

Windmill/Windup

Rene McIver pitched well for the DB Law Raiders in the final of the Prince George Women's Softball League playoffs, but it wasn't enough as the previously undefeated Raiders went down 4-3 to the Midget Thunderbirds.

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Storm heaved in final

The Eagle Valley Storm might want to consider changing their name.

The local men's fastball team changed their moniker from Jays to Storm mid-way through this Spruce City Men's Fastball Association season, but a few rainstorms during the SCMFA's best of three final series ended up doing them in.

Tied at one game apiece with Environmental Dynamics last week, the rains postponed the third and deciding game until Tuesday at the Spruce City Stadium.

The Storm hit up a storm in the first two

games of the series, knocking five balls out of the park for home runs in an 8-7 victory and 6-5 loss.

But the rain doused their hot bats and Tuesday they came up flat, losing 11-0 to Dynamics in just three innings.

"They hit really well in the first two games," says Dynamics pitcher Dan Karr. "But we hit the heck out of the ball in the last game. Anything that was close to being a strike we got our bat on it and hit the holes. I think everyone on our team got a hit in the final."

"The difference was everything they hit, they

hit at our people."

Lucianno Pagnotta led the way offensively for Dynamics as he belted a grand slam to help the winners to a six-run opening inning. Karr pitched well in the final game, only allowing one Storm player to reach base and that play was ruled an error.

The game was called after the third inning when the 10-run mercy rule was invoked.

The win is Dynamics' second straight playoff title. The locals have won the SCMFA playoffs three out of the last four seasons.

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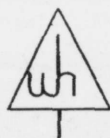
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