



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

HOCKEY TALK IN AUGUST? It isn't so early. National hockey league training camps are only a few weeks away from opening up. "Doc" Barkley, general manager of the minor league association, reports he intends to call a meeting to elect a new executive for the association on Monday, August 23rd at 8 p.m.

Invited are managers, coaches and anyone who's had anything to do with hockey in Acton. New faces are also welcome. The "Doc" has been toying with the idea of enlarging the minor league system this season to include a junior hockey team. He's been in touch with the OHA and Mr. Hanley has assured him there's a vacancy for an Acton team to fill in a Junior "D" league. "D" you ask? Yes, since Acton's population is still under 5,000 a representative from here will qualify in that category.

Junior "C" hockey is the longer the straight amateur body it used to be. It's graduated to the position Junior "B" used to hold while the "B's" are almost straight pros like the Junior "A" clubs, although they retain amateur status. Milton hockey circles found this out last season when they attempted to run a virtually all-star club in the "C" series. It wasn't long until they were scouring the bushes all the way from Etobicoke to Istanbul for help. A home brew club couldn't compete. Fortunately they picked up some pretty fair hockey talent and made it to the league finals in their first season. But the budget required to keep the club going would astound you. A poor season would find someone left holding a king-sized bill in a bag.

CONSEQUENTLY Mr. Barkley is stepping pretty gingerly. He's convinced there's a need for a minor league in Acton to fill the gap between juvenile and intermediate, but he hasn't found the answers to many problems.

We've got several players up from juvenile ranks this year. He pointed out who will have no where to play unless they get out of town. A lot of parents would prefer their boy stay in Acton to play hockey especially where school work is involved. Stepping up from juvenile to intermediate hockey is a pretty big jump. Junior coach Junior Beaumont is hesitant to use some of last year's good juveniles fearing they might get hurt.

There's one big drawback to forming a junior hockey club in Acton. It is variously described as lack of lettuce, no-moolah, N.S.E. or short of cash but what it means in plain English is there isn't any money. The minor sports association had a hard time raising enough cash to cover expenses each season without adding to their debt.

A sponsor would be the answer but they're one of the vanishing breeds. A junior club without a sponsor would have to be almost autonomous with its own fundraising apparatus and practically its own executive. It could be sponsored by another team, say the Tanners. But most of the intermediate executive have their hands full with that brand.

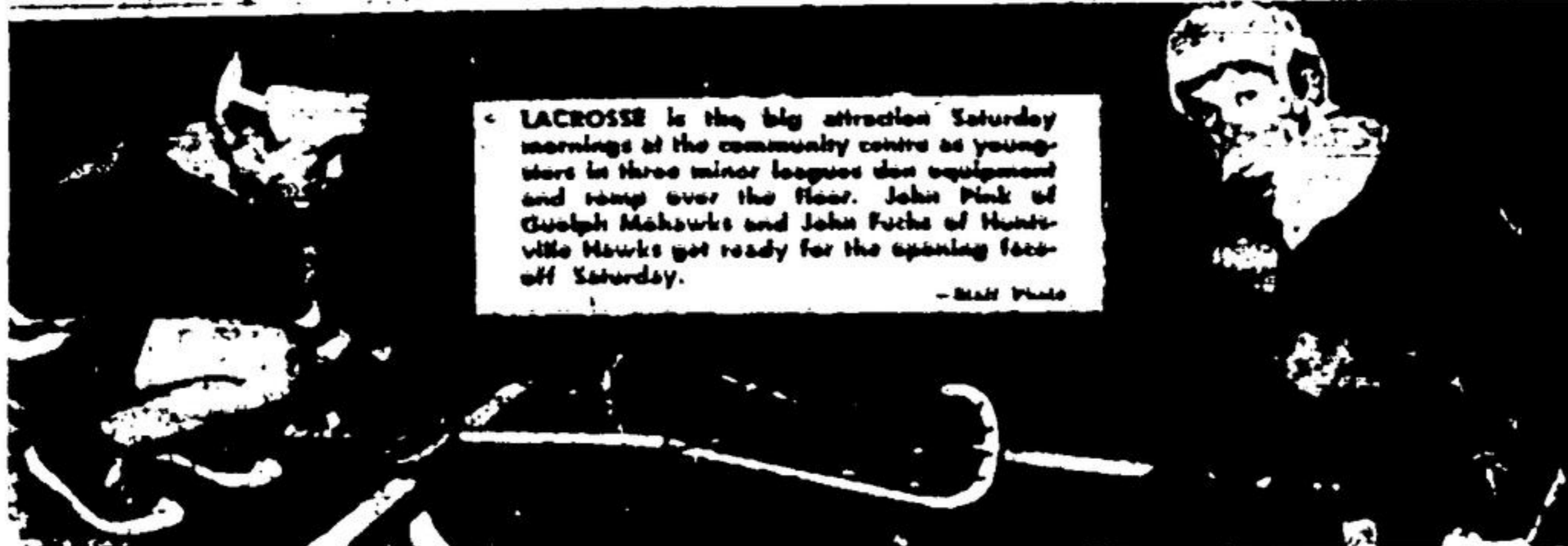
Like "Doc" Barkley, this furr-checked one believes there should be a junior team in Acton. It's the only way the intermediate hockey club can hope to ensure a team year after year. It seems unfair in a hockey program to bring a boy along from the time he can barely skate and then dump him to the wolves when he's at the threshold to maturity. I hope someone has the answer to how it can be done.

BEAT BITS . . . Bruce Andrews, Acton speedster with the Seton Hall University track club, stateside not only distinguishes himself on the cinder paths but scholasticly as well. He is one of 26 athletes on the Dean's List for the spring semester. Andrews is filling an entry for the Acton girls softball club in the tournament at Glen Williams this Saturday. Eight teams are expected for the tournament and although the Acton girls don't expect to cart home any trophies they will benefit from the experience. It'll be only the third game against outside opposition for the local femmes. . . Acton's I.G.A. Inter County softball club will stage the annual softball tournament here this year on the Saturday preceding the fall fair. The softball association decided they would not sponsor the tournament this season so the I.G.A. executive took up the cudgels. . . Campbellville Merchants' season start in the Hamilton County senior baseball circuit has been counterbalanced by the villagers' surge in the last half of the schedule. They almost pulled the rug from under Georgetown Giants by cutting them down 10-2 last Wednesday. Giant strategy was to play deep for the long range cannonading of the villagers but the Campbellville swatters crossed them up by dropping the ball into the holes. The following night Dundas, with whom the Heslopvillians were running neck-and-neck, edged them 3-2 to eliminate any chance of making the OHA playoffs. There's still the league marble run however. Watch those Ottawa Rough Riders in the Eastern football conference. Even the "experts" are picking them this year.

HALTON DREAM TEAM VS. SOX
Minor baseball will be the winner on Sunday afternoon when the Halton County All-Stars battle the Brantford Red Sox in the annual Halton County All-Star tilt slated for Waterloo. The annual All-Star tilt features the top performers in the Halton Senior League (as picked by club representatives) against one of the top teams in the Senior Inter County League. This year's Halton contingent appears to be one of the strongest ever and the pitching staff headed by Hamilton ace Trevor Madden and Jack Sutton and Campbellville veteran Jack Roberts, is surely the most awesome to ever head up the Halton line up. Cville 000 005 1 6 8 1
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Headlining the Brantford Red Sox efforts will be playing manager Bob Salisbury, former Toronto Maple Leaf, bat boy and Inter County League ace Ron Stead and hard hitting Al Dostal.

Blow Big Lead
Campbellville led Oakville 6-0 with one out in the bottom of the last inning in Oakville last Wednesday when suddenly the roof fell in and they had to settle for a 6-6 tie.

DRAMA
Dream team mentor again this season is popular Oakville Oaklander Tom Beyers and he will be assisted by Campbellville Merchant manager Len Andrews, Joe



LACROSSE is the big attraction Saturday morning at the community centre as youngsters in three minor leagues don equipment and romp over the floor. John Meik of Gough Mahawks and John Fuchs of Huntville Hawks got ready for the opening face-off Saturday. — Staff Photo

Grocers Wallop Station, 'Burg Pull Out in Front of Inter-County

Acton I.G.A. cornered the market on Inter County softball victory and wound up on top of the five team circuit this past week looking like the league power house. The grocers overpowered their inter-town rivals, Station Hotel, 12-0 behind the five-hit pitching of Merl Rath Wednesday, for a three point win Friday they put a three hit hurting job from big Lew Leybourne as they defeated the always dangerous Hillsburg crew 8-3 here.

Wines No. 9 and 10 they shattered the three way neck-and-neck race for the league top with the Burg and Omagh depositing I.G.A. in sole possession of first place with 23 points. Saturday's scheduled meeting with Omagh was postponed due to rain.

Probably the biggest surprise was the ease with which the grocers disposed of Station Hotel who have given their fellow townsmen a peek of trouble in previous contests. Winding a whitewash brush the grocers slammed out 13 hits at the expense of minkeper thrower Ken Bridge. He was in trouble through most of the game, but a few runs in the top of the ninth put the game way out of reach.

Merl Rath pitched shutout ball scattering five hits without one runner getting past second until the ninth frame when the hotelers loaded the bases with two out but couldn't produce a clutch hit. He fanned nine.

Winners played in the second, two more in the best of five semi-finals. Station Hotel will meet fourth place I.G.A. in the fifth.

Spins Three Hitter
Friday under the ace Carl Leybourne skidded a hit to Dwight Bell the game's first batter and then blanked the burgers until the eighth when Bell collected his second single of the contest. Carl struck out 10 and walked one as he spun the three hitter.

McAnahol's hot mashes wanted till the third to deadlock the count at 1-1, then collected four runs on a single hit and four tickets in the fourth got three more counts in the fifth on a pair of hits and walks including a round tripper from Leybourne that started the rally going with two out.

Grocers only collected seven hits from the offerings of three hitters. Donaldson, Knight and Little Wayne Marshall slammed out three of them in four trips to the plate. He was the only

Drop I.G.A. 10-8

Station Crew Ties Up Second Slot

Station Hotel jumped from one deadlock to another by nudging I.G.A. 10-8 in the town league softball schedule windup Thursday night.

Tied with the grocers for third place in the six team race the victors gave the hotelers 12 points and landed them in the second slot — tied with Georgetown Damtar. Sole possession of the runner-up spot will be decided this week in another tiebreaker, winner meeting I.G.A. in one semi-final playoff, the loser committed to taking on first place Legionnaires in the other best-of-five playoff.

Picks Doug

Manager Mel Sheppard picked Doug Vickers to throw Thursday's contest for the minkepers and Doug twirled an eight hit, 12 strikeout triumph. Chuck Milne and Ken Malby shared I.G.A.'s pitching chores with Matt relieving Milne in the third and he'd been tapped for three runs in the opening frame.

The winners got off to a good start with three runs in the initial frame and piled up three more in the third while the grocers collected one in the second, scored two in the fourth and one in the fifth. Ahead 8-4 as the teams

Meet I.G.A. in Playoffs

Final playoff positions were settled for the town softball league Tuesday night when Station Hotel came from behind to outslug Domtar 12-9 in a contest to break the second place deadlock between the two teams.

Ed Phillips hurled the win for the minkepers after relieving starter Doug Vickers in the fourth, behind 5-2. The hotelers picked up their socks, tied the game up and rammed five runs across in the sixth in a rally highlighted by homers from Wayne Sheppard and Ed Phillips. Domtar came bouncing back in late innings to pull within a couple of runs but Phillips bore down to ensure the victory.

The loss dropped Domtar to third place and gave them the privilege of meeting the front running Legion squad in the best of five semi-finals. Station Hotel will meet fourth place I.G.A. in the other series.

First game of the playoffs is tonight (Thursday).

The roadrunner is a member of the cuckoo family.

Triple Fight

Dave Manes triple in the bottom of the ninth which scored Don Black ahead of him and enabled Dave to come in when the loss to third was wild game the Station house crew a fight but they recovered to end the inning two runs up.

Biggest belts of the game were registered in the third when Bob Sheppard and John Dunn each stroked a home run. Dunn's with Jim Riddall on the sacks.

Dunn Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard and Harry Phillips each socked a pair of bingles for Station. Bruce Shultis fapped out three for the losers.

Boxla Clubs Lose Openers To Owen Sound

Minor lacrosse teams had their first real taste of league competition last Wednesday when they played host to Owen Sound basemen and pee wees at the community centre in the W.O.M.I.A. opener.

Although the Acton teams lost by a score of 13-3 and 20-8 they absorbed a few lessons on how to conduct themselves on the lacrosse floor. Most of the Owen Sound players have been playing the game since they were old enough to hold a stick while the Acton kids are relatively new to it.

Tuesday Acton Pee Wees opened the league in Elora and were edged 6-5 by the pee wee Rocks.

League activity resumed last night (Wednesday) when Ferns teams played here.

Final Standing Town League

Region	G.P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Station Hotel	10	7	3	14
Domtar	10	6	4	12
I.G.A.	10	6	4	12
Ferns	10	4	5	10
Domtar Hotel	9	3	6	6
Station Hotel	9	2	7	4

After Tenth Title

Campbellville Merchants will be seeking their 10th consecutive Halton County League title when they tangle with the Oakville Oaks in the first game of a league semi-final series tonight (Wednesday) in the semifinals against Oakville the Villagers are slight favorites, although both teams finished in a tie for second place with identical records of 16 wins and 10 losses.

Glen Wins Pair In Playoff Bid

Glen Williams started a drive to net a playoff berth in the Inter-County Softball League by duffing Station Hotel in the Glen Friday and notching a win over second place Hillsburg on their halfpitch Monday.

The wins elevated the Glen squad into a two-way tie for fourth with Station Hotel.

According to Acton Manager Harry Lawson the standing now has Acton I.G.A. on top with 23 points, Hillsburg second with 19 points, Omagh third with 17 and Station Hotel and the Glen bringing up the rear with 13.

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