

# Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



**TWO WEEKS** of inactivity, consisting of basking in the warm summer sun at a Georgian Bay resort, observing sports events in various towns and speculating with the natives on the merits of local baseball teams, leaves this scribe ill prepared to illuminate readers on the local sports beat.

However, in deference to the gent who so ably conducted this pillar the past two issues and who boldly called the tune by announcing that Hamilton Tiger-Cats would capture the eastern football championship, we feel we must carry on with some kind of a column, albeit of shoddy content, as Will Shakespeare might say.

First of all, to put the record straight, we did not attend any football clinics while away. That information is for those who think they are getting some inside dope when they hear who we're picking to take the eastern football title. As for the benefit of last week's writer, sunshine was spotty in the latter part of the holidays. In fact, the sun, in case he didn't notice, seemed to have fled.

After two weeks of mulling it over, however, and much discussion, we're going to pick Ottawa Rough Riders to repeat their feat of last year and take the eastern football conference. The Roughies are late starters but when they get going it's going to take a real good team to stop them and we fall to see one in the eastern conference. For the Grey Cup? Looks like a western team this year and we prefer it to be nameless until later in the season.

**AFTER THAT** round of sticking my neck out let's switch to lighter subjects. Noticed for instance, where the firemen finally eliminated the Junior Farmers from play-off contention in the town softball circuit.

These two teams shared the league cellar most of the season. Fire Fighters called on their reserves in the semi-final series with Dominion Hotel taking a totally different team from the one that floundered in the basement.

As we write this the hotel crew and the hose totes each won a game. Sentiment favors the Firemen but last year's champions, despite a recent slump, are still no pushover especially in the pitching department.

The winner, of course, has the dubious honor of meeting Timmy's Tanners in the finals. The Tanners have been keeping sharp with a series of exhibition contests. It will take a real effort from either of the semi-finalists to knock them off but those things happen all the time in the playoffs.

**BASEBALL** enthusiasm never really seems to flourish in these parts until the playoffs roll around. The Merchants, for instance, have been playing to small crowds most of the season. We felt this was partly due to poor attempts at advertising the games, but it seems to be general in most other centres in the league.

Last week this scribe attended an intermediate play-off between Midland and Thornton in Midland. The bleachers were full and the entire baseball field was surrounded by fans. Enthusiasm was loud and contagious.

Midland, with reliable Gordie

## Campbellville vs Simcoe In First O.B.A. Elimination

Campbellville will enter the O.B.A. intermediate playoffs this weekend for the tenth consecutive year.

The team which has tumbled off badly in the last month and a half seems to be coming out of its slump and may be expected to give any opposition a tough struggle.

**Good Health**

The team seems to be enjoying good health. Al Wingerow who has been playing in left field while recovering from a stomach ailment seems to be better. The club will be complete for its weekend games against Simcoe.

The first game will be played in Campbellville Sunday, Sept. 3rd at 2:30 p.m. with the second contest in Simcoe on Labor Day.

**30 Games Away**

The club will enter the O.B.A. playdowns with 30 games under its belt. They have won 25, lost 3, and tied two. The three losses

**Outdated**

Contractors repairing old buildings sometimes find old coins, papers and other ancient articles under some flooring or in the walls. The week during the renovation of the building owned by Bill Wingerow at Royal Gate, 1901 - 02 Fall and Winter Eaton's catalogue and 1899 printed edition of the public library were discovered.

The two editions were under the flooring when workmen took off the siding to make alterations.

Dyment pitching, overcame a 1-0 deficit in the eighth to win 8-1 and eliminate Thornton. Both clubs played baseball on a par with what is played in the Halton Association, but we were more interested in the kind of promotion that brought so many fans out to the game.

It wasn't hard to discover. The Midland club had a sound truck do the rounds before the game and also utilized its services during the contest to let the fans know who was batting, etc. Posters were displayed in prominent places, advertising the game, an ad was inserted in the local paper or any radio station in that area plugged the contest.

**Those methods were once a part of the baseball scene here but lately about the only way you can tell when an intermediate game is to be played is in hear by word of mouth or by accidently wandering into the park on the night in question.**

**ALTHOUGH** they lost to Dundas in the league play-offs in two straight games, it is our feeling that the calibre of baseball the local club is playing deserves far more support than they are getting.

Now the O.B.A. Playdowns are in sight, far more than are filtering into the park lately, are interested in the plight of the Merchants. They face a round robin with Oakville and Dundas now for the right to enter Senior B play-offs. And their chances are good.

**Why not drop down to the park when the Merchants are playing. You'll be surprised at the calibre of the game and it will give the local club encouragement when it's most needed.**

**HOW ARE** things going on the Halton County intermediate baseball championship series?

Well, Campbellville won the first game of the best of three final but they were life and death to gain a 3-2 tie in the second game of the set at Dundas. They had to resort to their Sunday punch again—the home run—to salvage the tie.

Stan Henderson, one of the best all-round players in the league, whacked the bases empty homer in the ninth.

Since Campbellville has been assigned Simcoe to oppose them in the O.B.A. Int. A class playdowns, the series has been postponed for at least a week.

**BRUCE ANDREWS** has been burning up the tracks again, over the weekend. You'll have to look in the track results to see his name for the Toronto dailies continually throw the ink in the direction of Bruce Kidd who also competed.

The Acton speedster won the 1500 meter Open at Waterloo on Saturday. Then in Buffalo Sunday Bruce captured the Two Mile Handicap at the Buffalo Firefighters track and field meet. He was the only scratch runner in the field of 30. He gave up as much as 400 yards to the other runners and still won by a good 12 yards when he turned it in in the final 200.

This column would like to throw a bouquet in Bruce's direction. Quiet and unassuming as he is, we feel the world of track and field is going to hear a lot more about the Andrews boy in the future.

**THE HOTEL** crew mustered their only run in the seventh with Ches Pescha taking a pass and scoring on Phillips' safety, one of three he banged out in as many trips to the plate.

**Townesley Homers**

Leading the winners attack at the plate were Scotty McCristall and Bill Spielvogel with a pair of hits each while Harold Townesley, who topped a three run homer, with Duval doubled and John McCristall singled.

Phillips' three hits qualified him for top spot on the hit parade for the Hoteliers while Gale Jordan with a pair and Ross Morton and Chuck Shultz with one apiece accounted for the remainder.

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## Firefighters in Softball Finals

# Edge Dominion Hotel 2-0 Tues.

In a tense, dramatic pitcher's duel which went the full nine innings, Acton Firefighters eliminated last year's champion Dominion Hotel team Tuesday night in front of the largest crowd of the softball season.

Score was 2-0.

It was the third game of the best of three semi-finals of the Acton Softball Association and the win sent the Firefighters into the finals against Beardmore Tanners, who finished in first place during the season.

First game of the best of five final set is scheduled for tonight (Thursday).

**Flinging Freddy**

Spurred by the mound performance of Freddy Archibald, cutter win for them, Firefighters were full value for the win. They played almost flawlessly, fielding, booting only one chance and cracking out eight hits from the offerings of Ed Phillips, Dominion Hotel's crackling right-hand pitcher.

The hotel crew, chastened after their defeat in the second game of the series, threw everything at the winners they could

muster, but the smoke eaters were not going to be denied. Archibald yielded only one hit after the first inning when the inkeepers collected three safeties.

He was hit full chest, a factor that point with lots of help from Harold Townesley at short, Harold handled eight hard chances without an error.

Archibald allowed five bases on balls through the nine innings, gave up four hits and struck out one. Phillips, meanwhile, yielded eight hits, allowed five walks and whiffed seven.

The firemen left 13 men stranded on the bases, a factor that might hinder them in the finals, while the Dominions stranded seven.

The winners scored the first and what proved to be the win-

ning run in the second inning. Bill Spielvogel knifing, advancing to second as Herb Dadds came through with another safety. Mick Holmes, wangled a walk, leading the bases. Scotty McCristall's drive was picked up with no chance to make a play at home and fired to second while Bill Spielvogel scored.

It stayed 1-0 until the fifth when the firemen added another. Will Duval started it off with a single, Harold Townesley walked and with two out, Frank Spielvogel's infield hit allowed Duval to score an insurance run.

The hotel crew's only real chance to score came in the first inning when Jeff Fryer tried to go in from second on Jack Bullough's hit and he was thrown out at the plate by a

bullet from the arm of Bill Spielvogel in right field.

Will Duval was the firemen's top batter with three hits in four trips. Bill Spielvogel and Herb Dadds each collecting a pair.

For the Dominions, Jeff Fryer, Ed Phillips, Jack Bullough and Andy Williams each contributed a single.

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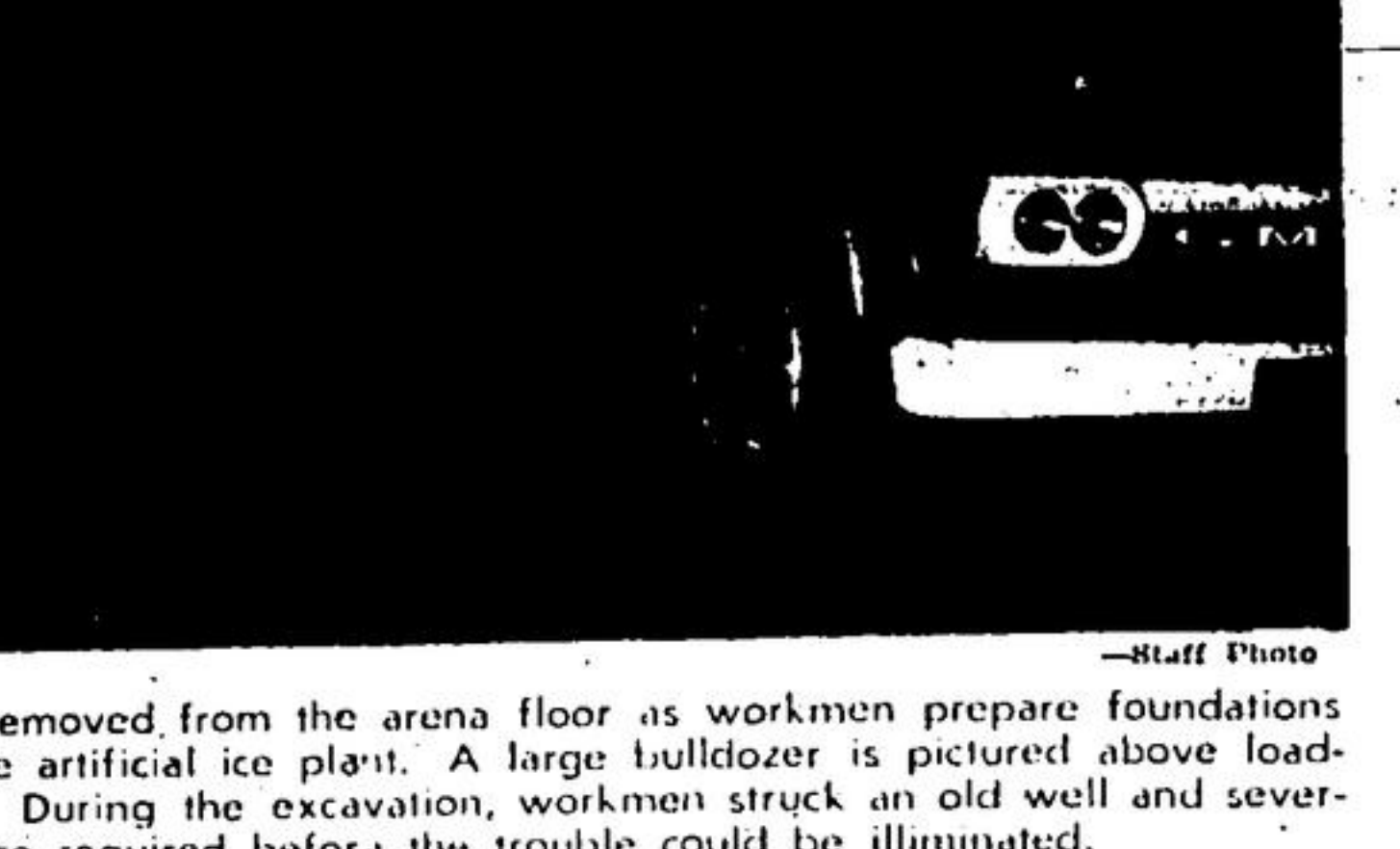
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## Scottish Music For Birthday

Scottish tunes filled the air at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, R.R. 2, Acton, Tuesday evening when a surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Robinson's mother Mrs. K. Griev, Preston.

Janet Robinson, daughter of the hosts, and several of the feminine members of the Acton Junior Pipe Band, donned their plaid kilts and new black jackets and entertained 30 friends and relatives with Scottish music.

At the conclusion of the musical program corn and weiners were barbecued.



**TONS OF EARTH** have been removed from the arena floor as workmen prepare foundations prior to the installation of the artificial ice plant. A large bulldozer is pictured above loading one of the town trucks. During the excavation, workmen struck an old well and several loads of coarse gravel were required before the trouble could be eliminated.

## Fire Fighters Even Set Smash Hotel Crew 12-1

Smarting from their defeat in the first game of the best of three series with Dominion Hotel, Fire Fighters tied the set up on Thursday with a resounding 12-1 victory over the inkeepers and made themselves favorites to take the Acton softball circuit's semi-finals.

**Freddy Flings**

Throwing a stone wall up behind Freddy Archibald's seven hit pitching chore, the smoke eaters were never in any difficulty. Two runs in the first frame were enough to win the contest but they added three in the fourth, three more in the fifth, a single in the sixth and piled up another three in the seventh.

This was hardly Ed Phillips' fault. Like his opponent on the mound, Phillips threw a seven hitter but errors at crucial moments, bases on balls and the long ball hitting firemen were a thorn in his flesh all evening.

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## Playdown Trail for Clubs From Halton Association

Teams entered in the Halton County Baseball Association have now reached the end of their scheduled play in the loop and already many have gone on into the Ontario playdowns while some have been eliminated by clubs within the league.

**Senior Series**

Three clubs will battle for the right to represent the league in the Senior series with Oakville Oaks, Dundas Merchants and Acton Merchants the competitors in a round robin series which is expected to be set up this week. The only opposition in the All told six entries will vie for the O.B.A. title in this series.

**Intermediate "A" Major**

Campbellville Merchants will meet Simcoe this Sunday at Campbellville in the first game of their series with that club and the two teams will return to Simcoe for a Monday holiday tilt. All told six entries will vie for the O.B.A. title in this series.

**Intermediate "A"**

Milton Red Sox, idle for the past couple of weeks have received word the club which they will meet is Tillsonburg and this series is expected to get underway this weekend. Four other clubs are contesting the championship in this grouping.

**Intermediate "B"**

Georgetown Cotton Bros. are the H.C.B.A.'s representative in this loop and have started a series with Dunnville. The winner of this series will go against Petrolia for the "B" provincial title.

**Intermediate "C"**

Bronte Braves are in the process of eliminating Caledonia at the moment in this category and

will next meet either South River, Alliston, Newcastle or Staffa in quest for the title.

**Junior "A" Major**

Burlington will meet Oshawa in the first round in this group with the series expected to start on the weekend. A total of nine other entries are also competing.

**Junior "B"**

Milton Junior Red Sox are slated to go against Avlmer in the first round in this classification and the winner will go against St. Kingsville for the title.

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