

All-Stars Face Aurora in First O.A.S.A. Round

The town league softball All-Stars, fresh from a start in the Hornby tournament, meet Aurora in the first round of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association's Intermediate B series of playoffs here tonight.

First game of a two-out-of-three series is scheduled for Aurora tonight (Thursday) under the lights. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

The series resumes in Acton this Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The teams will meet for the second of a three games, if necessary.

The All-Stars had a brief look at the Aurora team, who were also entered in the Hornby tournament, Saturday. They felt Aurora had a good team but played about the same class of ball as the Acton club.

The All-Stars were edged 3-2 Saturday in the series' first game by a Northern Electric squad from Brampton which had a complete outfield from Acton. Manager Duke Lindsay started Ed Phillips on the mound and when he appeared to tire nominated Frank Daley to fill the hill, with Acton ahead 2-1. Daley was the loser.

Dude has three hurlers lined up to face Aurora in the first game of the O.A.S.A. series tonight. It will be either Ed Phillips, Frank Daley or Howie Leader getting the nod.

Son Don will likely be behind the plate with either Paul or Harry Lawson at first base. Second base will likely be filled up by Dennis Gibbons while Danny Arlic will hold down third.

Jim Casburn will play shortstop with Harold Townsley as utility infielder. Harold caught Saturday's game for the All-Stars.

In the garden Duke has his choice of Phil (Scotty) McCristall, Jeff Fryer, Bill Spielvogel, Dick Willey or Wayne Marshall to pull in the long drives.

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Daley Spins T Hotelers Absorb

Acton's answer to New York Mets, the Station Hotel entry in the town softball league lost their 13th straight game last night (Wednesday) courtesy of Acton's Firefighters.

Score?—10-4. Frank Daley, one of two league strike-out kings, threw a nifty two-hitter at the linkkeepers, striking out 12 batters over the distance, walking nine.

"That Daley improves as the weather cools," mused Station Hotel coach Marc Lefriere who took the loss philosophically: "He wasn't throwing that hard Sunday. Against us he gets hot."

When you've lost 13 straight games it takes no more than a shrug of the shoulders to pass it off but the Station crew were in there trying every play.

Firefighters' bats were busy collecting nine hits from Doug Vickery who must feel like Roger Craig of the Mets.

Both clubs were tagging the hall hard, Firefighters in spots where no one had players spotted. Station Hotel right into eager gloves. The game featured one of the longest doubles of the season when Turk Shepherd led off on one that cleared the right fielder's head. Turk could easily have been home but forgot to touch first, returned to touch and slid into second ahead of the throw.

Firefighters took no chances with the cellar-dwellers. Due to vacancies and an injury to Frank Spielvogel manager Duke Lind made his debut in a catcher's role.

He made it to first safely in seven.

Harvesters Top International Harvesters from Burlington, well stocked with experienced fastball players, defeated Hornby 9-4 Saturday evening to win the Second Annual Hornby Softball Tournament in Hornby Park.

On route to the championship, the Harvesters won a default game from the Guelph Dairy Queens a 5-3 decision over Aurora and a 2-2 tie with Puslinch. The Harvesters were awarded the Puslinch game by virtue of leaving 10 men on base, to six by Puslinch.

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Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THE INK ON THIS family journal had hardly dried and the proprietor of this page just barely got home when the bell blower rang. A voice on the other end said, "You the guy who writes the sports column in the Free Press?" I admitted it. "Well, this is Don Green. Why don't you get both sides of the story before you write anything? Who told you all this stuff about Dominions Hotel and the Firemen in this week's paper?" Don is a member of the Dominion Hotelers.

A cardinal rule of the newspaper business is never disclose your sources of information. "You were talking to the firemen, weren't you?" continued Don. "Why didn't you get our side of the story before you wrote anything?" "Yes, I was talking to the firemen," I retorted, "but that isn't where I got my information. My source was an impartial one." (I hoped.)

"Well it isn't true that the firemen had to have a practice last Tuesday night. Frank Daley was out of town. That's why they didn't want to play us. They were all up at the fire hall but they wouldn't come down and play."

"THE TIME BEFORE (when I said the firemen agreed to postpone the game because Dominions didn't have enough men) we had enough players. It was cold and wet. The umpires called it off because of bad weather."

"Izzatio!" I asked. "No offense intended" chuckled Don, "but you gave us hail columbia when we didn't have enough players for a game. Then when we show up and the other team doesn't, you still give us h... (word censored)."

It struck me as funny, too. I gave a little chuckle. Maybe the hotelers think I'm picking on them, I thought. "Thanks for calling, Don, with the other side of the story." No offense intended.

FEELINGS, AS A RESULT of the game awarded to Dominion, are still ruffled. The Firefighters, denying all Dominion's charges, are eager to show they had been unjustly treated. Dominions, under the whip of Chuck Shulite and Fred Kepner Sr., a rejuvenated team in their last few outings, are out to prove they could handle Firefighters any old day of the week.

Unfortunately the teams do not meet again at least until playoff time. This paper, incidentally, will endeavor to cover all games impartially. Someone has been spreading the rumor we are partial to the Firemen and have our hooks into Dominion Hotel. Tain't so, man! We just call 'em as we see 'em.

UNSEASONABLE, MAYBE, but mighty important for the future of minor hockey in Acton this season will be the formation of an association to handle the sport for all minor teams. It would eliminate much of the confusion revolving around minor hockey in other seasons and reduce fund-raising efforts to one from the many now existent.

Recreation director Jim Casburn informs he has the minutes of the Tri-County hockey league and applications are here for the coming season's activities. He expects teams will represent Acton in the Tyke, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile series!

Other years saw each team with an individual sponsor or struggling along on a meager income trying to get along. Under an association, the teams will still be sponsored but much of the cost would be off the sponsors' shoulders. Money collected would be directed to each club as it needs it with none having to worry about who meets the bill collector.

"It should carry itself," said Jim, "practically all the sponsor should have to supply is a set of sweaters... and socks if they want 'em."

Mr. Casburn will be calling a meeting in the immediate future with the idea in mind of forming an Acton Minor Hockey Association.

BEAT BITS... Hockey meeting for the executive of the Tanners tonight. Among many things discussed will be the acquisition of a new coach following the resignation of Ilio Marzo.

W.O.A.A. convenor Bob Marshall attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Association in Atwood last night. The W.O.S.S. will be greatly expanded this season and the quality of hockey is expected to reach a new high.

It was the Free Press versus Beardmore and Co. on the golf links Tuesday night when Murray Scovene, uncrowned champ of this establishment, along with Bob MacArthur, took on Jack Creighton and Lorne Youngblut of Beardmore's in a "friendly" game. There were so many qualifications raised even the accountants from Beardmore's couldn't figure out the score afterwards, but the staffers figure they won. Commented Bob MacArthur, golfing his second time. "I'd do better with a paddle."

Field Blanks Giants 2-0 James Spoils No-Hitter Earl Cairns' towering blast over the right centre field fence with a man on base in the bottom of the sixth inning, provided left-hander Gary Field with the margin of victory last night (Wednesday) when the Campbellville Merchants blanked the Georgetown Giants 2-0.

The win gave the Merchants their third decision in the best of five Halton County semifinal series and eliminated the Giants. The Villagers will now wait until a winner emerges from the Hamilton-Cardinal-Oakville-Oakville-Oakville series.

The Oaks semifinals series Oakville presently leads one game to none. Field, a mainstay of the Merchant staff, had a no-hitter going until Jim James hit a sharp single into centre field, with one man out in the seventh inning. He retired the next two batters in succession to end the game.

His pitching rival Bernie Dove hurled nearly as well as he judiciously spread five catchable hits, until the fatal sixth. Enroute to the win, Field struck out 15 Giant batters including three in the first, second, third and sixth innings. The game was over.

Cairns' homer, a double by Wingrove, a single and a double.

On the Outside Looking In



ACTON'S ALL-STAR SOFTBALLERS lost their first game in the second annual Hornby softball tournament Saturday to Northern Electric, from Brampton. Centre fielder Jeff Fryer, coach Jack Bullough, manager "Dude" Lindsay and league treasurer Harry Lawson, are shown watching tournament action, following the elimination of the Acton club.

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Rack Up Twin Bill Wins

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Seven Hitter Frank Daley hurled a crisp seven hitter for Firefighters in the opener, fanning five and striking four based on balls. Don Lockberrie started as Daley's mound opponent but he was shelved in favor of John Salmon in the fourth when he got in hot water. Both pitchers allowed 11 hits.

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Weak Field In the second game Station Hotel's cellar-dwellers who have a penchant for blowing games with weak fielding at the tail end, blew another but threw all their bobbles into the first frame to give Dominions a 7-0 lead. Chamberlain's grand slam home run highlighted the inning which saw the winners sock five hits.

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Indians Invade Park Next Week

Preparations for Indian week are taking up most of the time of the youngsters at the park playground these days. There'll be a parade about 6:30 Friday of next week followed by Indian games, races, songs and a camp fire. It'll be over early so the popovers as well as chiefs won't be up too late.

Everyone will be invited to see the closing program. The boys and girls are working on costumes for the parade and there'll be something special, as well. It's a secret — and it takes a lot of hurlap bags to make. It's safely hidden.

Painting at Arena Project for Firemen

The arena lobby and auditorium will be painted two-tone blue — light above and dark below — this week. The firemen are doing the work in shifts as brigade companies.

Play school youngsters will just move downstairs till the paint dries.

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