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Eleven Innings For Sunderland to Win by 8 to 7

First Game of Series Lost by Acton Wednesday—Sunderland to Play Here Saturday

Old Father Time, who is so often referred to as the originator of the numerical system, must have devised it in a haphazard fashion. At the most, he did leave some loopholes. When 2 and 2 don't make 4 plus, then something is wrong with a capital W. It was that way with Acton Intermediates in Sunderland yesterday. They lost the first game of the semi-finals 8-7 in a game that stretched to eleven innings. A home run by Tamblin, the Sunderland mountaineer, in the bottom half of the eleventh, with the score tied at 7 apiece, put the home club one up and won one of the queerest and most bizarre spectacles we've had since the Dodgers stole the one hitter from the Yanks.

A sixteen hit attack set up by the triple A club would be good any other time for at least a baker's dozen. Especially when the opposition collected only six safeties. But this wasn't the case. They were hit by sixteen bingles, had ten errors committed by the northern club to aid them and they finished with a galley seven runs. It doesn't add up. Although Acton fumbled the game a grand total of 9 times—it still endorses subtraction to the nth degree.

Disaster struck principally in the last half of the sixth. Sunderland chalked up five runs on a single safety. A pass and a batter hit by a pitched ball contributed to the calamitous half but four errors in the infield were the fountain head of the rally. Up until that point, Acton were leading the pack on a 5-2 pace.

The triple A club added two more runs, a single in the eighth and another in the ninth, to make it "seven steven" until Tamblin smashed out the circuit clinch in the eleventh. Don Ryder was the victim of peculiar circumstances as he hurried for the local club. He was touched for only six bingles which were scattered to such an extent that no more than one was prevalent in each respective frame. The Sunderland crew did not win the affair on a potent batting display. Ironically Ryder was the batter in the eleventh with three men on the sacks and two out, who could have clinched the affair. But Dame Fortune would have nought to do with Acton and in a sense, Ryder lost his own game by flying out. From there in, it was irreparable. A sterling hurling performance which included 9 strike outs fell victim to a hungry coincidence.

L. Tamblin stole the show in the eleventh with his timely four bagger which proved to be the winning tally. The merciless pounding he took on the chin from the local bats had little effect on his hurling. He struck out 11 and relinquished only one free trip to the initial sack. You could class him as a one man team on this platform since he exclusively is the first moundsman to notch such a strike out record with the Acton willow as his ally.

Three of the triple A players slugged out a terrific 500 pace in Masters, Morton and Kentner, which bathed them along with their pals, in a spotlight of contention. Only Tamblin of the homesters approached their mark with a two for five. Lindsay came back with a splurge in the seventh as he bashed a triple only to be left solitary on the sack.

The Saturday game promises to be a baseball classic. It is imminent that Acton will be on their guard against a repetition in the error dept. and will be battling with their backs to the wall. If they win on Saturday, another tilt will have to be played to select the finalist.

Nineteen errors sounds more like a spelling match than a baseball game. Let's hope there won't be any disastrous "dropsy" on Saturday or we'll drop clear out of the picture—and so near the championship.

Box Score: R H E Sunderland 002 005 000 01 8 6 10 Acton 101 030 011 00 7 16 9

Line-ups: Sunderland—Anderson cf; C. Tamblin 2b; S. John 3b; Thompson 1b; McDougall lf; Shortt c; Westcott rf; Wickett rf in 6th; Brandon ss; L. Tamblin p. Acton—Masters 3b; Morton 1b; Evans 2b until 5th; Lindsay c; Kentner lf; Masales ss; Footitt cf; J. Waterhouse rf until 5th; 2b in 5th; Robinson rf until 9th; Gay rf; Ryder p.

—Miss Ruth Present of Brampton, who has been assistant editor during the summer and had charge of the news during the editor's trip to the coast, left last week to resume her studies in the course in Journalism at Western University, London. Miss Present spent the summer on the Free Press staff and many citizens who came to know her in her work here will wish her continued success in her journalistic career.

Another Record for 1947 Fall Fair As Beautiful Weather Grooms Event

Attendance on Saturday Within 100 of Last Year's Record of 8000 — Fine Exhibits in Many Classes — Baby Show had Nearly 50 Entries — Acton Boys' and Girls' Band was Popular Feature and Clown Band Provided Plenty of Fun — Arena Show Had Outstanding Program of Professional Artists and was Top Line Performance

Favored with delightful fall weather the 1947 Acton Fair last Friday and Saturday established another record of achievement in attendance and fine exhibits in its long string of growing success. The gate receipts on Saturday afternoon were within \$30 of the all time record established last year. The attendance at the Friday night show was not quite as large as last year's record, but the arena was well-filled for one of the finest performances ever presented.

Hall exhibits haven't yet come back to pre-war levels. The flower show suffered from the early frosts but there were fine exhibits of baking, school children's work and Indian work. Other exhibits of interest in the hall were the galling vessels of the Hobby Club, the spinning wheel made by Mrs. John Rogavaldson, Manding Electric exhibit, Ontario Veterinary College exhibit and the display of the work of the Women's Institutes and Girls' Garden Brigades.

Friday Night Acton Fair is a two-day event in every sense of the word. President Howard Switzer welcomed the crowd at the big arena performance and J. Moadie, of Brampton, carried off the honors for the pony exhibit.

Messrs. R. R. Parker and Johnny Gray had charge of the arena performance and did some re-arranging of the program that was an improvement. The horse jumping was the first item following a splendid concert by the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band under Bandmaster C. W. Mason.

Seven horses participated in the event and in the performance class Miss Jean Gowland was first with Symphony Lad and Mr. Stoddart's entries of Sky King and Bonale Dundee took second and third places. In the high jump Miss Gowland's

entry of Symphony Lad again took top place with Lorne Masales, Acton, second and Mr. Stoddart's entry, Bonale Dundee in third place. The musical chairs contest was won by Miss Gowland's entry of Golden Slippers, and J. Moadie was the only entry in the pony class.

Garden Improvement Winners Winners in the Home and Garden Improvement competitions were announced. Class I Chas. M. Holmes, Colin McGill and R. F. Clumder; Class II Chas. W. Mason, William Landsborough and H. V. Dron.

Better artists have never appeared before an Acton audience than those presented for the vaudeville section of the hill last Friday night. Phyllis Jackson, dancing artist, Al Emerson, slick wire performer, juggler and clown, Charlie Jackson comedian and novelty musical interpreter and Valerie and Doreen acrobats in hand and head balancing made a variety show that show real talent of high professional calibre. Freddie Godwin, pianist and solo-vox virtuoso gave numbers and provided the musical background for the show. Master of ceremonies was Steve Follow.

A midway that surpassed that of last year was open for business on Friday night and was well patronized by the crowd attending, both before and after the arena show.

The Second Day All morning on Saturday the exhibitors converged at the park and when Acton Boys' and Girls' Band led the parade of school children along the street and to the park shortly after one o'clock, the grounds were packed with attractions. There was a good showing of beef cattle, sheep and swine. Judging of the poultry was

done on Friday this year and the entry was a record-breaker.

President Howard Switzer briefly addressed the gathering and officially opened the Fair, welcoming visitors, exhibitors and friends to Acton.

Both the heavy and light horse classes were not so well-filled as in some other years, but there was a good showing. Owing to lack of entries, only one race was on the card for trotting horses, but it proved a keen contest.

Hands and Fun Not the least of the attractions by any means were the two hands featured and Actonians visiting in the home town were thronged about the stand all afternoon as Bandmaster Mason presented the local product that has been so successful in 1947 competitions. A clown band also organized locally was another musical group that kept the crowd well amused and livened up the parades and any dull moments about the grounds.

47 Babies in Show Forty-seven babies were entered in the Robinson Baby Show and gave the judges a real task to select seven winners in the various classes. Every entry received an award but only seven red ribbons were handed out. Winners were as follows:

Girls up to three months Sharon Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White, Rockwood.

Boys up to three months Melvin son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McIsaac, R.R. 3, Acton.

Girls up to six months Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miron.

Boys up to six months William Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cook, Acton.

Girls up to one year Carolyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright, Guelph.

Boys up to one year Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McIsaac, Acton. Twins Karen and Bryan, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Guelph.

NEW BAPTIST MINISTER



After five years as pastor of the Waterford Baptist Church, Rev. C. W. Gower has accepted a call to the Georgetown and Acton churches. Mr. Gower has served in the following parishes: Alvinston, West Lorne, Dresden and Waterford. While in Dresden Mr. Gower conducted a half hour broadcast each Sunday evening from Chatham over CFCO. His ministry will commence Sunday, October 19th.

Other Prize Winners

Oldest Married Couple Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman.

Person attending fair from longest distance Mrs. F. C. Blenkinsderfer, Denver, Colorado.

Best Doll Carriage in Parade Donald Price, Marilyn Rogavaldson, Joan Courtney and Beverly Price.

Best Decorated Bicycle Betty Wilds, Ron Coleman, Anne McLaughlin.

Winners of Prizes in the various classes will be found starting on Page Three of this issue.

Grand finale of the fair was the Fair night dance in the Town Hall and here again a capacity crowd enjoyed the final attraction of the 1947 Acton Fair.

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Band Tax By-Law Will be Submitted to Ratepayers Here

Recognition of This Year's Achievement Will Take Hands of Future in Consideration

Acton Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councilors C. Cook, W. Coon and R. M. Aylsworth present and Reeve F. J. McCutcheon presiding.

Mr. L. Roche requested that a title be placed at his driveway on Church Street. Municipal Officer Harrop reported that no eight inch title was available and this was the reason attention had not been given.

Messrs. D. Dawkins and H. Ritchie on behalf of Acton Fire Brigade requested that two members of the Brigade be sent in the course in fire-fighting at the University of Toronto in October. Council gave approval for one man to attend the course. The Brigade also requested a room in the hall for meetings and a library. Council agreed to give this consideration.

At request of Council Mr. C. W. Mason was present to discuss with Council the most suitable recognition for the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band on their splendid achievement of this year. Mr. Mason explained the band tax law. He said his desire was to see some arrangements made whereby the future of the band in Acton could be assured. He had led the band without remuneration but such free leadership would not always be available and he would like to see provision made for financial support that would assure a band for Acton always. This law would provide annually a half-mill each year for band support. It could be voted on at the municipal elections if Council passed the necessary resolution.

Band uniforms were the present need as there were now three kinds of uniforms but with assurance of steady financial support and the funds now on hand the uniforms could be secured in the not distant future. A resolution was passed by Council requesting the Clerk to prepare a by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers at the municipal elections for the passing of the Band Tax law. If this is approved an annual levy of a half mill will be made each year for support of Acton band.

Mr. Mason expressed appreciation of Council's action in passing this resolution and thanked them for the consideration shown.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Weston Construction Co., re Watermain	Wartime Housing	\$1498.48
B. D. Rachlin, police cap		6.75
J. B. Mackenzie & Son supplies		20.47
Canadian Photo Copy Co., re Wartime Housing		10.37
Canadian Brass Co., supplies		318.11
National Iron Corporation, Ltd., re watermain for Wartime Housing		859.39
Anderson, Armstrong & Co., re engineering fees		516.08
Weston Construction Co., extra re Wartime Housing		200.00
C. F. Leatherland, salary and disbursements		150.10
National Iron Corporation, re Wartime Housing		1076.25
Drummond & McGill supplies		122.00
Canadian Brass Co., supplies		125.09
The Canadian Institute of Sewage and Sanitation		7.00
		\$6762.40

Plans and details were submitted of the houses in the Wartime Housing subdivision in Acton. There will be 20 of the homes with two bedrooms, 26 with three bedrooms and 4 of the larger type with four bedrooms.

The Clerk reported that amounts owing for poll tax and dog tax had been placed in Division Court for collection. Instructions were issued for collection of other arrears.

The Clerk read correspondence with War Assets Corporation in which the land on which a portion of the Arena was erected was declared surplus and (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 3c.

Euochre and dance, Thursday, October 9, L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25c.

Bazaar, baking sale, afternoon tea and tea cup reading, Saturday, October 11 at Legion Hall, 2:30 p.m. Auxiliaries Legion Auxiliary.

Barn Dance will be held at Claude Pickett's new barn, Seventh Line, 14 miles north of Hornby on Tuesday, October 14th. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. B

SCENES FROM 1947 ACTON FAIR IN FINE COMPETITION



Here are Free Press staff pictures of the 1947 Acton Fair. Upper right are the winners in the Baby Show with their mothers. Standing left to right Sharon White, Melvin McIsaac, Janice Miron, Kenneth McIsaac. Seated Karen and David Johnston and Carolyn Wright. Pictures in upper left are winners for the best decorated bicycles—Betty Wilds, Ron Coleman and Ann McLaughlin. Central picture is a partial view of the judging as the prize winners

paraded in the final parade of the afternoon, led by the Acton Band. Lower left shows the winners for the best decorated doll carriages—Joan Courtney, Marilyn Rogavaldson, Donald Price and Beverly Price. Lower right shows the carriage teams being judged in the race. Mrs. Barden, Hillsburg; Mrs. Wheeler, Georgetown and Robt. Kerr, Acton with their teams of hackneys.