

Tanners Triumph in Softball Opener

After an absence of one season from the local softball scene, pitcher Eddie Phillips returned with a vengeance Monday night as Acton Softball Association opened the season after a week of inclement weather. Phillips, playing for U.P.W.A. Tanners, under the baton of Tinny Masales, fished a sleek one-hitter as the Tanners whitewashed the newly formed Station Hotel crew 22-0.

Outside of the fifth inning when Tinny's Tanners plated 15 — yep, 15 — runs, the game was closer than the score would indicate. The hotel team, made up mostly of the Shepherd family, are green and will improve as the season rolls on.

Doug Vickery, on the mound for the hotelers, was nicked for 16 hits in his debut as a flinger, but his mates committed five errors behind him. He yielded 12 bases on balls, hit one batter and failed to send any Tanners down via the strike-out route.

Phillips, on the other hand, yielded a scratch single to Doug Shepherd in the very first inning and tightened up, to blank the Station gang the rest of the way. He struck out 15 batters out of 21 and gave up three free tickets to first base. He was also three for four at the plate, with a single, double and a home run.

Lawson Heavy Hitter
Harry Lawson, first sacker for the Tanners, rapped out four bingles in six appearances at the plate (including two doubles) to pace the winners. Third baseman Jack Bullough wasn't far behind as he knocked out three safeties and Ben Bavliss slammed out two.

A score's nightmare, the top of the fifth, saw 15 Tanners runs score on nine hits, four walks and five errors thrown in for good measure. Phillips slammed both his double and the circuit clot in this inning.

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World's Best Will Oppose Our Drivers

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RAISE BALL SCREEN TO SALVAGE BALLS

Acton hydro linemen assisted park caretaker Roy Arnott and recreation director Jim Casburn raise the steel framework for the top of the baseball screen Tuesday afternoon.

The screen was damaged during a heavy snowfall last winter and repairs were necessary. During the game was called in the fifth inning. The reason? Twenty-dollar worth of baseballs had popped over the broken screen into Fairy Lake.



HOW'S THE HALTON COUNTY Baseball Association's interstate series doing after a week of activity? Looks like the same old story although it's much too early to be sure.

Campbellville, with two games under their collective belts, has a win and a tie to show. The Merchants belted Georgetown 16-1 and played a 4-4 draw with Hamilton in the ambitious city.

Oakville, considered by many to be a threat to Campbellville's leadership, has two wins to show for as many games. The Oaks and the Merchants met last night (Wednesday) in what likely was a real tussle.

Hamilton and Dundas are unknown quantities at the moment but the Hamilton crew shook up Campbellville by tying them over the weekend.

Milton? The Red Sox have played only one game to date and it was a losing effort to Oakville. They're weak on pitching.

Georgetown Glants in new uniforms, replete with new manager will probably bring up the rear. Glants dropped their first three contests 6-1 to Dundas, 16-1 to Oakville and 16-1 to the real glants from Campbellville.

AFTER A WEEK of weather fit only for Lower Slobovia, Acton's softball types finally got the town league rolling Monday night this week. Perfect weather greeted U.P.W.A. Tanners and Station Hotel for the opener.

You'd have to be a prophet to hazard a guess on the outcome of the league this season. About the only observation this scribe can make after the first three games is it looks like Station Hotel will need strengthening.

The Tanners are back stronger than ever, last year's title holders. Fire Fighters, won their first outing and Dominion Hotel did, the same. The Legion team, always with plenty of esprit de corps, have plenty of money again this season and a flock of pretty good pitchers to boot. We'll be hearing more from them this season.

For Dave Masale's I.G.A. aggregation there has yet to be a look-see but you can count on last year's finalists to be a contender again this season. First glimpses of them can be caught Monday at the park when they meet the Tanners in a rescheduling of tonight's (Thursday's) game, postponed on account of the Lions Carnival.

BEAT BITS ... Fergus Thistles open the boxla season at home this Friday night against Huntsville Hawks. Thistles will have two players who played for Brampton in their lineup and also Acton's Barry Inosco. Still time to buy a ticket for the Acton Open golf tournament to end all tournaments. Acton Bantams journeyed to Brampton last night (Wednesday) for their third game this season. First two have been losses. Plans to field a midget team this season fell through and the proposed entry was withdrawn from the league. Two Acton players, Danny Arbie and Gus Holmes will line up with Georgetown.

Close Mohawk Spring Meeting Fans Bet \$3,265,000 in 26 Days

The opening meet at Campbellville's new Mohawk Raceway closed Saturday night, with a total of \$3,265,000 having been bet during the 26 day season. The meet was the first at the Ontario Jockey Club's new \$3,000,000 raceway, and club officials described it as "very successful".

The provincial government will collect \$190,016 from the mutual system.

Saturday night, 5,153 patrons bet \$171,427, bringing the average nightly total to over \$125,000. Sulkies, trainers, owners and horses moved to Western Raceway at London, where a 56 night meeting began on Monday. The horses return to Mohawk on September 2 for a 24 night meeting which ends October 5.

Rockwood Bants Top Acton 11-6

Hurriedly assembled for the first game of the season after only an hour of practice the night before, Acton Bantams gave a good account of themselves before bowing to a strong Rockwood team 11-6 last Thursday in Rockwood.

The Rockwood club plated eight runs in the bottom of the second inning, to take a commanding eight run lead, added another in the third, before Acton countered with a pair in the top of the fifth. Another brace of runs in the sixth put the home club up 11-2 as they went into the seventh and last inning.

Then Acton seemed to come to life as fast Gary Taillefer, then Dave Sproston singled, Allan McKenzie took a stroll and Dave Ryder banded out a double, his second of the game to score three runs ahead of him. Ryder scored the sixth run for Acton when Pete Hladun poked a single through the infield.

Dave Sproston started on the mound for Acton and was relieved by Dave Ryder in the bottom of the third. He allowed six hits and eight runs. Dave Ryder was nicked for two hits and three runs in his four inning stint.

Ken Maltby and T. Joffile paced the winners at bat with two hits apiece while Tom Joffile, Nelson, B. Thomas and R. Rusk banded out one apiece. Rusk's a ringing triple.

For Acton Gary Taillefer rattled off three bingles, the first a blast good for three bases, Dave Ryder hit a pair of two baggers and Dave Sproston, Allan McKenzie and Pete Hladun singled safely once apiece.

Bants Lose To Milton Monday

A five run fourth inning outburst climaxed an easy 8-2 decision for Milton over Acton Bantams in a scheduled Halton County Baseball Association contest, here, Monday night.

Houston, pitching for the visitors claimed 10 strike-out victims in the abbreviated five inning contest which saw Acton bunched four hits in the bottom of the fourth for both their runs. It was the Acton club's second loss in two starts.

Dave Ryder weathered a three run uprising in the first frame by striking out the side in a contest which saw him fan nine. But the Milton crew got to him in the fourth again for five.

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ACTON — Bruce Casburn 3b, Steve Townsley ss, Danny Harkley ss, A. Dyc ss, Gary Taillefer c, Dave Sproston p. 1b, Roy Shults 2b, Larry McAtee 2b, Allan McKenzie 2b, Dave Ryder 1b, p in 3rd, Jim McCaig rf, Pete Hladun rf, Jeff Harkley cf, John Hladun cf, Bob Lazenby lf, Bob Taylor lf, H. Taylor lf.

MILTON — R. Rusk c, Milne, B. Thomas, K. Maltby, R. Heffernan, T. Joffile, Waddell, Nelson, Logan, Harris, Tom Joffile.

Daley Whiffs 13 to Win Dominion Tops Hotel Tilt

When Frank Daley hurled a one-hitter for Fire Fighters Tuesday night in Acton softball action it was the second successive night the feat was accomplished. Pitcher Ed Phillips did the same thing Monday.

Wayne Marshall of the losing Legion squad was the only batter to hit safely on one of Daley's offerings as the firemen blanked the Legionnaires 4-0. He whiffed 13.

Last night (Wednesday) in a battle between the upper and lower town hotels, Dominion emerged triumphant over Station 101 behind the arm of Fred Archibald. Doug Vickery took the loss, his second this season.

Best Game of Season
Tuesday's contest which saw the home team score three second inning runs for an early margin was the best game of the infant season. Duval started it off for Fire Fighters with a double followed by a single from Bill Spielvogel. When Ed McGiloway slammed a two bagger and Frank (the Dancer) Spielvogel singled the Legion club were behind 1-0.

Fire Fighters plated another run in the eighth when Mick Holmes landed safe on an error at first and a triple from the bat of pitcher Frank Daley scored him.

Salmon Strike
John Salmon went the route on the mound for the Legion allowing eight hits, striking out four. If his mates had come through with some runs the result might have been different. The Spielvogel brothers, Bill and the Dancer, paced the firemen with two hits apiece.

For comparison's sake Daley faced 12 batters, Salmon 9.

Last night Dominion Hotel racked up their inter-town rivals with ease scoring one in both the first and second, two in the third, three in the fourth, two more in the fifth and finishing up with a singleton in the ninth. Station Hotel's only counter came in the sixth.

Don Lindsay paced the Dominions to their victory with a pair of doubles, while Don Grein, Ross Morton, Art Nightingale, Jeff Fryer, Perry and Gib Jordan each had one hit.

R. Shepherd with a triple and a single got two thirds of the Station House's production of three. Barber knocked the other Fire Archibald in racking up the win, struck out 10 and walked one, allowing three hits. Doug Vickery was nicked for seven hits, gave up seven passes and struck out one.

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Registrations Still Open

Registration for town league baseball at the community centre Monday night ranged all the way from heavy in the Tyke class to light for the Bantam classification.

Forty-nine boys registered in the Tyke league and 24 for Pee Wee but only 12 affixed their John Henry for Bantam baseball.

Recreation director Jim Casburn has kept all three classes open as a result and any boys still interested in playing baseball this summer are urged to see Mr. Casburn at the first opportunity.

Golf Lesson Venture Requested Repeated

The recreation director's venture into group golf lessons proved most successful and both instructor and some of the students have said they'd like to see it happen again. The lessons were each Thursday evening for four weeks, ending last week in bitter cold.

Enthusiasm was higher than the mercury each night for nearly 40 — about a dozen of them women. The clinic concluding with brief private instruction for each person was conducted by Doug Bruton, the pro of the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

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