

Acton Does It

Ousts Dundas 8-7 in Final Fling

The largest crowd to witness the Acton nine play this year received their money's worth at Acton park last Monday evening when the home brews ousted the Dundas team 8-7 in the intermediate "A" play-offs in their quest for the championship.

Adding the final touches to a hectic see-saw battle in the best of seven series with Dundas, Acton Intermediates ousted the visitors in a hair-raising finish as they surged ahead in the closing moments of the twilight game to win 8-7.

In the first inning, Blanchard, lead-off batter for Dundas, singled and pulled up on second when Young sent a dribbler to Robinson, pitching for Acton, who threw to first for the out.

McPhail hit a staler through short, scoring Blanchard. Materick hit a short one to centre, advancing McPhail, and B. Bailey hit a single to McCrystal, who tagged Materick out as McCrystal advanced to third and Bailey pulled up safely on first.

With a threat of more runs and two out, Robinson bore down and struck out Carter to retire the side.

With lots of chatter and plenty of determination, Acton, full of pep and vim, began their onslaught on J. Bailey on the mound for Dundas.

Skilling, lead-off batter, went down swinging and Arbie pulled up at first on a dribbler down the first base line and advanced to second on a single by McCrystal.

Paul Lawson singled and Acton received their first run when Arbie came in on the hit. Bruce went down swinging and McCrystal scored as the Dundas catcher attempted to throw Lawson out at second. H. Lawson singled, scoring Bruce. Paul Scott was put out at first to retire the side.

Three Minute Mile Impossible - Coach Now that the four minute mile is almost an everyday occurrence, don't look for someone to come up with one in three minutes. One of the world's top track coaches says it can't be done.

Impossible. Absolutely impossible, says Franz Stampfl, the man who coached Britain's Roger Bannister, under his wing but many British coaches doubt that much of his highly scientific methods.

Sandlot Sessions Havana Sugar Kings succeeded in gaining a two-game lead on the Miami Marlins in the second game of the play-off series of the Minor Sports League last Thursday evening in Acton park, when they won the game 10-5.

Taking a pronounced lead in the first three innings, Havana, under the management of Doc Lambert, racked up seven runs with five hits, Mason welding a mean piece of hickory, belting out a triple and double to score runners.

Paul Bennett for the losers had two for two and A. Bulough hit a triple which figured in a four-run rally on the part of the Marlins, but they were unable to overcome the early-innings rally of the winners.

Dundas gathered one run in the top of the second and Acton responded in the bottom when, with two men out, Skilling doubled and Arbie, McCrystal and P. Lawson walked to score Skilling, but Bruce struck out.

In the third, Materick was put out on a throw from Skilling to first and B. Bailey poked out a single, advanced to second on Carter's walk, and a double steal saw a runner on second and third as Smith hit a hot drive to second, scoring B. Bailey.

North walked, leading the bases again and Manager M. Head placed Robinson on the mound with J. Cunningham. J. Bailey dumped a short one in front of home plate and Scott grabbed the ball, touched home and threw Bailey out at first to retire the side.

Acton had a one run edge entering their half of the third. H. Lawson went down swinging and Scott singled, running to second as Barrager was thrown out at first, and continuing around the bases on a lead throw to third. Cunningham walked and pulled up on second as Skilling hit a single but was caught stealing third for the third out.

Dundas gathered four runs in the top of the fourth as Acton went down in order in the bottom half. With the score reading 4-0 for Dundas and the sky beginning to darken, a shower of anxiety swept through the crowd as the inning shortened the Dundas lead to one run as H. Lawson walked, solo second and with two out, treated home from second on Cunningham's single, before the side retired.

Acton, playing heads-up ball, downed the visitors one, two, three in the top of the sixth and determined to beat the crew that had caused them so much grief in the series.

With darkness beginning to settle down, fear was felt the umpire might call the game and have the score revert back to the fifth inning, but the play went on.

Arbie, leading off for the Acton nine, received a free trip to first followed by McCrystal. The Dundas management decided on a change of pitchers and sent Watson to the rubber in place of J. Bailey.

Then it happened. Zowie! Paul Lawson, reeling back on his haunches, tied into a fast straight pitch and sent it soaring into right field for a triple, scoring Arbie and McCrystal to edge Dundas out 8-7. Players and crowd poured onto the field to congratulate each other as the umpire called the game.

Umpires for the game were Timmie and Beak. Following are the line-ups: Acton - Skilling, Arbie, H. McCrystal, B. P. Lawson, B. Bruce, H. Lawson, J. Scott, C. Barrager, B. Robinson, P. Cunningham, P. Dundas - Blanchard, B. Young, H. McPhail, C. Materick, B. B. Bailey, J. Carter, G. Smith, W. North, J. Bailey, P. Watson.

Chief Commentator: The Dundas-Acton series was a trying one for the management of both clubs, who received little cooperation from the O.B.A. Acton players were quite jubilant with their win over Dundas and felt proud of it as if the championship had been won.

The local club are busy now with the Oakville team in a series and last the first game Tuesday evening in Acton 9-3. If the crowd present at the Monday night game had been present during the regular season financially and morally, the Acton club would be further ahead now.

SPORTS PARADE

Acton Loses to Oaks 9-3 Pace Too Hot for Locals

After their jubilant victory with Dundas, the Acton nine appeared tired and somewhat exhausted when they met the Oakville "Oaks" in the first game of a best of three series to decide the winners of Halton County Intermediate "A" group.

Last Tuesday night the locals went down to defeat in the time of 1:30 in Acton park at the hands of the mighty "Oaks", with a small crowd on hand to witness the game.

Oakville came through in the first half inning with a run as H. Lawson on the mound for Acton, had difficulty finding the right corners of the plate.

The second half of the first inning saw Acton overcome the lead and get on ahead when Skilling, lead-off batter, slammed a double, Arbie whiffed out and McCrystal went for a single. Lawson walked to lead the bases and after Bruce struck out, Skilling and McCrystal batted home on a long single by Scott.

With two in, two out and two on Barrager for Acton clipped a single and the third baseman for the Oaks threw to second to cut Scott off as Paul Lawson slid into third, injuring his ankle.

With chances looking on the bright side as Acton got three men on bases again, F. Irvine went down swinging to retire the side as Kennedy, on the mound for the Oaks, unleashed a barrage of curves and fast ones.

Oakville tied the score up in the second inning while the home towners went down swinging in order, as Shepherd, pitching ace for the visitors arrived and took over the mound duties.

Both pitchers settled down to a duel in the third and only three batters faced them in the inning. Trudell, Hall and Shepherd were the heroes for the Oaks in the top of the fourth when they crossed home plate to set their team up for the matches.

From that point on, Oakville was master of the situation after having a few weeks' rest while waiting for the Acton-Dundas series to end.

The fifth inning saw a conglomeration of see-sawing in the line-ups as both teams juggled their teams around with pinch hitters and replacements. The outcome of the situation was a massacre for the locals as the mighty Oaks netted four runs.

Both teams were scoreless in the sixth. The latter part of the seventh, Arbie hit a grounder to second and on the throw to first Arbie was called safe by the base umpire when the ball was juggled around in the air. Pandemonium broke loose as the opposition bench be-

Golfers' Corner

If you've forgotten, don't miss the Acton golf open scheduled for September 8. Transportation is being provided. All you have to do is get the clubs shined up the day previous and be on hand at 8 a.m. in the morning to board the bus.

Oh, the place is Orangeville. Any interested golfer contact Mark Holmes or Bill Coan for particulars.

"Dude" Lindsay dusted his clubs for the first time this year and played a round of golf at Trenton. After the first nine and Dude checked his score, he found nothing to brag about. He had a hole-in-one, but he had no birdies. Not a single putt was made. A lady golfer, who trained him, said: "Next time, Dude, stay closer to home, the boys won't be so hard on your score."

It is reported Fred Sall is looping around too much golf we suppose.

Julian Zalar has been missing from the "greens" these past few days too much looking on your trolley "Yuke".

Wonder if Don Black will make it from London for the Acton Open? No doubt Mike Cox will be in there "alarming" no. H. Lawson, P. Cunningham, B. Gibson, P. Anderson pinch hitter.

Oakville-Burrell, Bishop, Kennedy, Brown, Divden, Anderson, Goodall, Trudell, Hall, Cousins, Shepherd.

FIRST IN LINE. Wecker, Sask. (C.P.) - Bill Wasylik, farmer in the Somme district, was given first place in the line to dump the first load of grain when a new 100,000-bushel grain elevator was opened.

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RUNNING THE BASES

We're not trying to make excuses for the local nine, but it hardly seems fair that the O.B.A. executive, deems it necessary, after a best of seven series with Dundas, to immediately, the next night, force a best of three series with Oakville.

Oakville has been waiting for the Acton - Dundas series to finish for about three weeks, and when the finale came to a close on Monday with Acton being the winners, the O.B.A. ordered them into a series with the "Oaks".

On Tuesday, a tired but game Acton team trundled to the field in the Acton Park, but were no match for the well rested Oakville crew, and again Wednesday back in Oakville, when they were eliminated.

Perhaps if the O.B.A. executive had used consideration during the Acton - Dundas series, there would not have been such a rush to finish the present one.

When a game is slated for a scheduled time, such as in Dundas a short time ago, it is the duty of the O.B.A. to have the umpire on deck in time.

With reference to the particular game, no umpire was notified until a phone call was put through to Mike Timmis, umpire-in-chief at Hamilton. Game time 6:30 p.m., the umpire arrived and the game got under way at 7:30 p.m.

The game was called on account of darkness with Acton leading by one run, two men on base and no one out. It was the ruling of the president of the O.B.A. to replay the game.

Acton received no share of the gate nor did they receive any allowances for mileage.

If my memory serves me correct a few years ago it was always a case of a complete meeting of the O.B.A. to discuss decisions and not an individual O.B.A. member assuming full control of the governing body.

Incidentally, those were the days when although rivalry existed between teams, harmony was the order of the day when a debate was in order.

It is common knowledge we don't have a championship team but to be fair to a bunch of boys trying to provide entertainment to a crowd of interested spectators, we should be able to count on impartial decisions.

Locals Lose Under Lights 15-6 Oaks Take Best of Three Series Customs were pulled on the Acton Intermediates last night in a floodlight game at Oakville when the Oaks downed them 15-6.

Injury errors and fatigue played a large part in the defeat. Acton took the field with a lead of seven runs, but a series of errors and fatigue played a large part in the defeat.

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St. John's Ambulance To Organize Course

Division Superintendent B. B. Hazi announced this week the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Division 132, Acton, are organizing a course in Home Nursing.

The course comprises 12 lectures and will start as early in September as can be arranged.

Anyone in Acton, particularly as well as ladies, who would like to take this course, are requested to contact either Mrs. Joan Doney, 29 Frederick St., phone 441-J, or Miss Belle-Mary Russell, 9 Willow St., phone 9.

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