

## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**FINAL APPROVAL** from council last week for a new arena floor at the community centre will be enthusiastically endorsed by most sports fans in this area. A floor opens an entire new role for the community centre as a year-round sports mecca as well as offering many avenues for other attractions.

We had the pleasure of sitting in at many of the Recreation Committee meetings where the project was planned over the past year. The committee left no stone unturned in efforts to obtain a floor which could be used for all purposes. Suggestions for a floor which would serve only a limited number of events were dismissed as being short-sighted.

When the project was first suggested there seemed little likelihood of realization for some time. An awareness of many ice problems the lack of a floor created such as poor curling, thick ice which reduced the efficiency of the freezing plant, and a host of smaller complaints, prompted the committee to act as quickly as possible. Financial consideration also entered into the picture. Most members were of the opinion the longer they wait for a floor, the more it was going to cost.

Consequently when the Recreation Committee budgeted this year they couldn't really go ahead until town council approved the estimates including \$5,000 for a floor. When council budgeted for that amount the signals were green all the way. Work has already started on the project. Five thousand dollars will come from the town, the committee has another \$1,200 on hand and the Fair Board another active participant in the project has promised all their rental receipts from the floor until it's paid for. Total cost is \$10,174.00.

May we add our bouzouk to the many the recreation committee must have needed for going ahead with the project. It will broaden the sports and recreation program in town and improve conditions in the community centre immeasurably.

**SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES** which a floor in the arena can promote? Lacrosse, always a popular game here, would be a major attraction. In fact, we received word via the grapevine Streetsville's league leading boxla club are considering relocating here next season.

Wrestling is proving popular in other centres and there must be lots of grunt and groan fans here. Roller skating is another possibility. And how about dancing? Perhaps the floor won't be suitable for a minuet, but it'll be ideal for an old time square dance.

These are just a few of the attractions which could be part of the community centre's program over the next few years.

**BEAT BITS** - Barry Ince rapped in three goals as Streetsville edged Burlington 9-7 in Senior 'B' lacrosse action Monday night.

Poor attendance at a meeting called by the executive of the Georgetown Raider hockey team necessitated cancelling it recently. Consequently the fate of the Raiders hangs in balance. Club president Len Cox was dismayed. "It's hard to know what the people want, or if they want intermediate hockey here at all," Cox said. "They say keep the Raiders alive, then they pass up an opportunity like this to add to their support."

Georgetown's baseball mid-levels with several Acton players in the league. The intermediate Grims, also sporting several Acton players, are mired in the Halton County cellar.

**Campbellville's Merchants** are in a familiar spot in the intermediate baseball circuit - first place.

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## New Swim Instructor For Second Lessons

Acton's swimming program continues in spite of the absence of a recreation director. Tuesday the first lesson with the second group of beginners started under the supervision of Anne Johnson who is assisted by her sister Beverly, both of Georgetown.

Former recreation director Jim Casburn who left for a new position at London, Ontario completed tests for children in the first class before leaving Acton last week. The playground program is continuing under the guidance of playground leaders until the arrival of the new recreation director Harry Rue of Kingston.

## Hornby Tourney

At least 12 crack softball teams from around the district will converge on Hornby Park Saturday afternoon and evening, for the Hornby Ball Club's annual softball tournament. Over \$100 in prize money is being offered to the winning team and finalists.

Publicist John Willmott reports Burlington's International Harvesters will be back to defend their crown. The Harvesters, big Other teams entered include Burlington's Howards, Aurora, Glenside, Badenoch, Acton, Brampton, Cooksville, Argyle Motors, Port Credit Rod and Gun Club, an all-star group from the Georgetown industrial league, Milton Flyers, Newmarket Plazas, and the rural softball teams from Glen Williams and Hornby.

## Tourneys, Exhibitions

# All-Stars Prep for O.A.S.A. Playoffs

It's likely Acton softball All-Stars will meet Aurora in the first round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs. Tentative dates for the best-of-three series have been set for Thursday, August 13th at Aurora with the return game in Acton on Saturday, August 15th.

Both games will be played under the lights. Venue of the third game, if necessary, will be decided by the toss of a coin. Winner of the series will meet either Newmarket or Markham in the next round.

Meanwhile, the Acton club, hand picked from the town softball league, will play exhibitions and in the Hornby softball tourney Saturday to pick up as much experience as they can before the important playoff dates. Twelve teams have been entered in the Hornby tournament and the All-Stars expect to make a good impression.

Manager Dave Manes and coaches Harry Lawson and Owen Masales of the All-Stars.

## Open Earlier At Mohawk

They've been playing "musical chairs" with the Jockey Club's racing dates - with the result that local harness racing fans will get to enjoy earlier races this fall at Campbellville's Mohawk Raceway.

Original dates for Mohawk's fall meet were November 2 to December 5, offering drivers and fans a chilly 24-night meeting. The new Garden City Raceway at St. Catharines was scheduled to open for its first 42 nights of racing September 7 this year - however, a contractor's strike delayed the opening and the Jockey Club had to look elsewhere for their September and October dates.

The Jockey Club had applied to the Ontario Racing Commission to switch the Garden City dates to Campbellville, and received permission. However, last week at a meeting of the commission, the 42-night St. Catharines meet was dropped from the schedule and Mohawk's fall meet was moved up from Sept. 7 to October 10.

It gives Mohawk crowds the same amount of racing, but eight weeks earlier.

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## Phillips Spins Two Hitter Station Upsets Firemen

Eddie Phillips spun a smart two-hitter under the lamps last night (Wednesday) as Station Hotel upset second place Firefighters 4-3 in one of the best games of the current town league softball season. Phillips' crackling slants sent 16 of the bucket brigade down on strikes. He fanned the entire side three times and walked only two batters over the route.

Despite his herculean efforts his mates didn't sew the game up until the ninth when Jan Riddall's double in the hole between second and short sent Bob Sheppard home with the winning run after the Firemen tied it up in the bottom of the eighth on an error at short and Harold Townsley's two-bagger down the third base line.

Phillips made sure of the win by whiffing the last three batters.

Don Archibald's nine hit performance on the hill was also a fine effort for Firefighters. He didn't notch a strike-out but

spread his hits thinly, leaving two passes.

The Innkeepers got a run in the second as Ed Phillips added his own count with a double and scored on the next play. Bob Sheppard homered in the third to send the winners two up. A walk to Townsley and a single yielded to Del Walters scored one for Firefighters in the fourth and they tied it in the fifth on an error at third on Bob Bruce who romped home on the next play. Singles from Clarence Sheppard and Gord Pricker put the hotellers ahead 3-2 in the sixth. They held on until the bottom of the eighth when the smoke eaters tied it again.

It was a big win for Innkeeper coach Mel (big M) Sheppard. Brother Clarence and Gord Pricker paced the winners at bat, Farmer with three and Pricker with two.

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## Grocers Extend Legionnaires Bow 9-3 Tues.

I.G.A.'s improved softballers played even - seven with the league leading Legionnaires for five and a half innings Tuesday night but then dropped a 9-3 decision when they faded for the next three frames.

Fresh from two upset victories, the grocers looked like they might turn the trick again, as they played to a 2-2 tie over the first five innings. Dick Dupuis, their new chucker, faced fellow Bruccardian John Salmon on the mound and the two waged a duel over the distance.

**Six Hitter** Salmon threw a six hitter at the grocers, striking out eight and walking one while Dupuis yielded 13 hits, whiffed three and allowed one base on balls.

Legionnaires pulled away in the bottom of the sixth when Jack (Baldy) Bulough, part of their bench strength, greeted Dupuis with a double Terry Masales made it safely to first on an error and Danny Arbie doubled both runners home. He scored when Salmon blasted a triple to put Legion in front 5-2.

They added another in the seventh when Wayne Marshall tripled and Pop Bulough came through with a clutch single. Three more runs in the eighth finished off the scoring while I.G.A. added one in the top half.

Danny Arbie teed off for a round-tripper to start the eighth off, a bobbie put Salmon on the sacks and Jim Bulough, not to be outdone by Pop, belted a three-bagger, later scoring himself on Wayne Marshall's single. Dupuis scored for the grocers when he doubled and romped home on Bruce Cargill's single.

**Ill Parade** Wayne Marshall topped the winners' hit parade with three hits, two singles and a triple, while Jim Bulough's triple and single, Jack Bulough's double and single, Danny Arbie's homer and double and John Salmon's triple and single delivered the key blows.

Only I.G.A. batter to notch more than one was pitcher Dick Dupuis with a double and single while shortstop Dave Manes hit a two-bagger.

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## Pick Halton Baseball Dream Team To Face Guelph Senior CJOY's

Halton's "dream team" - the cream of the current intermediate crop - emerged from a smoke-filled meeting in the Milton Legion Monday. For nearly three hours, executives from five of the six Halton intermediate teams sat and sweated through the annual August chore - that of picking out a score or so of the league's best players to make up the All-Star select team that will face a Senior Intercountry Club some 10 days hence.

What emerged from the meeting was a list of 21 players who should give CJOY's a tough time on the diamond come August 16. The teams will clash this year on the Milton's Red Sox diamond at Milton Fair Grounds.

Oakville manager Tom Byers was named to manage the Halton stars this year, with Dundas' Don McPhail, Campbellville's Len Andrews and Milton's Dick Clement assisting.

Starting lineup for the stars reads like the Halton baseball's "Who's Who?" with Campbellville's lefthander Jack Roberts,

Oakville's John McKenzie and Hamilton's Cheryway getting the nod. Manager Byers can take his choice of the mound staff, and each pitcher limited to throwing three innings of the game.

Oakville's Bill Korte beat out Campbellville's Don Joyce in a vote for the all-star catcher. Earl Cairns of Campbellville received a unanimous vote for the first base slot, and he's a perennial all-star Joe Tanuzzi of Hamilton was tabbed for second base, and another Campbellville regular, Stan Henderson, was picked for third. Another unanimous choice was for the keystone slot at shortstop Hamilton's versatile Dick DiMarchi.

**Two from Campbellville** In the outfield will be Ken Moore and Al Murray of Campbellville, and Murray Hall from Oakville.

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