

Acton Wins First Game Of Clinton Playdowns

Clinton was Defeated 12-6 in Acton Park on Saturday in First Game of Second Round O.B.A. Playdowns—Ryder Held the Visitors Hitless until the Sixth Inning—Clinton, Hurler was Ousted from the Park

The local triple A batsmen all hopped on the band wagon and set the Clinton Colts a much too rigid pace last Saturday. In the first game of the second round O.B.A. playdowns, Acton went hell-for-leather and pushed the frolicking Colts back on their hind legs with a nine lap lacing of 12-6.

In what was perhaps one of his best mound performances this season, Don Ryder hurled a no hit effort until the sixth inning, packing the effort. The first fifteen batters in order, during the sixth, he faltered momentarily and was touched for two hits which paved the way for a late rally of six runs and five more safeties.

A calamitous eighth and ninth were responsible for five of the six runs the Colts ran up. Four errors—three to Masales on shortstop and one to Masters on the "hot corner" made it inevitable. With the exception of the erring moments the local club had no great trouble disposing of the green-clad Colts.

Carrick, the Clinton nomination for mound duties, was knocked out of the box in the third. A former Stratford hurler, he was touched for seven hits and an equal number of runs in the

first three stanzas. The triple A hickory knocked out a murderous tattoo and he was replaced by Scott, a right-hander, who remained the route.

But this wasn't the last we heard of Carrick, the southpaw. A trouble-maker in his native haunts—the baseball diamond—he insisted on contesting the umpire's decision from the bench; a feat that wasn't appreciated. He was told to refrain from criticism and directed off the player's bench into the crowd. Not content with one warning, he flew into a rage and again roused the umpire's ire with a fiery burst of verbalism in the sixth. Finally the officials ordered him thrown out of the park—which he was.

Scott, the second Clinton slobber, had nine bingles knocked from those he professed and bore the brunt of the sixteen hit Acton attack. A visitor's question "Can those Acton guys hit?" really didn't deserve an answer. The proof was in the pudding.

Owen Masales, with Jack Waterhouse, signified their intentions at the plate in the first stages of play. They banged out four and three hits respectively and along with Don Ryder led the locals at the plate. Masales clouted the longest hit of the game in the seventh frame with a triple over the centre fielder's head. Draper had to run back plenty deep to snag the agile after it landed.

With the exception of the erring moments in the eighth and ninth, Acton demonstrated their superiority in the field. Don Ryder was given splendid support. Waterhouse, playing second, made a stab at a hard drive which could have gone for a safety in the first and caught it superbly. Playing a game which waxed warm one moment and cold the next, Masales pulled off a double play in the finale as the Colts feverishly tried to add to their runs. Woodcock had singled, and a bifocaled pinch hitter, Hawkins by name, knocked a fast drive to short. Masales scooped it up, touched second forcing Woodcock out and heaved it to first instantaneously before Hawkins was near the sack.

The game dragged and was stopped several times as the Colt's trainer issued instructions to his moundsmen. It robbed the game of interest and the several hundred fans, assured of an Acton victory, commenced the trek homewards early in the eighth. Timmis and Whiteman, the officials, had their hands full in the decision department. Clinton protested on anything that was essentially part of an ordinary game.

Box Score: Clinton 000 001 032 6 7 3 Acton 205 000 230 12 16 5

Line-ups: Clinton—McDonald 1b; White, 2b; Neilans lf; Draper cf; Miller 3b; Woodcock 3b; Carrick p until 3rd; Scott p; Burtliff ss; Boussey c; Hawkins hl for Scott in 9th. Acton—Masfers 3b; Morton 1b; Waterhouse 2b; Lindsay c; Kentner lf; Masales ss; Footitt cf; Robinson rf; Ryder p. Umpires—Whiteman and Timmis.



Unsportsmanlike? Carrick, the southpaw hurler nominated for the Clinton take-off position in Saturday's game, was, when named, one of the top flight moundsmen Stratford Kroehlers had in tow. 'Tis said he occupied an exalted position with the management and was frequently referred to as possible promotional material. He wasn't a stranger to several of the triple A players who had watched his antics while he was with Kroehlers. They endorsed his prospective with an O.K. But after Saturday's shenanigans we are inclined to believe it went to his head; all that ink smattered at him, that is.

Although we were blessed with but a brief glance at his slants—only three innings—he struck us as being a bit on the tipsy side in more ways than one. A more arrogant and argumentative player hasn't hit the burgh in years of baseball. He commenced volubility when he was hurling; questioned the plate decision in practically every pitch. Removal from the game and replacement by Scott must have injured his ego, for he spilled out a host of adjectives intended for the umpires as soon as he hit the bench. They heard him! Whether he intended his remarks to be audible or not, is not known, but we prefer the former. With a dash of sarcasm in his voice, he demanded that we be allowed to leave the bench. He did and continued to heckle from the bleachers until a lengthy argument broke upon the diamond. In a flash, he was under the wire and onto the diamond, contributing his two bits' worth to the conversation. Two of the bench warmers tried to placate him but he was beyond this. They had to drag him back to the wire and incurred his wrath in so doing. Finally, and it was about time, the officials engaged a Constable to oust him from the park. He left, pronto.

If the Colts have been content to leave this character stray and had when he so pleases, they had best reconsider before another season rolls around. He only gave an added incentive to the Acton players who delighted in battling his offerings around. Beyond this he was a liability to the club.

Salt and Spice The Walkerton Herald had three different interpretations of Footitt in their last edition. He was labelled—Footitt, Rootitt and Footitt. If you'll notice they have perhaps written his moniker on different occasions when he was at bat.

Onkville eliminated Tilsonburg from the O.B.A. playdowns and reportedly are coasting through to a championship. The same applies to Milton Juniors who are sweeping their respective series with ease and are now slated for the semi-finals.

Murray Grenke, a star pivot of last year's Milton Junior hockey club has been signed with a professional team and is training with Guelph Billmore's after which he returns for a season to the American league. He has also been pitching heads-up ball for the Milton Juniors and they will suffer from his exodus to the ice game.

Acton High School students didn't make much more than a showing in the Georgetown Field Day against the other county students. The deputation from Acton suffered continual deficits to Burlington who incidentally snappet the event insofar as school athletics were concerned.

Reminiscing Endeavoring to secure past information on Acton's baseball teams was gleaned through the Free Press files this week. It was one long stormy battle for the local clubs in recent years and we failed to detect even one instance in which they passed through the league portals into the Ontario playdowns. Of course we could have missed a season and would appreciate any information from those who can recall former winners. Milton, as a rule have won the county championship and several times have won the Ontario championship, according to the files. This indubitably means that we have a unique season of baseball in Acton one that threatens to expand the Fall Fair dates. The team this year is one of the best squads to ever cover the base paths from this fair velle of ours. If they dupe the Clinton team (written of Monday) and push through the semi-finals they can be assured they are the first Acton club to do so. A great deal of credit should certainly be handed to the Athletic Association and the players themselves for one of the BEST baseball seasons in memory.

Hogging the Limelight Again! "Dude" Lindsay had his finger broken in last Saturday's meet and our one and only backstop who is capable of guiding Chabun in, might be shifted to the bench. We hope not! The "Dude" is one of the finest receivers that ever hit Acton and it would be a severe stroke to the triple A club if he was laid up indefinitely. He combines a beautiful heave with—oh, we better shut up!

ERIN

A citizen in the local community has peaches growing on his property—a rare thing in this community. On Tuesday evening, September 9, about 45 ladies, friends of the bride-to-be, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burt to offer good wishes for future happiness to Miss Mildred Sutton on her approaching marriage to Mr. Alastair McKinnon.

Ardsossan United Church, Alberta, was the scene of the wedding recently of Miss Lona Irene Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reynolds of Ardsossan and LAS William Douglas Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Scott of Erin.

The east and west bound trains on the Owen Sound branch of the CPR were both held up for quite a time last Friday evening at McEllicie crossing when a horse, the property of Fred Corbett, strayed from the farm and got its foot caught in the planks on the road crossing.

Wednesday, September 3rd, marked the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Warnock Loyal Orange Lodge No. 250, Carleton Place. Mr. Clarence Maveal, who recently made application to join the RCMP has been accepted and is now posted at Ottawa—Advocate.

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