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### Saskatoon Co-op Saturday

C1	BVI	11:00am	<b>Calahoo Erins</b> 3	V S	Carnduff Southeast Steelers 2
C2	BVI	1:00pm	North Delta Sunfire 3	V S	<b>Kars Aces</b> 13
C3	JGF	1:00pm	5th Saskatoon Co-op G-Force 6	V S	8th <b>Smitty's Terminators</b> 13
C4	BVI	3:30pm	6th <b>Sask. Lady Diamondbacks</b> 8	V S	7th Saskatoon Synergy 2
C5	JGF	3:30pm	Smitty's 10	V S	<b>Carnduff</b> 16
C6	BVI	6:00pm	Lady Diamondbacks 3	V S	<b>North Delta Sunfire</b> 4
C7	BVI	8:00pm	Calahoo Erins 2	V S	<b>Kars Aces</b> 4

### Saskatchewan Lotteries Sunday

C8	BVI	10:30am	Carnduff Southeast Steelers	Vs	North Delta Sunfire
C9	BVI	12:30pm	Calahoo Erins	Vs	WC8
C10	BVI	3:00pm	WC7	Vs	WC9



Pos	Player	P/T	ERA	Bat	Def
P	Stella Turazzi	AB	.046	21 K	1.000
C	Deanna Gerrard	SK1	-	.333	1.000
1B	Camille Czarnecki	AB	-	.733	.909
2B	Dana Lahti	HOST	-	.458	1.000
3B	Madison McGonigal	AB	-	.571	.933
SS	Brielle McCullough	HOST	-	.458	.935
OF	Tessa Thomas	DC	-	.524	.900
OF	Melanie Steer	DC	-	.563	1.000
C	Kim Vibert	SK3	-	.688	.875
U	Sara Riske	BC	-	.429	1.000

Player	P/T	Award
Camille Czarnecki	AB	Top Batter
Alissa Bullis	BC	Top Pitcher
Sara Riske	BC	MVP-Qualifying Round

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	1
AB	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	10	1

The undefeated Erins were looking to cruise into the semi final, but a stubborn Steelers team was in their way. Carnduff jumped into the lead with 2 in T3. Following a single by Carduff's all star catcher **Deanna Garrard**, an error by Erins all Star 3B **Madison McGonigal** scored Garrard and put **Janessa Wilson** all the way to 3B. She scored immediately on a **Lydia Niemegeers** single. The score lasted until B5 when Calahoo tied things up. They did all their damage with 2 outs **Camille Czarnecki** singled in one run followed by **Stella Turazzi** who recorded only her second hit of the championship, a triple, to tie the game at 2. The score remained deadlocked until B7 when Calahoo's **Brenley Caron** led off with a single. She was bunted over to second to set the stage for the championship's Top Batter, **Camille Czarnecki**. With first base open the Steelers pitched to her and she lined a single to left. A great throw by the left fielder and a great jump by Caron made for a close play at home but the run scored and Calahoo stayed unbeaten and advanced to the semi final. Turazzi came into the game to pitch in the T3 and did allow a base runner of the 15 she faced.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DC	1	0	3	9	X	X	X	13	17	4
BC	1	0	0	2	X	X	X	3	3	3

The defending champions just keep rolling along, hitting everything in sight. They are averaging 10 hits a game throughout the championship and 16 a game since they lost 2 games on Thursday. They broke a tight game open in T3 scoring 3 runs thanks to a pair of triples, a single and BC error. In T4 everyone seemed to get a hit, as they recorded 9 singles including 5 in a row on their way to a 9-run inning. **Brittany Hicks** had 2 hits in the inning. In the bottom of the inning North Dela had the first four batters reach base but were not able to score enough to keep away from the runs ahead

rule. Six different Kars hitters had at least 2 hits including Hicks, who went 4 for 4, had 2 RBI and score 3 runs A close second to her was **Alexandria Lynette-Krech**,

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

After managing only 1 win in the preliminary round Smitty's doubled their win total with this victory. They looked in complete control from T2 on. The G-Force had the same problem they had the night before, they could not get that last out, as Smitty's scored 7 runs on 2 out. In B4 **Taylor Studler** hit a big 2 out triple to score 2 and was hit in by a single by **Steff Sheard** giving Manitoba a 5-run lead. The G-force struggled defensively for most of the championship and it showed in T5 when they gave up 6 of their game total 8, unearned runs. Saskatoon was still not ready to end their championship dreams. They sent 10 ladies to the plate in a last-ditch effort bid to prevent losing by the runs ahead rule. However, down 7, with the bases loaded, **Jordan Kulbida** hit into a fielder's choice to end the rally. **Taylor Studler** led Smitty's at the plate going 3 for 4 with 4 RBI and scoring 2 runs. Manitoba advanced to take on Carnduff Steelers.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	2
SK3	0	0	3	0	1	4	X	8	9	0

This was a league rivalry, with these 2 teams playing each close to a dozen times this year. Synergy finished higher than the Lady Diamondbacks in league play and in provincials, but the D'backs won when it really counted. The Diamondbacks took the lead in B3 when **Jodie Lysyshyn** hit a 3 run double with the bases loaded. The defining half inning of this game was B6 when the D'Backs stretched their lead to 6. They led off the inning with 4 consecutive batters reaching base including 3 straight singles and producing 2 runs. Two outs later, **Brianne Neudorf** and **Diane Kukurudza** scored another pair and this game was out of reach.

Lysyshyn and **Karmen Twordik** led the lady Diamondbacks offensively Jodie going 2 for 4 with 4 RBI, and Twordik going 2 for 3, scoring 3 runs and hitting in one as well.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MB	4	0	0	5	0	1	0	10	15	4
SK1	1	1	5	1	3	5	X	16	17	0

This was the very definition of a back and forth affair, featuring 4 different lead changes. Smitty's took the momentum they gained from their last win into the T1 scoring 4 runs. After the first batter of the game grounded out the Terminators produced 5 straight hits including 3 triples. The first lead change came in B3 when the Steelers scored 5 runs on 4 hits. The big hit was a 2-run double by **Elijah Bedwell**, who later scored. Smitty's struck right back with 5 of their own, capped off by a 2-run shot over centre field fence by **Steff Sheard**. Carnduff came back in B3 to score 3 more and take the lead again, **Deanna Gerrard's** 2 run single did a lot of the damage in the inning. After Smitty's got within 1 in the T6. Carnduff put the game away in B6 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> five run inning of the game. After a ground out to start the inning the next six hitters advanced to base, as a result of 5 singles and an error, scoring 4 runs. The 16<sup>th</sup> run was scored on a fielder's choice. Smitty's could not come back again, they managed a couple of singles in T7 but ran out of gas. Carnduff won the right to play on Sunday against the winner of C6.

**Taylor Studler** again led Winnipeg offensively going 3 for 4 with 4 RBI and scoring 2 runs. **Steff Sheard** helped out a lot as well going 2 for 4 with 3 RBI and also scoring a pair of runs. For the Steelers **Janessa Wilson** went 3 for 5 and **Jocelyn Kratchmer** went 3 for 4. **Aimee Unchulenko** produced a lot of offensive as well with 3 RBI and scoring 2 runs with a pair of hits

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
SK3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	10	1
BC	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	8	0

This had to be one of the most exciting games of the championship so far. The upstart Lady Diamondbacks gave BC all they could handle. The Lady Diamondbacks were the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team out of Saskatchewan, yet they were one of 2 left and the only team from Saskatoon. North Delta was an unknown entity coming into the championship, but they showed that BC women's teams are always tough by recovering from an 0-2 start and finishing second in the preliminary round.

The Sunfire started the preliminary Round Top pitcher, **Alissa Bullis** and Saskatoon countered with **Jenna Tanner** who had just finished off Synergy 45 minutes earlier with a complete game win. This was a pitcher's duel. **Sara Riske** scored the first run as she led off with a single was advanced on a groundout and scored on a Sac bunt. In T4 SK3 got all their runs. **Michelle Kukurudza** singled, advanced on a ground out and scored on a **Kim Vibert** single. After a ground out, Vibert scored on **Karmen Twordik's** single and a **Mykal Kereluk** sac fly to put the D'Backs up 1. They received some insurance when **Jodie Lysyshyn's** single hit in Twordik.

In B5, BC looked ready to score a few after a double and a pair of 2 out singles brought them within one and produced runners at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, Tanner got **Britany Meyer** to fly out to end the inning setting up the drama in B7 After getting Twordik to fly out with 2 runners on, BC seemed to gain some momentum coming into their last bat. After a fly out for out #1, **Jennifer Chong** hit and single and **Jennifer Selles** earned an 8-pitch walk. A pop out and single loaded the bases with 2 out for **Britany Meyer** who hit first pitch up the middle scoring 2 for the win and the chance to take on Carnduff Southeast Steelers tomorrow at 10:30.

The Lady Diamondbacks were led offensively by **Kim Vibert** who went 4 for and **Jodie Lysyshyn** who went 2 for 3. For BC **Britany**

**Meyer** and **Erin Turko** went 2 for 4 and **Jennifer Chong** went 2 for 3 and scored 2 runs

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

This had all the makings of a great match up. Undefeated Calahoo Erins, last years bronze medallist versus the second hottest team in the championship Kars Aces, the defending champs. Kars relied upon a powerful offense averaging 8 runs a game. They were facing the championship's leading pitchers **Stella Turazzi**. Earlier she lowered her championship leading .456 ERA, by mowing down 15 Carnduff Steelers in row in order to advance to this game. One would think the lighting would have changed at Bob Van Impe Stadium because all of sudden the fans were seeing pitchers' duels. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> one of the day and it was a beauty as Madeline **Hickingbottom** was dueling **Stella Terrazi**

Kars jumped ahead early, on a 2 out single by **Tessa Thomas** in T1. It took Alberta until B3 to get that run back. A lead off **Kathy Yeats** single followed by a ground out, Sac bunt and an error scored the tying run. Alberta took the lead in B6 when **Camille Czarniecki** led off with a double. Turazzi helped herself by advancing her to 3B on an error. **Loni Da Costa** hit her in with a sac fly. When Terrazi was replaced for a pinch runner, no one believed she was not going to re-enter to close out the game, Calahoo was going to rely heavily on her to deal with the Aces.

It must not have been in the cards for the Erins, as **Victoria Rumph** led off T7 with a triple and scored the tying run on a sac fly. That was followed by a walk and a **Britany Hicks** triple to score the go ahead run. A throwing error on the play scored Hicks to make it 4-2. In B7 Calahoo was able to bring the tying run to the plate but no closer as Hickingbottom closed the door. Kars was led by **Britany Hicks** and **Tessa Thomas** who both went 2 for 4, Hicks had 2 RBI, and Thomas 1. **Loni Da Costa** had 1 hit in 2 official appearances and an RBI for Alberta. DC are back in the final scheduled for 3 and

Alberta will wait for the winner of the meeting between Carnduff and North Delta.

### FINAL Preliminary Round Standings

1	AB-Calahoo Erins	6-0
2	BC-North Delta Sunfire	4-2
3	DC-Kars Aces	4-2
4	SK1-Carnduff Steelers	4-2
5	Host-Saskatoon Co-op G-Force	3-3
6	SK3-Saskatoon Lady Diamondbacks	3-3
7	SK2-Saskatoon Synergy	2-4
8	MB-Smitty's Terminator	1-5
9	NL-Newfoundland Impact	0-6

Thank you to our bat boy and girls

