

## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**THE KIBBE-KNOCKING**, teeth-chattering weather which seemed to plague the town softball league in the early part of June each year has cut attendance at night games again this season. Fans are reluctant to watch the mushballers perform when they have to wear their fur-lined undergar. Most of them have just put the stuff away in moshballs and they're reluctant to bring it out again.

It's just plain uncomfortable sitting in the bleachers, shivering and wadding off mosquitoes which seem to have grown immune to June frosts. The critters are getting bigger, too.

One of these days, warmer weather will drift in from the bannan belt and we'll get real baseball weather. It should mark an opening in interest for all the games. There's nothing quite like watching a good ball game after the sun has set on a warm night. Even the bugs don't seem to matter.

Meanwhile all six teams in the town circuit are jockeying for position behind Georgetown Dumbar who've demonstrated they're the team to beat in the early part of the schedule. They're the only club getting a consistent performance from their players. The rest of the clubs are up for one game and down for the next.

Biggest disappointment so far has been the Firefighters. They last played Frank Daley to the Intercounty squad this season and so far have not come up with an adequate replacement. Result is the veterans have registered only one in the win column.

It shows how much pitching means in softball when a club which has been consistently at the top slides to the bottom in one season. The quality of the hurling affects the performance of the fielding team too. A club with a top pitcher always seems to get sloppy fielding, as a sort of bonus.

**Counted**, the picture could change radically in the next two weeks. Legionnaires and Station Hotel are not playing as well as they once were. Doubleton Hotel and I.G.A. both came through with a win this week. So don't count the course charts yet. The horses aren't running in the order they're apt to finish.

**SOFTBALL HEAD** Ted Pope intends to hold another registration for boys and girls 8 to 14 who want to play ball, this Saturday afternoon at the legion hall from 2 to 4. He feels last week's registration did not bring out everybody interested.

Ted also reports there are quite a few teenage girls who are interested in forming a girls' team. They were slated to hold a work out last night (Wednesday). If enough players can be recruited the softball association will field a team.

It'd be interesting to see them play in the town softball circuit but it's likely they'll just line-up exhibitions for them against other girls' teams.

**WHEN THE ACTON CLUB** takes to the field Friday night against Glen Williams for their scheduled Intercounty Fastball contest, they'll be wearing sparkling new uniforms. Colors are gold and black with the words Acton I.G.A. on front of the sweaters.

Sunday in Milton the grocers were short-handed to the extent where manager Harry Lawson not only had to play himself but had to press Harry Jr., an 11-year-old carbon copy, into the lineup. That put Lawson at second base, right field and shortstop where Jackie Pete covers a lot of ground. It turned out to be a winning combination.

Perhaps the brightest happening for the Acton squad over the week was the return to form of pipe-smoking pitcher Frank Daley. The veteran right-hander spun an eight hitter vanquishing Milton and he started strongly in Friday's game here against Omagh.

**BEAT BITS** ... One of those unfortunate accidents which occur in all types of sports has sidelined Frank Spivogel from the Firefighter line-up for at least six weeks. Frank was hit by a pitched ball in Sunday's town league contest and X-rays revealed his arm was broken in two places. He's the most serious casualty in a club afflicted with aches and pains of almost every description. You want to hear about our golf tourney? You're kidding. Most of the staffers were so tired from swinging at the end of nine holes they called it a day. Low gross was recorded by the old pro Murray Scappo with a 44. George Ware turned in a 52 and scores went back and back ... from that point. A perfect day and lots of fun ... Don't forget the Acton Open Saturday, June 26th at Halton Country Club. Understand a few tickets are still available ... Campbellville Merchants are finding it a tough grind on the road this season. The villagers, in fourth place in the league, have yet to win a game away from their own stomping grounds. Sunday they toppled the league leading Oakville Oaks in the village to make it four wins against four losses. Georgetown Glens, away to a last start, are finding it tough to break into the win column now. They're in fifth place with three wins, four defeats ...

## Grocers Edge Station Hotel In Town League Photo Finish

Town league softball is becoming notorious for photo finishes. There was another on Sunday afternoon when, winless I.G.A. pulled an 11-10 upset over favored Station Hotel in a hitting derby settled in a seven run ninth inning. Score was tied 7-7 in the eighth.

Bruce Shultis supplied the punch — a home run blast which sent the winning grocers home in the ninth while the Station House gang could only muster three on its three hit allowance. Those four runs along with five scored on three hits in the sixth gave I.G.A. its first win of the season.

Chick Milne hurried the distance for the grocers, allowing 11 hits, 10 runs, striking out four and walking four. He was opposed by Ed Phillips who whiffed 11, allowed 10 hits and gave up three passes.

**Big Edge** Phillips had a 7-2 edge going for him until the sixth when I.G.A. exploded for five runs tying it up 7-7. There was no score in the seventh or eighth but both teams used their heavy artillery in the ninth to stage the story book finish.

Dennis Gibbons started it off by bashing his second triple of the game and he was followed by Ken Malby who made it to first on an error. Jeff Fryer doubled to empty the bases and he was batted in by Bruce Shultis' homer.

**Big blow** in the five run sixth was Bruce McArthur's four run grand slammer which tied the game up at 7-7.

Two Ed catches on long slams into the field restricted the in-runners to three runs in the ninth. Jeff Fryer cracked out three hits to lead the I.G.A. hit parade while Dennis Gibbons and Bruce



**GOLD STRIPERS** copped the major league bowling championship again this year to receive the Adams' trophy. Left to right are Wayne Spire, Ed McGilloyway, Dennis Crooks, captain Jeff Fryer, Bob Agnew, Fred Kenner, Bill Johnson and Leo McGilloyway.

## Congestion at Top

### Grocers Split With Omagh, Edge Milton

A three way tie for first place in the Intercounty Fastball circuit developed after a week of activity which saw Acton I.G.A. take two out of their three scheduled games. The grocers are deadlocked with Omagh and Hillsburg for the league lead as they dropped a Wednesday contest to Omagh, took revenge on Friday in Acton and trimmed Milton in the county capital Sunday.

Friday night they entertained Glen Williams, here, under the lights, journey to Hillsburg Monday and play in the Glen Tuesday. A string of victories would solidly entrench the Acton squad in the first division.

**Downed** Last Wednesday, the locals took it on the chin 8-3 from Omagh as John Willmott struck out 12 batters and allowed only five hits over the last seven frames. Forrest started on the ball for the winners and the grocers tagged him for two long smashes which included a two run homer by Jeff Fryer. The lead was brief however. Omagh's Don Chisholm homered off Acton starter Frank Daley in the second and the winners piled up four more runs in the third.

Daley was yanked in favor of Hind and he cooled the Omagh bats down with eight whiffs in the last five frames but they added three more runs. Bert Stewart's seventh inning homer was the only long blow in the final five frames.

**Whiz Kids Win First** Dominion Hotel, the gee whiz kids of the town league softball circuit, counted their first win of the infant season last Thursday by dumping the fading firemen 12-0 under the arcs.

Veteran Fred Archibald twirled the downtown inkeepers to the win scattering seven Firefighter bingles and striking out four. He encountered most of his trouble when his mates displayed some fumbly fingers and he gave up passes himself.

**Early Start** The winners got off to an early start with a run in the second frame and a pair in the third while the bucket brigade went scoreless. However, Firefighters, thanks to a pair of errors, a walk and a single by Townsley scored three in the fourth. Jim McDonald picked the same inning to strike a home run and Dominion stayed in front.

Another run in the fifth preceded a three run outburst in the sixth for the hostlers but Firefighters took advantage of an error, a walk and a hit batter to pour three more unearned runs over in the sixth.

The seventh was scoreless. In the eighth Dominion plated one while the losers started to creep up with a pair.

**Settled in Ninth** The issue was settled in the ninth when the whiz kids rallied to score three. The first four Firefighters got on-base but the best they could do was run a pair in.

Big bashers for the winners were Gord Mason and Ed Smith, each with three safeties. Gord's total included a triple and a double. Kevin Hall and Williams whacked two apiece, one a double. Townsley paced the bucket brigade's hit assault with two.

D. Currie and Don Archibald shared the mound duties for the losers, giving up 14 hits.

## Legion Wallops Firemen 22-3

Urged on by coach Hector Lambert to pile 'em up, Legionnaires walloped an off-color Firefighter squad 22-3 Tuesday night in town softball league action. It was the second one-sided loss Firemen have suffered this season.

Whether a fire call which interrupted the game briefly any bearing on the result will never be known. The bucket brigade had a 2-0 lead when they left to answer the summons. When they returned, they were never the same, piling up errors and playing at odds with one another.

Legionnaires behind the pitching of slim, youthful Mike Tchornowski piled up five runs in the first and never looked behind. Don Archibald, pitching in spite of a back injury, bore the brunt of the assault. He was followed by Don Currie in the ninth.

The Legion found holes in the Firefighters infield which was reconstructed twice through the game.

It was patently obvious to spectators that both teams were only shadows of the two which made it to the finale last season.

## Lacrosse League Starts

### Oshawa, Long Branch Chalk Up Wins

First three games in the Acton minor lacrosse league were played Saturday morning in the community centre. A few of the boys, familiar with lacrosse sticks, stuck out like sore thumbs in the contests. The rest are learning rudiments.

Geoff McNamee and Huntville Hawks started the novice section of the league off by playing a scoreless tie. Goalkeepers Ken Heare and Danny McGilloway shone as they fielded every scoring attempt flawlessly. Both goalkeepers made some good saves.

Referee Barry Incoe imposed only one penalty, a minor to Bill McGilloway in the second period.

**Case Called** Oshawa Coach Case blanketed Huntville 10-0 in the first game. Case scored a pair of goals by W. Case. Braden posted the

first counter for Case assisted by Case and then Case bounced both his goals in during the same period. Both were assisted by Braden and Gary Masters.

Four players were given the gate by referee Incoe, three of them to the winners Jordan (2) and Bob Ballentine. Ted Martin served the Excelsior sentence.

**Turkous Mile Target** Fined by a five goal performance by Bob Turkous, Long Branch Centrals bounced Whitby Legionnaires 7-1 in the bantam contest. Bob popped in a pair in the first stanza, added another in the second and rattled in two more in the third as well as assisting

on one of John Mason's two goals. Paul and Mike Cooper each registered an assist.

Brian Robinson shot the key Whitby tally, assisted by Gary Kelly.

Bob Andrews sparked in goal for the losers, making several fine stops. He didn't have much of a chance on the balls which eluded him.

Both teams played it wide open in a clean contest which officials Johnny Krapack and Larry Taille for only stopped twice to give penalties, one to each team. John Mason of the Centrals and Brian Robinson of Legionnaires were the penitents.

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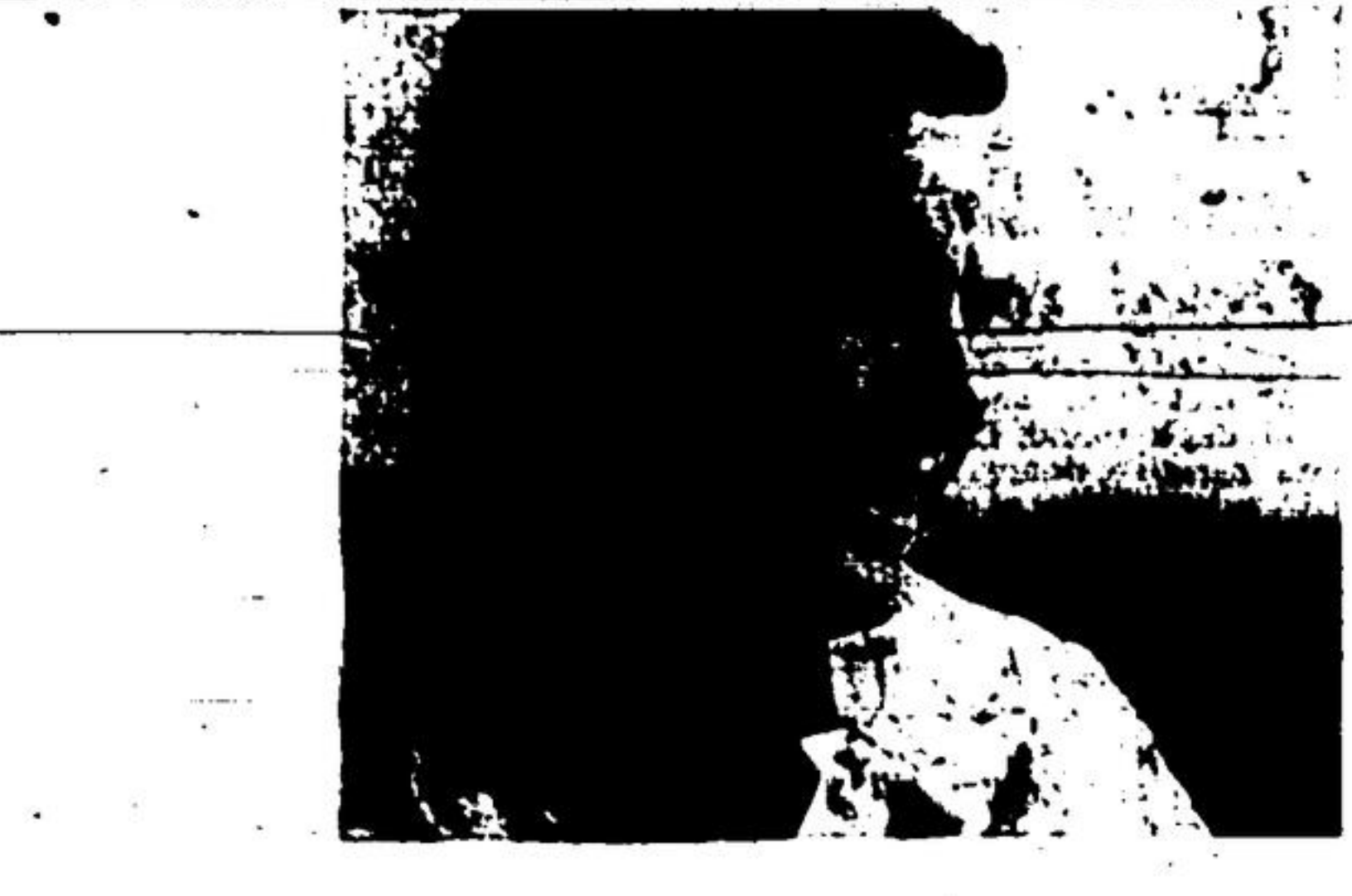
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