

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

A THREE-WAY TIE for the last two playoff spots has almost developed in the local softball league.

The three teams, Legion, I.G.A. and Dominion Hotel, have each chalked up seven wins. The Legion, however, has still two games to play while I.G.A. and Dominion have finished the schedule.

If the Legionnaires can win one of their remaining games it will wrap up the third spot for them. However, both of the contenders are with the league leading U.P.W.A. Tanners, beaten only once this season. Consequently it could develop into a three-way tie for third of the Legion group.

Legionnaires, meanwhile, have a substantial lead in legitimate and legal runs down, third for them. Actually they have played 14 games but one contest ended in a tie with the Tanners. Since the standings are figured on a percentage basis a tie demands a replay but none of the Legionnaires saw the understanding when the game was played so that standings were decided on points, two for a win, one for a tie.

What over the decision by league officials, it is giving the local league games added interest and as the teams stand point on the threshold of the playoffs, slated to start next week following, they are beginning to play play-off ball.

RESPECTING ON HOW WELL they do against Amherstburg first club they meet in the Senior A playdowns, Campbellville Merchants could find themselves in the O.B.A. finals against the winner of the senior Intermediate league.

Merchants have captured just about every intermediate base ball honor in the province in the last decade. A senior title would add the last feather in their cap and enthrone them as all-time Ontario champions. If it happens — and it could — it would be the first time a village the size of Campbellville has walked off with the O.B.A. senior honors.

How about the rest of the teams in the Hamilton County loop what are they doing? Oakville Oaks and Hamilton Cardinals are playing off for the right to go into the Int. A. major playdowns.

Georgetown has drawn Midland as their first opponent in the Int. A. minor trial while Milton meets Ajax in the first round of the O.B.A. Int. B. playoffs.

MAYBE THE MINOR HOCKEY hassle in this picturesque sports-minded community will finally be resolved.

If you're acquainted with what has transpired in the last few seasons you can't help but be pleased. With the exception of the town league which functioned under the wing of the Legion, minor hockey in Acton has been a touch-and-go affair dependent largely on the efforts of a few. And gradually these few were getting good and browned off.

Every T.C. or O.M.H.A. entry from Acton in the past few years has had either a sugar daddy or a group of interested men who scraped every barrel they could find in order to keep the boys playing. Each club was an independent entity soliciting funds, selling tickets for their own benefit.

Most of those interested in the minors knew there was a better way of running things. They had the example of other towns in the immediate district to follow. Unfortunately, in spite of several attempts, nothing was ever achieved. The situation, as they say in the prints, deteriorated. Minor Hockey, outside of a couple of clubs with energetic backers, was on its way down.

The solution was easy to find. Form an association. Everyone got together and run it properly. A couple of attempts were made to form one but nothing came of it.

MONDAY NIGHT ANOTHER meeting was called by recreation director Jim Casburn to iron the problem out. Twenty-five enthusiasts attended, a number exceeding even the most optimistic estimates.

The meeting agreed that a minor hockey association would be in the best interests of all. It would reduce fund raising from many to one appeal. Sponsors would no longer be saddled with the task of paying for ice time as well as buying sweaters, socks and sticks. The onus would be on the association to look after most of the details.

A committee composed of recreational director Jim Casburn, Harold Townsley and Ernie Marks was assigned the job of picking an executive to get the association rolling.

Consequently Mr. Casburn has his hopes high that minor hockey problems in Acton will be reduced to a mere shadow of their former corpulent selves.

"If the association succeeds," said Jim, "I've got a plan that will solve all the old problems. Sponsors will need to supply only sweaters and sticks. For that reason alone more sponsors shouldn't be too hard to locate."

BEAT BITS . . . Speaking of hockey, and minor hockey in particular, two Acton boys are attending hockey workouts in Hamilton this week under the sponsorship of Detroit Red Wings. Both John Goss and Merv Marshall, graduates of minor hockey here, were invited by Detroit's Jimmy Skinner to attend the camp.

Reveille sounds at 6:00 a.m. for the Acton pair, lights must be out by 11 p.m.

Georgetown Midland, three Acton players included, were eliminated from the O.B.A. playoffs by Dundas in two straight games recently. Scores were 9-1 and 10-5.

Playoffs for the Legion sponsored T.V. league got underway Monday night with a pair of games, another one Tuesday and one last night. Gord James is the convener of the league which has about 60 boys playing ball every Monday. Helping Gord all season have been Gord Fricker, Bob Lousett, Bill Morrison, Harold (Doc) Deforest, Doug Guthrie and Howie Leader.

Senior hockey may attempt to take the place of Junior A in Guelph this season. Junior B to take the part of Intermediate in Georgetown. This time next week may see officials of the Acton Tanners, announcing who this year's coach will be. They've got a line on one.

TANNERS RACK UP WIN 10 AT EXPENSE OF HOTELERS

The traffic jam around third base in the town softball circuit was more confused as the league leading Tanners scored a 7-4 win over Dominion Hotel in Thursday's contest.

The innkeepers, smarting from a shutout at the hands of the Legion crew the previous week, really made it a close contest in this one. There was no score until the fifth frame when Timmy's Tanners played a pair of runs. The innkeepers came back with one in the sixth only to have the Tanners add another in the bottom of the seventh.

The game broke wide open in the eighth when the heavy-hitting Tanners produced four runs and scored well ahead in spite of a three-run rally by Dominions in the ninth.

It didn't take long for the Tanners to get their feet warm. They straddled a victory lead to 10 against the Hoteliers in the bottom of the ninth.

Pitcher Eddie Phillips was again the winner for the leather workers. He was touched for eight hits, struck out two and walked two. Loser Fred Archibald was nipped for 10 hits struck out three and walked none.

The big bats piled up three or four smashes in the contest from Harry Lawson and Bob Bruce of the Tanners and Don Perry of the hotel crew.

Lawson had a single and Bruce a three-bagger as well as homers for the Tanners. Paul Lawson collected a pair of singles, Del Walters, Ed Phillips, Butch Richmond and Jim Bullough one apiece.

George Williamson smashed a three-bagger for the losers. Jeff Fover and Chuck Shultz collected two apiece, Don Lindsay and Chris Brooks one.

Legion, Firemen Take Decisions In Sunday's Softball Twin Bill

The last scheduled doubleheader in the town softball league passed to be one of the season's best Sunday afternoon with both ends of the twin bill producing close contests that were not decided until late innings.

Second place Firefighters won a 2-1 cliffhanger over IGA in the opener in a tense nine-inning duel between Frank Daley and Bruce Cargill, on the mound for the hose toters and grocery boys respectively. The nightcap saw the Legion battling all the way to preserve an early lead in edging winless Station Hotel 6-4.

Set-Down-Down

Cargill got the nod over Daley in the first game hitting department, restricting the Firefighters to five hits while striking out three and walking two. He lost out to Daley in both the game and strikeout department. Fling Frank set an even dozen IGA batters down on strikes, yielded six hits and never walked one.

It was a 10 game in favor of the Firefighters from the third inning until the top of the ninth, when they added another run to take a 2-0 margin. The onus was on IGA to produce a pair in the bottom of the ninth but the best they could do was belt a home run, Jim Casburn doing the honours.

Firefighters plated their first run in the third off singles by Jim Lindsay, Scotty McCristall and Mick Holmes. The winner was scored in the ninth when Willy Duval was given a pass, Johnny Krapek landing safely on first on a fielder's choice, Don

10 Teams Enter Softball Tourney

Organizers of the 10 team softball tournament to be held in Acton park Saturday, September 14, have already received confirmation that teams from Newmarket, Brampton, Thornhill, Toronto as well as the Acton All Stars would be competing for the prize money.

Acton Softball Association is sponsoring the tournament as part of a campaign to install floodlights in the park.

Entries are also expected from Glen Williams, Thornhill, possibly Guelph and other district teams soon. The tourney is restricted to 10 teams.

Games will start at 11:30 in the morning on two diamonds in the park. The hardball diamond is being razed, the pitcher's mound removed, to give the tournament the extra diamond.



HERE'S HOW! says pretty Indian princess Hermine-Bessem, as she conducts an Indian prayer with four of the youngsters dressed as Indians. Miss Bessem is one of the playground program leaders. Left to right are Jay Bouskill, Cris Norman, Kevin Norman and John Churchill.

Mohawk Opens Again Monday

The second race meeting at Campbellville's spanking new Mohawk Raceway — a 30-night meet running to October 5 — opens next Monday evening with a full card of nine races.

Jockey Club Limited managing director J. J. Mooney said "everything is set. I think we should have a wonderful meeting, particularly now that we have had three months to put the finishing touches on the Mohawk plant."

The five-eighths of a mile track just north of Highway 401 at Campbellville, opened last April 26, for a 26-night meeting. But the meet was beset by poor weather and a coughing virus that cut down on the horse entries.

The Department of Highways has put in some new lanes and widened and repaired others, at the Campbellville Road Highway 401 overpass, to relieve a traffic bottleneck the spring race crowds caused.

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Butch's Belt Not in Books As Tanners Eclipse I.G.A.

Roll out the measuring tape, Elmer and gauge the length of that four-bagger Butch Richmond poked on behalf of Timmy's Tanners as they eclipsed I.G.A. Tuesday. Unfortunately the three runs the honor produced didn't figure in the final tally of the score reverted to the 10-4 count current at the end of the seventh when darkness threw a shroud over the unfinished eighth.

The win for the Tanners virtually insured a playoff for that fourth and final playoff spot for I.G.A.

Out of Sight

Butch's blast, probably one of the longest drives recorded in the mushball circuit, landed somewhere in the vicinity of where the refreshment booth was formerly located. Legend has it the ball was never retrieved.

It was one of two circuit smashes the league leading Tanners creamed. Del Walters socked a grand slam in the sixth in a game which saw I.G.A. twirler Bruce Cargill nipped for 11 hits.

Eddie Phillips, a consistent winner for the Tanners, yielded only five safeties, struck out six,

and never gave up a base, or balls.

Successful singles from the bats of Del Walters, Ed Phillips, Butch Richmond, Ben Bayliss and Julian Zanic set the Tanners on a six-run rampage in the second frame. Walters' four-run homer added the U.P.W.A. score to 10.

Two I.G.A. Homers

The greasers' alliance ran up single runs in the first, second, fourth and sixth, two of them home runs by Bruce MacArthur and Denis Gibbons. That was the difference between the two teams. No one was on base for either four master, Dick Wille, Malby and Harold Deforest each contributed a single to the I.G.A. cause.

If you count Richmond's big blast, it was Butch who paced the Tanners at the plate with it and a pair of singles. If not, it was Dairy Queen team mate D-I Walters who topped the hit parade with a homer and a one-base knock. Ben Bayliss corked two singles, Jim Bullough, Julian Zanic and Ed Phillips had one apiece.

Villagers in Sr. Baseball After Dozen Int. Years

Campbellville, playing Senior ball for the first time, start their Ontario Senior playdowns against Amherstburg next weekend.

The series will start in this great baseball community just south of Windsor, on Saturday, August 31, at 3:15 p.m. The second game will be played at the same time in Campbellville, on Monday afternoon. It will be a best of three series.

Although Campbellville is entering the Ontario playdowns for the twelfth consecutive year, they have never been this ambitious before, as for the first time they try for the Senior Championship of Ontario. Ranged against them are teams from Amherstburg, Brockville, Belleville and a representative of the senior inter-community, undoubtedly the most formidable of the lot.

Won 25 Games

In preparation for this challenge Campbellville has played 29 games. In their league they won 18, lost 14 and tied 1. Of two exhibition games played they won one (Midland 9-2) and lost one (Galt 6-4 in 10 innings) and in league playoffs they have won six while losing one for an over-

all total of 25 wins, three losses and one tie.

The team has a club batting average of .313 but the eleven players who will see the most action have a combined batting average of .335. In spite of this impressive figure the team has not been as consistent with the jargon ball as in other years as less than 30 per cent of their hits have been for extra bases.

Probably the village nine have bitten off more than they can chew but win or lose whoever they play will know they have been in a ball game.

Following are the club's individual records.

Player	G	A	R	H	Av.
Price	5	20	6	4	.200
Early	3	5	2	2	.400
Wingrove	24	116	36	44	.379
Field	18	61	13	23	.377
Carris	28	108	23	39	.361
Elliott	28	90	23	30	.333
King	28	90	33	30	.330
Joyce	20	65	13	21	.323
Roberts	15	31	9	10	.322
Dredge	17	56	13	18	.321
Nicholson	9	16	5	5	.312
Moore	25	101	19	31	.306
Henderson	22	85	17	23	.270
Chester	22	63	8	13	.206
Tetter	14	32	6	6	.187

Eighth Title

Campbellville won their eighth consecutive Halton Championship when they defeated Oakville 6-5 in Campbellville in an exciting ball game Sunday afternoon.

Gary Field went the route for the winners who swept the best of three series two games straight. Although Field was not one of his best games, Field was tough in the pinches and left five men stranded. He gave up seven hits including two home runs and a double, walked two and struck out seven.

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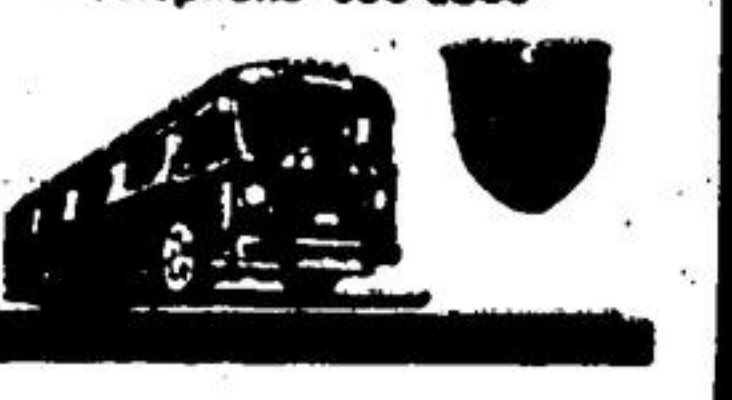
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