Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

LAST THURSDAY when Acton Junior Farmers up and smote Beardmore Tanners with their second straight loss and Monday when I.G.A. swamped Dominion Hotel 22-0, a few of the softball filberts sat up and took notice.

Fewer eyebrows were raised Tuesday when the league leading Firemen dropped a much improved Legion club 8-5. However it was apparent to even the most prejudiced observer that a new pattern was evolving in the six team Acton softball association.

Four things were apparent:

1. Beadmore's club either through overconfidence or shaking a slump are going to have to shift into high gear if they hope to end up on the top of the six team league.

2. The Fire Fighters no more than given second place at the start of the season are now odds on favorites to take all the marbles.

3. Dominion Hotel, once a league powerhouse show signs of resuming form and are soon seeking to be the artist problem to replace a Legion club which has been devoid of such since Rac West took over the coaching duties.

4. I.G.A. a young vigorous aggregation is going to shake up the standings quite a bit if they come up with many more games of the type they displayed against the Hoteliers Monday.

It's shaping into a real battle royal for the top spot in the circuit. With three games a week going it's keeping the fans busy. The teams are improving and creating a lot of interest locally.

BIGGEST improvement in the mushball circuit was the club the Legion threw into the fray against league leading Fire Fighters Tuesday.

Rac West went out and rounded up a few of the younger players in town who were anxious to play softball but who had been given little more than a look-see by the other teams.

Then he contacted a pitcher name of Salmon from somewhere in the suburbs. He had some difficulty acquiring a receiver who could hold the strikes Salmon was shooting in practice in spite of the fact that four volunteers offered their services. He seemed to have solved that thorny problem by Tuesday.

Against the firemen the Legionnaires did right well. They lost by three runs but it was a big improvement over the first couple of games they played this season when they showed signs of becoming the league's patsies.

RESULTS of practise sessions and the transfusion of young blood into the roster is beginning to show in recent games of the baseball Merchants.

Dude Lindsay has been juggling the line-up to get the most power out of the players he has on hand. With six positions filled by high school students Saturday, the Merchants unleashed some of the most potent hitting the league has seen this season.

Campbellville, giants of the basepaths in other years, seem to have gone beyond their palmy years. The villagers slipped into second place this week, absorbing their second loss. Oakville Oaks climbed into first by virtue of the win.

Milton, meanwhile, one of the better defensive clubs, split with Georgetown and tied Dundas in three outings. Georgetown upped their win column total to two with the win over the Sox.

There is a good chance that Acton, now in fourth position, will climb to third and possibly second before the schedule is completed. The locals will not be satisfied with second, however. They're aiming at first.

Men Confer

Guest preacher Sunday at the United Church was the Rev. Joseph W. Pratt B.A. of Kitchener who said he preached his first sermon 61 years ago. He and Mrs. Pratt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Youngblut, whom he married. The Rev. Dwight Engel was attending a United Church men's conference at Elgin House with Frank Prouse, Wesley Beatty, Bern Veldhuis, Allan Lauder and Jack Creighton.

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I.G.A. Wallops Hotel Club 22-0

Four home runs from the bats of Jeff Fryer, Terry Waterhouse, Stu McDonald and Brian McCristall powered a 15-hit I.G.A. attack on hapless Dominion Hotel Monday night as the grocery boys won a convincing 22-0 victory in an Acton softball association contest.

Three of the round-trippers came in a 10-run fourth frame that saw the hoteliers commit three costly errors and generally fold up at the rough treatment they received from I.G.A.'s bats. The winners collected three runs in the first, one in the third, 10 in the fourth, one in the seventh, three in the eighth and four in the ninth.

Dominions, throwing three pitchers into the fray, could man-

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Acton Splits with Dundas Rap Out 16 Hits Saturday

The booming bats of the Lawson brothers, Peter and Paul, paced Acton Merchants to an exciting 10-5 win over third place Dundas in Halton County intermediate baseball, here, Saturday afternoon.

It was the second meeting between the two clubs in the week. Dundas squeezed out a narrow 8-7 victory Thursday night in the valley town by overcoming a 7-4 Merchant lead in late innings.

Saturday it was strictly an Acton contest. Paul Lawson with four hits in four tries that included a triple, two doubles and a single, spearheaded the 16-hit Acton onslaught while Pete poled out the first home run of the season for the Merchants at home as well as hitting a two bagger.

Brittain Brilliant

Backing the vigorous Acton attack was the pitching of Bob Brittain, nominated by Dude Lindsay to start against the tough Dundas club. He was relieved by right hander Howie Cain in the fifth when he issued three consecutive bases on balls.

Between them the Acton battery mates allowed seven hits, three of them nicked from Brittain, four from Cain.

Brittain also wielded a potent bat for the Merchants by doubling and tripling in two appearances at the plate. His three bagger would have stretched into a home run except for a tall maple which ringed the fence around the park.

Big Hit Production

It was the biggest hit production yet for the Acton club and was accomplished at the expense of two Dundas moundsmen. Anderson started on the hill for the visitors but was relieved by F. May in the second when the Merchants pulled away with a six-hit barrage that yielded five runs.

Other Merchants who were hitting the sphere Saturday were Mel McPhee who tripled and stroked, Andy Williams who drove out two singles and Brian McCristall, Bob Bruce and Jim Lindsay who each chalked a single. In the garden Andy Williams, B. Bruce and Jim Lindsay erected a tight defensive umbrella that Dundas found hard to penetrate. Williams, one of six schoolboys on the team, played a scintillating game in right field handling four hard chances.

Saturday's win was number four for the Merchants against six losses and consolidates their hold on fourth place in the league. Games this week see them meet Dundas in Dundas tonight while Milton pays a visit here for a twilight game Wednesday.

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Dundas — Thompson 3b, Le. If, Rowe ss, McPhail cf, Knox 1b, Davison 2b, Chayka rf, Russell c, Anderson p, May p in 2.

Acton — D. Gibbons 3b, Brian McCristall 2b, Townsley 2b, McPhee c, D. Lindsay, P. Lawson 1b, Pete Lawson ss, Bob Bruce cf, J. Lindsay lf, A. Williams rf, Bob Brittain p, H. Cain p in 5.

—Staff Photo

FIREFIGHTERS' BANTAM hockey players were feted Friday evening in the Fire Hall when they were presented with trophies during a bean feed. Most valuable player award went to Phillip Wedge. Pictured front row left to right are Steven Townsley, Doug Beattie, Jan Riddall, Phillip Wedge and Glenn Holmes; second row left to right Frank Morton, Kevin Hall, David Sproston, Phillip Marzo and David Garrett; back row, Harold Townsley, coach, Phillip Drysdale, Ricky Henderson, Henry Heikamp, Doug Garrett, and Herb Dodds, manager. Standing at the back is Bill Knight, trainer.

SPORTS

Firemen Going Like Blazes Defeat Legion 8-5 Tuesday

League leading Fire Fighters increased the gap between themselves and the rest of the softball league when they parlayed a five run first inning outburst into an 8-5 win over an improved Legion team Tuesday evening.

Sporting a revamped line-up which is loaded with young talent, Legionnaires couldn't overcome the lead the hose toters built up but it wasn't for lack of trying. Firemen added two more runs in the fifth and a single in the eighth for their victory margin.

The Legion plated their first run in the fifth, added another in the sixth and pushed in three in the top half of the eighth.

Fred Archibald, pitching for the firemen, was credited with the win. He allowed five hits, struck out five and walked three over the nine innings.

Sharon hurled for the Legion giving up 11 hits, whiffing four and issuing nary one base on ball.

The big blow for the hook 'n' ladder crew was Johnny Krapek's two-run homer in the fifth, one of two hits he registered for the winners. Herb Dodds banged out three safeties to lead the firemen at the plate while Fred Archibald registered hits twice. Scotty McCristall, Mick Holmes, Bill Sieplvogel and brother Frank each collected one safety.

"Bucky" Price was top man for the Legion with two singles, Gary Masales, Salmon and Mellon rapping one each.

Errors were plentiful for both clubs but costly to the losers in the first frame when they made two foux pas out of four they booted. Firemen committed two errors.

Legion—T. Masales 2b, Lillie cf, G. Masales ss, W. Marshall 3b, Salmno p, Mellon lf, Holmes rf, Price 1b, Debartola cf, C. Shepard cf.

Firemen—McCristall ss, Holmes 3b, F. Archibald p, J. Krapek 2b, B. Spielvogel cf, J. Turkosz lf, Don Archibald rf, F. Spielvogel 1b, H. Dodds c.

Bake Sale

Over $58 was made for retarded children when the Acton Ladies Auxiliary of North Halton Retardation held a bake sale Saturday in the vacant bake shop next to Rachlins. There was plenty of donated baking for sale.

Tinny's Tanners Topped By Hustling Jr. Farmers

Smarting from a shut-out administered by the firemen on Tuseday, last year's champion Tanners faced the Junior Farmers the following Thursday in a chastened frame of mind. Despite one big inning in which they plated six runs the leatherworkers went down to their second straight defeat 8-6 at the hands of the plough jockeys.

Winning hurler was Don Hall of the Jr. Farmers who allowed only six hits to the usually robust Tanners swatters. Five of them came in the seventh. They struck out eight and walked four over the distance.

Opposing them on the Tanners' hill was bespectacled Bruce Cargill who also threw a fine game limiting the plough jockeys to eight hits, issued one base on balls and hit one batter. Six errors thrown in by jittery teammates aided his cause little and figured in several of the winners runs.

The Junior Farmers went ahead in the first frame as R. Hall walked and was driven in by brother Don. They added four more runs in the second when Barry Inscoe was safe on an error in the right garden. Ken Dodds was safe on a boot at short, Bob Skidgmore singled and then Roy Hall smacked a home run to empty the bases.

Three more runs in the fourth made it 7-0 when Bob Skidgmore singled, Williamson was safe on a fielder's choice, an error through second put R. Hall on the bases and L. Peavoy came through with a timely single.

It was 8-0 in the sixth when Roy Hall arrived safely at first on an error at third and scored on succeeding plays.

One big inning in which Ben Bayliss, Hall and Hec Lambert all slammed out doubles and Harry Lawson and Bruce Cargill rapped singles put together six runs for the Tanners but they could fashion no more in the remaining innings.

Peavoy and Skidgmore with two hits apiece topped the winning club's batting order while Ben Baylis was the only Tanner to hit Hall more than once.

Tanners — J. Bullough c, H. Lawson 1b, B. Cargill p, B. Bayliss 2b, Hall ss, Zatac cf, K. Papillon 3b, Commando ss, Armstrong, McDonald, Webster rf, Lambert.

Junior Farmers — Williamson 1b, R. Hall c, D. Hall p, L. Peavoy 3b, Atbic cf, Churchill lf, Leitch p, B. Inscoe ss, K. Dodds rf, B. Skidgmore 2b.

Elora Gorge Park Knox Picnic Setting

Elora Gorge park was the picturesque setting for Knox Church picnic Saturday, and about 100 enjoyed the afternoon together.

Following are winners in the races.

Novelty Races

Candy scramble five and under girls, Sherry Livermore, Carol McKenzie; boys, Leslie Coles, John Hansen; bubble gum race 6 and 7, girls, Cora Maxwell, Janet Clendinning; boys, Allan Green blowing balloon 8 and 9, girls Norma Once, Carol Patterson; boys, Terry Rozee, Allan Taillefer; three-legged race, girls, Beverly McKnight, Jackie Calder; boys Alan McKenzie, Bill Hansen; eat biscuit and whistle, girls, Jackie Calder, Marsha McKenzie; boys, Allan McKenzie, Bill Hansen; sack race, Carol Clendinning, Beth Byers; Mr. McKenzie, Keith Livermore; kicking shoe in box, Inez McLellan, Mrs. Livermore; kicking shoe distance, Inez McLellan, Helen Jocque.

Races — five and under, Sherry Livermore, Tammy Livermore, Glen Jocque, Steven McKnight; 6 and 7, Judy Brown, Janet Clendinning; Allan Green, Glen McKenzie; 8 and 9, Susan Clendinning, Jessie Anne Davidson; Glen Taillefer, Ricky Livermore; 10 and 11, Marsha McKenzie, Susan Taillefer; Keith Aitken, Sandy Patcai; 12 and 13, Jackie Calder, Beverly McKnight; Alan McKenzie, Walter Tryssenaar; adults, Inez McLellan, Mrs. Taillefer; Keith Livermore, Mr. McKenzie.

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MINOR BASEBALL

McMullen's Bustling Bantams set a minto league endurance record last week squeezing four games into 4 nights. The young sters met Hornby, Rockwood and Waterdown at home, Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday and travelled to Oakville Monday.

Thursday's contest against Hornby saw the locals go down 13-8 only to once again reverse the decision by default. It seems that Manager Ed. Tippy Green spotted a couple of midget age boys in the opposition lineup called this to the attention of the officials and then and there demanded a recount. Highlight of the game was a spectacular running catch by Rogers in the centre field.

Rockwood at Acton

Saturday's feature saw the locals come from behind when Rockwood took an early lead. Acton lead in the second inning only to fall away from the started Rockwood in a big third inning and carry the park with a 7-4 victory tucked securely under their belt.

The third inning rally started with singles by Henderson, Heikamp and Cooney to load the bases. Henderson scored on Hartley's accidental bunt single. Riddal angled to load the bases again and Marzo carried the big bat to the plate belted a clean triple, scoring all three of his mates. Waller doubled to score Marzo but got put out at second and Garrett and Sproston were down in order to retire the side.

Heikamp did all the hurling for Acton. Harris started for Rockwood with two of his teammates coming in in relief.

Acton at Oakville

Monday's action in Oakville saw McMullen's Bantams lose 4-1 to a hard-hitting Oakville nine. The locals rallied in the fifth but a tremendous one hand stab by Inglehardt robbed Riddal of sure extra bases and broke the back of the Acton contingent. Big bats for Acton were Waller 3 for 3 also sharp behind the plate, and Henderson who hit 2 for 4. Henderson made his debut on the hill with Sproston and Heikamp in relief.

Waterdown at Acton

Undaunted by Monday's defeat, the Bantams came back home Tuesday night to meet and beat Waterdown 20-10. Heikamp was winning pitcher for the locals with Rocky doing yeoman in relief. Biggest bats for the locals were Sproston 5 for 7, Waller 4 for 4, Heikamp 2 for 5 with a walk and a tremendous home run blast that hobbled the centre field fence. Ryder in relief hit 2 for 2 and struck out four of seven batters faced.

SCENE FROM CENTRE FIELD

Ed Green manager of McMullen Bantams confided to this scribe after the Bell smoaker last night that he felt his boys are beginning to shape up and that the Bantam Trophy could land in Acton this year. After watching Saturday's game against Rockwood we are in agreement with him. The youngsters have all the possibilities to make a top flight ball club. Faced Acton's competitors that night and performed in professional fashion at. Marzo at short in Monday's action in Oakville he threw two runners out at first on ground balls picked up practically in the field and Waller who stock like a leaguer behind the plate and keeps the batters honest. Nobody for your money, in the league touches these two at their respective positions. Henderson also looked good to us in Saturday's game at 1st base and gave an impressive performance in the second in Monday's game at Oakville.

FOUL TIPS—In this corner last week I mentioned the men responsible for Minor Baball in Acton and inadvertently overlooked three of the most important. My sincere apologies to John Huffman, Dick Wilson and Dick Lee.

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