



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

POISED ON THE THRESHOLD of the town league softball playoffs, the four top teams in the circuit present a puzzling picture to a fibert trying to sort out 1964's potential champions.

Couple of weeks ago we'd have been willing to bet our last peso on the front-running Legionnaires. They've been near or at the league summit for most of the season, knocking off the other clubs right and left. But a couple of weeks can make a lot of difference, especially in a race for the marbles.

Custom in the league has dictated it's the Cinderella team which winds up the league champs. Two years ago that was the Firefighters. Last year it was the Legion.

If you go by precedent then it should be either Station Hotel or their uptown inkeeper rivals, Dominion Hotel, who emerge from the playoffs clutching the elusive trophy this year. The other two teams have had their hour in the limelight.

However, it's unlikely either will survive the semi-finals. They'll finish third and fourth giving them the dubious distinction of meeting either Legionnaires or Firefighters in the semi.

FROM PAST PERFORMANCES a fella would be inclined to think it will be a repeat of last year's finale — Firefighters and Legion. Don't put your money where your mouth is yet, though. Those Station Hotelers may have a few surprises up their sleeves. And the Dominion gang have been known to play the role of giant killers on other occasions.

If the innkeepers are shunted to the siding it will leave the youthful Legionnaires facing the bucket brigade again. The firemen have never forgiven the Legion squad for wresting the title from them last season. They were the favorites. Three of the four final games were played under the lamps at Eden Mills and some observers figured the hose toters were bothered by the artificial illumination.

Since then both teams have put quite a few hours in under the brand new maridas here. Last time out the firemen beat the Legionnaires at their own game, bunting, and running the bases like colts at a horse's picnic. The lights didn't bother them a whit.

Coach Owen Masales had his line-up shuffled around a bit for the game so it may not be a fair indication of what to expect in the playoffs. The Legion could win it all again. You can bet it's going to take a few of the breaks as well as some hang-up softball for any of the four teams to wrap up the title this season.

IF YOU'RE A TV FOOTBALL fan like this fuzzy checked fellow you must have noticed Ottawa Rough Riders are one of the really big teams in the Eastern conference this semester. Rider coach Frank Clair noted for his ability to get the maximum mileage out of the player under his tutelage, must be pleased. Other seasons his clubs have had to contend with bigger opponents so it will be a welcome change for the pigskin pro to see his men bouncing the opposition instead of bouncing off them.

The Ottawa club has been our favorite in the east ever since Clair took up the reins. A few of the boys in the back shop have been twitting us about the failure of the Roughies to come up with a title in the last few years. Most of them are either fanatical Tiger Cat fans or fanatical Argonaut rooters. This could be the year, barring serious injuries or just plain bad luck, that Ottawa nails down the pennant and possibly the Grey Cup.

I know one fanatical Tabbie fan who won't agree. He annually picks Hamilton to come up smelling like roses from the bottom of the pile. This season he had a sudden fright when the Alouettes rolled over the highly touted Tabbies in an early contest but he's beginning to smile again lately as the Steel City started to roll.

BEAT BITS . . . Georgetown Giants, many of their players from Acton as well as coach Duke Lindsay, will play the second game of the O.B.A. Int. 'A' first round playoffs with Millard in Georgetown Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Millard won the first game of the series in the Georgian Bay town by a 6-1 score but the Giants figure to even things up on the Sabbath. Should a third game be necessary it will be played in Georgetown on Monday (Labor Day) . . . Among the Acton players holding down positions on the Giants are Pete Lawson, Denis Gibbons, Danny Arbie, Don and Jim Lindsay . . . Georgetown Raiders have decided to re-enter the O.H.A. for the coming hockey season and hope to be grouped with Dundas, Elmira, Preston, Fort Erie, Hespeler and Paris. We say hope because at least two of the aforementioned clubs have been making overtures to the W.O.A.A.

Possible Legion-Firemen Knot Hinges on Tonight's Game

There were no surprises Tuesday night when Legionnaires, whom Station Hotel 132 for their 16th win of the town league softball season. The victory assured Legionnaires of a first place finish in the six team circuit although they might have to share the pinnacle with Firefighters.

The flame chasers could wrap up a piece of first place, too, if they snatch a win from Georgetown Domtar tonight (Thursday). I.G.A. gallantly conceded Monday night's contest to the brigade by not showing up and a victory tonight will give the now second-placers the same record as the Legion.

If it develops it's likely the two teams will play a sudden death game to decide which club will share the pennant. Playoffs will match the first and third teams in one semi-final, the second and fourth place club in the other. Both will be two-out-of-three series.

Runners Reach Half-Way Mark Rain, Fatigue Stops Marathon

Heavy rains combined with tired muscles and two less runners than anticipated forced cancellation of the proposed 24 hour road race Saturday at the half-way mark.

What started out to be six Acton athletes donning running tops with only four taking part on account of a heavy downpour which started Friday night.

Two tents were pitched at the high school grounds and runners Bruce Andrews, Allan Hall, Gary and Paul Murr set up cooking equipment and sleeping bags ready for the midnight start. No sooner had midnight tolled when the first runner grabbed the bat-



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93 GRUELLING MILES were covered in the early hours of Saturday morning by four Acton athletes. Left to right are Alan Hall, Bruce Andrews, Paul and Garry Murr after they finished their all-night relay. In spite of heavy rains and stiff muscles the four kept plodding the 3.9 mile course a piece continuously for a 12-hour period. Top photo shows Allan Hall as he completed the last lap before the boys decided to call it quits. They had intended to run from midnight Friday to midnight Saturday. Two other runners dropped out.

Rockwood Squad Clipped by Acton Under the Lights

Rockwood Crusaders, led by the sword of former Actonian Monty Root, failed to strike a blow for the village in the return game with the Acton Minors All Stars under the arc here Friday night.

The Acton club, by virtue of an early barrage of runs, chalked up a 13-7 victory over the visitors, who were just shaded in the first game in their home park.

Three first frame runs, five in the second, a pair in the fourth and singles in the sixth, seventh and eighth were the margin of victory. Rockwood collected a single tally in the first and exploded for six runs in the sixth.

Jeff Fryer and McCaffey pitched for the winners, while Ken Malby and Wayne Patrick handled the Crusader mound assignment. The Crusaders collected five hits, while the Acton club could only get two more for a total of seven.

Rockwood: Rick Lewis 3b, Don Nightingale lf, Brian Slip 1c, Wayne Patrick ss & p, Rick Rusk, Wayne Nightingale cf, Ted Vincent 2b, R. Wall rf, K. Malby p & 3b, B. Root lf.

Acton: R. Price lf, B. Cashburn 3b, D. Arbie c, J. Fryer p & cf, J. Dunn rf, J. McNabb 2b, B. Turkosz cf & rf, B. Elliott lf, B. Shultz ss, McCaffey p & cf, McLennan rf, Allan Taylor lf, Andrews cf, Lovell lf.

Softball Tourney Here Sept. 11-12

Entries are still coming in for Acton Softball Association's 20-team softball tournament in the park here Friday and Saturday, September 11-12.

Chairman Harry Lawson reports about 18 teams have signified their intention of competing by sending entry fees but many more who intend to compete have not filed an official entry.

However it's not unusual for tournaments in this district to be swamped with entries in the last few days and the committee expects to have a full complement of teams for the big tourney.

Teams will represent some of the best softball leagues in the province. Proceeds of the event will go towards paying for the new arc lamps.

MOHAWK OPENS MONDAY NIGHT

They'll be off and running at Mohawk on Monday evening when the ponies return to the Nassagaweya track for a 30-night meeting that lasts through until October 10. A contractor's strike at the Ontario Jockey Club's newest horse palace at St. Catharines has switched about the racing dates this year.

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 42-night meeting on September 7. However, the strike has delayed the opening and finally, the Jockey Club decided to eliminate the 42 night St. Catharines meet and move Mohawk's schedule up to September 7.

21 Miscues

Station Wins Hotel Tussle, 14-8

A comedy of errors? That's about the only way to explain last Thursday's scheduled league softball fixture between the town's two hotel entries. Third place Station Hotel committed nine fumbles in a 14-8 win over fourth place Dominion Hotel, who booted the ball 12 times.

In the interim, Doug Vickery was spinning a neat six hitter at the losers, striking out seven, walking four and hitting one batter. He deserved a much wider verdict than he got.

His mates made up for their fumble fingers by walloping 20 safeties from the offerings of Jeff Fryer, who went the distance on the rubber for Dominion. He walloped four and issued three passes.

Exchange Lead
The Station crew jumped into a three run lead in the initial inning on three hits, only to have Dominion capitalize on fumbles and tie it up in the bottom half on a solitary hit. Station regained the lead with a pair of runs in the top half of the second, while the uptown publicans could only counter with a single run in the bottom half. They tied it again in the third with another run while the winners went scoreless.

It looked like Dominion might take off and never be overtaken when they punched three more runs over the plate.

in the fourth. Big blow was Bruce Shultz's two-run homer. But that was their swan song. Doug Vickery blanked them the rest of the way, striking out the entire side in the fifth. He never yielded a hit.

In the sixth, the Station bats began to chatter. They riddled five runs across the platter, took the lead, never to be headed. They got another in the eighth and three more in the ninth.

Vickery aided his own cause with a bases-empty homer.

Belles are Ringing

Dolls defeated Belles 19-16 in the first girls' round robin play-off of the softball association's minor series Wednesday night. Dolls are sponsored by the Hub by Shop, Belles by McLeod Real Estate.

The second round robin game will see Belles taking on Sweethearts tonight (Thursday) at 6:30.

Bob Sheppard's five consecutive hits spearheaded Station's attack with Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard and Ray Wallis each pinking out three. Jan Riddall, W. Sheppard and Doug Vickery smashed a pair apiece. Dunn, Williamson and Harry Phillips singled.

Fred Archibald was the only Dominion to hit safely more than once from Vickery. He doubled twice. The losers got home runs twice — from Dave Sproston with the bases empty and Bruce Shultz's two run blow. Ben Bayless and Andy Williams singled.

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Classes start at 8.40 a.m. Pupils attending grades 4 and 7 at Stewarttown school will be accommodated at the Hornby school and grade 5 pupils will be accommodated at the municipal offices until such time as the new addition at Stewarttown is completed.

SPEYSIDE & LIMEHOUSE:

Routes remain the same as last term.

SPEYSIDE SCHOOL STARTS CLASSES AT 9.10 A.M.

LIMEHOUSE SCHOOL Classes Start at 8.40 a.m.

PINEVIEW:

Bus Routes remain same as last term.

PINEVIEW SCHOOL STARTS CLASSES AT 9.10 A.M.

THE ABOVE SCHEDULE is to apply in all instances, subject to any revisions the Board find necessary following a trial period. In the event of a change, parents of pupils affected will be notified by the Board Secretary.

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