



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

MINOR SPORTS is a subject which we could eulogize on for many weeks in this column. Just about everybody's got their own opinions on what's best for the kids.

How many people really know what a minor sports program entails, however, aside from the usual activity of organizing the sport and keeping it running. Behind the scenes there is often more than meets the eye.

Take the minor hockey program run by Acton Legion's minor sports committee last season. Recently we had the opportunity to glimpse the figures kept by Legion treasurer Gord McCutcheon on the past town league hockey year. They were an eye-opener for two reasons.

One was the amount of money spent to run the Saturday afternoon hockey. The other was the amount of detail involved in keeping the league cohesive and the figures in the ledgers balanced.

THE LEGION BUDGETS about \$1,500 a season to operate town league hockey. Ice time rental takes almost half that amount—\$700. Equipment eats up about 300 swappers while insurance for the players costs in the neighborhood of \$250.

The banquet, an attraction looked forward to every season by the players, usually runs up a bill of \$100. Cleaning of uniforms absorbs nearly half a century note while trophies and crests run around \$75 per annum.

That leaves about \$40 for incidentals like whistles and those items which creep into anyone's budget in spite of careful management and absence of frills. The Legion is committed to raise at least \$500 each season to break even on the league. They do this by various ways including draws and events like last year's N.H.L. Old Timers' appearance here.

Last season the Legion committee had an extra task in running the Four Town Tourney in conjunction with the Acton Minor Hockey Association. For that one day of operation expenses for meals, ice time, crests, a permit, advertising, etc. amounted to \$505. Fortunately for both the Legion minor hockey group and the A.M.H.A. both realized a tidy profit from the very successful tournament.

Has the Legion league any special program for the coming season? we asked the treasurer. We'd like to complete our purchase of sweaters so all sets are new, said Gord. Two sets of sweaters were donated last year with no soliciting done. We don't ask for money or donations.

The summer hall program is another thing altogether. Base ball or softball don't take the money or the equipment hockey involves.

One thing the treasurer didn't mention is the hours spent by the volunteer coaches and managers and members of the Legion minor sports executive. That can't be measured in dollars.

BEAT BYTES . . . We had to sooner done chronicling the feat of young Dave Ryder in heaving the shot put 47'6" at a track and field meet in Oshawa when the 15-year-old Acton boy ups and tosses the shot 54'7" in a meet last Wednesday in Don Mills. Again Dave finished second to highly-touted D. Crook, the Don Mills protege of Lloyd Perival, but he narrowed the gap between them by seven feet and earned him a trophy as well as a feature spot on a TV show. Dave got a medal for his performance . . . **Russians are rifle** Mohawk Raceway may start up again in September and keep going for 92 racing days. An electrician's strike at the new St. Catharines' racing plant is delaying the opening and making other arrangements necessary for the harness horses . . . **Three teams** of girls and as many teams of boys were organized Tuesday by the softball association as their contribution to minor sports this summer . . . **Sure would like to see more All-Star** games like last Wednesday's floodlight opener. It would give the fans a chance to see how the local talent stacks up against neighboring teams. Judging by their performance against unbeaten Milton Meters they should do quite well . . . **With a wall** of 11 feet six inches John Goy Jr. won the pole vault for senior men at the Ontario Track and Field championships at Hamilton Saturday. The young Acton athlete wore the colors of the Guelph Legion Track Club . . . **Jan Riddall and Phillip Marso**, both with Georgetown's baseball midgets are batting .500 and .448 respectively. Riddall has 10 r.b.i.'s, Marso seven and 3 positions on the squad . . . **Riddall has 10 r.b.i.'s**, Marso seven and 3 positions on the squad . . . **Pete Lawson** is playing shortstop for Georgetown Giants in the Actonians Denis Gibbons, Jim and Don Lindsay . . . **Sweaters** will be given out and boys and girls 10-15 will start their softball schedule next Tuesday . . . **Exhibition softball** this Sunday afternoon at the park when the town league champions and current league leaders, the Legion, take on Johnson Motors of Brampton. The visitors lead the flower town fastball circuit . . .

Our Readers Write

Dear Sir, Statistics produced by the Council of Nassagaweya made part of the front page of the "Canadian Champion" and "Acton Free Press" look like the ads put out by unethical used car dealers or fly-by-night food freezer plant operators. In essence these statistics mean, "People of Nassagaweya, we (the Council) can give you a new \$70,000 Municipal Building for only \$44,000 and don't forget, you already have a \$15,000 gift certificate. On the other hand that old building some of you can have renovated for \$7,000 will cost us \$36,000 to renovate."

In a further statement Council said they do not recognize Mrs. Newton's Centennial Committee. To me that means Council has the unmitigated gall not to recognize the 325 people who signed the petition circulated by these ladies. Council also stated another committee will be formed (presumably a committee who will bend to the will of the Council). At a Council meeting July 6, I questioned Reeve Coulter about the petition circulated by Mrs. Newton's committee and he informed me that some people had expressed regret at signing the petition. Apparently some people were stupid enough to sign something they didn't fully understand, or after reading figures produced by Council, they had doubts about the figures stated by the Ladies' Committee. At this same meeting I asked Mrs. Newton if anyone had come forward to have their name removed from the petition for either of the above reasons. She replied, "No".

The issue seems to rest on cost and suitability of Number 3 School, cost of the proposed new building or whether Brookville Hall will suffice until such time as Nassagaweya is annexed, and the cost of administration buildings is borne over a



WALLOPING THAY BALL, Doug McGilloway was off and running at the playground program at the park. Catcher was Danny McGilloway and the umpire John McCraig. In the outfield a befuddled player, running right off of his thongs, called, "Hey, are you on my team?"

By the Light of Lamps

Station Hotel Wins, Loses

Softball under the lights is the new attraction for sports fans in Acton and they're flocking to the park in increasing numbers to watch the six team town league juggle for position.

Last Thursday night they were treated to a thriller when Station Hotel came from behind to upset Georgetown Donmar 8-7 in the ninth inning. Sunday's sunshine twin bill didn't draw nearly as well as Tuesday night's duel under the arched night sky.

The Firefighters score nine runs in the third inning and easily win 15-7 over the Station Hotelers thus redeeming themselves for the whacking they took Sunday.

Trailing 7-5 as they went into the final frame Thursday, the umpkeepers from just this side of the tracks raced over home three times in the bottom half to shade the Georgetown club who looked like a shoo-in. Johnny Dunn, the growing boy who tends the initial sack for the Stationers, raced home with the winning run to whoops of delight, hair-raising and back-thumping from his mates. Earlier Jan Riddall stole home with the tying run after emptying Bob Shepherd off the sacks with a three base knock. John Dunn got on base courtesy of a hit by the pitcher, Eddie Phillips who pitched a six-hitter for the winners, rapped a ball into right. When Rae Wallis' scorcher was bobbed at short, Dunne romped in with the winner.

It was a hard one for Donmar to lose. Despite whiffing 16 times to Eddie Phillips, the Georgetown crew tried hard for their second win of the season. Hamilton went the distance on the mound for them allowing 12 hits; one a home run by Gord Fricker in the eighth with no one on base.

Don Cunningham was the only Donmar player to hit for more than one base. He doubled.

The Shepherds, Bob Farmer and Wayne, and Ed Phillips each contributed two hits to the winners' parade.

Firemen on Fire Anxious to show Sunday's loss to the Legion which tumbled them out of first place was a mistake. Firefighters took it out on the third place Station Hotel club Tuesday. Nine runs skeddaddled over the plate in the third for the hose toters which added to a pair in the opening frame gave them a big advantage right from the start.

Fearless Frank Daly pitched the distance for the winners, recovered from his Sunday white wash. Frank lanned 10 of the hotellers and allowed 13 hits. Gord Fricker was the most consistent of the Stationers with four hits in five trips, one a bases-empty homer which is fast becoming the respected backstop's trademark.

For the winners it was a home run picnic with Don Archibald, Johnny Krapek and Harold Townsley all circling the circuit on four ply smashes at the expense of Doug Vickery on the losers' mound. Doug gave up 16 hits over the route.

Harold Townsley led the hit parade with a three-for-five which included his homer, a double and a single. Ed McGilloway contributed three singles while Johnny Krapek and Don Archibald had two hits apiece, a home run and a single. Bob Bruce rapped a two-run triple as well as singling.

George Williamson had a pair of hits for the losers following closely in Gord Fricker's spike marks.

With two doubles and a pair of singles Terry Waterhouse battled four-for-six for the winners, pitcher John Salmon had a homer and two singles and Gary Maxwell collected a single in addition to his home run.

Eldon (Butch) Richmond stretched one of the five safeties the firemen pilfered from Salmon into a double, the only extra base blow for the losers.

Hitting Hotellers Urged by coach Mel (the big M) Shepherd to extend themselves, Station Hotel went on a 13-hit rampage against their fellow hostellers. Three of them were home runs in the 10-8 victory.

Fredy Archibald tossed the route for the losers while Eddie Phillips scattered 12 hits for the winning Station Hotel, sending nine down on strike outs. Archie whiffed five.

Dominions made a bid to overcome a deficit but fell short in spite of two runs in both the eighth and ninth.

Big guns for the victors were Johnny Dunn, Ed Phillips and Gord Fricker. Dunn went .800 at the plate with a four for five which included a two-run homer, a double and two singles. Phillips also hit for the circuit as well as doubling. Gord Fricker homered with one on and singled, Wayne Shepherd had a pair.

Three for five Jeff Fryer sparked Dominions at the plate with two doubles and a single. Ben Daviss had a double and two singles, pitcher Archibald slammed a triple in the eighth.

League Leading Merchants Blast Tail-End Giants 19-3

First place Campbellville Merchants trounced the last place Georgetown Giants by a 19-3 score in Campbellville on Sunday afternoon. The league leaders pounded out 22 hits off hurlers Jim Lindsay and Jim McGill as well as picking up six walks. On the other hand, Harry Hamilton and Jack Roberts allowed but five hits while walking six, hitting one batter and striking out nine.

Campbellville sewed the game up in the first inning when they jumped into a 6-0 lead on two walks and an error plus Ken Moore's single. Dredge's single, Felter's double and Harry Zuleron's single. Another scored in the second when Wingrove singled, went to second on an infield out and scored on Henderson's double. Campbellville made it 9-0 in the third by virtue of consecutive home runs by Wingrove and Moore. At the end of the fourth it was 11-0 as Campbellville solved two more on a walk, Zuleron's single, a fielder's choice and King's single.

A hit batter, a stolen base, a passed ball and a fielder's choice gave Georgetown their first run in the fifth but Campbellville came back with six in their half to make it 17-1 as Moore, Cairns, Henderson and Dredge hit consecutive singles. Then two walks, a single by King and Moore's double completed the fifth inning barrage.

Campbell Homers Georgetown scored two in the top of the sixth when Tom James was safe on an error and scored ahead of Bill Campbell who hit a homer over the right field fence. In the bottom of the sixth Earl Cairns homered to make it 18-1 in favor of Campbellville and the home team scored the final run of the game in the seventh when King singled, went to second on an infield out and scored on Moore's single.

Five Hits For Georgetown Campbell hit a homer and Doucette, Riddle, Don Lindsay and Jim Lindsay all singled. Ken Moore led the Campbellville attack with a home run and three singles. Al Wingrove hit a home run, a double and a single. Stan Henderson hit a double and two singles and Stu King hit three singles as did Elmer Dredge. Earl Cairns homered and singled while Harry Zuleron singled twice. Terry Felter doubled and Bill Elliot singled.

Campbellville have a busy weekend as they play second weekend in Hamilton on Thursday (tonight) in Hamilton, take on third place Oakville on Saturday in Campbellville and journey to Milton on Sunday.

Villagers Climb To League Top

The Campbellville Merchants, perennial Halton County Intermediate League Champions, regained the top spot in the league standings this week and they now lead Hamilton and Oakville by two full games.

Clobbered

Dominion Hotel clobbered Georgetown Donmar 21-5 last night in a scheduled town league softball contest under the lights.

Top Student

Although Brenda Fryer passed grade eight with 91.4 per cent, and has consistently passed each grade with over 90 per cent, her name was inadvertently missed in the public school graduation lists last week. She received an award as top student. Sorry, Brenda!

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