

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

BOTH ACTON TEAMS in the Inter-County Fastball League must have been wearing horseshoes in their last outings. How else could you explain the bizarre happenings that saw:

1. Station Hotel win a 32 decision over the Glen with an unearned run in the bottom of the ninth, Wednesday.
2. IGA take an identical 32 win from Omagh with another unearned run in the bottom of the tenth, Friday.

It must have been a coincidence but a fellow with a streak of superstition is inclined to regard these incidents with a mixture of fear and awe. He's fearful his luck might have run out all at once and he's awestruck at the thought it could have happened to him.

He'll feel the old rabbit's foot, neglect to change his socks, forget to shave, toss a bit of salt over the shoulder and run around the corner to avoid that black cat crossing the street. For indeed it was an odd occurrence —!

IGA's WIN boosted them into a second place tie with Hillsburgh while the Station's victory almost settled the Irish for Glen playoff hopes. A win over the innkeepers would have given them three points and kept them in the running. The loss gave the innkeepers the three points and left the Williams in the cellar.

Omagh is still out in front with 19 points but the grocers and the burghers are crowding them with 16 points apiece, according to manager Harry Lawson. Big Ears' some confusion here Omagh sources claim there's a three way tie for first place between Hillsburgh, IGA, and themselves. According to their version of the league standings the three top clubs have 16 points apiece. Station Hotel has 12 and Glen Williams is hanging up the rear with eight.

League president Scotty Patterson was not available for comment but whatever the standing is there's not much room for comment but what the two Acton teams met and a win for the grocers could put them at the front of the league. An innkeeper upset will make it a four-way battle for first. IGA, faces Hillsburgh here Friday and travels to Omagh Saturday so it's likely the race will crack wide open this week.

TONIGHT'S DUEL between Station Hotel and IGA, could settle the final playoff positions for the six team town softball league. Legionnaires have wrapped up first place but it looks like a two-way tie for second is developing. Domtar has 12 points while the two third place teams Station and IGA have 10 points apiece. One of the two is bound to win tonight's game and tie Domtar for second.

Looking on from the sidelines this season are the Firefighters and Dominion Hotel. It's an odd situation for the firemen who are accustomed to not only being in the playoffs but sticking around for the finals. Last season they finished in first place.

Question now is: What team can wrest the league crown from the Legion who seem fairly eager to hold on to it? Will it be IGA? Station Hotel? or maybe Georgetown Duncans? Or will the youthful Legion club win the cup three years running.

BEAT HITS — Keith Ranney placed second in the half mile run at the Eastern Canadian trials in Kingston Saturday. Georgetown Giants face a crucial test tonight in Dundas. A win over the Valley town could give them up with the fourth place position and win them a chance to represent Hamilton in the O.B.A. Int. A playoffs. Thursday's game comes right on the heels of an encounter with Campbellville last night. The Giants must win three of their last five games and manager Dade Lindsay is reported to have every confidence in them.

Eleven members of the Acton Novice hockey team of last season have been attending hockey school in Weston during the summer months. Gord Fricker arranged the setup for the Acton kids, most of whom go up a notch this season.

Pete Lawson made the Hamilton County baseball Selects and another Acton boy with the Georgetown Giants, Danny Arbie narrowly missed being selected as All Star third baseman. What local athlete was seen feeding bears while holidaying in Algonquin park?

ACTON CLUBS STEAL 2 WINS

Andy Williams Sparks Hotel to Win Over Glen

Battle of the Suds

Station Hotel Cinch Playoff Spot Win 14-13 Squeaker from Dominion

Station Hotel scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth last Wednesday night to shade Glen Williams 3-2 in a hold-your-breath Inter-County fastball contest, under the lights, here.

Andy Williams baited John Leatherland in with the tying run and scored the winner himself in a home plate steal scene involving Glen catcher Max Stafford.

Trapped between third and the plate, Andy made for home where Max took the throw and made the tag. Only to have Andy knock the ball out of his hands and romp in standing up to exit the field from the bleachers. A big day at the plate for Andy, he swatted three hits in four trips to the plate.

Phillips Flings — It was a big win for innkeeper Eddie Phillips who pitched a smart six hitter at the invaders from the Glen. The last frame heroics from Andy Williams scored a victory Phillips really deserved. He whiffed 10 and gave up one base on balls over the distance.

Glen pitcher Bob Newman scattered eight hits, struck out two and walked one.

The visitors went ahead in the first frame with Stafford batting in Blake Inglis but the Station House tied it up in the fifth when Ed Phillips came through with a single that sent Farmer Sheppard home from second.

It looked like the Glen had it piff wrapped when Blake Inglis and K Hearns put together a brace of hits for another run and it would have been, too, except for handy Andy. His third sock of the day, including a double in the seventh, Andy scored Leatherland and himself in a story-book finish which the Glen neglected to read. Two passed balls put him on third and he stole home on a wild pitch.

Blake Inglis paced the Glen bats with a pair while Andy Williams was the only brynmaster to collect more than one safety for the hotel.

Station Hotel — Andy Williams, Clarence Sheppard, Jan Riddell, Ed Phillips, Fred Thompson, Bob Sheppard, Wayne Sheppard, Brian Shults (9), John Leatherland, Don Price, Brian McCristall (7).

Umpires — Cliff Houston, Val Caputo, Milton.

Thunderstruck at the audacity of their fellow innkeepers who bombarded starter Doug Vickers with seven runs in the first inning off a pair of hits, Station Hotel almost blew the duke in Thursday's town league softball story. But the railroaders recovered in time to snatch a 14-13 decision from Dominion Hotel with a ninth inning run that sent shivers of relief down the collective spines of the Big M and his buddies.

The winners had to trot out their big bertha and turn the usually calm encounters between cousins into a home run derby before they eked out the win, which won them a seat in the charmed playoff circle. The decision dealt a death blow to any

playoff aspirations by Dominions, who join the firemen on the sidelines this season.

Grand Slam — Vince Thornton's grand slam home run highlighted the seventh inning assault which saw Vickers yielding five walks, hit a batter and allow a double to Ches Pevcha. Doug got in trouble again in the third when he gave up four hits, including a pair of doubles, and the Main St hotel's chalked up five more runs.

Station got four back in the third when Ed Phillips went in in relief for Vickers and promptly belted a home run. Four walks and three singles followed, which plated four runs.

Dominion got another run in the fourth, but then Phillips set

led down to blank them the rest of the way, striking out 12 batters. The upper innkeepers fought an uphill battle, scoring in the fourth from three hits, which included round trippers from Clarence Sheppard and John Dunn.

They got two more in the sixth when Bob Sheppard and Johnny Dunn blasted bases empty homers (Dunn's second) and tied it up in the seventh when Phillips slammed his second circuit chop with Farmer Sheppard on the bags with a double.

Back-to-Back Singles — Climax of the contest came in the ninth with the score tied 13-13. Jan Riddell singled and Bob Sheppard came through with a clutch safety that scored Riddell with the winner.

Vince Thornton and Ches Pevcha shared the mound duties for the losers, allowing 16 hits and 14 runs. Dominion collected 12 hits from Vickers and Phillips.

Clarence Sheppard clotted four safeties for the winners including a home run, two doubles and a bunt. Ed Phillips clocked two homers and a single, Bob Sheppard homered and singled twice, and Johnny Dunn homered twice.

Fred Currie socked three hits for the losers including a triple and two doubles, McLaren, Elliott, Shults and Turkosz slammed out two apiece.

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Saturday's Minor Lacrosse

Excels Hold Gaels to Tie Hawks Trim Mohawks

Taking a cue from their younger brothers, Brampton Excelsiors and Oshawa Green Gaels played to a 3-3 tie in pee wee minor lacrosse Saturday at the community centre. The novices have tied a knot the past two weeks but Huntville whumped Gaelph 8-2 in the opener with Danny McGilloway rattling in three goals for the winners.

For Excelsiors, tired of absorbing beatings at the hands of the Gaels, Saturday's deadlock was almost like a victory. They took a 2-1 first period lead when Dan Lord and Bill Fricker hit the target. Bob Ballentine notched one

for Oshawa assisted by Mark Nielsen.

In the second period, however, Gaels turned on the gas and Wayne Case whipped in two goals to tie and give them a 3-2 margin.

Case's first counter was a solo effort but he had help on his second from Dave Cunningham.

Referee Job Turkosz handed out only one penalty. It went to Mark Nielsen for high sticking.

Stars of the encounter were Wayne Case and Bill Fricker.

Danny Fricker put Huntville Hawks on the victory trail early in the novice opener, assisted by Billy McGilloway. Then Tim McIntyre, picked as the top hand of the winners, plunked two goals in Bill McGilloway counted one and Danny McGilloway finished the winners' scoring and completed a hat trick with the final two counters. He had help on his last from Tim McIntyre.

Bernie Taylor potted the first one for Guelp from Jim McNabb and Mike Lutz got the second and was named the losers' star with aid from John Fuchs.

Only penalty referee Incoe assessed was a tripping sentence to John Pink.

Select Power-Packed Dream Team

A power-packed All-Star team featuring two over 400 hitters and five batsmen with averages in excess of .300 will take to the field on August 15 in Waterdown when the Hamilton County Senior All-Stars tangle with the Brantford Red Sox of the Senior Inter-County league.

At the annual All-Star meeting last night (Tuesday) in Milton, representatives from each of the seven teams in the league selected the following starting line-up: catcher Don Arnold of Dundas, 284; first baseman Earl Cairns of Campbellville, 381; second baseman Ross McKeller of Preston, 350; third baseman Stan Henderson of Campbellville, 408; short stop Larry Wilson of Dundas, 458; outfielders Murray Hall of Oakville, 361; Rick Holt of Hamilton, 372 and Bill Weldon of Dundas, 391 and starting pitchers Hamilton lefty Jack Sutton 6.0, Hamilton right-hander Trevor Madden 6.0 and Campbellville left-hander Jack Roberts 7.3.

The team is probably one of the best ever selected from a batting average standpoint and the pitching staff must be regarded as definitely one of the best in the history of Hamilton County baseball league. Both Trevor Madden and Jack Sutton of Hamilton have had professional baseball experience and an batter in the league will agree they're mighty tough. The third member of the starting rotation, Jack Roberts of Campbellville, is generally regarded as one of the best pitchers in the history of the league.

In addition to naming the starting 11 players (including three possible starting pitchers), the club representatives selected an additional catcher, Moose Wildlong 3.0 of Preston, two infielders Rick De Marche, 350 of Hamilton and Don McPhail, 361 of Dundas, two outfielders Al Wingrove, 388 of Campbellville and Jim Wilson, 324 of Hamilton; two utility men Dennis Mendyk, 310 of Hamilton and Pete Lawson 304 of Georgetown and three ad-



PETE LAWSON
Giant from Acton

ditional pitchers Bernie Dore (four wins, six losses) of Georgetown, Harry Hamilton (seven wins and three losses) of Campbellville and Mike Anderson of Hamilton with five wins in five decisions including four shut-outs. Dore and Hamilton are right-handers and Anderson is a lefty.

Crop Is Best Ever — The crop of players in league activity this year is considered as the best ever and Campbellville manager summed up the opinion of most representatives when he noted, "this is a heck of a good team — everyone isn't going to be happy but when you have as many fine players as this, somebody has to be left off."

Campbellville Merchants, perennial league champions, usually dominate the squad but this year they had only three men in the starting line-up, Jack Roberts, Stan Henderson and Earl Cairns and only two others in the reserve list, spare outfielder Al Wingrove and reserve hurler Harry Hamilton. Hamilton has seven of the 21 players on the team, Campbellville five, Dundas four, Georgetown and Preston two each and Oakville one.

Milton Red Sox were completely shut-off the team with hard hitting second sacker Pete Sherritt (.333) being the only player prominently mentioned by club coach Dick Clement.

The annual All-Star classic will be held this year in Waterdown on August 15 and when the Hamilton All-Stars take to the field they will be under the leadership of Oakville Oak mentor Tom Byers who was selected to manage the team for the second consecutive year. Three other managers in the league, Len Andrews of Campbellville, Roy Litzen of Dundas and Joe Acciaroli of Hamilton were elected as coaches.

The All Stars' opposition in the contest will come from the high flying Brantford Red Sox who have a star studded line-up which includes former Toronto Maple Leaf bat-boy and Inter-County ace Ronnie Sneed, Bob Salyshburg who coaches the Burlington Juniors or "B" Mohawks during the hockey season and former Dundas star Joe Cipolla.

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SCOTTY MCCRISTALL
Stretching Single to Score

Villagers Thump Sox

Campbellville came up with a solid 24 hit attack on Sunday as they showed Milton under by a score of 20-1. Harry Hamilton worked the first six innings for Campbellville as he chalked up his sixth win of the season. Chris Ramsshaw's double in the sixth was the only hit he allowed as he walked one and struck out five.

Elmer Dredge, making his 1965 debut on the mound for Campbellville, pitched the last three innings. Bill Currie's home run was the only hit he allowed as he walked one and struck out four.

Merv Fletcher, Mike Boughton, and Ron Naylor shared the mound duties for the losers and Naylor by far was the most effective.

Only Two Hits — Ramsshaw's double and Cairns' homer were Milton's only hits. Elmer Dredge had five hits including a double for Campbellville. Stu King had four hits, including two homers for Campbellville. He came to bat six times during the game and scored five times. Harry Hamilton and Earl Cairns each hit three singles. Don Joyce and Larry McPhail and Bill Elliott all picked up two hits and Stan Henderson and Ken Moore each hit one safety.

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