2
DC	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	13	1

The defending champs could not get off the diamond fast enough after losing to their second consecutive winless team. However, the fourth-place finishers in Saskatchewan's provincials the Lady Diamondbacks from Saskatoon, deserved full credit for the biggest upset of the championship. They recorded 18 hits and responded to every charge made by Kars Aces.

The Aces watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 9-5 loss. Lady Diamondbacks pulled away for good with three runs in the second inning. Diane Kukurudza singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run, Michelle Kukurudza singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run, and Kim Vibert singled on a 0-1 count, scoring the third run.

In the top of the third, Rachael Jacques induced Breanne Neudorf to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored for Saskatoon, the Aces then answered when Tessa Thomas singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run. Saskatoon scored three runs in the sixth inning on a 3 run dinger by Karmen Twordik.

Bobbi Ryan started the game for the Lady Diamondbacks. She went two innings, allowing two runs on six hits, striking out one and walking none. Jenna Tanner led the Lady Diamondbacks to victory on the rubber. She went five innings, allowing three runs on seven hits, striking out one and walking one. Saskatoon racked up 18 hits in the game. Mykal Kereluk, Michelle Kukurudza, Amy Friesen, Twordik, Diane Kukurudza, and Sarah Sparks each managed multiple hits for Lady Diamondbacks. Kim Vibert went 4-for-5 at the plate to lead SK3 in hits.

Jacques took the loss for the Aces. She surrendered seven runs on 13 hits over five and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking one. Kars Aces racked up 13 hits. Thomas, Melanie Steer, Brittany Hicks, and Stacie Cox each had multiple hits for DC. Alexandria Lynette-Krech, led the Aces with three hits in four at bats.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
HOST	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	7	8	0
MB	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	8	0

This was a huge win for Saskatoon Co-op G Force, a loss would have put them in a pile of teams, including Smitty's Terminator, but a win put them in good spot at 3-1 going into the final day.

Co-Op G-Force opened up scoring in the first inning. Ashlyn Rupps doubled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run. Smitty's Terminators knotted

the game up at four in the bottom of the third inning, Smitty's Terminators scored three runs. Smitty's Terminators big bats were led by Zoe Hicks and Emily Smith, all driving in runs in the frame when Emily Smith tripled on a 0-2 count, scoring two runs.

The game was tied at four with Saskatoon Co-Op G-Force batting in the top of the sixth when Jill Kroeger singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run. A Dana Lahti single and an Ashlyn Rupps walk followed producing valuable insurance runs.

Haley Volk started the game for Saskatoon. She allowed five hits and four runs over three innings, striking out one. Jordan Kulbida got the win. She surrendered no runs on three hits over four innings, striking out one and walking one.

Hicks took the loss for the Terminators. She went five and a third innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits and striking out three. Smith led the Smitty's Terminators with two hits in three at bats.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
AB	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	12	3
SK1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	2

After an early Erins run, Carnduff Southeast Steelers took an early lead in the first inning thanks to a Janessa Wilson single and Lydia Niemegeers double. Calahoo Erins evened things up at two in the top of the second inning as a result of an error by Carnduff short stop Elia Bedwell. Calahoo Erins took the lead for good with one run in the third inning. In the third McGonigal singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run. They built their final lead from single runs in the 4th, 5th and 6th innings.

Jillian Miller led the Erins to victory on the rubber. She went seven innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out seven. Calahoo Erins collected 12 hits on the day. McGonigal, Caurie Miller, and Miller each racked up multiple hits for AB Calahoo Erins. Camille Czarniecki went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead AB Calahoo Erins in hits. Jana Sittler took the loss for the Southeast Steelers. She surrendered six runs on 12 hits over seven innings. Niemegeers led Carnduff with two hits in three at bats.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
NL	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	6	1
SK2	0	0	0	0	2	8	X	10	11	1

If they could only take one half inning back, Newfoundland/Labrador would be sleeping deeply tonight. But after being up 4-2 in the bottom of the 6th they gave up 8 runs on 6 hits, two walks and one error. Kelsey Trulstrup drew a walk, scoring one run followed by hits from Casey Simpson, Jana Britz, Trulstrup, Mallory Shalovelov, Alyssa Fandrick, which drove in runs in the frame. It was a tough pill to swallow for a young team that has battled hard but has nothing in the win column to show for it.

Simpson pitched Synergy to victory. She went four and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out four. Kenzie Derald threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Synergy racked up 11 hits on the day. Fandrick, Regan Rucks, and Simpson each had multiple hits for SK2 Saskatoon Synergy. Fandrick went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead her team in hits.

Jenna Connolly took the loss for NL Impact. She lasted six innings, allowing 11 hits and ten runs while striking out two. NL Impact racked up six hits. Callie Langmead and Abigail Gambin all collected multiple hits.