

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THIS BUZZY-FACED SCRIBBLER was, unfortunately, away for the big two-day softball tournament here last Friday and Saturday but all reports indicate everything is coming up roses for the tourney committee and softball association officials.

Attendance was up over last year and the calibre of ball improved with the additional number of teams involved. The committee was aiming for 20 teams to compete but had to settle for 18 when a couple of prospective entries failed to show. Eighteen teams still makes the tourney the biggest in this neck of the woods by a long shot.

Financially, we understand receipts from the gate, booth and draw will go a long way towards retiring the debt on the new mazzas in the park.

It's one of those ironies of fate that the Oshawa team which picked up the C note as tourney champion was more or less a last minute substitute for Listowel who failed to appear. Galt Gore and Newmarket, two early favorites to cop the laurels, found the going too tough.

It is appropriate that one of the two Acton teams entered was by the name. It isn't until the heat (most nervous to the end) but it turned out to be another writeable which contributed to the success of the tournament.

IT HINT TOO EARLY to start thinking about the coming hockey season. Frost is on the pumpkin, the pros are in training camp and many amateur hockey clubs are getting organized.

That's why we were pleased to see the Acton Minor Hockey Association has called a meeting for next Monday, September 21 at the community centre. Object? — election of officers and a fresh start for Tri-County hockey this season.

The Association had its share of woes last season, its initial one, but it managed to survive all the checks and bruises to emerge with its head above water and a full season of hockey for the kids behind them.

They're looking for new blood to fill some of the offices this season. Your attendance at the meeting will be welcomed. If you're looking for something to do with your spare time that's constructive this is one of the worthier causes.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT in the Georgetown weekly that the Raiders would be entering the O.H.A. this season in preference to the W.O.A.A. was premature said former Raider president Len Cox to W.O.A.A. convener Bob Marshall. No decision has been reached as to where the Raiders, if there are any, will play, he said.

The O.H.A. undoubtedly has been putting the pressure on Georgetown to re-enter their riddled ranks and this last piece of chicanery looks like another of their moves.

Acton manager Ed Footitt can testify to this. He, along with other managers in the W.O.A.A., received a letter from the O.H.A. practically outlawing the western Ontario association and assuring them a place in the O.H.A. with other home-bred teams. The letter claimed the O.H.A. had the backing of the C.A.H.A.

Taint so, says convener Bob Marshall. The C.A.H.A. has never endorsed the O.H.A.'s attempt to dissolve the agreement between the two Ontario bodies. More teams are leaving the O.H.A. this year to take up W.O.A.A. membership. Owen Sound and Meaford are two of them.

If the affiliation agreement is dissolved it will work for the betterment of the W.O.A.A., said the convener. O.H.A. strictures on players would no longer apply and the W.O.A.A. could recruit teams from the entire province.

If Georgetown does not apply for readmittance, another team has already signified a desire to enter this circuit. The example of Bradford, where several Georgetown players tolled last season might deter them. They're reported to have lost somewhere around \$1,000.

HEAVY HITS ... Odds are just about even on the outcome of tonight's rubber match between Station Hotel and Firefighters in the town league softball semi-finals. Few fans are coming right out and declaring which club will meet Legionnaires in the finals. Addition of Denis Gibbons to the umpiring platoon in the league has been a boon. Milton will have both an Intermediate and junior hockey club this season. Looks like Campbellville Merchants will sew up the O.B.A. Int. 'C' title without too much difficulty. Centre Inn softball club is tied 1-1 with Oshawa Indians in the R.S.A. finals. They could win it all Saturday night. Badenoch is one up in the O.R.S.A. Int. 'B' finals, defeating Wainfleet 6-1 in the first game. Don Aubin hurled the win. Congratulations to Acton and Rockwood lawn bowlers for capturing the Beardmore cup, emblematic of the league championship.



WAYNE McMILLAN, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don McMillan, Nassagawaya township, had the thrill of his life when Gabby La Pointe gave him a personal interview Friday night. Young Wayne wore his baseball suit to the softball tournament and the umpire mistook him for a player. The youngster's father played on one of the teams.

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PITCHING STRATEGY was discussed by hurler Frank Daley and catcher Harold Townsley prior to the Acton All-Stars playing Friday night. Daley has been the mainstay of the Firefighters team all year and was chosen as one of the pitchers on the all-star team.

Legion Ousts Dominion

Brian McCristall's grand slam home run spearheaded a six run second inning outburst by the Legionnaires last night (Wednesday) as they ousted a stubborn Dominion Hotel team from the town league softball race with a 10-3 decision.

Legionnaires swept the semi-final set in two straight games. They'll meet the Firefighters-Station Hotel winner in the final.

The downtown innkeepers couldn't solve the crackling pitches of Legion ace John Salmon who hurled an eight-hitter for the winners. Jeff Fryer was effective on the hotel hill over most of the route but the big Legion second frame beat him. He spread 14 hits over the distance.

Legionnaires added three runs to their total in the eighth when Danny Arbie stretched a long drive into right into a home run with two on board. John Salmon poked another round-tripper in the ninth with none on the pond to end their scoring.

Don Lindsay hunted safely and arrived home on Don Groat's safety to score the innkeepers' first run in the fifth. Third baseman Fred Archibald unleashed a blast into deep right in the eighth with Jeff Fryer on the sacks that went for the circuit and ended their scoring.

Terry Masales paced the Legion squad at the plate with four singles in five trips while Wayne Marshall, Dan Arbie, Terry Waterhouse and Don Price each picked up a pair of singles.

Bruce Khalits and Don Lindsay had two hits apiece for the losers.

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Softball Finals

First game of the town league softball finals will be played Sunday afternoon. Further games in the best-of-five series will be on Tuesday and Thursday under the arcs, resuming again on Sunday afternoon if necessary. Afternoon games will start at 1:30 while the evening contests are scheduled for 7:15.

Legion eliminated Dominion Hotel last night to gain one of the final berths. Station Hotel and the pennant winning Firefighters are tied at one game apiece in the other semi-final. A winner will be decided tonight in the final game of the series.

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Station Hotel Upset Firemen 3-2 Then Drop 17-5 Decision Tuesday

Station Hotel and Firefighters lay their town league softball semi-final on the line tonight at 7:15.

They're all tied up in the best of three series after two games. The hotelers, with one of their best efforts this season, shaded the firemen 3-2 in an 11 inning marathon under the lights last Thursday, only to have the smoke-eaters rebound and take a 17-5 victory Tuesday and knot the set.

Both clubs will be flinging their pitching aces tonight in the rubber game of the set. Manager Mel Sheppard will have Eddie Phillips on the mound and you can bet Frank Daley will be on the opposite hill.

Four Hitter
Phillips threw a snappy four-hitter last Thursday as the Station house took the first game with an 11th inning home run by young Jan Riddall. The smash into deep right broke up a 2-2 ball game which fans proclaimed was much like grandma's soup. It had everything in it.

Phillips and Daley waged a tense mound duel, scoreless until the third, when Scotty McCristall singled, advanced to second as Ed McGilloway walked and scored as Townsley's drive, a fielder's choice, was thrown to the plate.

Knotted
The innkeepers got that one back in the bottom half. Harry Phillips singling and scoring on Jan Riddall's poke.

Score stayed 1-1 until the top of the ninth when Butch Richmond put the Firefighters in front again with a home run. Johnny Dunn doubled in the last half, scoring on Goid Fricker's fly to centre, to make it 2-2 and setting the stage for Jan Riddall's drive in the 11th, which the right fielder misjudged.

Ed Phillips, the winning pitcher, allowed only four hits in chalking up the win, struck out 11 and walked three. Loser Frank Daley whiffed 15, yielded six hits and issued two free passes.

Jan Riddall shared the starring role with Phillips, with three of the six hits credited to him, while Johnny Dunn had a double and single. Harry Phillips rapped out one.

Scotty McCristall, Harold Townsley, Butch Richmond and Daley each contributed one bingle to the firemen's cause, Richmond's a homer.

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tagged 13 safeties from Eddie Phillips and scored 17 runs while the innkeepers slammed 10 hits for five runs in a complete reversal from the series' tight opening game.

Firefighters jumped into a 4-2 first inning lead and they maintained it through the contest, scoring four in the third, four more in the fourth, three in the sixth and two in the seventh. Best the hotel crew could do was one in the fourth and a pair in the ninth.

Daley struck out 15 batters in recording the win, allowed 10 hits and walked four. Phillips was nipped for 13 safeties, including a home run by Daley, whiffed 12 and issued five ticks, etc.

Flinging Frank helped his own cause by belting out a home run, a triple and a double in four official appearances at the plate. Harold Townsley shared Daley's spot on the totem with a double and two singles, while Will Duval's two singles earned him third spot.

Eddie Phillips, another hitting pitcher, smashed a triple and double to make the tightest nose for the losers, while Jan

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Campbellville Trounces Staffa 15-6 Lead O.B.A. Final Set by Two Games

Campbellville took a commanding lead in their best of five final series with Staffa when they made it two straight wins on Sunday in Campbellville. It was a wide open game with the final score being 15-6 in favour of Campbellville.

Take Lead
Staffa jumped into a 3-0 lead in the top of the first on an error, a hit batter, a single by Wallace and McNaught's double. Campbellville came right back to tie it up in their half on singles by Dredge and Wingrove, followed by Cairns' long home run over the right field fence.

Campbellville then piled up four more in the bottom of the second to make it 7-3 as Hefferman walked and Dredge homered, Wingrove and Cairns singled and Henderson doubled.

Cairns doubled and Elliot homered to make it 9-3 after four, and a walk, followed by Cairns' second homer of the afternoon, made it 11-3 at the end of the sixth.

Hamilton Walks
In the top of the seventh, a walk, a single off Hefferman's glove, followed by another walk, loaded the bases with one out. Wallace's single then scored two runs and brought in Harry Hamilton in relief of Dave Hefferman. He promptly put out the fire and the score stood at 11-5. Hamilton walked to open the bottom of the seventh and Dredge singled him to second. Moore's single scored Hamilton and sent Dredge around to third. Moore stole second and went to third as Wingrove's single scored Dredge. Cairns grounded out but Moore scored on the play and Wingrove advanced to third. He scored on Henderson's sacrifice fly, which made it 15-5 for Campbellville.

fielder's choice and a double steal scored the final run of the game for Staffa in the ninth to make it 15-6.

Hefferman and Hamilton combined on the mound for Campbellville to allow Staffa six runs off six hits. They walked seven, hit one batter and struck out five. Hopf, Saddler and Wallace all worked for Staffa and they allowed 15 runs off 19 hits. They walked four and struck out two. Wallace hit a double and two singles for Staffa while McNaught doubled and Westman and Komph singled.

Cairns Honors Twice
Earl Cairns hit two home runs, a double and a single for Campbellville, while lead-off man Elmer Dredge homered and singled three times. Stan Henderson had a double and two singles

and Al Wingrove singled three times. Bill Elliot homered and Ken Moore, Stu King, Larry McPhail and Dave Hefferman all singled.

Footnotes: Earn Cairns' sixth inning home run was one of the best ever in Campbellville as it was a line drive over the centre field fence that landed well beyond the fence. It was his 12th homer of the season and leaves him one behind Stan Henderson's club record of 13 set in 1960.

The third game will be played in Campbellville on Sunday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m. It will probably be a much closer contest as Staffa's top pitcher was out with the flu this weekend but should be ready to go this weekend. He is a high-hander by the name of Coveney.

Legion Bats Belt Out 17-5 Victory

The smoking bats of Danny Arbie, Terry Waterhouse, Al Hayward and Freddy Thompson beat out a military tattoo as Legionnaires trounced hapless Dominion Hotel 17-5 in the first game of the best of three town league semi-finals Sunday afternoon.

Legionnaires belted 26 hits, including four circuit smashes, from Dominion hurler Fred Archibald in the contest which also saw the innkeepers tap 14 bingles from the offerings of Gary Masales who tossed the first eight innings for the winners.

John Salmon, Legion ace chukker, relieved Masales in the final frame to keep in top form.

Four Run First
For the first two frames, it looked like the hotelers might stage an upset similar to that of their fellow hostelry, Station, did to the Firefighters, when they scored four first inning



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