

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

TOWN LEAGUE SOFTBALL. Filberts, who ungrudgingly predict the outcome of the season before it starts, must be having second thoughts these days.

Most of them assigned the league title to the Firefighters before the league was away from the wire. With four games under their belts last year's champions are in a deadlock for third and could even be in fourth spot before the week's over.

Heading the field is the upstart I.G.A. squad who have come up with three wins, including a big one Tuesday, against one loss. Following closely is the Tanners, who have yet to taste defeat in three starts. Dominion Hotel and Firefighters are deadlocked in third.

Only three points out of first is the strong Legion entry, now in fifth spot, but a contender, who will be watched with deep respect by the other clubs in the league.

Bringing up the rear is the Mary Laferrriere coached Station Hotel nine, who have yet to hit the win column. They are showing marked improvement over their first outings, however and they could easily trouble the other teams in their weak moments.

Spectators are flocking to the games in increasing numbers on the college of ball improves. It's a pleasant outing and most of the clubs have a nucleus of the crowd cheering for them, which adds spice to a circuit, which promises to be full of surprises before the schedule is over.

MONTREAL CANADIENS. NHL variety will be one of the major staples of a proposed Junior "B" hockey team slated to begin operating in Georgetown this fall. Whether this move, spearheaded by Georgetown's Minor Hockey Support Group, spells the death knell of the intermediate hockey Raiders hasn't been disclosed.

Contacts were made with several NHL teams by the Georgetown group before they settled for Canadiens, who came up with the best offer of support. Apparently Frank Selke isn't afraid to invest a few dollars in the hopes of acquiring hockey talent right from under the collective noses of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

A counter attraction for the aging and over the hill Raiders has been sought for the past two seasons by some promoters in the Georgetown area. They felt a Junior B club would be the answer for those boys, who graduate from minor hockey ranks and are good enough to go up a notch or two.

Personnel for the team will come mainly from Georgetown and its environs but the club brass will be shopping in this and many other neighboring towns and cities for prospective players.

YOU MAY REMEMBER this column predicted either the demise or the removal from the O.H.A. of the Georgetown Raiders in the latter part of the '62 season. One newspaper in our neighboring town dismissed the whole idea as a lot of bigwash especially the suggestion that the Raiders might be contemplating a W.O.A.A. entry.

Should the Raiders pass from the hockey scene it will almost signify the end of an era. The plan has gone. Former teams are only memories and last season's entry was but a shadow of the great team of the past.

We were almost tempted to say great amateur teams of the past but we'll go along with the adjective — amateur — coined by some Toronto writer. Few if any of the Raider players played just for the halibut.

If the Raiders do fold there might be a few years of hockey left in some of their younger players. I know of at least two teams in the W.O.A.A. who will be angling for their services. But they'll be playing strictly for fun if they ply their trade in the W.O.A.A.

PROTECTING OLD SOIL. Sheds umbrellas in profusion Friday the duffers from the Halton County Baseball Association's inter-mediate league, a formal situation for them started Oakville 7-4 last week to temporarily stop Oaks bid for the top.

Outside of changing the course of the stream, which meandered through the links, little real damage was done. We replaced all our driers. Some of them required a few boulders under the sod to level the ground off but no one seemed to notice.

Sandtraps are no obstacle for the likes of us. Last year I personally moved one to another location with a 9 ton One of the competitors, tired from attempting to clear the small creek, picked up his ball and heaved it over. He suffered no penalty. We gave him marks for mercy.

As you can see we're a dexterous bunch. Some of the fellas play what they call winter rules. They freeze when you ask them how many strokes on the last hole. Others play genuine when a putt rolls to within 20 or 30 feet of the hole. There's no discrimination. A groundhog or rabbits' hole is counted fair game.

So if Jupiter Pluvius doesn't tip his watering can there'll be great golfing on at Hilltop this Friday afternoon.

BEAT BITS — CAMPBELLVILLE MERCHANTS. firmly entrenched on top of the Halton County Baseball Association's inter-mediate league, a formal situation for them started Oakville 7-4 last week to temporarily stop Oaks bid for the top.

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77 Inlay Marathons

Dominion Douses Firefighters 6-5

Dominion Hotel firmly established themselves as a threat to the stability of the top teams in the town softball league when they edged last year's champions, Firefighters, 6-5, in an 11-inning Sunday afternoon marathon.

Trailing the smoke eaters by a run through most of the contest, the hotels tied the score at 5-5 in the bottom of the ninth, Jeff Fryer's timely single scoring Don Grein, on base with a flick.

Neither club scored in the tenth but a towering three-bagger from the hat of Ches Pechua in the bottom of the ninth enabled him to score the winning run later when Ross Morton's tap was pegged home but failed to catch the runner.

It was Firefighters' first defeat of the season.

Tagging Ball. Both clubs were tagging the ball hard, the winners notching 10 hits from the offerings of Frank Daley who went the 11 innings for the firemen. He struck out eight and walked two, while winning twirler, Fred Archibald, yielded 13 hits, issued two free passes and failed to whiff a batter.

The inkeepers started the marathon off as if they were going to hand it to the hose 'n' ladder outfit on a silver platter. They committed three first-inning errors that coupled with a pair of walks and a ringing triple from Harold Townsley put the Firefighters ahead 3-0.

Countering with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first, Dominion got right back in the game. Don Grein and Jeff Fryer singled and when Fred Archibald's drive was dropped by brother Don in left field, two runs scurried across the plate.

Legionnaires March Off With 24-4 Win

Station Hotel lost its fifth straight town league softball contest last night (Wednesday) at the collective hands of the youthful Legionnaires who polished them off to the tune of something like 24-4.

The win boosted the Legion to a two-way tie for second place with U.P.W.A. Tanners.

I.G.A. Takes Over First Place In Town Softball Circuit Downing Firefighters 4-2

Despite a three-hit performance by Frank Daley, pipe smoking pitching ace of the Firefighters, I.G.A.'s mixture of veterans and youth squeezed out a 4-2 verdict over the hook 'n' ladder crew in town league softball Tuesday night.

The I.G.A.'s third in four games, landed them on top of the six team circuit, a point ahead of second place Tanners. The loss, Firefighters' second in four games, dropped them into a third place tie with Dominion Hotel who topped them Sunday.

Spina Five Hitter

In as close a contest as you'd care to watch, it was mainly a pitcher's battle with winning twirler Howie Leader spinning a neat five hitter for I.G.A. He struck out seven and walked five.

Daley, unaccustomed to being on the losing end of a contest, didn't lack any of his usual authority, but the grocery boys took advantage of all the opportunities to launch two of the three hits he yielded into one inning. Coupled with three big juicy errors from a shaky infield they accounted for three runs, enough as it turned out, to win.

Nine strike-out victims were recorded on Daley's sheet and two free passes. Neither pitcher was afforded stonewall support from his mates, the winners kicking around three drives, the losers two. I.G.A. spread their errors while the firemen threw in three in one inning.

Bad Bobbie

It was a bobble at short that sent the produce prodigies ahead in the top of the third. Howie Leader landed safely and was promptly chased around the circuit by Dee Deforest's two bagger. McArthur followed with a timely single and when Bruce Cargill's drive was fumbled at

an error played a part in the tying run of the third frame when Jeff Fryer made it to first safely and scored on subsequent plays.

Fryer Honored

Both clubs scored one in the fifth, the firemen when Harold Townsley led off with a single, Bill Spielvogel doubled and Mr. Daley crashed one in safety. Dominion scored their tally on a circuit blow from the hat of Jeff Fryer.

The sixth frame saw the Firefighters take a one run lead on a single by Don Archibald, sacrifice fly from Mick Holmes and a timely clutch safety from Harold Townsley's shillelagh. The score stayed 5-4 until the bottom of the ninth when Jeff Fryer's single sent Don Grein home with the tying run.

Bill Spielvogel injected a note of life into the smoke eaters' bats in the top of the eleventh with a bases empty triple with two away but he was left to die when Daley's long fly to centre was limited in.

Jeff Fryer with a home run and three singles led the winners at the plate followed by George Williamson with a double and a single.

For Firefighters shortstop Harold Townsley tapped out three singles and a double in six appearances. Bill Spielvogel ran the gunnits with a triple, double and single, Frank Daley, Johnny Krappek and Don Archibald collecting a pair of singles apiece.

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Firefighters' P. McCristall hit M. Holmes 2b, H. Townsley 3b, W. Duval 3b, R. Spelvogel cf, F. Daley p, I. Krappek c, E. Mc Gilloway lf, J. Lindsay cf, D. Archibald lf.

Dominion Hotel: D. Grein ss, R. Morton 3b, J. Fryer cf, F. Archibald p, I. McGilloway 2b, D. Lindsay c, H. Johnston lf, G. Williamson 1b, C. Pechua rf.

First Tyke Practice At Park Monday

First practice for the Tykes of the town baseball league will be in the park Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. recreation director Jim Casburn announced this morning.

Other leagues, Pee Wee and Bantam, will be notified next week regarding practices.

The recreational director also disclosed the Legion is sponsoring all town leagues this year under the capable direction of Gord James, convener.

The leagues, which will play every Monday night, are short of umpires. Anyone wishing to help out as an arbiter can contact either Jim Casburn or Gord James.

Threaten In Ninth

The losers threatened in the bottom of the ninth, Jim Lindsay reaching the sacks on a pass, advancing to second on a passed ball. Scotty McCristall was also given a ticket to put two with one out. Howie Leader fanned Mick Holmes, however and when Townsley's long pole to centre was hauled in by Brian McCristall it was a much deserved win for the grocery dept.

DeForest, McArthur and Leader accounted for all three I.G.A. knocks while Phil (Scotty) McCristall, Holmes, Daley, Duval and Dadds had one each for Firefighters. Daley's a four master.

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I.G.A. — H. Deforest lf, McArthur lf, B. Cargill 3b, J. Casburn ss, D. Gibbons 2b, G. Maltby cf, B. McCristall cf, 7th, D. Willie lf, B. Dawkins c, H. Leader p.

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I.G.A. Raps Innkeepers Top Circuit

Station Hotel went down to its fourth defeat in as many starts at the hands of I.G.A.'s fast young nine in Acton softball action Thursday, but the batters showed much improvement over their previous appearances. Nine was 8-5.

A fast start by the grocery boys wrapped the game up in the first three innings when they capitalized on an 8-0 lead. They were content to lean on their laurels for the rest of the contest while the Station house gang played a pair of runs in the fifth and added three more in the seventh.

Fryer played a part in the efforts of both clubs as they beat each other.

Pinky Doubles

Brian McGriff started it off for I.G.A. as lead off batter, in the bottom of the first frame. His single on error at short that enabled Denis Gibbons to lead safely and a two base blow from the hat of Lark Pink scored both runners.

Another bobble at short put G. Maltby on the sacks to start the second frame off for I.G.A. a single from Bill Dawkins, another from Bruce Cargill and Denis Gibbons set the stage for a two-er, bring three batters from Jim Casburn that emptied the bases and put I.G.A. ahead 6-0.

When G. Maltby was hit by the pitcher Bill Dawkins made it to first safely on an error off the pitcher and Howie Leader's contribution — a double through centre — scored both runners and ended I.G.A.'s scoring.

The inkeepers got two back in the fifth when M. Ball made it safely on an error at short. He was joined on the bags by Doug Vickers who singled and another error at second off a drive by R. Shepherd — allowed both runners to score.

Fred Dunn started a rally for the Station gang in the seventh with a single followed by another from Doug Vickers. Bob Skelton landed safe on a bobble at third. R. Shepherd walked and a single from W. Shepherd's bat accounted for three runs.

Brian McCristall and Doug Vickers of I.G.A. and Station respectively led the hit parade for both teams with a pair of safe ties apiece.

HIT PARADE'S TOP TEN

Statistician Tinner Macleod issues his first list of batting averages for the six team Acton Softball Association this week. Following are the 10 top hitters with more than 10 times at bat up to time high.

Name	AB
Bill Spielvogel, Firefighters	571 14
Harry Lawson, U.P.W.A. Tanners	500 16
Tom Cashman, I.G.A.	500 12
Harold Townsley, Firefighters	428 14
Jeff Fryer, Dominion Hotel	421 10
Ed Phillips, U.P.W.A. Tanners	414 12
Frank Daley, Firefighters	400 15
G. Maltby, I.G.A.	400 10
Fred Archibald, Dominion Hotel	189 18
George (Don) Bayless, U.P.W.A. Tanners	184 11

All figures number of times at bat.

Merchants Win

An explosive 11-6 Campbellville attack combined with three 10-inning errors, enabled the Villagers to win their ninth straight game last night (Wednesday) at the Station Hotel grounds and give left-hander Larry Platt his fourth consecutive win of the season, a 9-0 shutout.

Platt pitched three-hit shut-out ball to go the distance.

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One Had Measles

Gwen Lauder's Ballet Class Gives Display for Parents

The ballet students of Gwen Lauder, in their practice outfits and toe shoes, showed their parents what they have learned during the year when a small demonstration was given last Thursday evening at the Lauder home on Tildy Ave.

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