

# SPORTS

**YOU WANT SOMETHING to fill that paper, Why don't you blast the umpires?**

What red blooded sports scribe hasn't had remarks in that vein directed at him? Umpire-baiting, like the bear-baiting of medieval England, is a popular sport. It afflicts everyone down from newspaper lead columnists to the fans in the bleachers.

The sight of an umpire, often in official vesture, making a decision is bound to rouse the passions of fans from Calcutta to Timbuctoo. In more excitable countries it has been known to promote riots, knifings and donnybrooks with casualties often exceeding the War of 1812.

The town softball league is no exception. A few of the players and fans want to know when we're going to point the finger at those umpire fellows and put them in their place.

The way we've got it figured after a few years of kicking around sporting circles is that a league deserves the umpires if gets it. If the umpiring is poor, the executive of the league which appointed them is responsible, not that poor guy who's using his leisure time to act as a buffer between the inadequacies of some players and indignation from the fans.

They call 'em as they 'em. Sure, they make a few bum calls, they miss a few close plays, they blow a few decisions — Who doesn't? But usually in the majority of cases under surveillance the man in blue is in a position to know what he's talking about. His antagonists seldom are.

The professional umpire or referee? He's a horse of a different color. It's his job to know all the answers. He's going to be in the park on every game, no matter how hot they're blowing off his nose. He's got to know what he's talking about. He's got to know what he's talking about. He's got to know what he's talking about.

**HOW ABOUT THE TOWN softball league?** Outside of producing the Station Hotel crew will likely bring up the rear this season, there's little to choose between the teams.

The latter part of the schedule may see the league bunch up even more than the traffic jam in the early part of the season, depending on how much the lower teams improve.

Maybe Mike Lafforence can whip his Station House gang into a winning groove and further complicate matters. They could have a lot to say about the scramble for position in the latter part of the season.

**BEAT BITS** \* Hockey meeting at the community centre Monday night for the execution of Acton Tanners. They expect to wrap up last year's transactions and plan a title for the coming season. \* Five home runs were belted by Campbellville Merchants as they trounced Hamilton Cardinals 17-2 Sunday in a Halton County intermediate league contest. Jack Price, a new acquisition, and always dangerous Al Wingrove belted two homers apiece, Stan Henderson one. \* Price releases the Campbellville club after a three year absence playing senior ball. His potent bat and adept infielding, will strengthen the league leading Merchants to the point where few senior, let alone intermediate clubs can beat them. \* Millies had one in fourth place, a few percentage points behind Hamilton in the current race in the Halton league. Campbellville's in first, Oakville's second and Georgetown and Dundas bring up the rear. \* Dundas, usually a going concern, was weakened considerably this season with player losses to Hamilton. \* Youth League softball All Stars will compete in the Hornby softball tourney this month. It's open to anyone and so far has attracted entries from large centres and small. \* Last night's softball fixture in the park lent additional evidence to the need for a scoreboard for the benefit of fans. There were 38 runs scored and batters occupants were just plain puzzled.

## D. Ryder Throws Four Hitter Acton Bantams Nip Rockwood

A neat four hitter thrown by Dave Ryder almost won for Acton Bantams a close 6-5 decision over Rockwood in a scheduled Halton County bantam baseball contest.

Played in Rockwood, the Acton team had to rely on runs scored early in the seven-inning contest to build on to the win. Rockwood almost tied it up in the bottom of the fifth with a three-run rally as they trailed 6-2.

**Four Hitters**

The Acton boys kicked in five covers that almost cost them the game. The home club played flawlessly.

Ten hits, including five doubles in the visitors proved to be the deciding margin. E. Shultz sprang the Acton club at the plate with three hits, two of them doubles in four trips to the plate. B. Price and B. Casburn collected a pair of buggers apiece. Gary Tullifer, John Hinson and Gary Tomesley rapped out one each.

B. Logan, E. Malby, R. Rush and C. Miller had a hot spurt for the Rockwood club who were behind 3-1 in the first frame. Neither club scored in the second but Acton got two. Rockwood was in the third making 5-2.

Dave Ryder was the winner. He allowed four hits, struck out six and walked three. The loser, E. Shultz, pitched for 10 hits, he struck out eight and walked two.

**Knox, United Young People Win One Each**

Knox Young People beat Uniteds 2-1 on June 26. On Tuesday, July 2, the Uniteds turned the tables beating Knox Young People's 2-1.

**Knox**—Donna Rennick, Sims McPhedran, Wendy Bowen, Milton Ball, Garry McRachern, Murray Wallace, Mary Guthrie, Steven Cohen, Janet Allison.

**Uniteds**—Wayne Rogers, Merl Harris, Jacobs Van Der Brink, John McGeechie, Sandra Silinger, Iain, Tom McKowen, Kathy McKowen, John Dowling, Norm Douglas, Ray Hibbard, Jeannette Millers, Glenn Holmes, Pat Dennis, Stuart Johnston.

**Eden Mills Edged 7-4**

Eden Mills let the visiting Arkell club get off to 5-0 lead before they started moving and the result was a 7-4 Arkell victory in Pualinch senior softball action last Thursday night.

The visitors plated single runs in each of the first three innings and added a pair in the fourth before Eden Mills scored two in the bottom of the fifth and another in the seventh to put the game within reach again.

Come the eighth, however, and Arkell scored another pair on one hit and two walks to put them back in the driver's seat. The Millers countered with a run in the bottom of the eighth when Boisson and Chamberlain put together back-to-back triples but their bid to rally was choked when the next three batters went down in order.

K. Bridges hurried the route for the winners, striking out 14 batters, walking five and spacing 12 hits over the nine inning span. His chore was made a lot easier by the fielding of Beecley in centre field for Arkell. He pulled in some of the long ones Eden Mills' batters poled out with men on base in early innings.

Chamberlain got the nod for Eden Mills and he settled down after being in trouble in the early innings, striking out three, issuing three walks and allowing 10 hits. Four errors his mates threw in didn't help his cause.

Vanzant started Eden Mills' rally in the fifth with a ringing triple, followed by a double and single from Evans and Blacklock respectively.

Evans also greeted Bridges with a bases-empty home run in the fifth for the Millers' only counter of the inning.

Boisson with two singles and a triple in three appearances at the plate paced Eden Mills at bat closely followed by Evans with a circuit smash and a double and Vanzant with a three bugger and a single.

F. Borcham, M. Borcham and McKendry with two hits apiece topped the winners' hit parade.

**R H E**  
Arkell 111 200 020 — 7 12 2  
Eden Mills 000 020 110 — 4 12 4

Eden Mills — Beattie 3b, Vanzant c, Stevenson ss, Evans 2b, Blacklock lf, Martin lf, Hayward cf, Boisson rf, Chamberlain p, Watson.

## Firefighters Crush Tanners

Tiny's Tanners' hopes of finishing the first part of the town league softball schedule without loss were crushed Tuesday night when they dropped a 7-1 decision to the rampaging Firefighters who chalked up their third straight win at the league leaders' expense.

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**First Frame Lead**

Kindled by the exuberance of manager Dade Lindsay, the smoke esters went into a one-run lead in the top half of the first inning when Harold Townsley singled, went to second on an error at the mound and scooted home as Frank Daley's drive was dropped at second.

The Tanners tied it in the bottom of the second, Butch Kichmond singled and touring the circuit when Bob Bruce's belt was bobbled at first.

## Milton Bantams Rap Acton 16-4

Bunching most of their runs into two big innings — the second and third — Milton Bantams went on to defeat Acton 16-4 in a Halton County bantam baseball contest in Milton Saturday afternoon.

The Milton club plated six runs in both the second and third, collected one in the first, another in the fourth and added a pair in the fifth. Acton, meanwhile, scored all four of their runs in the top of the second to lead momentarily. They were blanked the rest of the way by Milton right-hander Craig Brush, who relieved T. Houston on the hill in the second.

Gary Tullifer hurled for the Acton club and he allowed 14 hits struck out 10 and walked three. Dave Ryder went into relief Gary in the sixth and whiffed the last Milton batter.

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Acton 010 000 000 — 1 4 5  
Firefighters 101 000 050 — 7 7 2

Firefighters — P. McCristall cf, M. Holmes 2b, H. Townsley cf, F. Daley p, W. Duval ss, Bill Spielvogel rf, Jim Lindsay lf, H. Archibald lf in 8th.

Tanners — J. Brough rf, G. Fricker rf in 8th, E. Phillips p, H. Lawson 1b, P. Lawson ss, B. Richmond 3b, B. Bayliss 2b, B. Bruce cf, J. Zajac c, K. Papillon lf, F. Coles lf in 7th.

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### Hang Up Hotelers' Hides Stay in Front of Pack

The extreme ends of the town softball league, top and bottom, elected not to disturb the status quo last Thursday night. Nine innings of better mullball than fans expected to see decided that unbeaten U.P.W.A. Tanners would stay at the league's pinnacle while winless Station Hotel continues to dwell in the cellar.

Tiny's Tanners stretched their win skinn to five with a 7-2 decision over the Hotelers who marked down their seventh straight loss with a better display than they've shown in all their previous contests. They got seventh-inning pitching from Doug Vickery whose novice season as a soft-ball chucker has been nothing but defeats. He fanned five, issuing four passes.

**Four Hitter**

Eddie Phillips was in the pulpit again for the Tanners and his shafts were nicked for only four safeties. He set down 13 of the innkeepers on strikes while walking three. Phillips has yet to taste defeat.

From the start of the contest it looked like it might be closer than the skinnier fans were willing to admit. Both clubs scored a pair of markers in the first inning.

That was the last that was heard in the scoring department from the innkeepers. They failed to dent the run column while the Tanners scored one in the second, another in the fourth, two in the seventh and added one more in the eighth.

Harry Lawson poked two hits to pace the winners at bat while Roy Hall, Ed Phillips, Ben Bayliss and Bob Bruce connected once each.

The entire hit output of Station Hotels was spread over two players with a pair of bingles apiece. Mill Ball's first inning two banger gave him a slight lead over slugger Fred Dunn who rapped out a pair of singles.

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Station Hotel 200 000 — 2 4

U.P.W.A. Tanners — D. Hall E. Phillips, H. Lawson, B. Bayliss, E. Ericker, J. Zajac, K. Papillon, B. Bruce, F. Cole, A. Commando, B. Richmond.

Station Hotel — B. Shepherd, M. Ball, R. Malcolm, W. Shepherd, P. Dunn, T. Shepherd, H. Barber, D. Vickery.

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**Town of Acton Municipal Office**  
(Y.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

SECOND INSTALMENT - JULY 15th  
THIRD INSTALMENT - SEPTEMBER 16th  
FOURTH INSTALMENT - NOVEMBER 15th

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