

# LEGIONNAIRES MARCH OFF WITH TOWN LEAGUE BALL TITLE



**RUNNERS-UP FOR THE** town league softball title were last year's champions, Acton Firefighters. Back row, left to right, Mick Holmes, Herb Dodds, Don Archibald, Bill Williams, Gary DeBruin, Bert Fowler, Middle Row, Frank Spievogel, Frank Daley, Jim Lindsay, Wilf Duval. In front are Phil (Scotty) McCristall, Bill Spievogel, Harold Townsley and manager Dude Lindsay. Batboy Bruce Fowler kneels in front.

## Salmon Twirls Three Hitter Legion Takes 3-1 Squeaker

Acton Legion's brash young softball club won the town league softball crown Tuesday night in Eden Mills by smiting last year's titleholders, Firefighters, 3-1, in a tough struggle under the arc, that had spectators hanging on to the edge of their seats for nine full innings.

The Bullough-West coached team rebounded from the 220 whitewash they absorbed Sunday to play a brand of softball that had the older and more experienced Firefighters off balance from early innings. They took the game by the same count as they took the series, 3-1.

It is Legionnaires first town league title.

**Salmon Mobbed**  
A scene almost duplicating last Sunday's in Los Angeles ensued as the last fireman grounded out third to first. Happy players mobbed pitcher John Salmon who hurled a crisp three hitter for the new champion. Salmon was monarch of all he surveyed through the contest. He struck out 14 batters and didn't issue a walk. He was a constant source of bewilderment for the Firefighters, who haven't had to cope with pitching of that calibre all season. His coolness on the mound in a crisis steered Legionnaires who hoisted only one ball all evening.

Frank Daley was another who pitched his heart out. Although he lost, Daley spun a six hitter that would be good enough to beat most teams. He whiffed 16 Legionnaires in losing, walking two in the very first frame.

**Of Danny Boy**  
The player who haunted him was third baseman Danny Arbie who surely must go down with the Salmon as a star of the final contest. Danny collected four of his team's seven hits.

His second, a ringing wrong field triple to left field, resulted in Legionnaires' first run. His fourth, a poke through the hole at second with two runners on, scored both with the winning runs in the top of the eighth.

Firefighters' only run, scored in the bottom of the seventh, tied the game at 1-1 and gave them a big lift but they were unable to quick the fire Legion started in the eighth.

**Lead Sacks**  
Legionnaires started the game off as if they were going to win it in the initial inning. They had three men on the sacks with a pair of walks and a single but Daley buckled down to retire the side.

Only one got on base until Arbie's triple in the fourth. A passed ball at home allowed him to slide in and score.

In the sixth Gary Masales arrived safely at first on an error at short. He stole second and third when the throws were off the mark but was tagged as he attempted home.

Scotty McCristall's double to deep centre went for nought in the bottom of the sixth when Salmon whiffed the final batter.

The seventh saw Harold Townsley double off third base and make it safely to third when the throw was wild. Frank Daley, next batter, knocked a roller to



**NEW TOWN SOFTBALL** champions, Acton Legion are shown prior to administering the final defeat of the season on Firefighters. Top row, left to right, Keith Martin, Terry Waterhouse, Al Hayward and manager Rae West. Middle row, Brian McCristall, Wayne Marshall, Don Price and Danny Arbie. Front row, coach Jack Bullough, pitcher John Salmon, Fred Thompson and Gary Masales. Batboy Steven Marshall sits in front.

### Third Game of Series

## Firefighters Blank Legion 22-0

Faced with the alternative of winning the third game of the best of five town league softball finals or awarding the crown to Legionnaires who won the first two contests, Firefighters took the former course and won a rollicking 22-0 joust Sunday in the park.

The previous two contests, played under the mizudaz at Eden Mills had the bucket brigade showing an aversion to artificial light. Under Sunday's bright sun they chased three Legion pitchers, played errorless ball and chalked up 22 runs as they whitewashed the younger club.

**Four Costly Errors**  
Legionnaires kicked in four costly errors in the first two innings which helped the smoke

ater's cause but they were no match for their booming bats. Home runs socked by Johnny Krapek, Harold Townsley and Bill Spievogel highlighted a 20-hit onslaught which also included a triple by Wilf Duval and 16 solid singles.

The losers clubbed five hits from Frank Daley who was very much in the driver's seat. He scattered them effectively, striking out 12 batters and walking four. Legion's threesome of starters, John Salmon, Gary Masales, and Doug Lockerley yielded 20 bingles, struck out three and issued five passes.

Firefighters started right gut in the first frame with a seven run output off five hits and three Legionnaire bobbles at first, third and centre field respectively. They added seven more in the second, skipped an inning and then, urged by maestro "Dude" Lindsay, rammed six more runs across the plate in the fourth. They added singles in the fifth and eighth.

Harold Townsley was the top batter on the hit parade with four hits in five trips, including a home run. Wilf Duval, Scotty McCristall and Don Archibald followed with three hits apiece while Bill Spievogel collected two, one a circuit smash. Mick Holmes also added a single, Johnny Krapek a four master and Jim Lindsay a single.

For the losers it was Brian McCristall, Wayne Marshall, Danny Arbie, Terry Waterhouse and Jack Bullough who cracked Daley's time pitching.

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**HERE'S A TIP OF THE OLD CHAPEAU** and a bouquet of orchids to the Legion softball squad who, making no secret of their ambitions, captured the town league title Tuesday night with a thrilling 3-1 victory over the Firefighters, their third in the best-of-five series.

Can't say we're surprised. Our impression of all three games in Eden Mills was Legionnaires were a different team from the one that toiled all season here. They fairly scintillated.

Despite accusations from both clubs that this column was partial to the other, this fuzzy-checked scribe felt the series was the best any league has dished up in the mushball league since it was inaugurated.

Outside of Sunday's 22-0 blasting from the bucket brigade, the smooth young Legionnaires had an edge on the set. We felt the key to the series was the second game which Legion won 2-0. It took a lot of fire out of the Firefighters.

The arguments will probably go on for some time about the outcome if all four games had been played in the sun and within the confines of the local park. What you've got to remember, however, is that both teams faced the same conditions. How they reacted to the situation is their own problem.

A special honour to coaches Jack Bullough and manager Rae West of the new titleholders. They nursed the team along through the season and brought them to their present state of perfection.

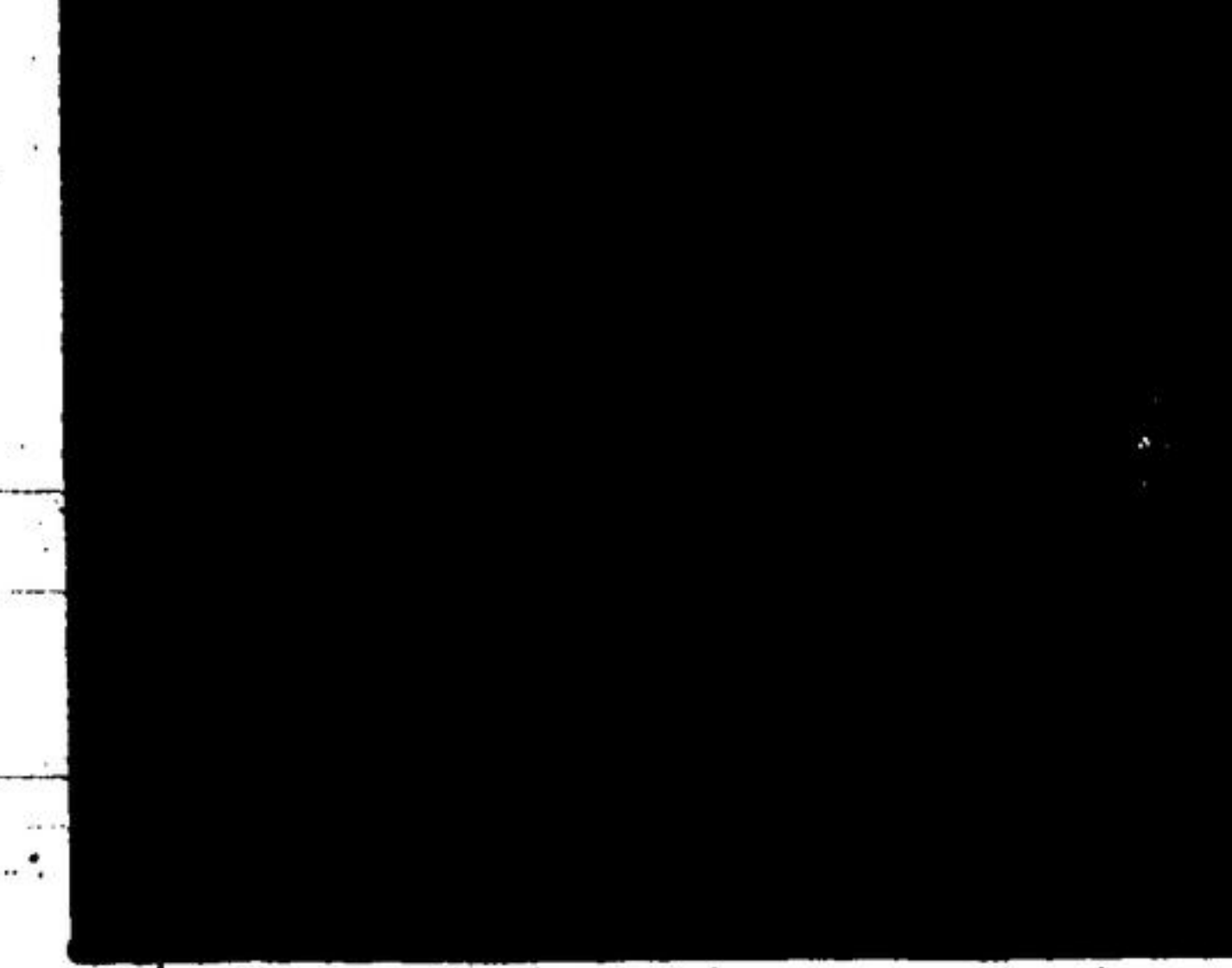
Congratulations to Dude Lindsay and the Firefighters who tried their best and just didn't have it this season. They were quick to add their congratulations to the winners before the din of victory subsided.

**NEXT YEAR'S SOFTBALL** schedule may be played under different circumstances, entirely at home.

The softball association has placed an order for poles and has made a bid on lights to floodlight the softball diamond. If they succeed in purchasing lights they'll be in operation at the start of the season. Indications are the poles will be erected this fall.

President Dave Manes and the executive have been busy on several fund-raising activities to supplement the income taken from passing the hat at games. Another is planned for this Friday night with a dance at the legion hall. If you're interested in helping the league financially buy a ducat and enjoy yourself while helping to pay for a floodlit diamond. Any member of the executive will be glad to oblige.

It's been a long but highly successful season and the as-



**REGISTRATION FOR ALL BOYS** interested in playing hockey this season has been held the last two weekends in the community centre and will conclude this Saturday when members of the Acton Minor Hockey Association will be on hand again to register players. Here Gil Malcolm and Gord James take the names of Brian Wilkinson and Laurence Gordon, two of 178 who have already registered.

### Brass Decides Int. Hockey Starts Nov. 17

A schedule will be drawn up and finalized by October 27 and the Milton Charles will have the honor of opening the 1963-64 season at home on Sunday, November 17, representatives of groups one of the W.O.A.A.'s inter-mediate hockey series decided Sunday night.

Meeting in Acton's community centre, representatives from Fergus, Elora, Milton, Orangeville, Cheltenham, Hillsburg and Acton got most of the preparatory work accomplished for the new hockey season.

Representatives from Elmira and Streetsville were also heard with Elmira being a definite new entry in the group. Streetsville is undecided at the moment.

Convener Bob Marshall of Acton chaired the meeting which included W.O.A.A. president Jim Ingles, secretary manager Al Lockridge and W.O.A.A. representative Jim Tve among the visitors.

**New Wrinkles**  
Two new wrinkles were introduced which evoked an enthusiastic response from all the representatives.

A \$100 performance bond must be posted by each club to be defaulted in the event the team does not show up for a game.

Appointed Acton recreation director Jim Casburn as league statistician. His duties will include compiling a standing and keeping tab of league scoring. A trophy has been donated for the championship of the group and convener Bob Marshall is also anticipating a trophy to be awarded the league's leading scorer.

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