

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



Some of the great moments in Acton sports have never been recorded outside of the pages of this newspaper. There have been some exciting series in both baseball and hockey. Occasionally when the keeper of this column finds items scarce he will attempt to chronicle some of the moments he remembers. For this one we go back 14 years.

The year is 1947. Acton has a pretty fair intermediate baseball team managed by Matt Tyler, now a resident of Arizona. On the executive are Fred Dawkins, Ray Mason, Jack Royston, the proprietor of the Dominion Hotel and Henry Jolley to mention a few.

The team itself, a mixture of veterans back from the wars, and some eager youngsters, has a fairly good season, ending up in second spot behind a very powerful Oakville nine managed by former Toronto hurler, Al Varnell.

Matt Tyler had a formidable mound corps. For a lefthander he had Don Ryder, the ace he threw whenever the big guns of the league were in town. For a mixup artist he had righthander Sam Snyder. Sam was a going concern, especially when he got a good sleep on the night before a game.

And just for a change whenever the situation required something different Matt could call on a big gangling righthander named Peter Chabun. Pete, a product of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, threw with a side arm motion that the hitters found baffling.

However, Pete had difficulty fielding bunts and quite a few of the league batters knew it. If they could lay one down they did it on Pete.

Behind the plate was none other than Clayton "Dude" Lindsay who was known in those palmy days as "750". At first base and a natural was Norm Morton. At key stone was Dooney Evans who covered his position lawlessly while Owen Masles played at shortstop and Lorne Masters played at third base.

In the garden were Jack Waterhouse, Bob Footitt, Jack Kentner Jr., Johnny Gov, Bill Waterhouse, Lloyd Robinson and Bobby Anderson alternated with the other players for their positions.

Acton lost to Oakville in the Halton County baseball finals to five games but went on to win the media C by eliminating Georgetown in later games. First opponent sent to them in the Ontario playoffs was the Walkerton club, champions of Tony Gregg's Western Ontario Athletic Association.

Walkerton dealt Acton's hopes a setback in the first game of the

series right here in Acton park. A Southpaw named Zuber hand cutted the Acton bats while his mates ran up four runs and they emerged winners by a 4-1 count.

The return game slated for Monday at Walkerton turned out to be a breeze. The return game slated for Monday at Walkerton turned out to be a breeze. The return game slated for Monday at Walkerton turned out to be a breeze.

Returning on a sunny Wednesday afternoon in Walkerton, the series saw two southpaws facing each other. Matt Tyler nominated Don Ryder to quell the Walkerton bats on the advice of "Dude" Lind say who said "We're gonna win this one. He's right on today." Zuber was confident on the other mound.

In early innings the game followed the pattern of the previous one. Walkerton lighted up as early as the fifth. Acton failed to solve Zuber's offerings despite some of the most vocal encouragement we have ever heard from Ernie Barr in the bleachers.

Then around about the seventh inning with Walkerton leading 3-0 the Acton nine pushed two runs across the plate. Zuber was shelved from the mound.

Walkerton retaliated in the bottom half, however, with another lead off home run. And again it looked like curtains for Acton.

Both teams went scoreless in the eighth and with elimination facing them with three more outs the Acton nine sent Jack Waterhouse to the plate in the ninth.

Bubble at third, Jack was safe and Acton fans yelled encouragement. Don Ryder's grounder was grabbed and Waterhouse was thrown out at second but Ryder made it safely. Lorne Masters took a pass and Acton fans really began to cheer. Normie Morton singled to load the bases.

Bedlam broke loose when Dooney Evans knocked a drive between centre and left that scored two runners and tied the score. Dude Lindsay's roller to second scored Morton and Acton was ahead.

Owen Masles put them three up when he hit right handed safely scoring two runners and that's the way it ended—Acton 7, Walkerton 4.

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These Maple Leafs Win

Hats off to Larry Nolan, a sports-minded fisherman who organized the Acton Maple Leaf Soccer team Saturday afternoon the newly formed group journeyed to Guelph and came home with a 3-1 win over the Queen City team in an exhibition game.

Fast moving Hans Van Witsenberg scored all three local goals at

ter the first half. The local squad are being coached and trained by George Easton of Guelph and hold regular chalk sessions at the Y.M.C.A.

Another exhibition game is scheduled for Preston this Saturday and the first home game of the regular schedule gets underway in Acton at the High School grounds the first part of May.

Release Schedule Next Week For Halton Intermediate Ball

The schedule for the Halton County Intermediate league was released for team approval this week and will be published next week.

A total of 84 games, 12 at home and 12 away for each team, make up the schedule which starts May 18 in Dundas and ends up August 9 in Oakville.

Saturdays and Wednesdays draw the proportion of the games as scheduled to date and there are 25 on Saturdays and 21 on Wednesdays. Thursday follows with 15 games. Sunday has 14 to

decrease from last year when 20 games played, there are six on Mondays and only one on Tuesdays. Friday is the only day in the week which is off in every town.

Minors Tonight
The schedule for the minor series in the H.C.B.A. will be drawn up tonight at a meeting in Milton and to date some 33 minor teams have been entered.

For Wes Hamilton, major league catcher and minor league pitcher, is represented in the league.

Merchants Recapture Intercounty Title

Defeat Streetsville by 670 Pins

April 22: The "Comeback Gang" did it again! In the final five game at Dixie Plaza, the Acton Merchants again proved that they could come from behind and as a result, the Halton and Peel Intercounty Five Pin Bowling Championship is back in Acton.

As the "Mighty Mac" Johnstone succinctly said, "We only beat Streetsville the trophy for a season!"

Lacking a 15 pin deficit, pinned 209 pins ahead at the turn by the Dixie Lyons of Acton in the previous Saturday, it was practically a new series, but Dixie Lyons got away to a fast start when Art Irvine's 4th ball, up an additional 90 pins led for the Lyons in the third game. Lyons still scuffling the pins in the second and it found them.

forth, but the Merchants were hot and with the thrill and boisterous exultations of their supporters splitting the air, got behind Jack Hurlough's 154 and had a lead of 257 pins to start the fifth and final game.

The Dixie crew could already taste the bitter drugs of defeat and came out bowling with fire and fury to urge them on. It was here that the Merchants settled who were going to be the 1961 champions.

Ross Morton, who had got out of a sick bed to make the trip, threw eight straight strikes at Dixie before pinning a heading 157 pins up with 10th ball and the pin on the round and give Acton a fifth triumph in six years.

One of the Greatest
There have been good Acton Intercounty teams in the past and probably will be good teams in the future but the great team of a season will go down in Acton bowling history as one of the greatest.

Asking no quarter or giving none, never conceding defeat and playing in the regular, scheduled, and final that the work came from behind and have the names of Norm Morton, Timmie Masles, Hank Early, Bill Williams, Don DeForest, Ches Pycha, Bill Taylor, Jack Hurlough, Bill Johnston, Ross Morton, Bob Martin, Mike Bennett, Pat Hoare, Ken Hurlford, Harry Lawson, the Beans, Leo McElroy, and manager, Don Irvine, whose fierce competitive spirit possibly made him more respect due to a capable manager and bowler, live in the annals of Acton Bowling.

In the solid pros, and extras alike who jelled together in a great team effort, the final was a fitting climax that saw Acton Merchants Champions of Halton and Peel Intercounty.

ACTON BOWLING LEAGUE
The Acton Bowling League when they ousted all up position last week to win the championship. Pictured above as they receive their scores on the board are, left to right, Mrs. Earl Masales, Mrs. Joan Harris, Mrs. Robert Marshall, Mrs. John Goy and Mrs. Robert Martin.



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Opening Day Saturday

Fishermen Anticipate Big Catch

The better half recognizes the symptoms right away: eyes stinging outdoors with a slight pain playing over the facial muscles like a light spring wind. Twitching of the eyebrows is often accompanied by deep sighs, exhaled whenever the tendency to stop overtakes him.

Yet she hesitates to call a doctor. Alarmed, one early spring she hurriedly put in a call for medical advice, only to find the same symptoms of the doctor.

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fish migrate upstream. Spawning takes place in late October to early December in shallow, gravel-bottomed head waters of streams and occasionally in lakes.

Eggs Deposited in Gravel
The adults construct a shallow depression in clean gravel. The eggs are deposited and fertilized and then covered with gravel.

By the time he is seven inches in length, the trout is an adult fish. Then he is prey for anyone who wants to fry.

Thousands of fishermen all over Ontario with identical ailments will line lake river and stream in their annual search for those elusive trout. Few will catch any on opening day, which happens to fall this Saturday, and the few that are caught will be game specimens recovering from winter's inactivity.

Experts contend that the best speckled trout are not caught until mid-May or later, when the hatches have provided natural food in greater quantities. But that fact is not going to stop the annual and time-honored rite this Saturday.

The speckled trout is one of the world's most beautiful fish. Its back is greenish to dark brown and occasionally almost black. Heavy dark wavy lines extend on to the dorsal and caudal fins. On the sides are small well defined red spots bordered by a bluish halo. The leading edge of each lower fin has a milk white border. The male of this species is particularly colorful.

As well as being colorful, the flesh of the trout is delicious. Some fish have amber flesh, others pink or red, and some from the same waters could have white flesh.

In spite of the vast numbers caught each year, Nature does a good job of propagating the trout. In the autumn the mature

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