

Acton Smothers Delhi 13-4 in First Game Of Finals

Fourth Inning Spree Nets Eight Runs — Pete Chabun Handles Hurling

Excitement was at its peak after last Saturday's spectacle in Acton Park. The triple A club were only one game away from the Ontario Championship. Delhi, the one remaining contender for the crown, suffered a 13-4 setback at the hands of the local club in the first of the best of three series for Intermediate "C" honors.

Over a thousand payees viewed the humiliation with surprise. After the Sunderland series, few expected a club with advance notice such as the Tobaccomen to succumb like any run-of-the-mill crew to the now potent bats of the Tanners.

Three frazzled frames—the 3rd, 4th and 5th—saw the locals run up thirteen runs off fourteen hits and knock two nominations for the hurling platform out of the box. It was a push-over from there on. Bertlind in the starting position was relieved in the fourth and his successor followed in his wake in the fifth. A combined total of twenty hits were touched from the three lobs. Delhi on the other hand were powerless. Big Peter Chabun, who hasn't delivered the route, since the series with Watford, was touched for a meagre seven bingles, which he distributed with ease into the nine frames. Along with veteran Eddie Anderson, he hurled "quality" baseball. The Tobaccomen chalked up two of their runs in the sixth on pitched balls and passes which "Pete" was handing out liberally in the top half.

Veterans Shine
Two members of the old school dished out a brilliant performance on the batting end of the local victory, besides shining in the field. Backstop Bobbie Anderson was on the receiving end of Chabun's slants for the nine frames. He guided the big boy in like a magnet. At the plate, he smashed out two singles and took a pass to first, walking away with a .500 average.

The other veteran of the attack, Bill Waterhouse, once the most talked of centre fielder in the county, took a stint in right field. Candidly, no proved just why they gossiped. In five tries at bat, he eluded three bingles.

Lindsay sparked the triple A club with five safeties out of a possible six. The "Dude" wasn't as fleet with his base running. Three times he was caught at second by the Delhi infield as he attempted to steal. He was playing left field in place of Kentner who warmed the bench on account of illness. Masales and Footitt both smashed out triples in the fifth. Masales' hit just hung low of the right field fence-top while Footitt's located a hole in deep centre between left and centre fielding positions.

Wholesale Hurling
Taking a decided advantage of the Delhi hurlers, the locals were tapping bunts off the end of the bat in a manner which made it appear as if they hadn't heard of the term in the tobacco country. All three of the Delhi hurlers were out of the game when the bunt, like a duck sheds water. This used to be Chabun's weakness on the mound—but no more. "Pete" made an impressive showing in the fielding dept. One hard hit ball rolled between his legs, smack into J. Waterhouse's glove. Waterhouse made the put-out.

Scores by Innings

Third Inning — Masters grounded out to the short stop. Morton singled and stole second. Lindsay rifled the nupte for his second hit and Morton raced home with the first run. Masales connected. Lindsay attempted third but was thrown out as Masales reached second and galloped home as Footitt singled. Attempting to steal third Footitt was thrown out. Third out. Two runs. Four hits.

4th Inning
In the top half, Sayers slammed out a long drive which bounced over the right field fence. Ground rules allow only two bags. Hicks popped out to Masales. Burns hit to short centre and Sayeru made third. A miscus following Sayeru scored when the throw was dropped. Bertlind, the pitcher took a pass, but Johnson fled out to J. Waterhouse for the third out. Two hits, two runs.

Acton ran up eight runs in their half. W. Waterhouse slashed out a single and reached second on Bobby Anderson's bunt. Chabun poled out a bingle which loaded the sacks. Masters' bunt was muffed by Bertlind and W. Waterhouse raced in with No. 1. Norm Morton forced Footitt (running for Anderson) over the plate when he took a pass to first. Another hit for Monsieur Lindsay brought Chabun over the plate and kept the bases loaded. Owen Masales lived up to his reputation as a clean-up man when he rifled a fast ground ball into left field. Masters and Morton loped in on the hit. A bunt for Footitt was muffed by the pitcher and the bases were loaded again. "Dude" Lindsay was forced at home when Jack Waterhouse grounded to the infield. In his second try at bat in the 4th, Bill Waterhouse knocked in Masales, but brother John was caught at second. Anderson walked and the bases were loaded again. Lucky Peter Chabun poled out a hit to centre which enabled Footitt and W. Waterhouse to race in with the seventh and eighth tallies. Masters took the relieving hurler for a ride as he took a pass but Morton fled out to left field for the third out. Six hits, eight runs.

Fifth Inning
Acton added three more runs in the fifth. Masales slammed the spherical out to the fence and slid into third safely. Footitt knocked in Masales with another three bagger. Jack Waterhouse reached first on a choice. Brother Bill knocked a lovely single. Footitt raced in to be followed by J. Waterhouse. Anderson grounded to the pitcher. Chabun hit for the third successive time. Masters walked and Morton retired the side when his drive was picked up at the rubber. Four hits. Three runs.

Sixth Inning
Delhi added two runs in the sixth. Burns was walked. Bullock grounded to 1st. Johnson was hit by a pitched ball. Likewise with VanGoethan. An error on short stop Masales and Burns and Johnson romped home. O hits, two runs.

Box Score:
Acton 002 830 00 — 13 20 6
Delhi 000 202 000 — 4 7 5

Line ups:
Acton — Masters, 3b; Morton, 1b; Lindsay, lf; Masales, ss; Footitt, cf; J. Waterhouse, 2b; W. Waterhouse, rf; Anderson, c; Chabun, p.
Delhi — Johnson, 1b; VanGoethan, 2b; Axford, ss; Bowyer, 2b; Sayeru, rf; Hicks, 3b; Burns, c; Bullock, lf; Bertlind, p.



BY H. COLEMAN

O.B.A. Mismanagement
Delhi Tobaccomen are a colorful contrast to the sharp clawed Sunderland Tigers. They have the dubious honor of contesting the final series with the local club, when to all appearances they should have been eliminated much earlier in the season. The O.B.A. muddled the Intermediate "C" branch of their organization like an inexperienced arm of the law. Acton was expected to eliminate twice the number of teams in their quest for honors than the club they were ultimately to meet in the finals. The other contestants took a leisurely pace as if they could step into the Ontario finals any jolly old time the urge pushed them. Whether there is any discrimination in Toronto headquarters is not known, but one fact sticks its ugly head out predominantly. Acton was the goat of the entire proceedings. But on Saturday the obstacles placed in the championship path faded practically into insignificance. In spite of the non-co-operation from the head office it appeared as if the triple A club would cop the crown irregardless.

It certainly doesn't excuse the actions of the O.B.A., however. They can quote axioms like "the best team always wins in the end", until their countenances are steeped in red, but we'll insist that if no discrimination exists, then management is at fault. Probably, they cast off the "C" branch of the Intermediate grouping as just a bunch of small towns engaged in a suitable brand of baseball—hitchhike in content and quantity. Nevertheless, however, their opinion sway, they must remember that these same burghs are as integral a part of their organization as the larger cities. It wouldn't take much urging on the part of some rural organization to persuade several of these same communities to hitch their hand wagon to its baseball train. Of course, it's beyond our authority to cope with any of the methods employed by the O.B.A., but we hope they realize they aren't enhancing their esteem by such management in the smaller villages where they mold the baseball picture.

Ultimate Champions
Written on Monday, this pillar won't be able to enlarge upon the championship picture. It appeared to us on Saturday that another game would clinch the laurels but that was purely conjecture. Unless circumstances take an unorthodox turn even the most pessimistic of fans will admit that the triple A club are out of their class in Int. "C". Subtle to the point of indignation, several fans who conversed with us from opposition ranks hinted strongly that their respective clubs, with the exception of Sunderland, should not have to

play against such a team. Numerous times when we explained that they were a home-brew outfit, they spread a "what are you trying to give me" grin all over their faces. They couldn't comprehend how a town with the population in the neighborhood of 3000 could field such a strong team. We expect the Tanners to win the championship. It may be that the news is elsewhere, by this very same sheet and it may not be so. But we feel fairly safe in stating that Acton will undoubtedly be the 1947 champions of Ontario.

It has been brought to our attention that our reference to the Wool plant's entry in the Industrial Softball League as the Wool Combing club has been a sad case of misrepresentation. The club should have been labelled the CANADIAN WOOL. All the ease with which they captured the league title is small solace when the Wool Combing receives the popular applause. We have been guilty of misnaming the club the entire season, we wish to tender our apologies. May we remind our readers that CANADIAN WOOL ARE THE 1947 SOFTBALL CHAMPS.

Where is Georgetown?
With Milton already enthroned as Ontario Baseball Champions and Oakville and Acton in the finals—perhaps both crowned when this paper hits the street—one can't help but wonder whatever happened to Georgetown. It's obvious they are intent on building another championship hockey team—something they have been attempting for several seasons—but is it necessary to hibernate in the summer months. It is a bit out of season you know. Reminds us of a tickler overheard in darkest Africa. A lion was striding the jungles and he overtook a jackal. Says Mr. Lion to Mr. Jackal: "Why aren't you as strong as me?" Receiving no reply he promptly devoured the beast. Several other animals received the same fate from the jaws of the jungle king. Then he discovered a tiny mouse. Taking the mouse in his paws his majesty thundered "Why aren't you as strong as me?" The mouse calmly gazed into monsieur Lion's enormous chops and said: "I've been sick, you know!"

Sport Briefs
Quakville won the first game of the Int. "B" finals from Meaford by 11-7 in 10 innings. The return match was yesterday (Wednesday) and perhaps the port town are celebrating as this is being read . . . from Milton way it is reported that an Intermediate hockey team will be used this season . . . Forgive, a wee bit lax in hockey strength last year are importing a brand new Int. Club for the coming season . . . a blow to the Tanners reportedly came from the lips of Lorne Evans, last year's stellar netminder. 'Tis said he is heading for Halifax to guard the pipes on the Atlantic coast . . . when did Pete Chabun add the new twist to his wind up. It's reminiscent of Zuber's contortions.

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