

# LEGIIONNAIRES RETAIN TOWN SOFTBALL TITLE

## Come-From-Behind Win Clinches Cup Sun.

Last year's Cinderella team, strengthened by a year's experience, the youthful Legion softball club retained the town league softball championship with a thrilling come-from-behind 7-6 victory over the Firefighters in gusty bone-chilling weather Sunday afternoon.

Only a few fans braved the frigid elements to see the fourth game of the series, which like its three predecessors in the finals, was of doubtful outcome until the last ball was thrown. A dramatic five run rally in the top of the eighth won it for the Legionnaires after they trailed 6-2 going into the inning.

**Uplift Victory**  
It was an uplift victory all the way. The veteran firemen had a 6-2 lead going for them at the end of the fourth. It looked like they were going to force the series into the fifth and final game when Legionnaires exploded for five hits, two of them doubles, for the story-book ending.

When John Salmon wrapped the game and the championship up by whiffing the entire side in the bottom of the ninth, the diamond was the scene of a frenzied assault on the little pitcher who hurled an eight batter at the boys in blue. The entire Legion club conveyed on the mound, backslapping and cheering, celebrating their second straight cup, the first team to win it two years in a row since the league was formed.

Firefighters joined in the celebration later, congratulating the winners with hearty handshakes. It was the bucket brigade's third straight year in the finals. They were the previous title holders before the Legion started its youth movement.

**Yough Lads**  
It was a tough game for pitcher Frank Daley to lose. Both hurlers had to contend with gale-force winds through the game and Daley seemed to have the problem worse in hand during early innings. The firemen scored three first inning runs, to give him a working margin. They added another in the second and scored a pair in the fourth.

Scotty McCristall started the smoke eaters off by taking a first strike in the bottom of the first. Bob Bruce, bat batter, got on when the Legion bobbled. Then Harold Townsley singled, followed by doubles from Butch Richmond and Frank Daley. Score 1-0.

Salmon gave up walks to Frank Spielvogel and Scotty McCristall in the second frame and Bob Bruce loaded the pond by bunting safely. Harold Townsley sacrificed to score Frank Spielvogel and give the brigade a 4-0 lead.

Neither team scored a run in the third but an error at short put Frank Spielvogel on in the fourth and Scotty McCristall followed with a single. Butch Richmond batted in one runner with a clutch single and when

Daley's drive was heated, the firemen had another pair of runs for a 6-0 margin.

**Two In Sixth**  
Legionnaires got two back in the top of the sixth on three hits and a ticket to first. Wayne Marshall started it off with a single. Don Price walked, Gary Masales and Al Hayward had back-to-back singles to push the bat over.

The eighth and fateful inning stated off for the Legion with Brian McCristall bunting safely. Terry Waterhouse, the next batter, bunted a drive off Frank Daley's foot to put two on the sacks. That seemed to be the turning point. Danny Arbie bunted safely to lead the bases.

Then up stepped Gary Masales and unloaded a double. Al Hayward followed him with another two-bagger and the score was tied up at 6-6. Daley got the next batter and the stage was all set for John Salmon to win his own game. He came through with a single, scoring Al Hayward with the winner.

Manager Mick Holmes jugged his lineup in the bottom of the ninth in an effort to get things going, but the firemen went down in order after Butch Richmond wangled a walk to start the inning off.

**Strings II Whiffs**  
Salmon stringed 11 strikeouts up for the winners, allowed eight hits, walked four and hit one batter, while Daley whiffed 11 hits, whiffed five and issued one pass.

Wayne Marshall, Gary Masales, Al Hayward and John Salmon each had a pair of hits, to lead the championship but parade, with Brian McCristall, Don Price and Danny Arbie, each snatching one. Butch Richmond was the only fireman to get more than one safe smash from Salmon, a double and a single, while Scotty McCristall, Bob Bruce, Harold Townsley, Frank Daley, Bill Spielvogel and Will Duval collected one apiece.

The high winds contributed to the error department with seven bobbles being committed, four of them by the champions.

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CHAMPIONS for the second consecutive season Legionnaires shiver and shudder in Sunday's bone-chilling winds before they ran out to defeat Firefighters 6-5 in the fourth game of the best-of-five final to wrap up the cup. Front row, left to right: Fred Thompson, Terry Masales, Gary Masales, bat boy Steve Marshall, pitcher John Salmon, Danny Arbie, Wayne Marshall. Back row, Al Hayward, Brian McCristall, manager Rae West, coach Owen Masales, Terry Waterhouse and Don Price. Missing is Jim Bollaugh.

## Minor Hockey Association Sets Registration Dates

The new executive of Acton Minor Hockey players held its first regular meeting Sunday afternoon with president Garnet (Doc) Harkley in the chair. Present were Bruce McArthur, Art Field, Charlie Thompson, George Stevenson and secretary Art Cooper as well as Bob Loutert and Ernie Marks representing the Legion.

It was agreed registration for Tri-County hockey players be held Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fees for this year will be \$5.00 for single players, \$8.00 for the second player from one family and \$2.00 for every additional player from the same family.

Only former Tri-County players, plus interested juveniles and minors, will be registered. An advertisement will be inserted in the Free Press asking for coaches and managers (male or female). Personal contact can be made either with president Doc Harkley or secretary Art Cooper.

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## Milton Downs Acton 4-0 in Soccer Game

The Acton high school soccer team made their debut Monday in Milton, suffering a 4-0 defeat at the hands of the county towners. The team learned a lot in their first appearance and things are expected of the high school squad in future games.

The lineup of the Acton team on Monday included: goal, Frank Anthony, centre forward, Brian Sheridan, left inside, Tom Gieger, right inside, Bowden Dye, right outside, Allan McKenzie, centre half, Doug Lord, right half, Philip Marz, left half, R. Goodridge, Dave Linka, Gerald Dick, right back, James Ware, left back, Randy Daley.

One good thing about losing is that it can't be repeated.

## Acton Runner Paces Pirates To Track Win

South Orange, N.J. — Bruce Andrews, the Acton Hall University junior from Acton, Canada, picked up right where he left off last year when the Pirates opened their cross country schedule. Last fall Bruce took five firsts and three seconds in dual meet competition. So far he looks better than ever and should more than equal that mark.

Although the Hall lost to Fordham University, Bruce turned in a 27:26.4 to take first place by 14 seconds.

The Pirates broke into the victory column with a 3:22 upset over Princeton University. Bruce and his junior mate, Herb Germain, finished in a dead heat at 26:19 for the five-mile course. The latter is half of the famed Germann twins who will, with Bruce, make up three quarters of the Hall's crack two-mile relay team, National AAU and ICAA champions.

**BANTS PLAY IN FINALS**  
Campbellville Bantams will be in search of an Ontario Bantam "D" Championship when they journey to the Six Nations Indian Reservation on Saturday for the third game of the provincial "D" Bantam finals. The V-lagers split weekend contests with Oshwegan.

## Legionnaires Win Third Game of Softball Finals

John Salmon's been a pitcher whom you could depend on to be there when the chips were down all season. He didn't disappoint his Legion teammates Thursday night in the third game of the town league softball finals. All he did was hurl a four hitter that enabled Legionnaires to snatch a 4-2 win from Firefighters and take a one game stranglehold on a series which was deadlocked after the first two contests.

The diminutive Legion chuck-let's leg was really working as he set 10 firemen down on strikes and walked two over the distance. On the opposite hill Frank Daley was almost as effective giving up eight hits and hanging up 12 strikeouts, but a pair of pacy fumbles cost him the match. His team was outgunned, however, eight to four.

The firemen collected a run in the second frame when Johnny Krapak homered only to have Legionnaires string three singles from the bats of Gary Masales, Salmon and Don Price and knot the count.

The third inning saw Brian McCristall single for the second time, put a pair of bases in his pocket, and score when Terry Waterhouse's drive was dropped to put the Legion club back on top. There they stayed until the sixth when Scotty McCristall walked a circuit circuit to square accounts again.

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## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**WELL, THREE CHEERS** and a tiger for the Legion softball squad for capturing the town league softball title for the second year running. With a year's more experience under their collective belts the league's speed merchants proved last year was no mistake by again taking Firefighters in four games out of a possible five.

This time they did it under nature's eye, the sun, disproving the theory held by some fans that the artificial floodlights were the Legion's advantage. The weather for Sunday's final game wasn't conducive to softball but both teams had to contend with the gale force winds.

For pitcher John Salmon the league championship must have been a personal victory as well as a team win. It's the third championship he's pitched this season. He's the bell cow of the Centre Inn club, O.R.S.A. Int. C. champs this season as well as Eramosa-Pushinch triholders.

For Owen Masales and Rae West, coach and manager of the Legionnaires, this year's team was a vindication of their title prophecy. Owen himself had to breach the line-up for the third game of the series while Rae's enthusiasm kept the youthful fuzzy-cheeked Legionnaires flying when the going got rough.

**THE CLUB WENT** to the front of the league early this season in contrast to last year when they just scraped in to a playoff position. Despite a healthy margin the champs started to slip in the latter part of the schedule and wound up in second place, behind Firefighters, when the regular season was over. They had no trouble disposing of Dominion Hotel in the semifinals while the firemen had their hands full with Station Hotel.

When the teams went into the finals the late season surge by the bucket brigade installed them as favorites with some fans. But the Legion won the first game of the finals when Danny Arbie smashed a ninth-inning home run to snatch victory from almost certain defeat. Firefighters bounced back in the second game taking a decision in the tenth inning with some fancy base running, beating the Legion at their own game.

Last Thursday's win was the important one for the champs. They had the firemen just going through the motions in the last couple of innings while they racked up a 4-2 win.

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**HOCKEY REGISTRATION**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th — 1 to 4 P.M.  
ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

All boys who played Tri-County hockey last season, plus boys interested in playing Midget or Juvenile are invited to registration. Registration fee — \$3.00 per child. Any family with more than 2 children, registration fees \$2 for each additional child.



FIREFIIGHTERS BOWED to the champion Legion club for the second straight season in the town league softball finals but the hook'n ladder brigade finished at the top of the league during the schedule. The sun shone briefly for them Sunday when this picture was taken. They absorbed a 6-5 loss to lose the series three games to one. Front row, left to right, Frank Spielvogel, Herb Dodds, Frank Daley, bat boy Bruce Fowler. John Krapak, Ed McGilloway. Middle row, Bill Spielvogel, Harold Townsley, Eldon (Butch) Richmond, manager Mick Holmes, Will Duval, Del Walters. Back row, Bob Bruce, Phil (Scotty) McCristall, Don Archibald.

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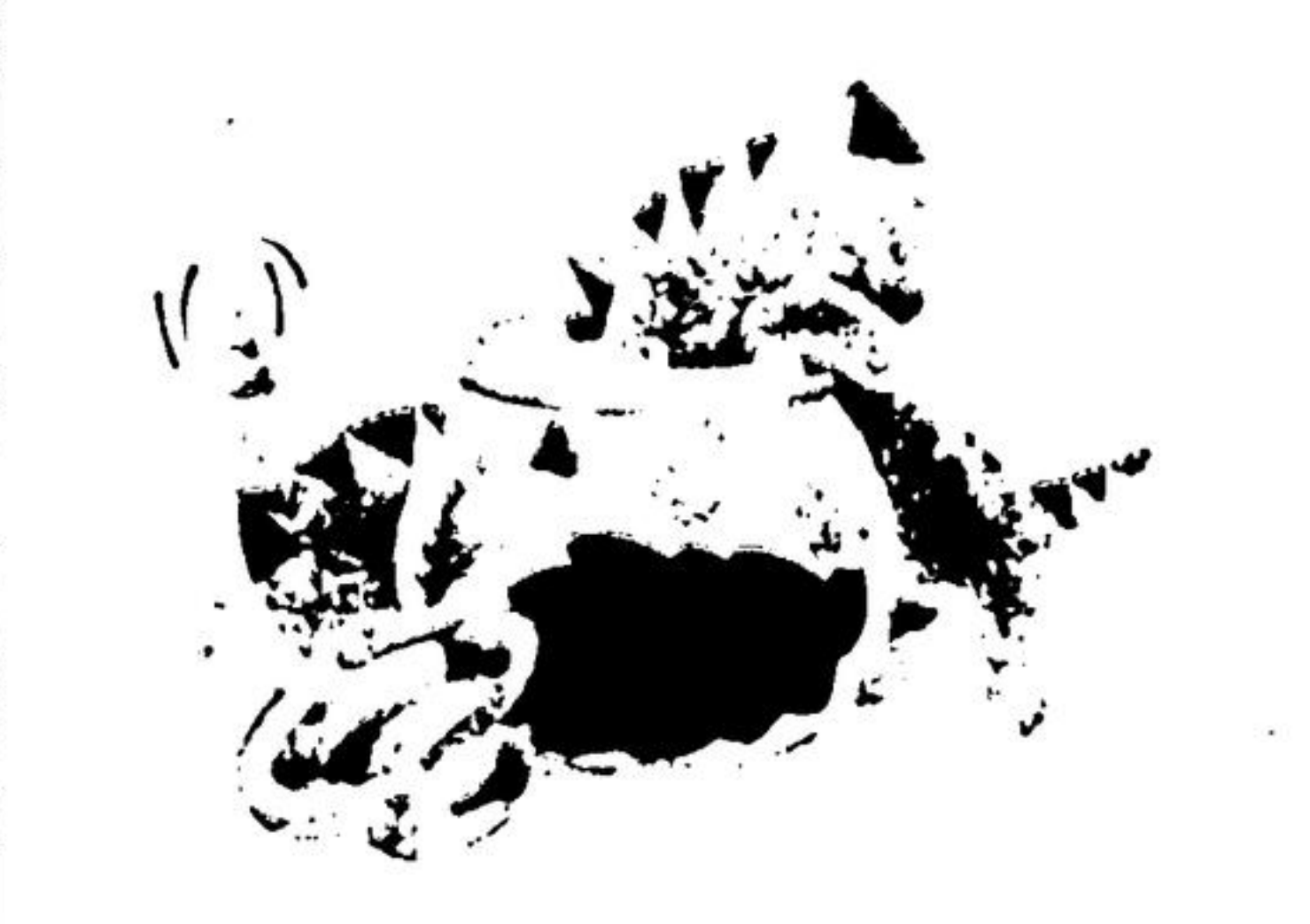
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