

# SPORTS ROUND-UP

## Merchants Drop Close Game 7-6 As Waterdown Score in Seventh

Acton Merchants dropped a close game to the Waterdown ball club in Waterdown park Wednesday, July 23, when they lost out 7-6.

Barragher started the ball rolling for Acton early in the first inning when he singled and stole second, advancing to third after Skilling walked. Skilling stole second and both runners trotted home after a long single by Paul Lawson, before the side was retired.

Waterdown retaliated with the same treatment when Briggs and Puer, first two batters, scored after singling and advancing on long flies and a single by Ripian before the third out.

Jewel for Acton scored the sole run in the top of the second after receiving a walk. He seemed to fly around the bases, stealing the start off the Waterdown pitcher, and scored on a passed ball.

Cunningham Pitcher

Waterdown was held scoreless in the bottom half of the second as John Cunningham on the mound got good support from his team mates in fielding the ball for putouts.

Acton's scoring was held at a

standstill for the next two innings as they went down one, two, three in order.

Cunningham gave up three walks in the bottom half of the third which accounted for a Waterdown tally. Two errors and a single allowed the opposition to tack up two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

McCrall, Barragher and Skilling scored in succession in the top of the fifth on singles and errors before the side was retired. In the Waterdown half of the inning, Cunningham struck out the first batter, Anderson threw the second man out at first and the third batter, Chlow, reached first on an error, stole second and advanced to third when Ridgway singled.

Chlow Scores

Cunningham received the signal to walk Jacobs, lead-off hitter for the opposition, but a wild pitch got away from Don Emmerman, handling the catching chore for Acton, and Chlow scored Jacobs walked but Cunningham picked him off advancing to second, to retire the side.

Acton's scoring ceased after the

## Shultis Stars for Pee Wees In 8-3 Victory Over Milton

Acton's Pee Wee entrant in the O.B.A. playoffs continued their winning streak last Friday evening when they trounced Milton 8-3 in Milton.

Bruce Shultis on the mound for Acton pitched heady ball as he struck out 10 Milton batters and allowed only seven hits. The local team played pro-style ball as they pulled off three double plays, holding their errors to only one.

Danny Arbie hit two doubles and Jackie Bullough corked three singles for the Acton boys.

The Milton lads played heads-up ball throughout the entire game but couldn't overcome the strong

Acton team who took an early lead to win the game.

Winning pitcher was Shultis, losing pitcher was Wilson, who was relieved during the game by Hadley.

Line-ups

Acton: D. Harris, P. Bennett, G. Masales, J. Bullough, D. Arbie, R. Holmes, F. Dawkins, B. Shultis, C. Wedge, D. Ford, I. Johnston, J. Guy and G. Sterratt.

Milton: C. Brush, B. Currie, R. Patterson, J. Kervin, B. Crucefs, B. Wilson, R. Johnson, J. Darnell, G. Gervais, E. Hadley, R. McCutcheon, B. Marshall and F. McCutcheon.

## Pee Wees Win Over Bronte 7-4 Rack Up Three Wins, One Loss

Acton Pee Wee baseball team took an early lead over the Bronte lads last Saturday morning in Bronte to pull out a win over the hometowners 7-4, in the O.B.A. league.

The locals, all boys playing in the Minor Sports League in Acton, were chosen in their age group to play off in the O.B.A. league and are proving their class with three wins and one loss to date.

Acton started pounding the Bronte pitcher in the second inning and continued scoring runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth inning before they were checked.

Don Ford pitched the pitching chore for the locals and proved master of all he surveyed as he struck out eight batters and received top support from his team mates as they fielded the ball.

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## LAWN BOWLING

The Acton Lawn Bowling Club held their doubles tournament on the Acton greens, Saturday, July 19. Cool, overcast weather held attendance to a disappointingly small number. Two games were played during the afternoon and after refreshments, a third game was played in the evening.

Prize winners for the three games—first, Albert Matthey of Rockwood and Mrs. Murray of Guelph with three wins and highest plus, second, Harry Rogers and Mrs. H. Hebig of Acton with three wins and second highest plus, third, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagoner of Guelph with two wins and a high plus, fourth, Ben Weaver and A. Morris of Guelph with the high number of the day.

Inter-County

In the inter-county bowling league games played last week, Rockwood defeated Georgetown on the Rockwood greens and Guelph were defeated at Acton 99-65 on Friday July 21.

On Wednesday July 20, Acton defeated Rockwood in Rockwood 91-71. No report has been received on the Guelphs at Georgetown.

Standings July 28

Rockwood	10	10	10
Guelph	8	8	8
Georgetown	7	7	7

## John Finland Named Forester For Local Zone

Announcement was made this week by the Department of Lands and Forests of the appointment of John A. Finland as Zone Forester for the Guelph Zone, including Wellington and Halton counties.

Mr. Finland graduated in Forestry from the University of Toronto in 1932 and before joining the Department, worked in Sault Ste. Marie.

He is a native of Oshawa, Ontario.

## sports scoreboard HALTON COUNTY BASEBALL

Team	P	W	L	T	PF
Compagnie	14	12	2	0	24
Bronte	13	8	5	2	18
Georgetown	12	8	4	2	17
Acton	12	4	8	0	17
Georgetown	11	6	5	0	17
Acton	11	4	7	0	17
Waterdown	11	4	7	0	17
Acton	11	4	7	0	17
Bronte	11	4	7	0	17

## PEE WEES CINCH LEAD DOWN CAMPBELLVILLE 17-8

Top place Acton Pee Wee baseball team strengthened their hold on first position when they downed Campbellville 17-8 in Acton park last night as a good crowd cheered the locals on to victory.

Campbellville scored three runs in the top of the first inning but Acton tied the score up in the bottom half.

Campbellville edged ahead in the second inning with one run and again on the top of the third to make the score 5-3 for the visitors.

Acton slugged hit their stride in the last half of the third when they ran up six runs to go four runs ahead.

Paul Bennett Pitcher

Paul Bennett on the mound for the locals kept the edge on the visitors and received great support from his team mates as Campbellville were kept off the score sheet in the fourth.

Acton ran up two more runs in their half of the fourth when four walks, combined with a couple of singles, fouled the Campbellville bats.

Manager Hughie O'Rourke, attempting to use all his players, switched his team around and replaced Bennett on the mound with D. Harris in the top of the fifth.

Campbellville received one run in the fifth on two walks and two singles and Acton retaliated with an equal score in their half.

The visitors scored one more in the sixth with the small fry from Acton crossing home plate four times, to make the score 17-8.

**Robt. R. Hamilton**  
**Fred A. Hoffman**

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Parents Can Help Prevent Destruction

The following letter was received this week from one of our readers. We heartily endorse it and feel that parents could help if children were not provided with guns and ammunition. We suggest that a camera be given them instead and encouragement be given in a hobby that does not hurt and maim our wild life. Guns are dangerous in the hands of children at any time.

R. R. S. Rockwood, Ont.  
July 24 1952

Dear Mr. Dills,

I was greatly upset today when I found a beautiful male kingfisher at our gate with a wing completely shattered by a bullet. Many kids around here and I imagine elsewhere, too play with air rifles and the 22's. Each year for a long time we have had injured birds brought here and they always die eventually. I've taken them to the O.V.C. and done the best nursing I could but they never recover from such severe wounds.

This year we have had a four-breasted grosbeak and a red-winged blackbird and both died. It is a sad and unhappy experience to see them in such a condition.

So, it occurred to me that you might like to write something about the protection of these birds, all birds perhaps who are so very valuable to us in every way.

The kids do the damage but they couldn't if the parents didn't buy the guns or the bullets.

I would appreciate it if you would write something. Between insect sprays, bad weather and kids with guns, the little birds don't have even a fighting chance.

Very sincerely,  
Hazel Mack

## The Acton Free Press, Thursday, July 31st, 1952

**New P.A.**

Acton Fire Department recently purchased a Public Address System and last Saturday gave it a trial when Fire Chief J. Newton and some of the firemen assisted the Minor Sports Committee in announcing their three-day event this weekend.

Chief Newton reported this week the new system will be pressed into service on various occasions but will have to be controlled by the firemen.

This weekend is the Minor Sports three-day celebration in Acton.

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