

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



Action Merchants, privately miffed at waiting so long for a play-off series, have been notified the first game of the Halton County Senior B round robin with Dundas, Oakville and Acton has been set for Acton Saturday.

Dundas, the club which eliminated the Merchants from league play-offs, will supply the opposition. Game time is 2:30.

The Acton club has been practicing diligently in preparation for the series which will likely resume the following Wednesday, probably in Dundas. Acton fans think the Merchants have a good chance of taking the round robin, particularly if they get the pitching staff.

The Merchants are at full strength for the first time in six weeks and the rest, albeit long, has prevented the club from going stale.

Probably Duke Lindsay will nominate either lefthander Bob Brattain or his running mate and the winning pitcher for the Merchants this semester, Howie Cain, for the opening assignment against the tough Dundas club.

We hope he's going to have all the club's hitters in the lineup to bolster the pitching staff. Against a team like the Graftons the Merchants are going to need all the heavy lumber they can muster and we hate to see hitting power sitting on the bench.

Oakville, the other club in the round robin, is also a strong team. It should be a fine series. All the locals need to make it a good series will be a large contingent of fans to give them support. See you Saturday.

Hector Lambert, running behind home plate after the Lawson boys, Pete and Harry, had executed a crisp double play for the softball Tanners, couldn't restrain himself from uttering the words "championship championship" to the opposing bench Tuesday night. And judging by Tuesday's game Hector isn't far off the mark.

It wouldn't surprise anyone if the U.P.W.A. Tanners took the Acton softball crown tonight in the third game of the series. It won't surprise me. It won't surprise you. And I doubt if the firemen will be surprised.

The Firefighters with any kind of clutch hitting and tightening up in the infield might have taken the first game of the set but they were outclassed in the second meeting. The pitching of Butch Richmond, who is also a Guelph Dairy Queen stalwart, put the firemen off balance and towards the end of the game they swung futilely at some of the fast balls Butch was heaving.

This series has engendered some real interest from fans and we only hope the firemen can extend it tonight with a win if only to see many fans in the ball park again. The interest and enthusiasm has exceeded any of past years.

Acton Maple Leafs meet Stoney Creek Drillers in a league soccer match this Saturday at the high school here. The sixth place Leafs are looking for a win over the Drillers who are one rung ahead of them in the circuit.

The Acton club will be strengthened for Saturday's game by the addition of three new faces from Guelph Sette Bello soccer club. Leaf officials

are confident the locals will start to climb the league ladder with the new signings.

Last Saturday Galt Albion, playing way over their heads, blanked the Leafs in a well-played contest. Galt holds down second place in the 10 team league.

Future games for the Leafs will be played in Acton Park rather than at the high school grounds.

Ti-Cats' big win over Toronto Argos in Labor Day football action has increased the confidence of at least one Hamilton backer to reiterate his endorsement of the Tabbies.

Shoving a newspaper with the results inside under our quivering nostrils, he muttered, "Told you so . . . Dublinski even!" It was the ex-Argo, of course, who was awarded the TV accolade by Hamilton Spec editor, Bob Hanley. Appearing at left offensive end, an unfamiliar position for him, Dublinski went over for one touchdown and was on the receiving end for another key pass.

We're unconvinced. We're still Ottawa fans. We want the Roughies to win. You know why? We're one of those loud, flag waving Canadian who like to see Canadians play Canadian football and the Rough Riders are the closest club we can see which gives the Canutes a chance.

Both Campbellville and Milton have entered protests with the O.B.A. over games they have lost in the first round of the play-downs.

It's the first time since they've been in the O.B.A. that the Campbellville club has entered a protest. They won the first game of their series with Simcoe but an umpire's ruling cost them the second game, 4-3. The villagers claim the score should have been 5-4 in their favor.

They did lead 5-4 at one point but a Simcoe player apparently informed the ump that one of the infield hits had hit a base runner. The ump upheld the player and ruled the two previous runs did not count.

Milton, meanwhile, lost 7-4 in their first Int. A playoff with Tillsonburg and they dispute the eligibility of one of the Tillsonburg players. Pete McMullen, past president of the O.B.A. and a Milton resident, is backing the Red Sox protest.

Beat Blis . . . Georgetown Intermediates took Dunnville 5-1 in the first game of the O.B.A. play-downs. Yep, Lynn McLaren pitched . . . Big racing event at Mosport Park near Bowmanville Saturday with 11 events, fan cars and motorcycles. Featured driver will be Ludwig Heimrath and his Porsche RS60 . . . Commenting on the lack of gains by the Blue Bombers in a recent Winnipeg football game, Winnipeg sports editor Jack Matheson said the Bombers "ran" better than that getting to their cars after the game . . . Sore arms and muscles are in store for a number of fathers this Sunday when they don spikes, gloves and caps to play their sons in a challenge match at the park.

Acton pee wee ball team, who were ousted by Milton recently, will be matching their skills against their fathers' and the game promises to be quite interesting.

Softball Finals

Tanners Two Games Up

Favorites of two of the largest crowds ever to watch a softball series in town, Acton Firefighters are nevertheless two games down in their best of five league finals with Tinny Masales' U.P.W.A. Tanners.

Despite being out 15-7 in the first game of the series Thursday, the Tanners emerged with a 9-6 victory. The loss seemed to influence the firemen's play in the second game Tuesday night when they, with Butch Richmond throwing bullets past them, they succumbed easily by an 11-2 score.

The third and possibly leading game of the series is slated for tonight (Thursday) and unless an upset is registered the softball league crown will go to the Tanners.

Knocking off Dominion Hotel in convincing fashion in the semi-finals, fans credited the Firefighters' fielding with the big improvement of their play. Outside of two or three scintillating catches in the centre garden, was noticeably absent in the first game of the series.

Six Errors . . . The hook 'n ladder squad booted six balls in the opener and

that enabled the Tanners, who were weak at the plate, to chalk up a win. With 15 hits registered the firemen left 10 men stranded on the basepaths while the Tanners stranded eight.

Bill Williams, pitching for the firemen, turned in a top notch effort yielding only seven hits over the first seven innings. Fred Archibald finished up by pitching two hitless innings.

Bruce Cargill, hurling for the Tanners, was nipped for 15 satellites but strong support from his mates kept runs to a minimum. Both teams scored three runs in the first inning and the score remained tied until the fourth when an error at third, a double by Bob Bruce, another miscue on the mound, a walk, a bobble at first, and a single produced four runs for the Tanners.

The firemen plated one in the sixth while the Packinhouse Workers duplicated in the bottom half. They threatened again in the eighth when back to back singles by Duke Lindsay and a two bagger from Frank Spielvogel scored two runs but the Tanners got another in their half to finish it off at 9-6.

Scotty McCristall, as well as

shining in centre field, was the top batter for the firemen with three hits in five trips while Johnny Turkosz, Bill Spielvogel, Herb Dadds, and Duke Lindsay each banged out a pair.

Pete Lawson and Bob Bruce with two hits apiece paced the Tanners at the plate.

Crisp Pitching

The slick fielding Tanners made the Firefighters' bats look weak in the second game of the series Tuesday. Butch Richmond, getting progressively stronger as he went along, went the distance on the hill for the winners allowing eight scattered hits, only one of which went for extra bases.

Veteran Duke Lindsay went the route for the firemen and he was tagged for 11 hits and as many runs. He walked six batters.

The Tanners took a 2-0 lead in the first inning and they were never headed. They plated five more in the third, three in the seventh and finished up with a single in the eighth. The firemen, meanwhile, scored singles in the second and fourth, each time on three hits.

Hall was the game's leading batter with three hits while Del Walters and Bruce Cargill with two apiece were the other top Tanners. Will Duval and Mick Holmes were at the top of the hit parade for the firemen with two hits apiece in three times at bat.

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two singles for Campbellville, Stan Henderson banged out three singles Elmer Dredge and Stu King hit two singles while Al Wingrove and Earl Cairns each singled once.

FOOTNOTES — Once again Field had the opposition popping up there were five outfield flys, six infield pops (five to short stop Dredge) and so along with the nine strikeouts, and a batter's interference this only left six outs for the infield, half of which were handled by the pitcher.

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Villagers Grab First Tilt In Series With Simcoe

Campbellville took a game lead in their best of three series with Simcoe when they won 5-1 in Campbellville on Sunday.

Southpaw Garry Field was the winner over last year's Intermediate "A" Champions as he limited them to four hits while striking out eight, walking one and hitting two batters. Jack Roberts who came in with two on and one out in the ninth, struck out one and forced the next man to ground out to himself.

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Four Days Respite Skaters Start Again

Summer skating school at the Guelph Curling Club ended Sunday, but skaters who are very keen-like some Acton girls—haven't long to wait before they're back on the ice. Fall school begins Friday.

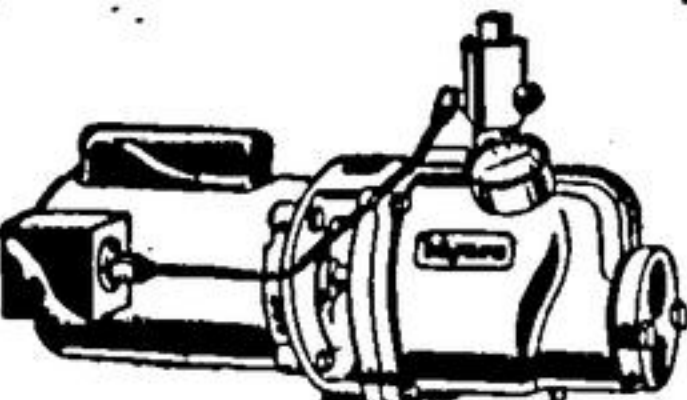
Elizabeth Force will practice each weekend and whenever she can during the week this fall.

Several other Acton girls attended summer skating school—Linda Braida, Sharon Bradley and Sally Wilson. The first two are planning to start fall school right away.

POOR EXAMPLE

Many a youngster gets behind the eight-ball by taking the wrong cue from his elders.

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Scared Lad, Dogs at Large, New Fence, Visits in News

Mayor Paul Bolton had the misfortune to fall off the mill dam ledge and break his right arm. Fortunately other boys nearby rescued him from the water. Dr. K. B. Waller was called and soon had a scared boy at his home.

Friends of Mrs. Stuart McDonald regret her illness at present. She is a patient at Grove's Memorial Hospital, Fergus.

A number of the local Golden Age members of the Guelph club attended the opening of the club's new quarters on September 1.

Miss Sheila Hosking left on Friday morning for Wala Wala, where she will be on the teaching staff of the Public School for 1961-62 term.

Miss Sarah Rolahdson, who has spent a few weeks visiting in U.S.A., has returned home.

See Wrestling . . . Several wrestling fans in the village motored to Toronto last Thursday evening to see Whipper Watson defeat Cyclone Smith in 11 minutes and 35 seconds at the East York Arena.

Mrs. Ed. Barlow had as her guests her sister and brother-in-law of Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. James Whiteside of Vancouver, B.C., is on a visit to her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Bayne and Helen Bayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shultz were at the C. N. E. Saturday for the Air Force show.

In the Village . . . Recent weekend and holiday visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Spears and the Misses Spears of Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Owens of Grand Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day and children of Meeter; Miss Phyllis Morgan, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. James Edgerton.

Lake, Algonquin Park last month with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day and also visited at Uxbridge and Lindsay.

Rev. A. F. Cook has returned from his month's holiday and was assisted in the morning service at St. John's church by H. A. Mowat. Holy Communion was also celebrated.

In Rev. F. A. Cook's absence, Dr. E. L. Rothmel, lay reader for Niagara Diocese, conducted services.

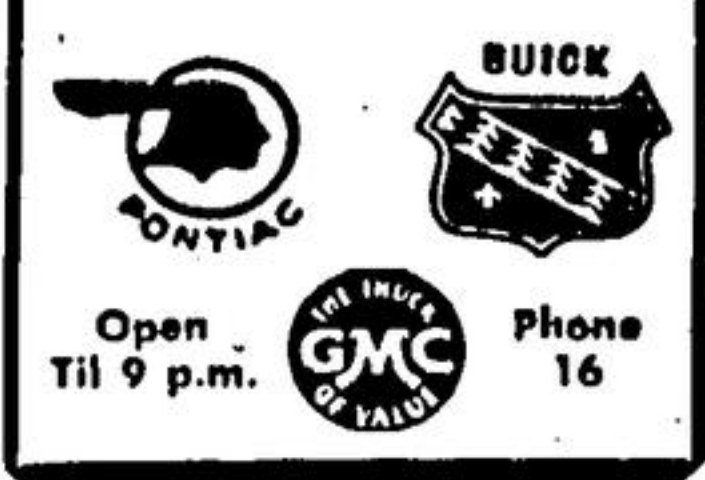
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