



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THINGS ARE shaping up in Halton County intermediate baseball circuit pretty much the same as they did last season.

Straddling the top like some kind of a giant are the perennial league leaders, Campbellville Merchants, followed closely by Oakville and Dundas.

Bringing up the rear are Georgetown, Acton and Milton in that order, last night's results excepted. Milton is still winless while Acton and Georgetown have each chalked up a victory.

Oakville demonstrated conclusively to the Acton club last week that they have their sights set on first place by walloping the Merchants twice. Campbellville, meanwhile, had their hands full with Milton. They just scraped through to a 3-1 win over the Red Sox in Sunday's encounter in Milton.

This may be the year the villagers are topped from the league's pinnacle. It's obvious that at this stage they are not as strong as the team which swept to the title last season.

OUR SPY from the county town claims the villagers are also getting crochety. He ascribes it to too many titles.

For instance, says he, in last Sunday's game at Milton, the Red Sox were doing a pretty good job of stifling Campbellville's big bats, Earl Cairns, in particular, couldn't buy a hit.

When Earl finally made it to second on a play he overdid the bag. So second sacker, diminutive Glen Dance, in spite of a fumble, succeeded in tagging big Earl before he made the sack.

Cairns took exception to the tag, claiming it was overdone. He decided to take on Dance in some kind of taggo. They looked like Matt and Jeff at the keystone before they were broken up, big Earl seething at his slight opponent.

Coach Len Andrews also blew his top, stamped on it and gawgawed for the benefit of fans in the same game. He questioned the wisdom of the umpire's decision at the plate when one of his runners was called out. Both Cairns and Andrews cooled down when Campbellville came through with a wrong field hit to win the game 3-1.

EVER PLAY golf? Neither had I until a couple of years back when someone persuaded me to try out 18 holes with him. Since then I've played several times. Each time it gets more attractive.

The object of the game is to put the ball in the holes with the minimum amount of strokes. A stroke is any attempt to hit the ball with the club.

Last Saturday was the occasion of this newspaper's third annual golf tournament. Twelve tried and true newspapermen ventured on the links at Wylwood, near Hornby, vowing they would bring back a prize.

After the turf was almost completely removed, a river almost emptied by frantic splashing and the other paying customers headed for safer courses, the entire 12 showed up for the awards.

Nine were given prizes. I was not among them. If anyone has a set of clubs without holes in them and balls which will drop into holes without bouncing over, skirting the edge, and stopping short, would you please send me the brand name. I could use a couple of dozen.

DROPPED OFF the train in the bush, miles north of Sioux Lookout at 2:30 in the morning without a soul in sight? Can you picture it?

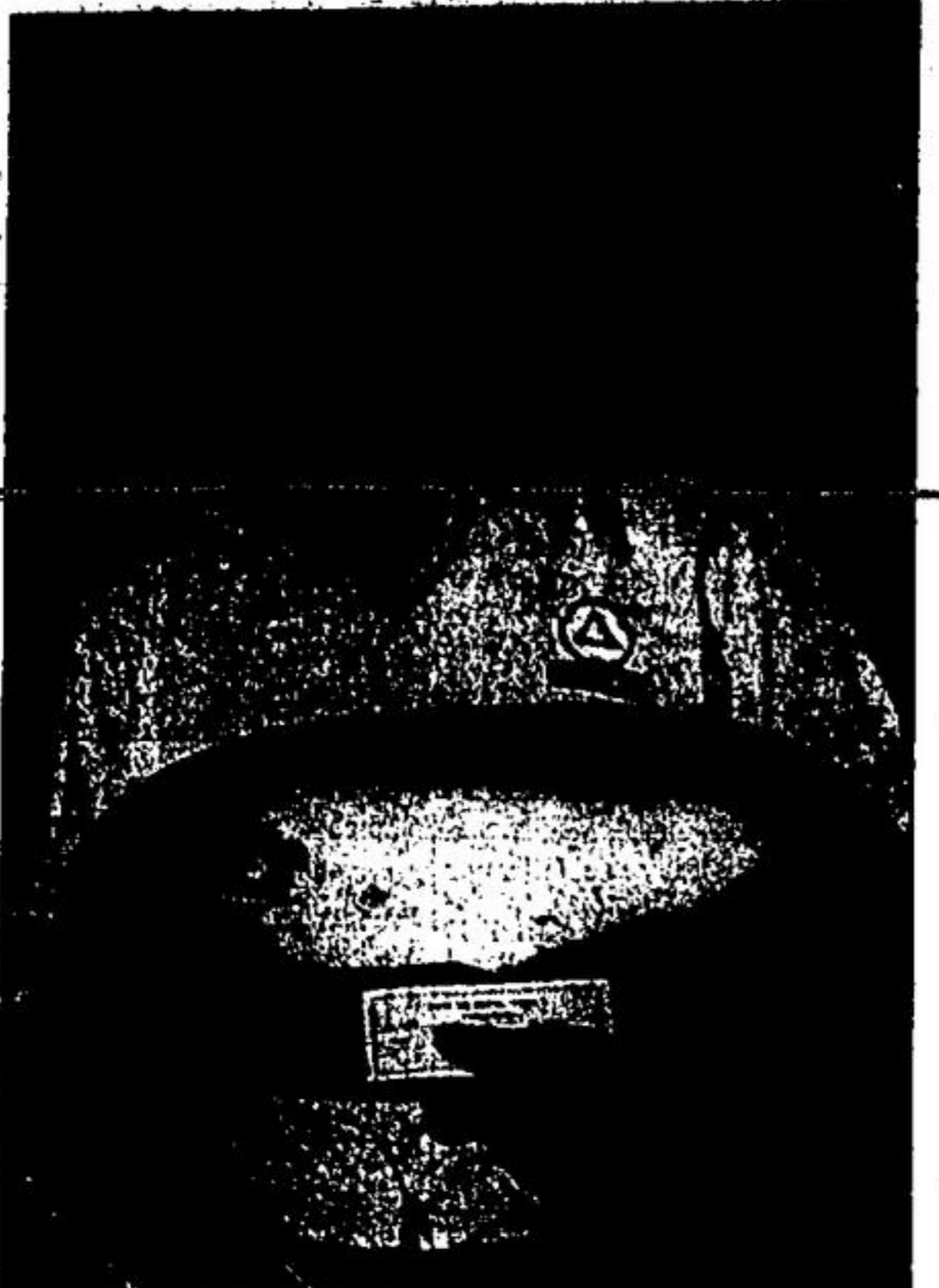
That's what happened to Mayor John Gov and son Johnny last week on a fishing trip. When the train pulled off father and son felt awfully lonesome. It was inky dark and quiet. Their guide wasn't due until 5:30.

Suddenly a hand tapped John on the shoulder. It was an Indian. A soft voice inquired, "Are you Mr. Gov?" It was the guide, early. Relieved, the pair followed the Ojibway into the bush where shouldering canoes, their packs and a 40-h.p. motor he took them far from civilization and white men for a week of blissful quiet.

They caught their limit of pike and pickerel in the primitive wilderness, frequented only by a few Indians, and the guide added an extra thrill — shooting foaming rapids in a tossing motor boat.

On the return hike back to their rendezvous with the train the two Goys carried the fish. The Indian again carried the canoe, packs and motor. He set the pace with an endurance that amazed the two Johns.

For sooties, the fish arrived and were loaded into one of Gov's transport tractor trailers. He was not experienced and their trip may or his son will begin.



WHAT NEXT? Fur-bearing fish seem to have crept into the waters, according to a Rockwood angler. Pictured above is Fred Meadows with a mounted fur-bearing trout marked "Very Rare". According to Fred the fish was caught in Lake Superior where the water is very cold. Shortly after the picture was taken, a friend of the angler, Dr. Tesky, handed over first prize for the local Liar's Club. The mounted fish is on display in Mr. Meadows' garage along with a horned rabbit he won first prize for last year.

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Scoring Picnic for Oaks At Expense of Merchants

Witnessed, fortunately, by only a few spectators, Acton Merchants booted the ball all over the field in Saturday's Halton County intermediate baseball contest here. When the runs were tabulated it was found the visiting Oakville Oaks had 19 — the Merchants two.

It was the second time within the week the Acton club dropped a game to Oakville. The Oaks topped them 10-3 Wednesday. It was also the third defeat pinned on the Merchants against one win this season.

Coach Duke Lindsay threw the entire bench into the line-up in an attempt to throttle the Oakville onslaught but couldn't seem to start any kind of a counter threat. Oakville chalked up five runs in the first inning, added two more in the fifth, scored one in the sixth, five more in the seventh, two in the eighth and wound up with four in the ninth.

The Merchants countered with one in the sixth and another in the eighth, their most productive hitting frame. They hammered out three safeties in the eighth.

Victims of the 13 hit Oak barrage were started: Bill Shannon and Jim Lindsay, Jim, like Bob, is a southpaw.

Oaks also used three pitchers, starting with Ian Shepherd and followed by Grant Redshaw and veteran Kenny Pollock.

Heading the hit parade for the visitors was Pete Kennedy, versatile left fielder of the Oaks. He lashed out a triple, two doubles, and a single in five appearances at the plate for a perfect afternoon. Catcher Tom Byers followed closely with three hits, one good for two bases while McKechnie collected a pair of singles.

Oakville—L. Shepherd, G. Redshaw, K. Pollock, B. Pierson, R. McKechnie, R. Campaigne, P. Kennedy, M. Hall, F. Burke, T. Byers, R. Jacobs.

Acton—B. Brattain, Bill Shannon, J. Lindsay, R. McPhee, B. McCristall, D. Gibbons, Paul Lawson, H. Townsley, D. Anderson, B. Bruce, D. Lindsay, P. McCristall.

Second Victory

Cain Hurls Ints. to Georgetown Win

Righthander Howie Cain, making his first start of the season, handcuffed Georgetown Cottons last night and Acton Merchants responded by producing an 8-6 win for him at Georgetown.

Cain allowed only four hits, whiffed six batters and walked five in the seven-inning twilight contest. Cottons used two pitchers, starting with McGill and winding up with playing coach Lynn McLaren.

Led by Harold Townsley, who smashed two doubles and a single in five appearances at the plate, the Merchants collected 12 hits from the two Georgetown hurlers, Don Anderson, Paul Lawson and Howie Cain each belted out two safeties, while Denis Gibbons, Bob Brattain and Scotty McCristall rapped out one apiece.

Leggs, McLaughlin, Richardson and McLaren were the only Georgetown players to nick Howie Cain for a single.

The Merchants went out in front in the first inning with a two-run outburst, added two more in the second, one in the fourth and three in the fifth. It was their second win this season against three defeats.

Cottons got one run in the bottom half of the first on a walk, an error on the mound and a

single from McLaughlin. They actually tied the game and went ahead by one run in the fourth when two hits, a pair of walks and two costly Acton errors allowed them five runs for a 6-5 margin.

The Merchants rallied in the fifth, however, slashing out four hits that included doubles from Harold Townsley and Scotty McCristall, for three runs and an 8-6 win.

Two powerful clubs visit Acton for games in the coming week. Dundas plays here Saturday afternoon and next Tuesday evening, the league leading Campbellville Merchants pay a visit to Acton.

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Georgetown Doucette, J. Leggs, R. Ritchie, C. McLaughlin, S. J. James, H. Breen, M. Richardson, H. Mossup, B. McGill, P. McLaren p in 6
Acton: Anderson, D. Gibbons, B. Townsley, Paul Lawson, H. Morton, B. McCristall, B. Brattain, B. Bruce, P. McCristall, J. L. H. Cam p

Halton Team Takes Part In Rescue Competition

The Ontario Emergency Measures Organization sponsored a Provincewide annual rescue competition Sunday at Wellington Water on Airport, Kitchener.

Competitions were held in both advanced and basic rescue techniques.

The County of Halton Emergency Measures Organization entered a team in basic rescue and although they did not win, much valuable experience was gained. It points were given for enthusiasm. The Halton County team would certainly have finished a strong contender for first place.

These men on the team have been taking instruction one night a week since last October, and during the past two weeks have been putting in additional instructional periods prior to the competition, under Chief Rescue Instructor Len Thorne, Oakville, and Deputy Instructor H. Doane.

In all 16 municipalities through out Ontario took part in the competition, including Ontario, Oshawa, Peel, Welland, Windsor, Essex, Halton, South St. Marie, Peterborough, Metro Toronto, Prescott and Russell, Wellington, Wentworth, Lincoln, York, Waterloo, St. Thomas and Hamilton.

Tennis League

Tourney Planned

Plans have been finalized for a busy season at the tennis courts, again this summer (despite the fact the lot is for sale) and Tuesday night registration of players will take place. A possible six-team league has been organized and the executive is looking for a large turnout of players.

Sunday, June 17, will be opening day for the club and from 1 p.m. on tennis plays will be active on the two courts club members are putting in condition for the season. During the day an open tournament will be held with everyone taking part.

Entry has been made in the intercounty Tennis Association and to date teams competing include Brampton, Pine Point, West Kingsbury, Weston and Acton. It is expected that Central Park will have an entry as well. The league season will begin June 21 with the first game in Acton against the Brampton club.

Memberships are open for juniors (elementary school), students (high school), adults, single and adults' family membership.

MINOR BASEBALL

By Art Cooper

Weekend B ball action saw two of Acton's Tri-County minor entries on the win side of the ledger.

Paul's pulverizing Pee Wees pelted the Campbellville nine 17-4 here Saturday and on Sunday, Ed Owen's Bantams turned defeat into victory, taking a game from Hornby in default.

B. Elliott, Churchill, and Shultis carried the big bats for Paul's Pee Wees, Elliott hitting 5 for 5, Churchill 1 for 3 and Shultis 3 for 5. Casey Harkley started on the hill for Acton with B. Tuzkosz coming in to relief Paul Cooper and G. Lallefer being the other half of the batteries.

Ed Owen & Co. battled a tough Hornby gang toe-to-toe for nine innings of top notch baseball that included a triple play by the locals only to go down to a 1-1 tie in Sunday's feature. After the contest ended however, it was discovered that Hornby was carrying three midgetage boys in their lineup, calling for disqualification and a win for Acton by default.

Sandy Beach In Rockwood

When work at Rockwood park is completed there will be three recreational and picnic areas, G. M. Courts, field officer of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority, explained when members of the executive and guests toured the park. A sandy bathing beach is to be constructed at the large lake. The bathing area will be set up at the base of the hill on the north side of the pond adjacent to the new dam constructed at the main pond last fall.

Another \$3,000 is to be spent in the Rockwood area, finishing the main entrance roads and parking area, construction of public conveniences and establishing a playground area in the field bordering highway 7.

FROM LEFT FIELD—New bats and shuttles are on their way for Paul's Pee Wees, the bats being of the stretch variety, good says Manager Vale for covering ball, brush or swelled heads.

Says Ed "Lippy" Owen of Sunday's default: "Doms da rooles and va gotta follow da rooles." Ed Owen's Bantams

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