

Pounding the Sports Beat



THE BUBBLE finally burst for Campbellville Merchants after 18 straight wins in the Halton County Association's Intermediate baseball series. And it was Duncanson—a solo club—that pricked the bubble in a twilight game last Thursday.

Impaired by the five hit pitching of McMillan, a product of Hamilton, Ontario, in the early part of the season, the early bowlers just nudged the Merchants 1-0.

They were out-hit 5-3 but the Dundas club managed to score one run and make it snuff against the potent Campbellville battery.

The loss, as you can guess, will make no change in the standings. Campbellville has clinched first place in the league as most everyone figured they would.

FRANK DALEY, a pitcher whom most of the Halton County put Dominion Hotel out of reach of the rest of the local softball league, has been awarded what he has to do to win a game.

Last Thursday against the other occupants of the loop's top spot, the Tanners, he fanned 13 as he set them down with five hits. However, he lost 5-0 and Tiny Masales' Tanners hoisted their tattered banner at the head of the class.

Errors and daring base running played a big part in the Tanners' win but it was failure to score any runs off the nine hits they gleaned from Butch Richmond that cost the Dominions the chance to make that big leap forward.

Play-offs are in the offing after Civic Holiday and Thursday's result makes the Tanners favorites to take it all this year. It appears Dominion Hotel will be the only real opposition they will encounter. Neither the firemen or Junior Farmers have shown much up to this point with only three wins between them.

JUNIOR FARMERS, with only one win, and it against the firemen, are still hoping it will be them and not the Fire Fighters in the play-off.

They've registered a protest with the league over the result of a game with Dominion Hotel which the Farmers led most of the way.

If the protest is honored it could mean a rematch and might change the play-off picture which at this juncture looks like the Tanners, Dominions and Fire Fighters in the triangle.

OMINOUS black clouds proclaimed that wet weather was in the offing but few spectators at last night's intermediate baseball game had any inkling of the abundance the heavens would let loose.

From a 3 1/2 ball game, Acton in front over Georgetown, a game which could decide whether Acton gets a play-off berth, the scene was suddenly transformed into a plant shower bath with spectators scrambling madly for parked cars.

Some of the more cautious already sat in their cars and they couldn't contain a certain amount of smugness over their foresight. Most spectators got thoroughly soaked.

Field conditions made it impossible to continue the game and that pitted up two unfinished games between these two teams. The first, of course, was the game which took a tragic turn when Georgetown manager Chic Jewell was stricken in the eighth inning and died within a few minutes.

BEAT HITS . . . Acton, Oakville and Dundas will play off for the right to represent the Halton County league in the Ontario Baseball Association Senior B series. Using players from Guelph automatically elevates the Merchants to Senior B.

All other teams in the league advance into the O.B.A. play downs with no opposition in the league. Campbellville goes Int. A major, Milton Int. A, Georgetown Int. B and Bronte Int. C . . .

General Manager Completes 25 Years
W. Lowe, president of the parent company at Mexico, Missouri, came to Canada recently to present W. G. Twyman, general manager of the Canadian organization with his Quarter Century certificate. Mr. Twyman was presented with a watch, properly engraved to commemorate the occasion.

Graduating in Ceramic Engineering from the Missouri school of Mines and Metallurgy, Mr. Twyman joined A. P. Green Fire Brick Company as an Assistant Foreman at the parent company in Mexico, Missouri. He worked up through the plant and in various sales positions within the company in the United States. He came to Canada in 1914 to manage the Canadian organization.

Brattain Hurls Six Hitter

Whitewashed 6-0 by Bronte Braves Thursday, Acton Merchants got ample revenge Saturday, here, when they walloped the same team 11-2 in a nine inning contest.

The win virtually assured the Merchants of fourth place in the seven team league and a berth in the Halton County play-offs to host the four top teams' quality-in-league play-offs.

Six Hitter
With left hander Bob Brattain on the mound for the Merchants, there was little doubt of Saturday's outcome. Brattain hurled a neat six hitter at the Braves, who were shut out until the eighth. They put two hits together in that inning to break the goose egg, but they had little hope of overcoming an 11-1 Acton lead.

The Merchants, meanwhile, disposed of the first Bronte pitcher, McKay, in a big five-run fourth frame, and he was followed by a large right hander named Carter. Between them, the two pitchers gave up nine hits, struck out four, and walked seven.

Merchants Vanquish Bronte Braves 11-2

The Braves, although they put numbers on the base paths, couldn't solve Brattain's pitching. He bore down in the pinch, striking out the last batter in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings in an eight strike-out performance. He walked six.

Three-Run First
The Merchants jumped into an early lead with three first inning runs. Brian McCristall got a free pass, stole second, Bob Bruce singled to centre and

when the throw to third was muffed, McCristall scored, number one. Paul Lawson wangled a walk and when John Cunningham, hitting about to short was bunted, the Merchants had the bases full.

Phillip (Scotty) McCristall came through with a timely single, scoring Bruce and Lawson, to put the Acton club up 3-0 at that point and it stayed that way until the fourth, when the Merchants plated five more

on two newly hits, a pair of walks and a batter hit by the pitcher.

It was Scotty McCristall who started it off by taking a pass to first. He stole second. Howie Cain then unloaded a clothes line single into right field, McCristall going on to third, Cain stole second and Ross Morton poked a hit into left that scored the two runners ahead of him.

Bob Brattain was hit by a pitched ball, Brian McCristall walked and that was it for McKay, the Braves' hurler. Paul Lawson walked, scoring Brattain, and when Cunningham hit an infield grounder, the Braves elected to make the play at second and McCristall made it 8-0.

Acton got two more in the fifth when Red Anderson clouted a triple to the softball diamond, hitting Morton and Brattain ahead of him with singles.

When Paul Lawson drove one to shallow left in the sixth, it looked like an out-but an error retrieving the ball and a wild throw allowed him to make the circuit with the Merchants' fifth run.

Brian McCristall drove a triple to the softball diamond in the seventh with two out—but was left stranded.

Two singles and a stolen base allowed Bronte to score in the eighth and in the ninth, a triple and a single produced their only other run.

Tanners Field Flawlessly Sew Up First Place Tues.

Touted all season as the team most likely to succeed, T.P.W.A. Tanners sewed up first place in the softball circuit by trouncing third place Firefighters 17-7 Tuesday night.

Both teams smashed out 12 hits in the five scoring affairs but it was nine bases on balls played out to the Tanners that played a decisive role. The winners had

two big innings—the first and fifth—in which they scored six and seven runs respectively.

They accomplished this in the first, on four hits with two errors thrown in, and in the fifth, on a double and a single coupled to six walks.

Bill Williams and Clayton (Duke) Lindsay shared the pitching chores for the losers while Butch Richmond hurled for the Tanners. Richmond fanned four, walked six, and hit one batter in a winning effort.

The firemen had their best inning in the seventh when five singles produced four runs.

Harold Townsend's was the best all round at the plate for both teams. He had a ton for five, including a three bagger. Fred Archibald and Mick Holmes were the other top firemen with three safeties each.

Pete Lawson with three singles led the Tanners at the plate while Ben Havelis socked out two doubles, Don Hall singled twice and Harry Lawson clouted a two bagger.

Once again Tanners played flawlessly afield while the smoke eaters batted four balls.

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LANCE CORPORAL Donald Emmerson of Acton receives a medalion from Brig. Cameron B. Ware for winning the high jump in a track and field meet held by the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany. Gunner Marcel Deschenes of Val St. Michel, P.Q., 11th runner-up stands on the dias with Emmerson. National Defence Photo

Clinch First Place

Tinny's Tanners Blank Hotel 5-0

Billed as the battle of the titans, the largest and noisiest crowd of the softball season turned out last Thursday night to see the Tanners' skin last year's champions, Dominion Hotel, 5-0, and take over sole possession of first place in the softball circuit.

Playing musical chairs with the top spot most of the season, the Tanners victory assured them of at least a piece of the first spot with only a game left to play.

Dominion Hotel threw strike-out artist Frank Daley at the Tanners in the hope of repulsing them without having to score too many runs themselves. Tinny Masales countered with his ace, Butch Richmond, and although Butch yielded nine hits to Daley's five, the Tanners bunched theirs

in the right places while the hotelers drew a blank when it came to scoring runs.

Daley was the victim of two unearned runs in the first inning when Fuzzy Mellon's hotel crew threw in an error to add to pair of walks he gave up. In the third Del Walters waltzed home with the Tanners third run on some nifty base running.

Walters also socked a two run double in the fourth, that dispatched Julian Zajac and Bill Shannon to the plate, both on with singles. There was no scoring from that point with Daley racking up a total of 13 pelt to his strike-out collection.

Stonewall support from his mates gave Richmond unlimited confidence and he was full value

for his win over Daley in the nine inning duel. Jeff Fayer was the only one of the muckpeeps to really solve his slants. He banged out a couple of doubles and a single while Chuck Shultis had a pair of singles. Ed Phillips, Don Green, Dave Maues and Gord James accounted for the rest of the safeties with one each.

Walters and Bruce Cargill each with a two bagger and Shannon, Richmond and Zajac with singles fashed out the winners' hits.

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Interesting Paper on Aluminum Highlight Busy Bees W.I. Meet

The July meeting of the Busy Bees Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Murray Hayward with a good turnout of members present. Mrs. Allen, president, was in the chair. Hymn of All Nations was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect repeated.

The roll call, "An improvement I would like to see in consumer goods", was answered by everyone and many different ideas were leaned. The secretary's report of the strawberry social which was held was very encouraging. Mrs. Allen gave the thought for the day on friendship.

Papers Read
Mrs. Coxe, convener of Canadian industries, read a wonderful paper on aluminum, "Nature's Wonder", which told all the uses to which aluminum is put. Mrs. Hayward read a chapter from the new handbook, "Work for the Night is Coming" was sung and Doris Robinson followed with a piano solo which all enjoyed.

Mrs. Henderson, as program convener, had three contests which the ladies all enjoyed. Following this, she read a poem "The Barbecue". "Lead Kindly Light" was sung and the Lord's Prayer brought the meeting to a close. Mrs. Hayward served a

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Milton Pee-Wees trounced Acton recently for the second time to the tune of 13-4, garnering 13 hits. Acton's only four hits came in the first innings off starting pitcher Trevor Houston, but they were held hitless for the balance of the game by reliever Brush Lee.

Brush was the big gun at the bat with a triple, a single and a homer while two mates aboard Houston also had a home run and two singles.

Milton's pitchers managed 12 strikeouts.

Bob Bruce made the holding game of the sixth in the sixth-inning top catch of a drive to centre that he had to dive to snag.

Clean Campers
A Public Health Certificate for cleanliness and over all sanitation was received by the Acton Scouts this week from the Ontario Department of Health, following their recent camping trip at Grand Bend.

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