

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WEARING THE COLORS of the Guelph Legion Track Club, six athletes, four of them from Acton, chalked up another string of wins at the Windsor Legion Olympic Club's fourth annual age class tournaments at Windsor stadium last Friday and Saturday.

Dave Ryder and Alan Hall each came home clutching a trophy for first place finishes. Keith Ramsey, Steve Wondham and John McPhail came second in their events and Paul Murr finished fifth in the mile run for boys 17 and under.

Alan Hall, in the mile run for boys 17 and under, finished with a time of 4 minutes and 35 seconds to lead the pack. Dave Ryder tossed the shot put 46 feet, nine inches, in the 15 and under class to snuff the team's second first place finish. Both are Acton boys.

In the half-mile open race Keith Ramsey finished second with a time of one minute and 35 seconds for the third Acton win in the events. The two Guelph boys, Wondham and McGill also brought up second, Wondham in the 17 and under mile in four minutes and 37 seconds and McGill the half mile for 15 and under in 2:08.

The boys felt they would have had a good chance of figuring in the top team scoring if they had had more of their numbers out. Most of them plan to enter several more track and field meets this summer.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A FEW SURPRISES in the town softball league this season. The disbanding of UPWA Tanners and the relocation of players on some of the weaker teams has had the desired effect. The weak sisters of the circuit have suddenly become contenders.

Both the hotel teams, Station and Dominion, are a big improvement over their last year effort and it's going to take some doing to keep them out of the win column. IGA, after a poor opener, also can rate as a club to watch.

The new Georgetown entry has just been feeling its way in opening games, trying to gauge the strength of the six team circuit. They'll improve as they gain experience and add to their bench strength.

Most fans seem to feel the real argument this season will be between last year's champion Legionnaires and the Firefighters. The hook 'n' ladder crew have picked up two of the Tanners' best in Butch Richmond and Del Walters. Butch can pitch as well as play any infield position much better than average. Del is a threat every time he steps to the plate in addition to covering a lot of ground out in the right garden.

Jack Bullough's Legionnaires are pulling the same stunt they did last year, winning easily one game and then falling apart for other contests. A lot will depend on how pitcher John Salmon goes for their success. Monday's game demonstrated this, especially when Salmon wasn't in the line-up.

Firefighters, however, are not looking forward to the installation of arc lights. They remember their performance under the arc in the finals last season and who can blame them if they have doubts about how well they'll do under similar circumstances.

ONE CANNOT HELP being an interested observer of major league baseball, especially if you're addicted to Saturday and Sunday afternoon TV. Here we are, hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of miles from the scene, but we're still able to watch the best baseball in the world simply by spinning a dial.

If you watch it enough you realize the players, like their fellow humans, have their ups and downs. Sometimes they'll handle everything that comes their way in the fielding department. The next time out some of the same club will be kicking balls all over the field like some bumbling amateurs.

The pitching platoon will have its "good" days and its "bad" ones. Often seven or eight hurlers will be injected into the line-up through the length of a contest. Relievers they call them.

We were especially interested in a statement by Lefty Gomez on a recent sports program about some baseball's 20 game win. Lefty frankly admits in his heyday with the Yanks, much of the credit for his success was due to an unsung reliever, name of Murphy. Lefty would get himself in trouble and the bullpen would send in Murphy to bail him out. The papers would credit Gomez with the win if he was ahead when he left the mound. Murphy might get a mention.

Replying to a question, Lefty said that's the way he figures most of the big pitching winners still stay up there. The combination of a good starter with a fireball bench jockey is almost unbeatable.

It's uncommon for a former big leaguer to soft pedal his own efforts while praising the efforts of his subordinates — especially after retirement. Gomez's humility is uncommon in the professional sports scene where most athletes try to enshrine their own exploits and play down others' accomplishments.

BEAT BITS ... Industrial hockey league is going to wind up another successful season on Saturday, June 20th, 6:30 p.m. with their annual dinner at the Dominion Hotel. Highlights of the evening will be the presentation of trophies. All players are asked to be on hand. Campbellville Merchants, perennially at the top of the Halton County intermediate baseball totem, are tied for second spot at the moment with Hamilton, behind Oakville Oaks. Got your ticket for the Y's Men's Regatta? It's only a week from Saturday and promises to be another fine day of hydroplane racing with plenty of thrills and spills. Fairy Lake has a full tub of water in store for the event. The new mercury vapor light apparatus is installed on the poles ready to raise at the earliest possible moment. Won't be long till you can watch softball under the arcs. Softball Association hopes the opening will be on June 23rd. ... Executive to both the Softball Association and the Legion Minor Sports Committee for taking over minor ball for both boys and girls this summer. ... Be nice to see Acton represented in the Halton County Baseball Association next season in both intermediate and minor. ... Tennis instructors George Elliott and George Lee had a full complement of youngsters on hand for lessons at the Mill St. courts Monday. ... Friday the employees of this family journal join with the Canadian Champion staff and the boxes for nine holes of golf at Hilltop's course in Erin. It's an annual outing and some of us have been practicing replacing divots which seems to take up much of the outing's time. If history repeats itself, there'll be more balls lost than sunk into the elusive cavities on the greens.

Playground Leaders, Assistants Attend Brampton Training Camp

Playground leaders this summer will be Donna Landborough, Jill Hurst and David Lidka. Two more leaders-in-training are yet to be chosen.

All five will attend a five-day training session at Camp Navell, Brampton, sponsored by the Recreation Directors Association of West Central Ontario, beginning June 31. Including staff, there will be 233 there.

Donna and Jill, who were leaders here last year, will be the intermediate course. New leader David Lidka and the two assistants will be in the elementary classes. Recreation director Jim Casburn will act as director of the intermediate course.

Start July 6

Playground activities begin here July 6. Donna and David will be at the park and Jill at

Seven Legion Bobbles Dominions Pound Out 24-10 Win

When you're top dog for a season everybody and their uncle wants to knock you off the pedestal.

The Legion softball squad found it out Monday night when Dominion Hotel, tail-enders most of last season, rose and smote Legionnaires 24-10 in town league play.

Bullough belted Without John Salmon, the rapid-firing hurler who pitched them to the league title last season, Legionnaires were just another softball team as far as the innkeepers were concerned. They rattled 17 safeties off the offerings of Jack (Pop) Bullough, who was recruited to fill the big vacancy on the mound left by Salmon.

Looked Close It looked at first as if the game was going to be a close one when the Legion took a 1-1 first inning lead. Dominion got one back in the second but the dam broke in the fourth when the innkeepers

Legionnaires also threw in plated four runs and went ahead to stay.

Their big gun was Fred Archibald who smashed out four singles. He was closely pursued by Jan Riddall with three hits, Leo McGiloway, Ross Morton, Howie Leader and Chev Pescha with two apiece.

Brian McCristall rapped out three safeties for the losers, while Gary Marsha, Dan Arbie and John Leatherland had two apiece.

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Dominion Hotel — L. McGilloway 2b, R. Morton c, H. Leader 1b, P. Fryer cf, Shultz cf, M. B. Marsha 3b, F. Archibald p, D. Spruston ss, Jan Riddall lf, C. Pescha rf.

Legion — B. McCristall cf, G. Marsha ss, W. Marshall cf, D. Arbie lf, R. Holmes c, J. Leatherland 1b, Jim Bullough 3b in 6th, D. Price 1b, T. Maxales 2b, Jack Bullough p.



ACTON CITIZENS' BAND'S stirring drum section is shown in action marching to Fairview Cemetery Sunday for the Decoration Day service. Bandsmen led the first division of the parade which started from Fellow Street near the C.N.R. tracks. Traditional scarlet geraniums were planted at graves of loved ones who are buried in Dublin and Fairview cemeteries. Acton Ministerial Association conducted the brief service at Fairview.

Merchants Tie for Second Place Dave Hefferman Stops Cardinals

Campbellville climbed into a second place tie with Hamilton when they defeated the Cardinals in Campbellville on Sunday by a score of 7-1. Both teams have identical won 4 lost 3 records and are 1/2 a game behind the league leading Oakville Oaks.

Hefferman Wins Young Dave Hefferman, Campbellville's rookie pitcher went the route for the first time this year to give him a 2-1 record. He allowed six scattered hits, struck out one and walked one. Dan Cherway, the ace of the Hamilton staff took the loss. He was relieved in the seventh by Jack Lee. Between them they allowed seven runs off eight hits. They walked seven and struck out four. Campbellville won the game in the first inning when Wingrove led off with a walk and scored

ahead of Henderson who promptly blasted a home run over the left field fence to gain Campbellville a 2-0 lead. The home team made it 3-0 in the fifth when Wingrove singled and alertly scored all the way from first on Henderson's double down the third base line.

The seventh was Campbellville's big inning. Chester walked and went to second on Wingrove's single. Moore's single off the pitcher's foot loaded the bases with two out and then Cairn's single drove in two runs and Dredge's triple two more.

De Marche singled to open the ninth for Hamilton. He advanced to second on an infield out and scored when Reynolds singled with two out for Hamilton's only run.

Tanzuzi, Nash, DeMarche, Wil-

son, Reynolds and Russell all singled for Hamilton. For Campbellville Stan Henderson homered and doubled, Elmer Dredge tripled and singled. Al Wingrove singled twice and Earl Cairns and Ken Moore both singled.

Footnotes — Because of injuries to Stu King and Bill Elliot, Campbellville had to come up with a revamped line-up. Dredge moved over to short, Henderson went from third to second, Moore came in from right field to play third and Wingrove was flanked in the outfield by Chester and McPhail.

Campbellville's next home game will be Sunday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m., with Milton supplying the opposition.

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Undeclared Doms Defeat Firemen in 11 Innings

Dominion Hotel pulled their second upset of the week in town league softball by edging the strong Firefighter squad 4-3 in an 11-inning marathon last night (Wednesday). Fans hailed the contest as the best to date in the six-team circuit. Firefighters rallied to knot the contest at 2-2 in the ninth inning after trailing by a run.

Both clubs scored in the 10th frame, to tie the score again at 3-3. The 11th inning saw Leo McGiloway scurry home from first with the winner when Howie Leader's ground ball into centre eluded the fielder.

Fredy Archibald hurled the innkeepers to the victory, spacing 10 hits over the distance, while Frank Daley went the route on the mound for Firefighters. He was touched for 15 safeties, a figure hotly disputed by the losers.

A big factor in the Dominion victory was the fielding of Howie Leader, who pulled in the long Firefighter shots deep in the garden.

It was the second win this week for Tinny Maxales' hotelers and firmly secures them in first place with three wins and no losses.

Legionnaires, their first victims this week, bounced back the very next night (Tuesday) when they ran to an easy 12-2 win over Georgetown Donmar.

John Salmon was on the hill for the Legion, Ross Cunningham for Donmar.

Sox, Village Battle to Tie

A run scoring single in the seventh and final inning earned the Campbellville Merchants a 6-6 tie with Milton Red Sox last night (Wednesday) as the long time arch rivals squared off for the first time this season. It was an uphill battle for the Merchants as they had to overcome a 6-1 Milton lead at the end of the first inning.

Rookie Sox left-hander Ronnie Naylor cooled the hefty Merchant bats for the first four innings, but a walk, a triple and two costly infield errors accounted for three Village tallies in the fifth and brought in Andrew's crew within striking distance.

In the seventh inning Stan Henderson tripled and scored on Earl Cairn's single to deadlock the contest before reliever Nip Gervais bore down and revived the side. In the bottom of the inning the Sox were unable to score and the umpires called the game on account of darkness.

Harry Hamilton pitched the distance for the Villagers and had all his trouble in the first inning as four walks, a single by Bill Currie, a balk and a bases loaded double by Ronnie Naylor cleared the sacks and gave the Sox six runs for the inning.

Campbellville scored once in the first on a walk, an error and a single by Stan Henderson; three more times in the fifth on a walk, a triple by Elmer Dredge and two infield errors and finally in the seventh when Stan Henderson tripled and scored on Earl Cairn's single.

Ronnie Naylor and Nip Gervais shared the pitching duties for Milton with Naylor hurling five and a third innings and allowing five runs, Gervais pitched the final inning and two-thirds and allowed a run. Doug McCutcheon was the defensive stand-in in the game with several spectacular plays from his outfield post.

Harry Hamilton hurled the entire contest for the Villagers and allowed only four hits, two singles to Billy Currie, a double to Ronnie Naylor and a single to Doug McCutcheon.

Stan Henderson had a single and a triple for Campbellville, Ken Moore had two singles, Elmer Dredge had a triple and Larry McPhail and Harry Hamilton had singles to round out the eight hit Merchant attack.

The teams will square off again on Sunday in Campbellville, game time is 2:30 p.m.

Ball for Kids This Summer

The kids will have a real ball this summer, both hard and soft, thanks to the Legion Minor Sports and the Acton Softball Association.

Two registrations produced enough personnel to staff:

- Four teams of boys, ages 7 to 10, to play hardball under the supervision of the Legion committee.
- Three teams of girls, ages 10 to 14, to play softball.

The Softball Association is out scouting for sponsors to help carry some of the financial burden of the enterprise which they would otherwise have to furnish out of collections at town league games. Biggest expense will be sweat shirts.

Stu King Injured Roberts Chucks Village Win

Campbellville came from behind in the last two innings on Thursday night to defeat Dundas 7-1. Veteran Jack Roberts went the route for Campbellville and pitched a brilliant game as he held the home team to one unearned run off four hits. He struck out nine and walked two.

Jim Brooks hurled five innings for Dundas, Larry Wilson one and one-third innings and Terry Litzen two-thirds of an inning. Wilson, who lamed Campbellville four days previously, was the loser.

Stu King Injured Although the victory was sweet to a Campbellville team that has been fighting an all-day season slump, it was also very costly, as Stu King, the Halton League's All Star shortstop in 1963, was sidelined for an indefinite period when he was hit in the face by a pitched ball by Larry Wilson in the seventh inning. The unfortunate accident resulted in a fractured cheekbone for the Campbellville star, who was rushed immediately to St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton.

Arnold opened the bottom of the first for Dundas by slinging down the third base line. Martin was safe on an error but Joyce threw Arnold out at second. A walk put men on first and second again and Don McPhail's single to short right drove in a run.

The Score This run held up for five innings, although Campbellville picked up four hits over that period and left six men on base. With one out in the top of the sixth, Earl Cairns was safe on an error. Henderson then singled and both advanced on a passed ball. Joyce struck out but made first when his third strike got away from the catcher. Larry McPhail's single then drove in the tying run.

With one out in the top of the seventh, Dredge beat out an infield single for his third hit of the game and Wingrove walked. At this point Stu King was hit in the face by the pitched ball. Letter ran for Jim with the bases loaded. Cairns hit to the third base man, but they failed to get Dredge at the plate on what proved to be the winning run. Henderson also hit to third but this time they got the runner at home for the second out.

Two Runs Joyce's single then drove in two runs. McPhail was hit by the pitcher, to load the bases again and Litzen replaced Wilson on the mound for Dundas. Robert's walk, to force in the fourth run of the inning, then Moore's single drove in two more, to make it 7-1.

Arnold, McPhail, McPhail and Martin all singled for Dundas. Elmer Dredge hit three singles for Campbellville. Joyce had two hits and Moore, Henderson, Cairns and McPhail all singled once.

Badenoch Wins

Badenoch Intermediates remained undefeated this week, as they trounced Centre Inn 9-1 for their fifth victory in six starts.

The Badenoch entry, competing in a league with Arkle, Aberfoyle, Eden Mills, Centre Inn and Hillsburg, have tied one game so far this season.

The team is paced by ace hurler Don Aubin and John Gilmer, Ronnie Inglis and Billy Henning also see pitching action. Red McLean had a homer and a triple and Ray Brown, Kenny Samson and Don McMillan each had triples as Aubin held Centre Inn to only five hits for the Badenoch victory on Monday night.

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