Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

PLAYOFFS for the Halton County Baseball Association's intermediate series get underway next week league brass disclosed Tuesday night at a special meeting in Bronte.

Eight games which had to be rescheduled on account of rain should be completed by then and the final standings can be issued.

Campbellville has clinched first place with 20 victories, Oakville and Dundas are battling it out for second and Milton and Acton for the fourth slot.

Dude Lindsay's Merchants with a 9-12 win-loss record improved their position last night with a win over Dundas while Milton which also had a game scheduled was rained out. The last two Acton games are with Georgetown and one is actually only an inning and a half, one which the Merchants should win. They will be played here Saturday starting at 2.00 p.m.

All league winners must be declared by August 30 so league reps can go out in the O.B.A. title hunt in their respective classes. The Halton play-off will see the first and third place finishers and the second and fourth clubs meeting in a two out of three series. Winners will meet in the final to decide the league champs.

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FORTUNATELY for football fans in this district, we are in range of Toronto's Channel 9, CFTO, which will be televising Canadian Football League games. Annis Stukus and Johnny Esaw, two well known sports personalities, will be handling game coverage over a four station network.

For those who don't like football, this is going to be a long season. The new interlocking schedule will allow us Easterners to view the best in the west as the games come into your living room. It should give fans a better brand of the sport and a little more variety from the Big Four, which saw only three other teams playing the Argos or the Ti-Cats, whichever you choose.

Pre-season games indicated the eastern teams are an improvement over last year's clubs. What the west will show is questionable, but judging by their early appearances, it looks like Edmonton Eskimos are going to be a power in the league again. They won all three exhibitions.

The Grey Cup champions, Ottawa Rough Riders, had a 3-1 record in early games. It is time now for Ottawa supporters, and that includes you, Marc, to start predicting how the Riders will repeat their feat of last year.

It is also time for you armchair quarterbacks to make your predictions on the outcome of the season. This seasoned observer will reserve his decision for two weeks. That period encloses our annual vacation and we should arrive back refreshed and eager to stick the neck out.

FOOTBALL MEN are predicting that the passing game will be a feature of this year's Canadian football. Always an awesome weapon in the hands of the Eastern Conference, the Hitherts figure the West will also have to brush up their passing arm.

The West has stressed sound running and strong defense in previous seasons and it has paid off with five Grey Cup victories in the last seven seasons.

The influence of Tobin Rote and the Toronto Argos, however, has led Western coaches to declare open war on the ground game. Rote completed 38 touchdown passes, a Canadian record.

Fans here who follow Hamilton Tiger Cats will be watching former Montreaier, Hal Patterson, with interest now he's in a Ti-Cat suit, as will many a pass defender.

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BEAT BITS . . . Guelph Dairy Queens, one of the better softball teams in this district, had their hands full with Acton Softball League's leading Beardmore Tanners in an exhibition under the lights Saturday evening. Played in Guelph, the Acton club was nosed out 3-2 . . . Saturday's Intermediate baseball contest between the Merchants and Dundas was rained out, the second postponement of the week. Clubs are given 10 days to have games played . . . As far as the Georgetown players are concerned, Acton—can—have those two games still pending with them, one the final inning and a half of the opener. Unfortunately, it isn't that simple. Milton Red Sox, also in the running for that fourth and last Halton Association playoff spot, would have some mighty big objections if the decisions were given to Acton . . . Pete Lawson with a three-run homer paced Guelph Anthony Juniors to a 17-2 win over Galt Cubs Tuesday night. It tied their playoff series at one game apiece . . . Markham is slated to be the oposition for the Dominion Hotel club in the first round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs. First game is here on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. This is the first venture into the O.A.S.A. for the hoteiers who finished second in the Acton softball league. They have two of the best pitchers in the local circuit in Ed Phillips and Frank Daley . . . Barry Inscoe still setting a torrid scoring pace for Fergus Thistles of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, potted a hat trick (three) for the Thistles in a recent game . . . Roller hockey, becoming a popular summer pastime in arenas, is going over well in Guelph, where the Guelph Royal Rollers lead the league. Game is practically identical with ice hockey except the players use roller skates and play on a wooden or terrazo floor . . .

Merchants Defeat Dundas 7-4

One Step Closer to Play-off Berth

Acton Merchants moved a step closed to a league playoff spot last night (Wednesday) by downing the always tough Dundas Grattons 7-4 in an abbreviated twilight game, here.

Scheduled to be played Saturday, rain postponed the game and it was moved to Wednesday. The second place Grattons arrived half an hour late, vowing it was pouring rain in Dundas and they didn't expect a game in Acton could be played.

Nevertheless, the clubs got five and a half innings in before rain and impending darkness forced umpire Mike Timms to "call" the game.

Howie Cain, the Merchants' top right-hander this season, was the winning pitcher. He threw a six-hitter at the visitors. Dundas used two hurlers, starting with White and finishing with Burroughs.

Wildness Wins Game

The Acton club knocked six hits from their combined offerings but it was wildness in the bottom of the fourth that won the game for Acton. Trailing 3-2 as they entered their half, the Merchants loaded the bases and then proceeded to score five runs as the starting Dundas pitcher lost control. His successor had difficulty as well and he forced in two runs on a base on balls and hitting a batter.

Acton went ahead in the game early, scoring two runs on three hits in the first inning. Dundas tied it up in the top of the second with a pair of runs on three hits and went ahead in the third with a singleton.

The Acton club was an improved outfit over the team which lost to Campbellville Monday 11-0.

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Sports Page

Tips on Photography

Movies—The Key to Sports Training

A roving eye that sees all and forgets nothing is in the process of revolutionizing the training of the world's top athletes. Once a zealously-guarded secret weapon in the coaching profession, the 16 mm. movie camera has attracted the attention of coaches the world over at such top international competitions as the Olympic games and has long since gained a firm foothold on the sports scene.

The probing eye of the camera has helped train a generation of athletes. By carefully analyzing its film product, professional baseball teams have unearthed batting, pitching and fielding weaknesses virtually invisible to the human eye. Top golfers have cut strokes off their game by studying their swing and stance. College crews have regained championship unison of stroke.

Using such versatile tools as the movie camera, coaches have quickly spotted a defect in the style of a championship diver, bared a weak point in a boxer's style, revealed a damaging break in rhythm in the serve of a tennis player.

It is in football, however, that the movie camera has been given a high-ranking, though non salaried position on every coaching staff. Movies of every game and many practice sessions are painstakingly analyzed by virtually every professional and college coach and many high school coaches. Films of future opponents are studied just as carefully as an aid to planning strategy.

By using projectors with ranges of from five to 24 frames a second and control mechanisms which permit instantaneous film reversal, coaches can discover the reason for a play's success or failure and how well the players carried out their assignments.

Cameras capable of speeds up to 64 frames per second are used. Movies of any fast sport are shot at 32 frames per second or faster.

Thirty-two frames is fast enough for such sports as football, tennis, ice hockey, track and field, swimming, diving and skiing. The whiplash of a golfer's or ballplayer's swing requires 48 or 64 frames.

It was a movie of a golfer's swing, for example, that contributed one of the most dramatic examples of the movie's value in coaching and self-appraisal. The footage, taken during a Women's National Open golf tournament, disclosed that one of the leading competitors was breaking her wrists on her backswing. The flaw was corrected. The golfer became the United States national champion.

Although this is an unusual example of how movies can help make good athletes great, cine-photography in its various forms is helping improve individual and team performance in sports ranging from soccer to billiards.

Campbellville Wins 20th Game Blank Acton 11-0 on Holiday

Campbellville won their 20th ball game of the year as they defeated Acton 11-0 in Campbellville on Monday August 7, Civic Holiday.

In an effort to keep their pitchers in top shape the league leaders employed three hurlers and all turned in outstanding jobs as they only faced 29 batters in the nine inning game. Jack Roberts, the starter, won his eighth game of the year as he worked the first five innings allowing one hit and striking out seven. Gary Field went three hitless innings as he walked one and struck out five. In one inning Harry Hamilton held Acton hitters and struck out two.

All the Way

Brattain went all the way for the losers giving up 11 runs off 14 hits. He walked three and struck out three.

Campbellville won the game in the first inning when they took a 2-0 lead. Dredge the lead off batter walked as an error on Moore's grounder put men on first and second. Dredge scored on Wingrove's single and Moore came in on an infield out.

It was 3-0 after the third when Earl Cairns was safe on a fielder's choice. He stole second and scored on Henderson's single. Another came in the fourth to make it 4-0. Laverne Hamilton singled stole second, went to third on an infield out and scored on Dredge's single.

Two, Base Error

A two base error by Acton, Moore's single, Wingrove's double an infield out and a sacrifice slide produced three more runs in the seventh to make it 7-0. In the eighth the home team counted four more to complete the scoring. King singled, stole second, went to third on an infield out and scored when Dredge doubled. The latter scored on Moore's single. Moore went to third when Wingrove singled and both men came in when Henderson singled sharply into left.

— Only One Hit

Brattain's hit over second was Acton's only safe chan. Al Wingrove with a double and two singles led the Campbellville attack. Elmer Dredge and Laverne Hamilton both doubled and singled, Ken Moore and Stan Henderson singled twice, Earl Cairns, George Chester and Stu King all singled.

Should Issue Booth Badge?

If there was a scout badge for "booth operators" four Acton scouts should have it this summer! They are the backbone of the staff of scouts manning the refreshment booth in the park — Roger Ladouceur, George Ware, John Wood and Mike Mattocks. They're under the supervision of scoutmaster Bruce Williamson who handles ordering of supplies. The booth — its profit boosting scout funds — is open from 12 noon until 9 each night.

The legend is that Saskatchewan's Onion Lake acquired its name when the daughter of an Indian chief drowned herself there because her lover, who had been bewitched, cursed her for eating onions.

Candidates Here But No Contest

Mill and Main Streets were so quiet and peaceful Monday not even a ghost of one of the bandsmen or comics from the Minor Sports Civic Holiday weekends of years past ruffled the still summer air. And if the ghosts had been there, they would have made SOME kind of noise in the tradition of those mirthful weekends! Another highlight was the choosing of a Popularity Queen, and while there were a few likely candidates on the streets, there was no contest.

Acton Legion has taken over sponsorship of Minor Sports and decided against holding such fund raising campaigns.

Third Place Traffic Jam As Jr. Farmers Win 10-4

Doormats of the softball league all season, Junior Farmers surprised second place Dominion Hotel by whipping them 10 - 4 in the last scheduled contest before play offs, Thursday night.

It was only the second win of the season for the Junior Farmers but it was sufficient to lift them into a third place tie with the Fire Fighters, who also have only two victories to their credit.

One big inning — the sixth — in which they plated six runs, played a major role in the winner's victory. They outhit the Dominion 12 - 10 over the distance.

Ed Phillips and Frank Daley shared the hurling chores for the losers while Don Hall was given credit for the win.

Early Lead

The hotel squad went into an early lead in the second inning when the first four batters, Andy Williams, Bill Johnson, Ed Phillips and Gile Jordan hit successive singles that resulted in three runs. Don Black got one back for the Junior Farmers in the half when he hit safely and was knocked home by the bats of Bruce MacPherson and Lorne Peavoy.

The J. F's knotted the count in the third frame with a pair of runs thanks to Brian McCristall's two run homer that scored George Williamson ahead of him. He was on base through an error.

Six Run Sixth

An error also counted a run for the Dominions in the sixth but it was three hits and four bases on balls put together that piled up six runs for the plow jockeys.

MacPherson started it off with a pass. Don Hall hit safely as did Williamson, McCristall, Skidgmore and Black drew bases on balls and B. Devries finished the rally off with a hit.

When McCristall walked in the eighth and Bob Skidgmore doubled it meant another run for the J. F.'s who were unable to beat the hotel club all season.

McCristall's home run and two hits each by Skidgmore, Black, Peavoy and Hall were the big blows for the winners while Jordon, with three safeties and Jett Fryer with two led the Dominions' bats.

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Junior Farmers—G. Williamson 3B, B. McCristall 1B, B. Skidgmore LF, D. Black 2B, B. Devries CF, H. Deforest SS, B. MacPherson RF, L. Peavoy C, D. Hall P.

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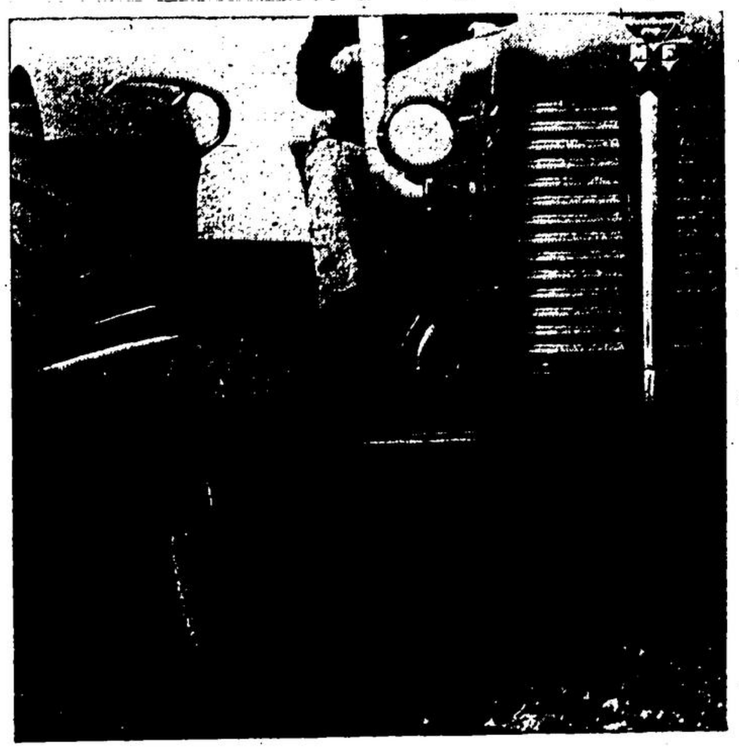

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