

POUNDRING the SPORTS BEAT



It's play-off time again, a harbinger of autumn, and Acton teams are deeply involved in the annual scramble for Ontario Baseball Association titles. Even if a club does not do too well through the season, there's still a chance a play-off spot might be vacant and it could be debated in your favor in the committee rooms.

Acton Intermediates are not quite sure what committee room lobbying has done to their club in stacking them against Dundas in the O.B.A. Senior "B" title hunt. It's a big jump, theoretically, from Intermediate "A" to Senior "B". Experience of other seasons doesn't seem to indicate the calibre of baseball improves as you move up a classification, however.

Campbellville has proved that to the filberts' satisfaction by their performance in a higher class. They've taken the honors in Intermediate "A" circles with comparative ease. When equated with teams in "B" and "C" the villagers had their hands full. The smaller centres seemed to come up with the toughest ball teams.

Brampton is another example. After a dismal season in the dear old Halton County three or four years ago, including some thumpings from Acton, the Dunfries drew a bye into the Intermediate "A" major play-offs and they won everything in sight—Acton, meanwhile, never got out of the league in a "B" classification.

So, it's just possible the survivor of this Dundas-Acton series will go a long way in quest of the Senior "B" title.

Another Acton club involved in play-offs, the Juveniles got off on the wrong foot Tuesday when Walkerton handed them a lopsided 19-3 setback in the first game of a best of three series. The local kids just couldn't seem to get untracked. They couldn't hit, field or even talk a good game.

They get their chance to even the series up Saturday in Walkerton. If they shed the lethargy and play the ball they've been playing all season there's a good chance they'll even the series up. One game is not a series, nor are 19 runs more destructive than three when you lose a game. For our own information, though we'd like to know who is going to use the four Juve players who also play Intermediate, on Saturday. Both teams have games scheduled and like the old hand said, they can't be in two places at once.

We're going to let the managers fight that one out.

The presence of one of the hockey playing Lobsters on the Walkerton Juvies leaves a fishy taste in this scribe's mouth. Hailing from Midway, the Lobsters were the centre of a resident ruckus in hockey circles last season. They wanted to play in Owen Sound but the O.H.A. said they must stay at home and play.

Wonder why the O.B.A. doesn't subscribe to those sentiments. Is it possible the Walkerton club is allowed to pick the best players of juvenile age in their neck of the woods and put them under one wing? It wasn't unusual a few years ago for the W.O.A.A. representative to pick an all-star team from their respective clubs and enter the O.B.A. playdowns. It's just a case of switching allegiances from one team to another at the end of the regular season to strengthen the Western Ontario representative.

Imagine the squawk if Acton was allowed to use players of juvenile age from anywhere in the county.

Well, as everyone thought they would, Campbellville won the Halton County championship by trouncing Oakville twice over the week-end Saturday they won at home 10-6 and Sunday felled the Oaks 13-1. It was their fifth consecutive county championship. Oakville advances to meet Midland in the Intermediate "A" playdowns now. The villagers, with a bye into the "B" playdowns are idle until the O.B.A. finds an opponent, probably not until this week-end.

Acton Bantams dropped out of the play-off picture last week when they dropped two decisions to Milton by scores of 6-3 and 7-1. The local lads tied the first game of the series, won the second handily 2-1 but couldn't come through with another win. Owen Masales and Hec Lambert directed the club this season.

Softball fans were disappointed with the lack of sportsmanship in Tuesday's semi-final between the Band and the Fire Fighters. Seems some of the bandsmen had previous commitments, including their ace pitcher, "Butch" Richmond, and they would have preferred to have the game postponed until the players were available for duty. The firemen, naturally, wanted to play the game as scheduled and that is the way it should be.

Softball Semi-Finals Attract Fans

See-Saw Softball In First Play-off

With never more than one run separating them at any time in the contest, favored Dominion Hotel and their uptown rivals, Station Hotel Peasants, opened the Acton softball semi-finals Monday night with a 4-4 dead lock.

The largest crowd of the season was on hand to see a see-saw game in which the teams traded leads twice. Peasants knotted the count for the third time in the semi-darkness of the seventh and final inning.

Dominion Hotel's ace flinger, Ed Phillips allowed the Station Peasants only five hits, three of them chalked up by wily Larry Nolan, consequently Peasants had to make use of every scoring opportunity to stay in the game. Bruce Cargill was belted for nine safeties, including a home run by Harry Lawson, but the Peasants' hurler spaced them well and allowed only one walk.

Phillips' sent eight Peasants down by the knockout route while Cargill whiffed two. Larry Nolan put the Station Hotel out in front in the first frame when he singled, stole second and scored on an infield out. The Dominions got that one back in the bottom half, Harry Lawson homering into deep right after a first attempt was called back as being foul.

To the bottom of the third back-to-back doubles by Ross Morton and Harry Lawson scored to put Dominions in front 2-1 where they stayed until the fifth. Then after Phillips whiffed the first two batters, McKellar wangled a free ticket, Larry Nolan singled and Forbes Cole sent McKellar home with a Texas leaguer into left field to tie it all up at 2-2.

Don Grein's single to centre and a hit by Ross Morton combined to put Dominion Hotel ahead again 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth.

Wallops 3-Bagger Lead off batter for the Peasants in the sixth, "Dude" Lindsay walloped a three bagger to right and scored on a long fly ball knotting the count again but Dominions moved ahead in the bottom half when Ed Phillips doubled and Leo McGilloway's hit sent him scurrying home.

Phillips lost his own game in the top of the seventh when he walked Ken Papillon and McKellar to start the inning off. Both players stole a bag and on a long fly to left, Papillon tagged up and scored the tying run of the game. Leo McGilloway's living catch of a smash over second that looked labelled was the fielding gem of the game.

R H E Station Hotel... 101 011 1-4 5 0 Dominion... 101 011 0-4 9 0 Station Hotel—L. Nolan lf, F. Cole rf, B. Cargill p, Lindsay c, B. Bruce cf, S. Owen 3b, H. Deforest ss, K. Papillon 1b, McKellar 2b, Dominion Hotel—D. Grein ss, R. Morton c, H. Lawson 1b, C. Poycha rf, E. Phillips p, P. Bowden lf, B. Johnston cf, L. McGilloway 2b, D. Maney 3b. Umpires—plate, V. Masters; bases, J. Bullough.

Five Run Spurge Earns Acton Tie

Continued from Page One Cunningham was safe at second and George Barber was delegated to run for him.

Red Anderson came through with a clutch hit that sent Barber home, making the score 3-7 and when the band's high fly ball landed safely in short centre, Anderson scored the tying run. Lindsay stole second and went to third on a passed ball. Paul Lawson walked but Harold Townsley grounded out second to first to end the rally.

R H E Dundas... 111 05-8 8 3 Acton... 001 25-8 5 3 Dundas—Rowe ss, Thompson 1b, Lake cf, McPhail 2b, Ribson c, Knox 3b, Martin lf, Peer rf, Watson p, Max p in 5th. Acton—Anderson rf, Lindsay cf, Paul Lawson 1b, H. Townsley 2b, T. Barrager 3b, B. Bruce lf, Pete Lawson ss, Don Lindsay c, B. Dore p, J. Cunningham p, Jim MacGregor and P. McCristall pinch hit in 5th.

Driving Instructor Haircut Costs \$300

Taking time out for a haircut cost Milton's only driving instructor an estimated \$300 when he came out to find the right rear end of his car smashed on Thursday afternoon.

Tim Millis, 350, Martin St., heard the squeal of brakes and the crash when Mrs. Jean T. Gamble of Guelph drove her 1956 Buick Roadmaster into his 1957 Chev on Main St. in front of Milton Sports and Cycle. Mr. Millis' car was parked on the north side of the street.

The hoop wouldn't function properly if individuals rather than the entire league were given first consideration. It certainly would be an improvement to the two play-off series if the games started on time. Perhaps a penalty of forfeiture would hasten the starting line-ups.

SPORTS

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Second Slot Snapped Up By Bustling Bandsmen

Trailing one run as they entered the last inning, Acton Citizens' Band nailed down second place in the local softball circuit last Thursday night with two runs in the final frame. Highlighting the inning, which enabled the bandsmen to shade Station Hotel Peasants 7-6, was a bases empty home run from the bat of Gib Jordan, who puled one to the track in centre field.

The game, a supplement to the regular schedule, was to decide which of the two teams tied for second place, would gain sole possession. Richmond hurled the band to their victory and a play-off series with the Fire Fighters. Third place, allotted to the Peasants put them in the semi-finals with the league leader, Dominion Hotel.

First Inning Lead Station Hotel, with Lindsay hurling, jumped into a two run first inning lead when Andy Nolan's single, Bruce Cargill's double and "Dude's" single plated two runs.

The bandsmen got one back in the second when Richmond singled and completed the circuit on a passed ball and a long fly-out. Ken Papillon and Alex Commando nullified that one, however, in their half, opening with back-to-back singles scoring Papillon. Richmond settled down then to strike out the side.

The Band took the lead momentarily in the top half of the third scoring three runs. A single by Frank Spielvogel, a walk issued to Jim Greer and a double smashed out by Jim McGreggor, coupled with an error at short, plated the runs making it 4-3. Bruce Cargill evened it for the Peasants in the bottom half and it stayed that way until the fifth.

Grabs Lead Again In the fifth Station Hotel grabbed the lead again, Bob Bruce piling a two run homer with Cargill on the sacks with a free ticket. In the top of the sixth the band pulled to within one run when Jeff Fryer smashed a double, followed by Frank Spielvogel's single, scoring Fryer.

The bandsmen took it in the seventh with Gib Jordan homering and an error at first putting McGreggor along to second. A long fly to centre and McGreggor scored the winning run. "Butch" Richmond struckout seven, walked two and hit one batter while allowing eight hits for the winners while Lindsay was tagged for six bingles, issued two bases on balls, striking out three batters.

R H E Band... 013 001 2-7 6 1 Station Hotel... 211 020 0-6 8 4 Band—Ray Braida cf, Gib Jordan rf, Jim McGreggor 3b, Richmond p, Paul Lawson ss, Julian Zajac c, Jeff Fryer 2b, Frank Spielvogel lf, Jim Greer rf, Hec Lambert lf in 6th. Station Hotel—A. Nolan lf, L. Nolan lf in 6th, Larry Taillefer 1b, Bruce Cargill 3b, Dude Lindsay p, Bob Bruce cf, Ken Papillon ss, Alex Commando rf, McKellar 2b, Coon Vary c, Churchill c in 7th. Umpires—Gord James, plate; bases, Ed Phillips.

Hamilton Throttles Guelph in First Of Playoff Series

A six run rally in the third inning sewed up the first game of a best of three Minor Sports Inter-county play-off series for Hamilton Monday. They defeated Guelph 7-2 for a one game lead in the series.

With M. Miller striking out 11 of a possible 12 outs, Hamilton never was in any real trouble. Mike Vale hit a home run for the losers in the second inning and Terry Cole scored after a walk in the fourth for Guelph's only runs.

Ron Johnson, pitching for Guelph, allowed only one run until the third frame when the roof caved in.

Take Big Lead

Ken Owen got the lone Hamilton counter of the second when he bunted safely and scored on errors. Then in the sixth, highlighted by a home run by John Mason, Mike Jeffrey, M. Miller, Len Vary, S. Lee and E. Massey all scored to chalk up a big lead.

Following the line-ups and the only players eligible to compete in the series for these two teams:

Guelph: Terry Churchill c, Ron Johnson p, Terry Cole 1b, Glen Taillefer 2b, Bill Diaczak 3b, Earl Butler ss, Mike Vale ss, John Churchill rf, Ramsay Hay rf, Bill Field cf, John Lazenby lf. Hamilton: M. Field rf, Jim Peycha rf in 3, J. Mason c, Len Vary 3b, S. Lee ss, Eddie Massey 1b, K. Owen cf, Bob Hatch cf in 3, L. Miles 2b, Ross Butler 2b in 3, M. Jeffrey lf, M. Miller p. Umpires: plate, Bob Lazenby; bases, W. Buchanan.

Firemen Hose Band 19-8 Tues.

Fire Fighters doubled the score on a weakened Citizens' Band team 19-8, Tuesday night, to take a one game lead in the best of three softball semi-finals.

Without their ace pitcher, Butch Richmond, who plays for Guelph Dairy Queens as well as here, the bandsmen were an easy mark for the hose and ladder crew. They belted out 13 hits and collected six walks in the seven inning stretch from starting pitcher Gerrly Homewood and his successor, Jim McGreggor.

Fred Archibald, meanwhile, just coasted for the firemen allowing 11 hits, walking one and striking out one.

Go Ahead In First The Fire Fighters went ahead in the first frame with three runs to the Band's one. It was 4-3 in the second 8-3 in the third 16-6 in the fourth, 16-7 in the fifth and ended up 19-8.

For the firemen "Scotty" McCristall, Johnny Krapek, Fred Archibald, Red Anderson and Bill Spielvogel contributed two hits apiece to the win while Gib Jordan, Jim McGreggor, Julian Zajac and Frank Spielvogel did the same for the losers.

Red Anderson uncorked the only home run of the contest with Bill Duval and Johnny Turkosz tripling for the Firemen. Gib Jordan whacked out a triple and a double for the bandsmen with Bill Taylor also hitting a two bagger.

R H E Band... 120 310 1-8 11 7 Firemen... 314 800 3-19 13 2 Band—Hec Lambert, Gib Jordan, Jim McGreggor, Gerry Homewood, Paul Lawson, Julian Zajac, Frank Spielvogel, Jim Greer, Bill Taylor. Fire Fighters—Scotty McCristall, John Krapek, Mick Holmes, Fred Archibald, Don Anderson, Bill Duval, Bill Spielvogel, John Turkosz, Jack Pink, Andy Williams.

Acton Wins Tennis Defeat Brampton 6-5

Following cancellation of the ladies tennis tournament, Saturday, Acton club were hosts to the Brampton club, during a two-town match and came out victors 6-5.

Play was keen and closely contested by both sides with the locals able to edge out the opposition.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the games and plans made for a return match in Brampton in the near future.

Juves Lose First

Walkerton Wallops Three Pitchers

Acton Juveniles opened their best of three O.B.A. playoff series here Tuesday night, absorbing the worst drubbing they've taken this season. Walkerton administered the coup de grace by a 19-3 score in a game in which the local Juves couldn't seem to do anything right.

Second game of the set goes this Saturday in Walkerton when the Acton club, considered earlier one of the best to represent Acton in some years, will attempt to put the series on an even footing again.

"Off Night" It was not only an "off" night for the local batters—they managed only three hits from the offerings of Walkerton's O'Bright—the infield was listless and booted several balls. Three pitchers were paraded to the mound and the visitors collected 14 hits from them.

First Jeff Fryer, a hurler who has had intermediate pitching experience this semester, tossed the slab but a nine run third inning finished him. Canny and diminutive Denis Gibbons followed Fryer.

He wasn't around long either. Southpaw Jim Lindsay finished the game but Jim was hampered by the lack of spirit displayed by his mates and Walkerton continued to pile up the runs.

The Acton club enjoyed a short 1-0 lead when Denis Gibbons walked and scored on Don Lindsay's single in the first frame. Came the third however, and the visitors whacked out six hits for nine runs and seemed to put the game out of the Acton club's reach.

Add Runs Walkerton scored another in the fourth, four more in the fifth and added five additional runs in the sixth for their total of 19. Manager Lloyd Masales juggled the Acton lineup in an effort to come up with some runs but outside of er. He wasn't around long either. Southpaw Jim Lindsay finished the game but Jim was hampered by the lack of spirit displayed by his mates and Walkerton continued to pile up the runs.

Final Results

Final results of the Inter-county Lawn Bowling are as follows:

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| Rockwood | 150 |
| Guelph | 136 |
| Georgetown | 123 |
| Acton | 119 |

Rockwood wins the Beardmore trophy; Guelph wins the Bell trophy.

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