Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

TWO GAMES HAVE GONE INTO the books in the town softball league finals, both played under the arcs at Eden Mills, and the frisky young Legionnaires have got a shaky Firefighters' team on the run.

Last year's champions, the firemen, dropped the first encounter 4-2 and Tuesday night were shut out 2-0 in a real pitcher's duel that saw little hitting but 30 batters going down on strikes.

Unless the hook 'n' ladder crew can shake their stage fright the series could be over Sunday. Last Sunday's scheduled contest in Acton was rained out.

Few fans expected the fast young Legion club to take the first two games in the series, especially Firefighters who usually play a steady game with few faux pas. Loss of the series' first contest seems to have affected their confidence. They're all fingers and thumbs now.

The two wins have instilled additional confidence in the Legionnaires. They played in and out ball all season but seemed to hit their stride just as the playoffs loomed on the horizon. When they knocked off the Tanners, cock of the roost all season, not a few fans thought the youngsters were playing over their heads.

The current league final proves that rather than playing above their heads, Legionnaires were below par all season. They're in the driver's seat right now and it's been their last, heads up softball that's put them there as well as their aptitude at exploiting Firefighters' weaknesses.

Another big factor in the final best-of-five series to date has been the much improved pitching of John Salmon. His crackling fast ball has set the opposition on their collective ears in the playoffs and inspired his team mates to greater efforts.

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FRANK DALEY, Firefighters' ace, has also been in fine form on the mound but as we mentioned earlier hasn't been getting the support he's accustomed to in the field or at bat. Tuesday he whiffed 17 batters.

Some of the more observant fans think playing under the lights has something to do with the inferior play of the hook 'n' ladder squad. A few of last year's titlists are approaching the age when the opticals aren't as strong and reflexes slow down. The arcs aggravate these weaknesss, say some fans.

Legionnaires, on the other hand, youthful and full of vinegar, are bothered not one whit by artificial light. They're accustomed to seeing in the shadows. Errors they have, but they recover quickly.

It's the old argument — youth versus old age.

It may be so but don't count the firemen out yet. There are still nine full innings to play before Legionnaires can take it in three straight. Anything can happen in that span, including a new lease on the life of the series.

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SO YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR MONEY on the Dodgers in the World Series? Risky isn't it? The Yankees have almost had their own way with the Bums since back in the days when the Dodgers called Ebbets Field and its hordes of the unwashed, home.

The Dodgers have acquired a little more class since they moved into their spacious new stadium in Los Angeles but the filberts say they can't be trusted despite the presence of stars like Podres, Gilliam, Koufax, Davis and Wills. The Yanks counter with Whitey Ford, Mantle, Maris, Howard and Kubek, a gauntlet of super stars.

First game of the series with Koufax on the Dodger hill made some of the super stars look ordinary but then again you don't run into a pitching performance like Sandy's every day of the week. His 15 strikeouts set a new world series record.

If I were you I'd hold back the bundle to see what transpires in today's fixture. But then again it's your potatoes and who knows, da Bums might just come through.

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W.O.A.A. CONVENER Bob Marshall will be closeted with representatives from intermediate hockey clubs from Orangeville, Milton, Fergus, Elora, Cheltenham, Hillsburgh, Elmira, possibly Streetsville and Acton this Sunday night at the community centre, 8 p.m.

The meeting will give the prospective grouping a chance to get acquainted with one another's brass, discuss ways and means of improving this group.

You'll notice the addition of two new names, Elmira and Streetsville, who have both indicated they would like to see an entry in this group this season. Hillsburgh has asked for a transfer to another grouping where the competition is not so keen.

Quite a number of new teams are asking for places in the W.O.A.A. system and the problem for president Jim Ingles is how to accommodate them all.

That will be one of the problems for the W.O.A.A. annual meeting in Wingham, Oct. 16. Detroit's Jolly Jack Adams is the guest speaker at the dinner.

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BEAT BITS . . . Sporting circles in Acton lost one of their most enthusiastic and tireless workers this week with the removal of Pete Vale to Galt. Pete has been prominent in both minor hockey and baseball in his many years of residence here and he'll leave a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Acton's loss is Galt's gain, however, and we hope Pete stays in minor sports. Maybe sometimes his co-workers here will have the pleasure of hosting one of his teams. Quiet and unassuming, Pete made a host of friends while here. **125 boys** registered for minor hockey last Saturday as the Acton Minor Hockey Association held its first registration day. There'll be another registration for those who missed this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Centre. Recreation director Jim Casburn urges everyone to register this Saturday if they have not already done so. It's possible there may be no place for a player in the Tri-County especially, if he isn't registered. **Community Centre** is looking spic and span this week with the floors painted and finished the walls in their new coat of blue. Ice making machinery is also being assembled. **Fellows interested** in playing junior hockey in an Acton uniform are asked to be at the Community Centre this Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m. for a meeting. If enough players are interested it's possible a club will be formed with the backing of the A.M.A.A. . . . **Campbellville** found Galt Terriers too canny in the third game of their best-of-three Senior A baseball series, succumbing 4-2 despite outhitting the home club 13-9. It's the first time in 11 years the Merchants haven't been in an Ontario final . . . **Georgetown's** new Junior B team held its first practice Sunday with several Acton players trying out. Understand the pay is $5 a week for players making the club which is being sponsored by Montreal Canadiens.

Terriers Eliminate Villagers

Campbellville failed in their bid for a Senior Championship when they lost to Galt by a score of 4-2 in Galt on Saturday afternoon. It was a heartbreaker for the Halton champions to lose, as they led up until the bottom of the eighth. They outhit the Inter-County representatives 13 to nine, but gave up four unearned runs.

Jack Roberts went the route for Campbellville, giving up four unearned runs off nine hits. He walked four and struck out seven. It was a tough series for Roberts, who hurled as good ball as he has pitched for years. He lost two games and won one and yet didn't allow Galt a single earned run in nineteen and two-third innings.

Campbellville played 35 games over the season. They won 28, lost six and tied one. They scored 269 runs off 380 hits to their opponents' 108 runs off 200 hits.

Earl Cairns with a .378 batting average just edged out Al Wingrove with .375 for the club batting championship.

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PROUD POOCH has something to talk about! A few trophies and ribbons make a suitable setting for Irish Foxhound "Bonnie" owned by John Foley, 17-year-old Acton dog breeder and showman. The animal won best in show, first in all-age female and best in pair at the Western New York Fox Hunters' Association show at Little Valley, New York. The dog and its master pose among several of the prizes won during the past six years.

Award Trophies, Ribbons To Foley Dogs in New York

Patience and a love for animals paid off for a 17-year-old dog breeder, John Foley, Main St. N. during the weekend when his dogs won two trophies and seven ribbons at the Western New York Fox Hunters' Association show at Little Valley, New York.

The pet of the kennels, "Bonnie" won a trophy for the best in show as well as a first in the all-age female class. She also won first in the best pair in show when she teamed up with "Susie."

75 in Class

Competing against 75 other dogs, "Foley Star" won a trophy for placing 10th in the field trial, 10th in hunting and sixth in trailing. "Susie" also won a second in the all-age female class.

The young Acton man has been competing with his animals during the past six years and recently won first in the Wellington County Fox Hunters' Association competition at Blue Springs.

At the New York show seven Canadians were among the top 10 winners in the field trial competitions.

Badenoch Champs Oust Mount Elgin

The Badenoch Intermediates captured the O.R.S. Intermediate "C" crown last Wednesday, defeating Mount Elgin 7-1. The win was the second in a row for Badenoch.

Once again righthander Don Aubin paved the way, striking out 14 and allowing only two hits.

Don McLean led the winners' attack with a grand slam home run in the fourth inning. Alan (Red) McLean hit a bases empty homer in the sixth.

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Daley, Salmon Hook Up in Hill Duel Legionnaires Blank Firefighters 2-0 Take Stranglehold on Softball Series

At Hayward's two run homer in the top of the fourth inning was all the margin Legionnaires needed to blank the Firefighters 2-0 Tuesday night under the arcs at Eden Mills and take a stranglehold on the best of five town league softball finals.

For the rest of the game a pitcher's duel between John Salmon of the Legion and Frank Daley of the Firefighters. Base runners were as scarce as hens teeth at a Sunday school picnic.

Spins Two-Hitter

Firefighters, their backs to the wall, tried vainly to break the goose egg Salmon hung on them but the best they could do was break the hit barrier twice. They had only one runner past second base. Salmon's smart two-hitter was embellished by a 15 strikeout performance.

Opposing him Frank Daley allowed a meagre three hits and gave another masterful strikeout performance by fanning 17 batters. His teammates failed to give him even a solitary run to work on, however and a bang up chore went down the drain.

The stroke of the bat. At Hayward's with Wayne Marshall on board with a pass — was what actually decided the fate of the game.

Third Game Sunday?

The third and what could possibly be the final game of the series is scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Acton park. For the Firefighters it's a "must" game. They must win it or the title will be awarded to the surprising young Legion club.

So far in the series one of the best ever witnessed in this neck of the woods, the Legionnaires have had the more experienced Firefighters on the run. Firefighters without the mustaches are not the same crew that won the Tanners last season.

Firefighters' boosters are hoping that when the series reverts to Acton park Sunday it will make a difference in the club's play. Both games to date have been under the lights.

Opposing coaches Lack Holbaugh and Rae West of the Legion and Clayton (Dude) Lindsay of the Firefighters are predicting victory for their charges.

Two Hoser Hits

Tuesday night Harold Townsley smashed a single to left in the bottom of the first for Firefighters only hit until Will Duval matched a stand up double that he tried to stretch into a triple and was tagged between second and third. Outside of that the smoke eaters never presented a real threat.

At Hayward's circuit smash was a wrong field blow to right with lots of wood behind it as it soared over the right gardener's head. Legionnaires threatened again in the sixth when Wayne Marshall singled and Danny Arbis bunted between first and second was too sharp to make a play on but both runners died when Daley whiffed the next two batters.

It was the same situation in the seventh, eighth and ninth with runners on via bobbles, an other single by Wayne Marshall and passes, but Daley bore down in the clutch to retire the side on strikeouts.

Wayne Marshall's pair of hits were, outside of Hayward's home run blast, the only bingles the winners collected. Harold Townsley and Will Duval managed to get one knock apiece for the losers.

Defensively the hose squad committed four bobbles compared to three by Legionnaires, none of course, having any bearing on the outcome.

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Legion — B McCristall 2b, G. Masales ss, W Marshall cf, D. Arbis 3b, A Hayward rf, T Waterhouse lf, D Price 1b, J Humpson c, J Salmon p.

Firefighters — P McCristall lb, M Holmes 2b, H Townsley ss, J Daley p, W Duval 3b, J Lindsay rf, D Archibald lf, W Spielvogel cf, H Dodds c.

Umpires — C Anderson, plate; Dave Stamp, bases.

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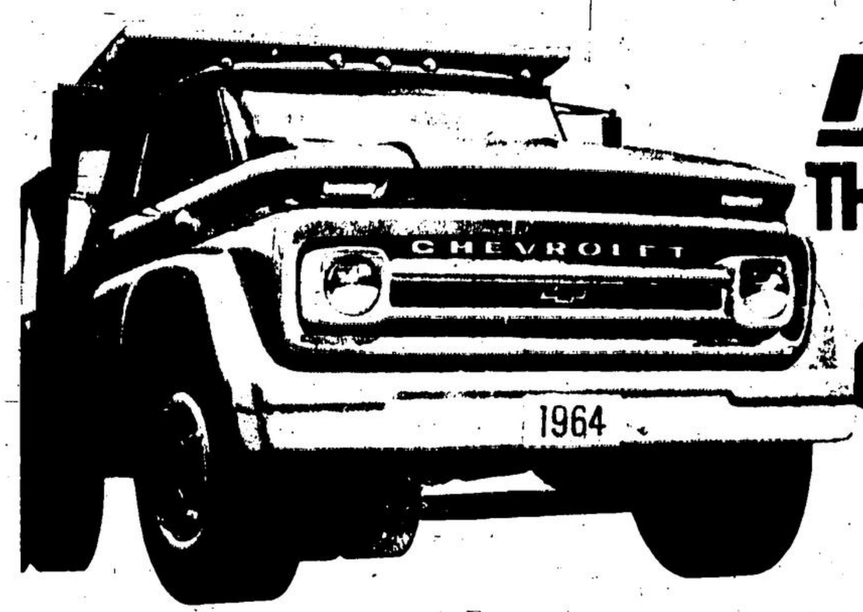

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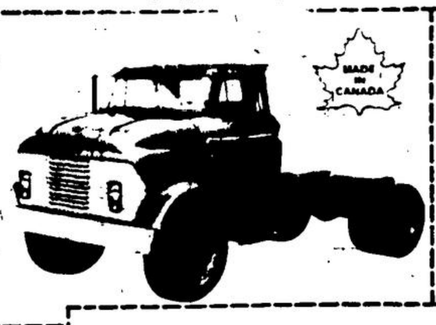

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