

Pounding the BEAT

AMATEUR HOCKEY in Ontario is in pretty grim shape once you go beyond juvenile age. From juvenile down it's just the oppusite-expanding and getting better every year.

Beyond juvenile must of this province's sinulour teams are registered with the Ontario Hockey Association, an old and august budy, which like the words of the song, has seen better days. From Juvenile down, backey is controlled by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, a body hep to changes in society in the past couple of

decades. Very few truly amateur teams flourish under the banner of Old Hatpin Annie. The only department where teams seem to appreciate O.H.A. rule is the juntor class where the pros have much to say

on the formation of the leagues. Intermediate backey is a shambles; senior backey, outside of one well-to-do circuit, is almost a loss. Most of the so-called senior hockey clubs would have their hands full with a good intermediate

Designer signals have been flying for years. There's been a gradual and orderly withdrawal from the protective arms of the OHA. Reasons were numerous but some of the significant ones include: (1) Lack of funds to compete against towns who subply financial backing to teams representing them; (ii); lack of personnel to compete saabset Importstacked clubs; (III) loss of fast interest; (Iv) stacks and stacks of bitle marked in red

HOW DID THE O.H.A. react to the crisis? You'd expect they'd second frame was the fielding be involved in some real soul-searching methods of self-appraisal, highlight of the game trying to figure out ways and means to assist teams to stay within Acton All-Stars: P. McCristall their jurisdiction.

Instead they reacted in a way that lost them a lot of respect, all cf. J. Fryer rf. J. Casburn 20. They pretended the situation didn't exist and continued to encourage B. McCristall ss. D. Archibald 2b. teams to carry imports. They created super leagues for the com- B. Cargill 3b. D. Arbic 3b. F. munities who wanted to dig deeply into pockets for the benefit of Thompson c, J. Rowley p, F. Dalhockey entertainment. They created subsidized hockey.

That's why the teams from this district presently enrolled in the W.O.A.A. rejected outright any attempt by the O.H.A. to control Penny Carnival intermediate backey for all communities over 1,200. Most of the Penny Carnival teams have been in the O.H.A. at different times and have had to have. They infinitely prefer the W.O.A.A. where hockey is within the means of any interested town and where officials lend a sympathetic car when there are problems. And they're solved without behind closed-door agreements.

If the O.H.A. hopes to regain the image which made them the only large organization controlling intermediate backey they're going to have to think in the terms of the hundreds of small communities which so to make up intermediate hockey. And they're going to have to apure favoritism and secret bargains which have marred their proceedings the past few years.

IN THE WORLD OF GOLF there's been much written of the hig fournaments in the States but through some oversight on the part of the strike-bound Toronto papers they missed out on one last Saturday at the Guelph Golf and Country Club.

Participants in the "grudge" match were Messrs Jack Creighton and Larne Younghlut representing Beardmore and Co and Mex Mr. Murray Scovne and Bob MacArthur of this establishment. At stake—a steak dinner. Advance publicity has been going on for months over the Bell blower. The fact crowds of spectators didn't appear was attributed to the intense heat. Plans to televise the tourney had to be scrapped when the participants declined the suggestion they shouldn't snarl at each other until after the match.

Last year the Free Press team took the Tanners by their soles and revenge was the motivation for a rematch besides a chance to die, drop the clothespeg in the clude their wives for a 12 hour span. According to the Free Press pair the Beardmore brass practiced for at least three months before they figured they were ready to defeat the printers.

Saturday, the four-some went at it mashles and drivers. It turned out the Tanners hadn't miscalculated. They edged the printers by 28 strokes. Bob MacArthur threw a scare into them on the first hole with a prodigous drive but from therein the match was une-alded. Mesars. Scoyne and MacArthur contided to this reporter they were not unduly alarmed at the upset. We won as many holes as they did, they boasted. The other side of the story has yet to be heard.

BEAT BITS . . . Georgetown Domtar pulled the biggest upset of the town league season last night by topping first place Legionnaires in a floodlit game. The results in the league may be very interesting come playoff time . . . Monday night's exhibition with the South Wellington Coops from Guelph wasn't very good advance publicity for the All Stars. They can play much better than that but they've got to get some batting power in the line-up . . . Barry Inscoris playing lacrosse for the league-leading Streetsville club in the Senfor B O.L.A. Potting his share of goals, too . . .

to St. Catharines to compete in

the Civitan Track and Field

Keith Ranney Wins Half-Mile At Police Games

Keith Ranney, former high! school track star and member of the Guelph Legion Track, Club, paced competitory to a! win Saturday in Toronto when he trotted home first in the halfmile race at the Toronto Police

The popular Acton youth had i little difficulty winning the exent and crossed the finish line in one minute, 54 seconds, at Varsity Stadium, where events were staged.

Other competitors from Acton in events included Allan Hall, Paul Murr, Gary Murr and Bruce Andrews.

Local athletes will be thing the colors of the Guelph Legion Track Club this Saturday when they enter track and field competitions at Brantford's Mohawk Park.

John Goy Jr. will compete in the juvenile pole vault; Dave Ryder, who is still in the midget category, will be tossing the 12 pound shot in the juvenile shot put for the first time; Paul Murr will take on competitors in the juvenile mile: Allan Hall will be running the 880 yard dash; and Gary Murr will be nacing himself in the junior two mile race.

On Monday, the same boys plus Keith Ranney will Journey THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.

> Town League Softball Standing As of Tuesday, July 28

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trouble blanking the town soft ball league All-Star team 9-0 in an exhibition game under the lights here, Monday night.

The Co-Ops, a third place chub in the tough Inter-City fastball circuit, scored four first inning runs on two singles a home run and an All-Star error and they were never threatened. They got single runs in the third and fourth, a pair in the lifth and another in the sixth. The All-Stars kieded the bases twice but couldn't buy a run.

Jim Rubinson and Bub Shaw shared the pitching duties of Co-Ops, who have two town league softhall all-stars in their line-up. Butch Richmond and Bel Wal ters. Robinson didn't allow a hit in his five inning stretch, while Shaw was nicked for three stratch singles.

J. Rowley started on the hill for the AllStars and he was releved by Frank Daley in the Daley restricted Co-Ops to three more-hits out of nine and as late. many runs. Two of the Co-Op of diminutive Ron Nichol and Butch Richmond

Jelt Prver's running catch of a long ball into deep right in the

1b. T. Waterhouse If. W. Marsh-

At Park Friday

Pennies flowed like water Friday morning at Prospect Pack as children enrolled in the summer playground program eagerly played games during the annual penny carnival. Everything was paid for in pennies and boys and girls were dipping into packets for more and more brown

Highlight of the event was a sponge toss. Target for the marksmen was leader John Me-Geachie wisely decked out in a bathing suit. As pennics were paid for a toxs each thrower dipped a large spong in a pail of water and attempted to hit a target painted on John's stom-

Other games which at racted! much attention included the ring bottle, and guess the number of beans in a far. Children also spent pennies on comic books, home baking and freshie stands. A raffle for a cake was won by Colleen Spielvogel.

Proceeds from the carnival will be used to provide supplies for the senior group sleep and cookout later this summer.

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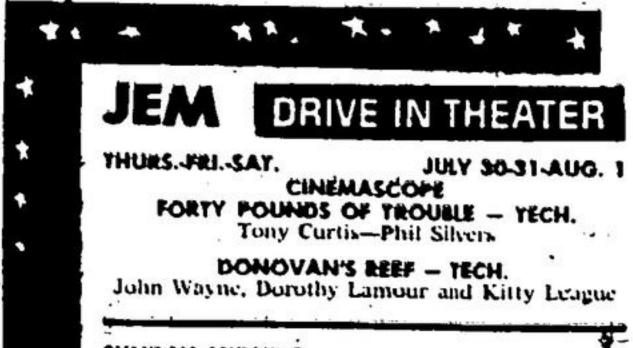
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Two Close Decisions Sunday Softball

Firefighters scored all three of runs in the third and fifth bu their runs in the sixth frame as I.G.A. won their second game of they blanked Georgetown Domtar! the season by plating one in the 30 in the first game of Sunday's fourth, three in the fifth and a town league softball double- pair in the sixth. header. I.G.A. ralited to nudge Dominion Hotel 64 in the night can, which like the first game was abbreviated to seven innings

because of the intense heat. Butch Homers

Butch Richmund's disputed three run homer was the deciding blow in the opener which saw Frank Daley and B. Newmann wage a tense scoreless hurling! duel until the bottom of the sixth when Scotty McCristall and than Archibald cracked out back-toback singles. Richmond, the next Accident Averted batter, powdered one down the have line to wore both runners and himself for the only scoring play of the game.

The Georgetown club claused fourth with Acton trailing 6 - 0 | Butch's drive was foul but plate ump Bobby Anderson ruled it

> Both pitchers hutled excellent ter and whilleds three Daley at and notified Jack Gordon, buildlowed five scattered hits, one a ing superintendent. two bagger to Bil! Somerville. bases on balls.

second game and added single one nearby.

I.G.A.'s Second Win

Down Domter

a lesson in know-how.

Winning pitcher was Die Dupuls the same hurler who was declared illegal for the Legion earlier in the season but was later given league endorsement to Domtar built up a 40 lead play with I. G. A. He took over

from Bruce Cargill.

Propane Gas Leak

Prompt action by Corputal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment averted what might have been a catastrophe at Ad ton bigh school on the weekend

A valve on a propane gas tank open had been opened by what police | Frank Daley came in relief for gan to leak Mr. Mason heard the Cunningham started for George

He struck out 14 and issued no to the school to close the valve. Bill Somerville's a homer. Frank Had anyone lit a match near the Spielvogel with a home run and seeping gas an explosion would a single, Butch Richmond with a Dominion Hotel took a two run have resulted with considerable double and single and Bob Bruce lead in the opening frame of the damage and possible death of any with a double and single paced.

In Niath Frame

When it comes to winning names in the final frame, second place Firefighters could give any

Last Thursday night under the arcs they comped home times in the ninth inning to take away a 108 win from Georgetown Domtar who led through the first eight frames of the

the first inning and added four more in the third to take Jeff Fryer pitched for the inn- &1 lead only to have the brigade switch pitchers at that point and blank the pagermillers the rest of the way. Melinwhile the flame squelchers added two in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Ahead \$6 it looked like a sure Domtar win when both clubs failed to score over the next three frames. But a couple of junc Donitar drives and three Fire lighter hits, two of them doubles. in the ninth brake the game

believe to be children playing Don Archibald and he was given hits were homers from the bats bull with Newmann allowing only around the building and gas be credit for the win while Ross the sixth. He didn't walk a bat hissing noise at his home nearby town and Newmann finished up Jamie Cunningham, Jim Golden

and Bill Somerville had two hits Mr. Gordon immediately drove apiece for Domfar with one of the Fuelighter hit parade.

Richmond's Blistering Bat

Butch Richmond's big but of the town softball league clubs bounding out two home 'runs notched two in the third, two and a double rullied Firefighters more in the fifth and singles in to overcome an \$0 delicit at the the seventh and eighth. end of the second inning and go on to defeat Dominion Hotel 134 in town league softball activity

> the game in the bag with an five eight run lead tallied from three irst inning runs and five in the second frame off the slants Frank Daley, but the smoke caters tightened up from that point, blanking Dominions the rest of the way. Daley, the vice harting, Don Archibald, Herb tim of eight hits in the first Dodds and Scotty McCristall two frames, allowed only four each had a pair of hits for Piremore over the next seven innifighters Receiver Don Lindsay

> bottom of the sixth, highlighted Ches Peycha. Leo McGilloway by Richmond's grand slam home and Brian Shultis rapping two run into deep centre, sewed the hits aplece.

Freddy Archibald took the loss for Dominions, allowing 13 hits, walking one and striking out none. Winner Daley vielded 12 The innkeepers looked to have hits, walked one and whitted

> Both chos committed errors but the innkeepers fumbled 10 of the 12 to win in that depart-

Besides Richmond's blistering smashed three singles to pue A seven run explosion in the Dominions at the plate with

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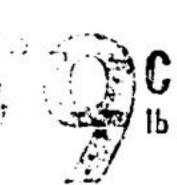
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