



## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WITH OVER FIVE WEEKS of the town softball schedule played, the six teams are giving fans some idea of how the circuit is going to shape up for the playoffs.

It looks like there'll be a struggle for first place between last year's champion Legionnaires and the Firefighters. For a while last year's champion Hotel would be in there fighting for a spot of first but they've faded lately and unless they regain the winning touch will likely fight it out for the second slot.

There's little to choose between the two top contenders. The Legion squad is a youth movement with lots of zip. They don't give anything away and they continually draw winners when they're on the base paths which, when the opposition is shaky, tends to keep the other team on the defensive. They've got one of the best pitchers in the league and they hit away like they mean it. Under the arcs they're going concern.

Firefighters, on the other hand, are largely veterans of diamond wars. They can hit, field and have the winningest pitcher in league history. They've been handicapped for some games by the non-appearance of two of their best players who reside in Guelph but they've still been winning consistently. The big question for the firemen is how they'll do under the lights against younger, sharper bats.

Dominion Hotel started the season off toppling the league giants and looking very much like they might be the dark horse of the circuit. For the past two weeks, however, the innkeepers have been floundering. The power there, the ability also, but the coordination is missing. It's possible that the Hotel, and the Stationers, can get them clicking again. If they do, watch out.

Station-Hotel, the patners of the league last season, are no pushovers this year. They've picked up some players and are strengthened all around. There's some rough edges to be honed but the Stationers will give any team in the league a going over when they're hitting on all cylinders.

I.G.A.'s counter bids are a big question mark. When they've got a full team out like Station Hotel, they can handle almost anything in the league. But the occasions when I.G.A. has had a full complement of players on hand have been few and far between. Dave Manes says his club is going through a rebuilding stage.

The new Georgetown Duxstar entry has been plagued by errors and it seems to this fuzzer-checked scribe a couple of new players would not be amiss. They can hit, have fairly good pitching but have tossed wise away with careless throws and big fat bobbles both in the infield and out. If they can overcome their blunders it's possible they could catch a piece of third place in their first season in the league.

**BEAT BITS**... Another protest is in the offing for the grievance committee of the softball association. It concerns a player for Dominion Hotel. It will have to be laid aside, however, until two-thirds of the grievance committee return from hospital. Both Norm Marston and Doreen Fargill are hospitalized but expect to be home soon. Girls and Boys 10 years and over who registered to play softball are requested to be at the park next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to get the league organized. The Legion minor sports committee organized teams Monday night and expect to play their first games next Monday. The public address system has added much to the flavor of softball under the arcs. Fall can't be far away. The pro football teams have been in training for the past month.

### Dave Ryder Tosses Shot 47'6" Places Second at A.A.U. Meet

Acton boys continue to rack up honors for the Guelph Legion Track Club.

Friday afternoon, Dave Ryder topped second place in the mid-put shot put event at the A.A.U. of Canada, Ontario age class championships at Oshawa, to bring home more honors for the Guelph club.

Dave was behind the eight ball up to the time of his third throw, having been disqualified on his first two for delivering over the circle. His third, the only heave which counted, qualified him among the first six competitors for the official final three throws.

First place winner, D. Crosby, a protégé of Don Mills' famous coach, Lloyd Percival, will represent Ontario in the national finals at Winnipeg this summer.

Dave, runner-up, received his A. A. U. of Canada crest when he beat the national standard for mid-put shot put. It's 45 feet. Dave's toss went 47 feet, six inches, with the new 4 lb., 13 oz. shot.

Dave, along with other Acton boys in the Guelph club, will continue to compete in meets across the province this summer.

### Two Games Under Arcs

Although the official opening of the new floodlights was on last night (Wednesday), two town league games were played Monday and Tuesday under the arcs.

Both were one-sided contests with the league leading Firefighters downing an error-ridden Donstar club 13-4 Monday and second place Legion winning a third place Dominion Hotel 15-4 Tuesday.

Frank Daley spun a smart three hitter for the firemen in Monday's game, striking out 17 Donstar batters and issuing three passes. Two of the Donstar hits were home runs by Jim Golden and Jim Cunningham.

Twelve juicy errors helped the Firefighter cause, which was headed by the bats of Harold Townsley and Wilf Duval, each with three hits out of 12 pitched from J. Cunningham.

In Tuesday's contest, Legion batters had no trouble with a shaky Dominion Hotel club whose fielding was below par. John Salmon buried a four hit for the winners, with Fred Archibald the loser on 15 Legion hits.

Twenty mistakes bugged a hot Legion while Ross McCrellan smacked a four, bagging the Dominion.



**OFFICIAL OPENING** for floodlights at Acton Park took place Wednesday evening following a parade of ball players down Mill St. to the park, led by Acton Citizens' Band. During the ribbon cutting ceremony representatives from council, parks board, recreation committee and Acton agricultural society took part. Left to right are Jack Bullough, chairman of the recreation committee, councillors Mrs. George Fryer and Alec Johnson, Reeve H. H. Hinton, mayor Les Doby, councillors Albert Irwin and Hamilton Peel, fair board director Ab Robinson and parks board chairman Cliff Bradley.

## Town Fathers Open Arcs Officially Acton Win Delights Holiday Crowd

Official opening of the new floodlit softball diamond attracted a crowd of nearly a thousand Dominion Day holidayers to the park last night (Wednesday) to see the opening ceremonies and all the attendant hoopla.

The sparkling new mercury vapour lights were turned on by Mayor Les Doby, who cut the official ribbon before the recreation committee chairman Jack Bullough and parks board chairman Cliff Bradley. Reeve Bert Hinton pulled the switch simultaneously.

First ball was thrown by Reeve Hinton with Mayor Doby at bat and softball association past president Dave Manes behind the plate. The mayor got hold of the second pitch and his blopper was pulled in by the receive.

**All Stars Win**

To cap the night, Acton softball All Stars walloped Milton Meeters, the leading team in the Milton league, 15-5, in a ding-dong battle which had just about everything in it, including a rare triple play.

The evening started off with a parade to the park from Elgin St. with Acton Citizens' Band leading Acton Softball All Stars, who were picked, three from each team, from the six town leagues.

The All Stars lined up on the diamond with members of the Recreation Committee, the Parks Board, Agricultural Society and the Softball Association executive.

Master of ceremonies Jim Casburn introduced the officials, who included Mayor Doby, Reeve Hinton, Parks Board chairman Cliff Bradley, Councillors Alec Johnson, Mrs. George Fryer, Ab Irwin, Ham Peel, Recreation Committee chairman Jack Bullough, Fair Board representative A. Robinson and the Softball Association executive headed by president Ted Pope and

managed by Mick Holmes, tied it up in the third with a ringing triple by 35-year-old Don gy Ward being the big blow.

Recreation director Jim Casburn put the All Stars ahead in the fourth with a bases, empty home run, only to see Milton tie it up again in the fifth on a hunt which saw Hills run the circuit on an overthrust over first into right field.

**All Acton**

From that point, it was an Acton game. The All Stars kicked in four more runs in the sixth on as many singles, added two in the seventh and finished off into a four run lead on five hits in the second inning. The All Stars, coached by Ed Phillips, a two run homer to set it off.

Butch Richmond's circus catch that retired the side in the top of the fourth was a big stumbling block to the Milton club. Butch just managed to get out of the ball in deep left field. The ball popped out of his hands, but he retrieved it before it hit the ground.

Milton manager Primo Rigo who was a stormy petrel all night for the visitors, was finally ejected from the game by umpires Gord James and Dave Stamp for protesting almost every decision. He started Kearney on the mound and finished up with Rolley, a fireball hurler. Fred Archibald started on the hill for Acton and he was lifted in favor of John Salmon in the second. Frank Daley finished up. The All Stars had 15 runs off 15 hits, while Milton collected five runs off 11 hits.

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**CASEY AT THE BAT?** - Not quite, but Mayor Les Doby showed he still had a keen eye when he cracked out a pitch by Reeve H. H. Hinton during the official opening of the floodlights at the park Wednesday. This posed picture shows the mayor at bat, Dave Manes, chairman of the floodlight committee catching and Reeve Hinton calling the pitches. A large crowd was on hand to see the ceremony.

### Birthday Win

Campbellville took over sole possession of first place by a slight half game margin on Saturday when they defeated Milton 10-2. The game was part of the Village's 50th Anniversary celebrations and was played under ideal weather conditions.

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## Two Lopsided Victories In Sunday Doubleheader

Two decisive victories went down in the town softball league books after Sunday's doubleheader.

Stung by the mauling they took from I.G.A. the previous Thursday, Dominion Hotel downed Georgetown Donstar 15-7 in the opener. Ahead 5-1 until the eighth, the innkeepers added 10 runs in the last two innings to win in a gallop.

The second half of the town bill was a pushover for the Legion crew. They downed I.G.A. 14-1 behind the two hit pitching of starter Gary Masales and reliever John Salmon.

**17 Runners**

Seventeen safely rattled off the bats of the Dominion in the first game while Donstar collected nine from Fred Archibald ball-crow of the innkeepers' pitching platform.

Key blow of the hit listter was Ross Morton's grand slam home run in the eighth which broke the game wide open for the winners. Previously they had to struggle to maintain a two run margin over the papermakers.

Jeff Fryer supplied the heavy artillery for the victors with a homer and three singles. The round tripper and one single came during the eighth when the visitors started to wear down under the constant battering.

Two big performances were registered by Ross Morton, Archibald and Ches Pescha with Bruce Shultis hitting a pair of doubles as well as contributing as many singles.

Cunningham had a pair of doubles for the losers.

**Unearned Run**

Unable to put two wins together all season portly, Mel Jordan's I.G.A. squad scored an unearned first inning run and then fell prey to a two hitter tossed by the Legion's two pitch crew, Masales and Salmon.

Gary Masales started on the hill and went the first four and a half innings lanning five and allowing one hit for coach papa Owen. He was the victim of I.G.A.'s only marker scored on every decision. He started Kearney on the mound and finished up with Rolley, a fireball hurler. Fred Archibald started on the hill for Acton and he was lifted in favor of John Salmon in the second. Frank Daley finished up. The All Stars had 15 runs off 15 hits, while Milton collected five runs off 11 hits.

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Overworked Bruce Cargill hurled the first seven frames for the losers with Ken Allan going in relief. Seventeen safeties were knocked from their offerings, Cargill bearing the brunt of the Legion attack.

A four run outburst in the second frame started the winners rolling on five hits and a pair of errors. They added two in the fourth one in each of the fifth and sixth and finished with a six run explosion in the eighth.

Jim Bullough headed the Legion hit parade with four safe smacks including a double. Wayne Marshall pitcher Salmon and Brian McCrellan rapped out two singles with one of Brian's bases empty home run smacks. Fred Thompson only hit safely once but it was a three run triple in the eighth.

**Merchants Edge Cardinals in 11th**

A belted hunt by Don Joyce in the bottom of the eleventh inning scored a runner from second base and enabled the Cardinals to capture an exciting 10-9 extra inning victory over the Hamilton Cardinals in the village yesterday. The Merchants battled from behind throughout most of the game to gain the win and allow them to maintain a firm hold on first place in the most exciting Hamilton Intermediate "flag" battle in many a summer.

Al Wingrove had two singles and a double for Campbellville. Stan Henderson singled, Earl Cairns had two singles and a homer, Ken Moore doubled and singled, Elmer Dredge and Stu King singled once. Dave Heffernan had a three run homer and Don Joyce had three one base blows.

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Children must be 6 years of age at the time of the course.

For office use only: Course ..... Time .....

## NOTICE...

Girls and Boys 10 years and over who registered to play softball are requested to be at the park on TUESDAY, JULY 7th

AT 6:30 P.M.

to be organized into teams

- ACTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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