



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IT'S HARD to know when the Scots are levelling with you and when they are pulling your leg. The other night, for instance, from Stirling, Scotland, came a strange news report. It said: The fish of the River Endrick started drinking like men. They got so drunk they just gave themselves up.

It happened when a nearby distillery accidentally leaked some of its whiskey into the river.

Astonished anglers saw salmon and trout weaving drunkenly through the water snapping carelessly at hooks. They were hauled in to shore with hardly more than a flick of the tail, said the dispatch.

It's rye humor isn't it? You're inclined to wonder if it was the fish or the fishermen who imbibed too freely of the River Endrick.

IT'S TYPICAL of some of the fish stories originating from Scotland. Last weekend this scribe attempted to describe another such fish tale to an unbelieving spouse.

We were returning from Everton after inspecting the trout pools at Horlop's mill. I explained to the kids that in the deep water lurked some mighty big brown trout. They had scanned the pools for some trace of these specimens of piscatorial splendor. They saw nothing but foam generated by the cascading water.

They wondered how a fisherman would go about getting the browns out of their hiding place. The temptation was too much. I told them that in Scotland they not only haul big trout out but some anglers, possessed of a peculiar gift, actually wade in and tickle the stomach of the real big browns.

For a few minutes a stunned silence followed the tale. Then, my wife, beside me in the front seat, burst into an uproarious laugh.

"TROUT TUMMY Ticklers," she yowled. "I'll bet you believe it too!"

"Imagine your father," she said, addressing the kids, "wading into the river, sidling up to a big fish and tickling his stomach."

More laughter at my expense, the kids joining in.

... but I saw it in a movie," said I, crestfallen at being the butt of the joke.

In fact, I retorted, some of my old country pals have actually seen it done. It's a gift given only to a few.

The laughter subsided not a whit. It didn't quit until we hit the outskirts of Acton. Trout Tummy Ticklers... ha, ha, ha!

Like we said at the beginning of the piece—it's hard to know when the Scots are levelling with you and when they are pulling your leg.

BASEBALL. A 20-game schedule, opens at the local ball yard Saturday, May 19, when Georgetown Cottons visit the 1962 edition of Acton Merchants in Halton County intermediate action. Elsewhere on this page the complete schedule will be found. It winds up, you'll notice on Sunday, July 29 with Acton at Campbellville, an early finish.

The locals will play an exhibition with Guelph Seniors in Guelph next Wednesday night. Dud Lindsay's crew hopes to get some help from the Guelph club including some of the players who toiled here last season.

Bad weather has kept them from doing much in the way of practicing, but they hope to get a few under their belts before opening day. Anyone interested in playing will be welcome to try out with the team.

Everyone's going to be in the playoffs. The first and sixth, second and fifth, third and fourth will meet in the first of the Halton playoffs.

BEAT BITS. THE BIG SIX is now the Large Seven according to Ed Owen's account of the executive running the Pee Wee and Bantam baseballs this season. Garnet (Doc) Harkley has been added to the executive and will look after transportation among many other things. DICK LEE was named president, secretary is Dick Willey, John Hutnagel is records manager, Pete Vale equipment manager and Gary Ocken den personnel manager. Ed Owen is in charge of publicity and social engagements.

ED SAYS the club signed plenty of Pee Wees on registration night Thursday but could still use some bantam players. Only 10 showed up at the last practice. They practice again Saturday morning at the high school.

PARKS BOARD was relieved when baseball and softball dates did not conflict.

LACK OF FINISH around the net by Edmonton Oil Kings was the big factor in their loss to Hamilton in the Memorial Cup final.

BRUCE HOOD Milton sports columnist, was one of the linemen for several of the games.



LEDGER'S L.G.A. TEAM were the victors in the industrial-commercial bowling league this year and are pictured above with their trophies during the banquet Saturday evening. Left to right are Bill Shannon, Dave Manes, Marlin Deh rich, captain Jim Bulough, Wayne Mason and Frank Irwin. Missing when picture was taken was Terry Masales. The league held their banquet at the Dominion Hotel.

Our Pete Lawson, John Goy Guelph Meet Champions

Pete Lawson, senior, and John Goy, junior, won individual championships in the district track and field meet in Guelph Saturday. Acton runners also took first and second in the 880 open.

Ideal weather and track conditions provided the setting as 18 existing records were broken. Georgetown dominated the meet, piling up 210 points to second place Erin's 149. Acton finished third with 129 points and Milton last with 100.5. Georgetown athletes took four individual

championships with Acton and Erin picking up two apiece.

Standings
Following are the placings obtained by Acton competitors:
Girls: senior running broad jump, Sylvia Bessem, 3rd; intermediate long broad jump, Bonnie MacDougall, 2nd; intermediate softball throw, Bonnie MacDougall, 2nd; junior running high jump, Anne Vale, 3rd; bantam softball throw, Mary Grischow, 3rd; bantam 50 yard dash, Jill Bagby, 3rd.

Boys: senior running broad jump, Pete Lawson, 1st; senior running high jump, Pete Lawson, 1st; Stu McDonald, 2nd; senior pole vault, Pete Lawson, 1st; Stu McDonald, 2nd; senior shot put, Pete Lawson, 1st; intermediate late running broad jump, Sheldon Blow, 2nd; intermediate running high jump, S. Blow, 3rd; intermediate pole vault, S. Blow, 2nd; intermediate shot put, G. Blow, 2nd; B. Campbell, 3rd; junior running broad jump, John Goy, 3rd; junior running high jump, J. Goy, 1st; junior pole vault, J. Goy, 1st; J. McNabb, 3rd; junior shot put, J. Goy, 1st; bantam running broad jump, Don Harris, 3rd; bantam running high jump, T. McKeown, 3rd; bantam shot put, D. Harris, 3rd.

Races
Junior 100 yard dash, Mervin Marshall, 3rd; junior 200 yard dash, Danny Arbie, 3rd; 440 yard open, Keith Ranney, 1st; Andrew Smith, 3rd; 880 yard open, K. Ranney, 1st; A. Smith, 2nd; 440 relay, Don Price, M. Marshall, Bob Foyers, Terry Waterhouse, 3rd.

Five Clubs in Softball Loop Play Three Nights a Week

Softballers are ready to roll up their sleeves and blast the ball around the diamond at the park and will have this opportunity when the schedule gets underway Monday, May 28.

Wednesday evening, members of the executive sharpened their pencils and finalized the 12-game schedule after learning five teams will participate this year. Sponsoring teams this year will be Ledger's L.G.A., Beardmore Co., Dominion Hotel, Junior Farmers and Acton Firefighters.

Excuses will be slim as Mick Holmes is convening a group to make repairs to the playing field and loads of earth are being dumped and levelled to take out the ripples in the field. Spectators will enjoy the games in more comfort as the executive are providing six additional benches.

Rules have been compiled and games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All that remains now is for players to iron out the kinks, spectators to support the games and the umpire to holler "play ball".

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20 Game Schedule

Baseball Opens Here May 19th

The Halton County Baseball Association released its 1962 intermediate schedule this week. Six teams, one less than last season, will play 120 games from a period beginning on Saturday, May 19 and ending on Sunday, July 29.

A new wrinkle, designed to keep all the clubs playing ball will see the entire league in the Halton—Georgian playoffs. Every team in the circuit, with the exception of Campbellville, will also likely be stronger this season.

Acton Merchants will open the schedule as well as close it when they play host to Georgetown Cottons here a week from Saturday. They close against last year's champions, Campbellville, on July 29 in the Nassagaweya metropolis.

Also in the league are Milton, Oakville and Dundas. Bonte is the sole dropout.

All Clubs In
Acton: Dud Lindsay and Harold Towlesley are expecting a few players down from Guelph Seniors with whom they'll have a working agreement again this season. These along with the veterans and second year players should form a better club than the one last season which split about 500 ball in the schedule.

One Exhibition
The club has arranged one exhibition game prior to opening the schedule. They'll play the parent Guelph club next Wednesday night in Guelph. Last year the two clubs played to a draw in a similar skirmish. A return game will be arranged later.

Harold Towlesley, bustling manager of the Acton club, says the club would like to see more players out to practices. However, no position on the club is filled and anyone interested is welcome to try out with the team.

Saturday, May 19—Georgetown at Acton; Dundas at Oakville.
Monday, May 21—Milton at Campbellville.
Wednesday, May 23—Dundas at Georgetown.
Saturday, May 26—Milton at Acton; Oakville at Campbellville.
Wednesday, May 30—Acton at Oakville, Dundas at Milton, Campbellville at Georgetown.
Saturday, June 2—Oakville at Acton, Dundas at Campbellville at Milton.
Wednesday, June 6—Oakville at Milton; Acton at Georgetown.
Thursday, June 7—Campbellville at Dundas.
Saturday, June 9—Dundas at Acton; Milton at Oakville; Georgetown at Campbellville.
Monday, June 11—Georgetown at Dundas.
Tuesday, June 12—Campbellville at Acton.
Wednesday, June 13—Milton at Georgetown.
Thursday, June 14—Acton at Milton; Oakville at Dundas.
Saturday, June 16—Georgetown at Oakville; Acton at Campbellville.
Monday, June 18—Milton at Dundas.
Wednesday, June 20—Georgetown at Milton, Campbellville at Oakville.
Thursday, June 21—Acton at Dundas.
Saturday, June 23—Dundas at Acton; Oakville at Georgetown.
Sunday, June 24—Georgetown at Milton, Dundas at Campbellville.
Wednesday, June 27—Dundas at Oakville, Campbellville at Milton, Acton at Georgetown.
Thursday, June 28—Acton at Dundas.
Sunday, July 1—Oakville at Campbellville.
Wednesday, July 4—Milton at Acton; Oakville at Georgetown.
Thursday, July 5—Campbellville at Dundas.
Saturday, July 7—Georgetown at Oakville.

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Front Cover

Bruce Andrews, local track star who races under the Guelph Legion colors, had his picture on the front cover of the "Legionary" this month. He was shown with several other track stars and coaches during a warmup at the Toronto school for track athletes.

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