Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WHEN THE INFORMATION Frank Daley hit a birdie, first hit this desk, we immediately conjured up visions of pipe-smoking Frank slaking a golf shot. Then someone volunteered the information is happened during a softball game. It puzzled me. What was Frank doing with a golf club in the mushball game. Ordinarily he's a pitcher, one of the best in these parts.

Gradually it began to sink in. Frank didn't hit the birdie with a club. He was pitching for Firefighters. One of those streamlined swallow jobs which flit around at dusk, zoomed in for a reconnaissance flight just as Daley threw his cannonball pitch.

In one of those rare moments when fate and flight meet, the pitch hit the bird and it was bye, bye birdie. The bird expired. The ball, of real velocity, kept going and the batter clobbered it for three bases.

Umpires aren't usually called on to make snap decisions of this nature but Jack Ballough, prepared for eventualities of this sort, ruled the ball dead. "What fer," Station Hotelers wanted to know. "The ball hit the bird," said Jack.

When the ball hits the bird, said the ump, the ball is dead. So was the bird but it was forgotten in the ensuing cheek-to-jowl discussion which found the ump right as usual. The innkeepers gave him the bird to no avail. The decision stood.

It all goes to prove the rule makers will never be able to cover all the freak occurrences in a ball game. Only hope all the pitchers don't try the bird stunt. We don't want everybody doing the B-b-b-b-b-i-i-r-r-d-d-d-!

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CLAYTON (Dude) LINDSAY, who in his chequered career as a coach has handled such entities as the Firefighters' softball squad, Acton Intermediate baseball teams as well as having his finger in several minor team pies, began another facet in this role this week. Dude finally consented to coach Georgetown Giants of the Halton County Baseball Association's intermediate series. He replaces Mike Lorusso who started the season off with the winless Giants, who like the jolly giant on the can, are pretty green.

This is not the first time in his sports career Dude has donned Georgetown livery. At one time when he toiled in the old Toronto Industrial league with Donnel-Mudge, Dude, along with several other players, played intermediate hockey for Georgetown.

So he's a familiar figure in those parts. He'll be doubly familiar this season because his two sons Jim and Don are regulars on the Georgetown squad, a factor which probably influenced Dude to take the job. Elder son Jim is a pretty fair southpaw hurler as well as being proficient in the outfield. Don's a catcher and pretty good too, thank you.

It will be a long pull for Dude to put the team back in the win column, but if his success with the Firefighters in the local softball circuit is any criterion, it's likely he'll make a contender out of the Giants. Pitching's one position he'll have trouble filling. Outside of Bernie Dore, who's the workhorse of the Giants, he hasn't a good righthander in sight. And the Halton league has always been a pitcher's circuit.

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ACTON HIGH'S THREE REPRESENTATIVES in the secondary school provincial track and field competitions in Waterloo Saturday didn't bring home any trophies, but rang up an enviable record against top competitors from all over Ontario. The Acton boys, John Gov Jr., Dave Ryder and Allan Hall, all winners in the C.W.O.S.S.A. "A" meet recently, competed in the pole vault, shot put and track events, respectively.

John Gov vaulted over the bar to a height of 12 feet and came in fourth in the intermediate division pole vault from a field representing the best in the province.

Using the new eight pound, 13 ounce shot put, for the first time, Dave Ryder ended up fifth with a heave — over 44 feet in the junior shot put competition.

Allan Hall, who set a new track record in the C.W.O.S.S.A. meet in Guelph wound up 13th in the only track event he entered in intermediate competition.

There were over 800 entries in the big meet from the largest high schools in Ontario. Many of the competitors had been coached by some of the best coaches in the province, including Lloyd Percival of Sports College.

Considering the Acton boys relied mainly on their own resources, they did exceptionally well in Saturday's events.

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BEAT BITS . . . Two Acton players with the Georgetown midget club in the Halton County Baseball Association are heading up the club's sluggers. Jan Riddall with two hits in three trips has a .666 average while Philip Marzo has seven safeties in 13 times at bat for a fine .530 average. Despite the high averages the papertowners now known as the White Sox, lost a 4-2 10-inning struggle Sunday to Burlington . . . Speaking of long ball games, how about the 23-inning struggle the New York Mets lost to the San Francisco Giants. It is equal to 2½ ball games, all for the price of one admission . . . Over 125 boys registered for minor league ball in Acton at the two registration sessions. Thirty girls also signed up for softball. The Legion minor sports committee and the Acton softball association are collaborating in sponsoring the program . . . Fifty-three-year-old Bungy Ward, well-known athlete from Georgetown, is playing for the Domtar entry in the Acton Softball Association. He walloped two triples Sunday against Dominion Hotel as his team lost 11-6 . . . Former Actonian Bill Somerville is also playing for Domtar, behind the plate. His two home runs last night (Wednesday) almost pulled the game out of the fire for Domtar . . . Softball Association hopes to have the floodlights installed by June 23rd . . .

T. Slaven Shoots Hot 83 Tops 65 Golfers in "Open"

An innovation this year at the Acton Open golf tournament was a class for junior duffers. This was won by Jimmie Bullough when he copped the Adams' trophy with a score of 103.

The tournament, held at Hilltop Golf and Country Club, Erin, attracted 65 golfers with tee-off time between 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. In spite of cool winds, golfers came in with good scores and everyone enjoyed a hot roast beef dinner at their leisure.

Other trophy winners included Terry Slaven, who won the J. Bert Wood trophy when he came in with a low gross score of 83; Andy Nolan and Julian Zajac tied for the J. B. Mackenzie trophy for the second low gross with a score of 86; Rev. A. H. McKenzie won the Roy Butler trophy for the golfer with a certified OGA handicap when he tallied 71 and John Weldon won the Acton Woodcraft trophy with a low net score of 68.

Some early starting golfers who finished up long before late arrivals completed 18 holes and started out again for another nine holes, while others challenged competitors on the putting green.

During the presentation of the prizes and trophies everyone gathered outside on the lawn with every competitor receiving a prize. Jim Cashburn kept records during the day, assisted by other members of the executive.

According to reports, the motorized golf cart was not used and every golfer either slung a golf bag over his shoulder or pulled a golf cart. A few new angles were added to the game of golf by some players and everyone had a wonderful time.

Staff Photo

GOLF CHAMPIONS who won trophies at the Acton Open tourney at Hilltop Golf and Country Club Saturday are shown above. Left to right are Julian Zajac, Andy Nolan, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Terry Slaven and Jim Bullough.

Daley Sinks a Birdie Firefighters Win 12-5

A bird is the word. A dead bird is absurd.

That's what's sharing the blame along with the Station Hotel crew for a 12-5 licking the innkeepers took at the hands of Firefighters at the north end of the tracks in town softball action Thursday.

Frank Daley twirling for the hook 'n' ladder crew hit the birdie with a pitch as it swooped in for a closer look at what was going on. Then the batter, Peavoy, slammed the pitch for a triple which was promptly disallowed by ump Jack Ballough who said the pitch was dead.

That call, complained the Station house gang, put them off their game and they wound up playing second fiddle.

Outhit

Firemen actually only outhit the losers by 10-9 with Eddie Phillips hurling an effective game but the Station Hotelers were prone to costly errors while the firemen's miscues came at less important times for pitcher Frank Daley.

Big Wilf Duval slammed out four singles in five trips to the plate to pace the winners with Scotty McCristall slashing out a pair of singles. C. Sheppard, lead off man for the losers, rapped three singles to spark their bats men with Johnny Dunn clouting a triple and a single. B. Sheppard also contributed a three bagger.

It was a game of absurdities. The fire siren blew just as the teams went into the last of the eighth and there it ended as the smoke eaters scurried to douse a blaze on Mill St.

		R	H	E
Firefighters	123 203 01x	12	10	2
Sta. Hotel	201 020 0xx	5	9	5

Firefighters — F. McCristall, D. Archibald, H. Townsley, B. Richmond, W. Duval, F. Daley, E. McGilloway, J. Krapek, F. Spielvogel.

Station Hotel — C. Sheppard, H. Lane, J. Dunn, G. Fricker, L. Peavoy, E. Phillips, G. Williamson, B. Sheppard, W. Sheppard.

Dominion Hotel Dumps Domtar

Dominion Hotel won their first game of the young softball season Sunday for new coach Tinny Masales, dumping Domtar, the Georgetown entry, 11-6, in a replay of the opening game which was called at the end of the second inning due to rain.

Dominion took an early 5-1 lead with a five-run second inning splurge, added three in the third, one in the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth. Domtar, meanwhile, plated a single in the second, scored two in the third, one in the fourth and chased two runs over in the fifth. They were blanked the rest of the way.

Fred Archibald went the route on the mound for the winners, spacing 11 hits, walking five and whiffing eight. He was never in real trouble while his mates pounded 16 hits from the offerings of R. Cunningham, Domtar's twirler.

Jeff Fryer and Dave Sproston paced Dominion's attack with three hits apiece, Sproston's including a home run, a double and single and Fryer knocking a double. Ben Bayliss and Leo McGilloway also had two apiece, one of Ben's a double.

53 - year - old Bungy Ward smashed two tremendous triples to lead the Georgetown plate parade with George and Dillon each contributing a pair of hits.

		R	H	E
Domtar	012 120 000	6	9	5
Dominion	053 110 10x	11	16	3

Domtar — P. Dillon c, T. Bludd 3b, D. Cunningham ss, C. Holmes 2b, Hamilton, Rolunson rf, B. Ward 1b, George cf, J. Golden lf, R. Cunninghant p.

Dominion Hotel — L. McGilloway 2b, R. Morton c, H. Leader 1b, J. Fryer cf, B. Bayliss 3b, F. Archibald p, B. Shultis, A. Nightingale lf, D. Sproston ss, J. Riddall, C. Peycha rf.

Domtar Rally in Ninth Scares Jittery Innkeepers

Georgetown Domtar almost salvaged a win in a contest which looked like a run-away for Station Hotel for eight innings last night (Wednesday) in A town softball league action.

The Domtars were trailing 14-7 as the teams went into the top of the ninth. Eddie Phillips on the innkeepers' mound, got the first batter but an error put Moggie on the sacks. Next batter flied out and it looked to be all over but the shouting.

Then boom — the roof fell in! Bill Somerville tagged his second four-master of the game, to start a Domtar rally and before D. Cunningham's line shot was pulled in at short, they had five runs. Final score 14-12.

The win was Station Hotel's first in the past two seasons. Indications are the Innkeepers will win more than their share this season, however. They've plugged up the weak spots on the club and added some players who can really powder the pill as well as acquiring Ed Phillips to head their mound staff.

Close Shave

It was a close shave for the Station gang who tallied five times in both the first and second frames to take a commanding lead. They chalked up four more in the fifth when Gord Fricker unloaded a towering homer into right field with the sacks full, but never scored after that.

Domtar continued to peck away at Ed Phillips all night. They collected 12 hits off Ed, two of them homers by Somerville, who also contributed a single. Bungy Ward was next in the parade with three singles.

On the credit side of the ledger, Phillips set down 10 losers on strikes, retiring the entire side in the sixth. Johnny Dunn aided his cause with three safeties, Fricker had two including his home run and R. Sheppard also tagged a four-bagger for Station Hotel, who got nine hits off two Georgetown hurlers. Moggie started but was shelled and replaced by J. Cunningham.

Six miscues did not help the Domtar cause, while the Innkeepers booted only one.

		R	H	E
Domtar	212 010 105	12	11	6
St'n. Hotel	550 040 00x	14	9	1

Domtar: Hamilton lf, J. Golden lf, Holmes 2b, B. Ward 1b, T. Bludd 3b, D. Cunningham ss, Moggie p rf, Peacock rf, P. Cunningham cf, B. Somerville c, J. Cunningham cf p.

Station Hotel: T. Sheppard rf, G. Williamson 2b, R. Sheppard ss, J. Dunn 1b, G. Fricker 3b, E. Phillips p, W. Sheppard cf, R. Wallis lf, F. Coles c.

Umpires: J. Casburn, C. Shultis.

Take time to be careful and be careful all the time.

Oaks Edge Merchants Third Loss in 4 Starts

After many seasons of literally dominating Halton County Intermediate play, the Campbellville Merchants are running into serious problems this year and they all appear to stem from the club's inability to bunch hits and come up with the big inning. This was quite evident last night, as the Merchants out-hit the Oakville Oaks eight hits to four, but nevertheless dropped their second consecutive decision and third game in their four outings.

Harry Hamilton went the distance for the Villagers and was charged with his first loss of the

Postpone Three Softball Tilts

Town league softball contests scheduled for Thursday evening and a double header Sunday afternoon this week have been postponed, league president Ted Pope disclosed Tuesday.

The Lions Club carnival starts a three-day run Thursday and the league does not want to conflict with it or Decoration Day Sunday.

Games will resume Tuesday night with the Legion playing Georgetown Domtar. Wednesday Dominion Hotel takes on the Firefighters.

Postponed games will be played at a later date.

Firefighters Nip I.G.A. 4-1

Three first inning runs off six hits were sufficient for Firefighters to eclipse a much improved I.G.A. club 4-1 Tuesday night in a well played town softball game which took only an hour and five minutes to play nine innings.

I.G.A. got one run back in the bottom of the first but the Firefighters nullified that by chalking up another in the top of the second.

Winning pitcher was Frank Daley who went all the way spacing seven hits, striking out seven and issuing one base on balls in the chilly weather which restricted fans to a scant few. Bruce Cargill on the mound for I.G.A. scattered 13 hits for the losers whiffing one and walking one.

Harold Townsley was Firefighters' big gun with three hits including a double while Scotty McCristall, Don Archibald, Daley and Ed McGilloway had two knocks apiece. One of Daley's was a two bagger.

Jim Casburn cracked out two safeties for the losers whose best blow — a triple — came from the bat of Denis Gibbons.

Firefighters — F. McCristall cf, D. Archibald lf, H. Townsley ss, F. Daley p, E. McGilloway 2b, W. Duval 3b, H. Dodds c, F. Spielvogel 1b, W. Spielvogel rf.

I.G.A. — Shannon lf, Woodhouse, D. Gibbons 2b, H. Deforest rf, Ball, J. Casburn ss, D. Black 3b, D. Willie 1b, B. Dawkins c, K. Maltby cf, B. Cargill p.

Umpires — C. Anderson, D. Stamp.

Merchants Lose

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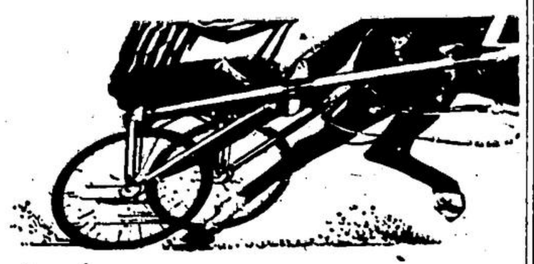

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