

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

Good number one for the coming softball season was registered last week in this column when the new five team softball set-up was labelled the Suburban Fastball League. Had a number of people tell me it should have been called the Intercountry Fastball League. According to Dave Manes, who should know, the name was changed three or four weeks ago.

Dave also told us the Acton entry in the new league is rapidly shaping up under coach Harry Lawson and Harold Townsley. First practice was held last Saturday with only a few turning out but another will be held Tuesday at 6:30. Anyone is welcome to try out.

Dave Manes, a sparkling in town league softball, has agreed to pick up most of the tab to sponsor the new Acton club. It will take a few more weeks to outfit the team, but Dave didn't hesitate in spite of sponsoring an entry in the town league as well.

The new club, facing a pitcher problem, expects to have big Carl Leybourne, a fellow townsman, fill out part of the package. Another fast finger has been asked and it's possible he will also sign. The club also hopes to sign Frank Daly and John Salzman. Frank has long been playing industrial league hockey. Salzman has signed with Brock Road in the fast Inter-City league and is not interested in playing elsewhere.

Softball Association prez Ted Pope reports he is busy arranging for the town league opening on the 25th of May. The same six teams that made up last year's circuit will be limbering up again. Last year's champions, the Legion club, had a workout Sunday. They report a new pitcher by the name of Lorne Norton has signed with them and they hope to sign another before the deadline. No word from them yet who will fill the coach's and manager's posts, vacated by Owen Macavale and Rae West respectively.

Negotiations between the Parks Board and the Softball Association for rental of the softball diamond concluded at the last Parks Board meeting to everyone's satisfaction. Ted Pope thought the Board was throwing him a curve with the first suggested rental price, but both parties agreed upon league teams and pay \$2, the Intercountry club \$4 and outside teams would be charged \$7.

Often the trainer, equipment manager and other important background jobs in a hockey club are overlooked when it comes to handing out bouquets at the end of the season. An acknowledgment from the press and a pat on the back from the club president are usually the sum total of appreciation for a hard season's work. Not so for Sonny Townsley Sr. We were glad to see the Tanners present him with a tangible token of appreciation at their dinner Saturday. Sonny worked long and conscientiously at his duties this and every other season he's been associated with the club.

Chatted with Junior Beaumont at the Tanners' social evening and asked him the usual questions, directed at coaches. Would he be back at the helm of the Acton club again next season? Too early to say, said Junior. He's received an offer to coach a team, unnamed, just a shade below pro, but hasn't made up his mind yet. He'd like to be back with the Tanners again next season if he doesn't accept the other post. What gave him the most satisfaction this year? Putting Acton back on the hockey map, said he. People are talking favorably about the Acton team in hockey circles again.

Two more good players and we'd have taken the championship this year. In fact if we hadn't had the long layoff and played hockey like we were at the end of the schedule we'd have taken it, Junior insisted. Another year? I wouldn't play myself. It's better for a coach to be on the bench where he can watch what the other fellows are doing. Playing himself, he hasn't the time. These views might give some insight into the team's policy next season if the popular coach returns next season.

BEAT BITS . . . Another registration for minor lacrosse will be held in the community centre Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Sixty-eight boys registered last Saturday. Dave Heffernan, Rock-



STARTING YOUNG! These youngsters with a number of others registered Saturday for minor lacrosse. Barry Incoe, well-known throughout the lacrosse circle, is starting minor lacrosse at the arena this summer and is shown above taking names of interested youngsters. Left to right are Tony Lambert, Ken Hearn, Dave Manes, Harry Lawson and Danny Manes.

Acton Entry in New Fastball Loop Will Make Home Debut May 28th

Acton I.G.A. — the name of Acton's entry in the newly formed Intercountry Fastball League — will make their debut under the lights, here, on Friday, May 28th. It will be the first of 12 home games in a 24 game schedule for the Acton club.

All their home games will be on Friday nights. Starting time is 8:30 p.m. The first contest will see Milton All-Stars the visitors. Five teams will leave the league starting post in what officials hope will be one of the biggest sports attractions in the district. Acton sponsor Dave Manes says he hopes anywhere from 500 to 1,000 fans will attend games here every Friday.

There will be no admission charge. A silver collection will be taken at each game. Costs under the present system will be high. Dave Manes estimates expenses for each home game will run in the neighborhood of \$20.

Committee Formed
A committee composed of Jim Graham, John Gay and Dave Manes, along with two player representatives from the team, will handle the executive end of the Acton club. It's possible more executive personnel will be added as the need arises.

Officials of the league were disappointed a sixth team was not entered to round out the league but they point out five clubs is a good start for any league. Milton, Omagh, Glen Williams, Hillsburgh and Acton will initiate the venture. Oakville, after signing interest, backed out from any commitment this season. It was also hoped a team from Georgetown would enter but no one could drum up enough interest there.

Co-Coaches
The Acton team will be coached by Harry Lawson and Harold Townsley, two well known personalities in sporting circles here.

Tanners, Wives Enjoy Dinner, Social Evening

The executive, players and wives of Acton Tanners hockey club enjoyed a social evening at the home of Russ Ballentine, Lumsden, Saturday evening. Trading hockey equipment for their best bib and tucker, the 40 guests sat down to demolish a turkey dinner, played cards and discussed the past season.

Club treasurer Rae West acted as master of ceremonies for the event which wound up the 1964-65 hockey season. Two presentations were made: a pair of lawn chairs to Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine for the use of their home for social events; and an executive barometer, suitably inscribed to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie (Sonny) Townsley in appreciation of Sonny's work with the club over the season. Tanager president Ray Mason said Sonny saved the club more money with his counting of club equipment than they'll ever realize.

Dancing to records concluded the evening. wood rustic with Campbellville baseball Merchants last season, will likely line up with Guelph C.Jays this season. The young pitcher had a win record with the Merchants. . . . Len Andrews, the village's mentor is crying the blues now over the loss of Heffernan. He says he's reached to one pitcher now — Harry Hamilton. Jack Roberts has a sore arm.

Try-Out Fri.

Anyone wishing a post on Acton I.G.A., the Acton club in the Intercountry Fastball circuit, is welcome to try out at a team practice at the softball diamond in the park Friday night at 6:30 p.m. Officials of the team indicated no spots on the team have been filled and every position is open.

Harry has been one of the cops of the All-Star entry from Acton each season as well as heading up

tournament committees. Harold's booming bat and glove work has contributed much to the success of the Firefighter entry in the town league. He's also been a perennial All-Star. Two practices have already been held. Most of the personnel for the team will come from Acton and district but the executive level four or five players will be needed from outside circles to start things rolling. First step in this direction was the acquisition of pitcher Carl Leybourne from Ferguson.

Other players have been approached but so far have not signified if they would play here.



THE LIONS ROARED after winning the championship in the Acton Friends bowling league last Thursday night. Kneeling in front is captain Merv Harness with the trophy. Back row left to right are Tony Damm, Jacqueline Papillon, Rae West, Lorna Bessey and Orval Chapman.

Senior Baseball Starts May 19th

With a new monicker and one new entry, the Halton County Senior Baseball League will swing into action on May 19 with scheduled games in Oakville and Georgetown. Teams representing Milton, Campbellville, Georgetown, Oakville, Dundas, Hamilton and Preston will play 24 games schedules.

For the first year, the long time established league will be referred to as Senior rather than Intermediate and following the end of the schedule, the top four teams will compete for the Senior "A" championship, while the lower four teams will battle for the Senior "B" title.

New Entry
Preston will have a team in the circuit for the first time and it has been suggested that the new entry will be made up primarily of top notch, over-age Junior players. In recent years, most Preston teams have competed in Inter-County baseball action.

Boxla Clinic Set Up Here 68 Players Register Sat.

Evidence Harry Incoe's efforts to promote indoor lacrosse in Acton are bearing fruit came with the announcement that a lacrosse forum would be held in the community centre next Thursday, May 20th, at 7:30 p.m. The forum will be sponsored by the Ontario government's Department of Labour branch.

Instructors for the clinic which is open to coaches, managers, referees, players and players' parents, will be provided by Danny Peterson and Bob Dobbie.

Peterson, a well-known senior lacrosse player with Mimico, Peterborough and Hamilton with a good minor league background, was contacted by Harry Incoe and Bob Lassitt Tuesday night. He's paid by the Department of Labour for holding lacrosse forums. He is in turn contacted Bob Dobbie of Ferguson to assist him with the forum.

Dobbie needs no introduction here. He started playing senior lacrosse in Ferguson when he was 18. He was induced to go to Hamilton for a year and then the west, a lacrosse hot bed. He played for Victoria B.C. in 1953 and again in 1957. Both times his club won the Mann Cup, emblematic of Canadian senior lacrosse supremacy. He returned to Ontario in 1959 and played for Brampton for the next four years. He, along with Peterson have also had extensive refereeing experience. Both of them have refereed in the Minto Cup and Peterson officiated at three Mann Cup finals and two Minto Cup finals.

Instructions at the forum will be on the game fundamentals, refereeing and coaching. It will include a history of the game, how to hold the stick, pick up the ball, throw it, catch it, run with it, check a player, defensive set-up, offensive tactics and face-offs. Refereeing duties will be explained and instructions on every facet of the old Indian game will be covered.

Sixty-eight boys from 8 to 16 registered for indoor lacrosse here Saturday morning and Harry Incoe announced he would be holding another registration this Saturday morning from 9 to 11:30.

Heffernan Quits Len's Concerned Over Hurling

The mighty Campbellville Merchants, perennial Halton County league champions, may have troubles with their pitching staff, according to manager Len Andrews. Youthful Dave Heffernan, a pitching sensation with the Merchants last year, will probably suit up with Guelph C-Jays this summer and veteran All-Star Jack Roberts has been unable to make practice regularly because of work.

"We've only got one pitcher who'll be ready to go in the open and that's Harry Hamilton," manager Andrews said. "Harry's been lacking real good but with Dave gone and Jack not in shape, we could have some troubles," he continued. The Merchants, heavily favored to win league honors will open in Georgetown on Wednesday May 19. Their first home game will be on Sunday, May 22.

Team to Beat
Despite problems in the pitching department the Merchants still rank as the team to beat in the seven team circuit. Veterans Don Joyce and Al Wingrove will share the catching duties and the field will stay pretty well pat with Earl Garrow at first, Elmer Shridge at second, Stu King at short and Stan Henderson at third. In case of emergency Henderson will probably see some mound duty. Larry McPhail is available for outfield and infield duty and Al Wingrove, Ken Moore, Bill Elliot, Harry Zukerous and John Nicholson are the primary candidates for outfield posts.

"Our pitching certainly isn't as strong as last year unless somebody comes out of the woods to help us," manager Andrews said. "However," he added, "some of our hitters seem to be swinging real well and fellows like Stu King and Larry McPhail just seem to be reaching their peak."

The villagers, Halton Champions and also Intermediate "C" champs in 1964, regularly play their home games on Sunday.



FUMBLERS didn't quite live up to their name in the Thursday Toppers baseball league when they came through with flying colors to win the Fern Mulford league championship trophy. Left to right are league prez Dave Manes, vice-pres. Arnie Adie, Paul, captain Lorne Roberts, third base and Harry Daly. Missing when photo was taken was Elton Johnson.

Name Champs H.S. Field Day

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220 yard dash: Dan Arbis, Dave Laska, Bill Cook.
440 yard dash: Dan Arbis, Al Jan Hill, Paul Mori.
800 yard dash: Allan Hall and Paul Mori and Bill Cook.
1 mile: Gordon Van Gils, Paul Mori, Bill Cook.
High jump: Dan Arbis, Brian Sheridan, Bill Cook.
Long jump: Dan Arbis, Brian Sheridan, Bill Cook.
Shot put: Bill Cook, Brian Sheridan, Dan Arbis.
Pole vault: Dan Arbis, Bill Cook, Gordon Van Gils.
Senior relay: Bill Cook's team, Jan Riddell's team, Phil Marzoy's team.
Two Mile Open: Paul Mori, John Macdonald, Barry Elliott.

SENIOR
100 yard dash: Dan Arbis, Dave Laska, Bill Cook.

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