

GALT GORES TAKE TOURNEY TITLE



Umpire Bruce Williamson in action behind Station's Gord Webster



I.G.A.'s Pete Lozano unloads hammer against London



Wayne Marshall pages the first pitch up



Then the Acton centre fielder connects

Galt Gores, one of the top teams in this part of the province, took home the honours and accompanying C note in Saturday's third annual softball tournament in Acton park. Gores defeated South Wellington Co-ops, a Guelph club, 6-1 in the finals of one of the best tournaments players ever participated in hereabouts.

Second prize of \$50 went to the Co-ops while Acton I.G.A. and Parkland-Paving of Burlington collected the \$15 third prize.

Cut to One Day

Billed as a two day event, organizers had to cut the tourney to one day when only 11 of the expected teams showed up. In spite of this handicap the tournament went off smoothly. Most of the teams present gave it an unqualified stamp of excellence.

"One of the best tournaments we've ever been in," spokesman for the teams said.

Entries were accepted from Glen Williams, Cooksville, London (2), Hornby, Hillsburg, Toronto, Rockwood, Burlington, Guelph, Galt and two from Acton.

Organizers, headed by Harry Lawson and Dave Manes, were blessed with perfect weather for the event but in spite of this gate receipts were down from last year.

"We made money," said I.G.A. sponsor Dave Manes, "but not enough to warrant all the time spent in organizing and running the tournament." They were pleased with the calibre of the ball, however, touting it as the best yet in Acton.

Final Decisive

The final game, a nine inning contest under the candles, was the most decisive of the 12 games played. Most of the fixtures ended with only one or two runs separating the combatants.

Champion Galt Gores brought along their ace hurler, Gerry Hopcraft and the trim blonde athlete, top batter in the intercity league, was the star of the tourney. The Gores had a bye and he struck out 18 spinning a one hitter in the quarter finals against Cooksville which ended in a scoreless draw. Galt took the contest by virtue of having four base runners to three.

Lucky Gores

Against host Acton I.G.A. in the semi-finals, Gores had more luck than ability. Hopcraft wove an other magic one hitter in relief of Nell but he was overshadowed by Carl Lovbourne's one hit performance. The grocers hung grimly on to a 1-0 lead from the first inning of the contest but an error at first and a bad pop

to second which got lost in the sun spelled a 2-1 defeat.

The break came when Baker was safe at first on the first baseman's error. Marshall singled putting runners on first and second. Lovbourne fanned Orton but when catcher D. Tosh threw to second to draw the runner back centre fielder Wayne Marshall lost the ball in the sun and it went deep to centre allowing both runners to score.

Gores had no trouble with Co-ops in the final. Hopcraft hurled a five hitter. Fanned 16 and walked one in the 6-1 victory. Bob Shaw gave up six hits for Galt. Hopcraft's shutout was spoiled by Butch Richardson's homer in the ninth.

Early Contests

First two games of the tourney which was played on two diamonds, saw Cooksville edge Glen Williams 2-1 and Acton I.G.A. dropped Hornby 5-1 as Lovbourne tossed a four hitter and smashed

two of the five hits the grocers belted from Hall.

London Cowan Auto, one of two London clubs, edged Hillsburgh 2-1 although they picked up only two hits from Ron Little and the batters got six from Stanley.

Station Hotel won their first 10 ball game this season against Toronto Supremes as Ed Phillips wove a three hitter, scored the nokeepers' only run, fanned 11 and belted two hits.

Parkland-Paving blanked Rockwood 10-0 in a 10 ball game. Jacques Papic's three hit ball toss John Salmon not hit for Rockwood, allowing four safeties.

Guelph Co-ops edged London's second entry 2-0 as Bob Shaw tossed a four hitter. Co-ops got only two hits from Johnson but clutch safeties by Mel Rath, which sent runners on base, via an error and a pass, home to score.

Galt outbase ran Rockwood in the next scoreless game while Acton I.G.A. edged London Cowans 10-0 behind the two hitter Russ Spicer. Acton's only hit from Stanley was a home run (poked) by Pete Lawson in the fourth over. The left fielder, in the second of the hit, the game was one of the best of the tourney.

Hotel Out

Station Hotel was eliminated when they dropped a 10 decision to Parkland-Paving. Paquette blanked the batters on three hits while the road builders got two from Ed Phillips and Frank Daley. They got all three runs in the second on a hit, two errors and as many walks.

Bob Robinson hurled Guelph Co-ops to a final berth with a 5-1 decision over Parkland. Co-ops got eight hits including a second inning over the fence homer by Butch Richardson.

Acton went down to Galt Gores 2-1 in their headbreaker semi-final setting the stage for the final between Co-ops and Gores.

Umpiring the tourney this year were Chester Anderson and Dave Stamp of Acton, Bill Korzak and Bill Cuthbert, Glen Williams and former Acton man Bruce Williamson of Newmarket.

Proceeds of the tournament went into the I.G.A. Inter County entries, coffers which included

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STATION HOTEL All Stars blanked Toronto Supremes 1-0 in one of the early games of Saturday's softball tournament but were eliminated in the next series by Burlington's 3-0. Back row: John Churchill in front and in the first row, left to right, are Glen Williams, Ed Phillips, Allan McNabb, John Leatherland, Harry (Doc) Phillips, Fred Archibald, Leonard Row, Turk Sheppard, Allan Ruckliff, Frank Daley, Gord Tricker. In the back are Doug Vickers, Ross Morton, Bob Sheppard, Mel (Big M) Sheppard, Wayne Sheppard, Bruce Shutt, Don Price.

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

BEAT BITS . . . The recently formed women's support group for the Minor Hockey Association will operate the community centre booth on both fair days in aid of minor hockey in Acton.

A new wrinkle for registering boys for the Tri-County hockey teams will see a registration area near the booth from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Milton hockey teams, moved at a late start in Milton, are thankful they will be able to get practice time in Acton. Arrangements were made at a recent recreation committee meeting to arrange ice time. Milton arena is torn up to install a new floor and pupup opening is not expected until November 15.

Softball tournament chairman Harry Lawson conveys special thanks to Mansell Nellis and town officials for skimping the hardball diamond. The diamond was in excellent shape. It drew the question, "When are we going to see hardball on it again?" from one fan.

Beaumont, Blake and Gerry Inglis are providing the instruction for a two week hockey school in Georgetown arena. Next meeting of the Acton Minor Hockey Association will be next Monday at 8:30. Anyone interested in minor hockey is not only welcome, but urged, to attend.

Fergus Thistles won the O.I.A. Sr. 'B' crown by whipping Windsor twice, 12-9 in Fergus Friday and 14-6 in the border city Sunday. Barry Incoe hit the target Sunday. Thistles go to Cornwall Thursday for a three game series with the Quebec league champs. Winner is supposed to go west for the Canadian final but the series was "up in the air" at this writing.

Guelph Co-ops dropped the Inter-County Baseball Association's final series to Brantford Red Sox.

Maple Leaf Stick Prize for Draw

An autographed hockey stick by players of the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey club will be a special fair day inducement for a lucky draw.

Minor hockey head "Doc" Hartley procured the stick from the Maple Leaf organization and the association will sell chances on it Saturday. Proceeds will go towards minor hockey in Acton.

The value of the stick can't be measured in dollars and cents. Toronto officials would not permit it to be sent to Acton presumably from fear it would never reach here. The "Doc" had to pick it up personally at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Improved Acton Boxla Squads Split Playoff Pair With Fergus

Proof they absorbed many lessons during the season wasn't lacking as the Acton peewee and bantam lacrosse clubs took on Fergus in the playoffs, here Wednesday night. The peewees lost 9-8 squeaker but the bantams spanked the Fergus visitors 7-3.

In the early games of the Western Ontario Minor Lacrosse Association schedule, both Fergus teams had a wide margin on the inexperienced Acton clubs, often winning by 10 to 15 goals. Wednesday's contests showed how much improvement both Acton teams had made.

Turk Scores Four

Bob Turkosz pulled the string four times, twice in the first stanza and twice more in the third chapter, to spearhead the bantams in their 7-3 triumph.

Clive Stewart, Gary Kelly and even goalkeeper John Mason notched a goal apiece. Turkosz and Kelly also collected an assist each, while Bob Waller assisted on two and Mike Martoux on one.

R. Fleming bagged a pair for Fergus and B. Little sniped one.

Seventeen penalties were doled out by referees Howard Dwyer and Ed O'Brien with Acton serving nine. Two of the sentences were 10 minute misconducts.

Surge in Final

Tied 5-5 at the end of two periods, Fergus outscored Acton 4-3 in the final chapter to squeak out a narrow 9-8 win in the peewee fixture.

The visitors were headed momentarily in the opening moments of the third stanza as Acton scored at the 20 second mark. But they came back to knot the count at the 50 second mark, added another at 1:25, and got two more before 10 minutes had elapsed.

Reeling from the last Fergus attack, Acton recovered, to close the gap at 17-10 and they got another with 16 seconds left to play but it still left them a goal short.

Bob Braden rattled in five goals in a losing cause, Bob Halentine and O. Peterson hit the target once apiece as well as assisting on one. George McPhail notched the other.

Pete Weiss, G. Turkosz, R. Halentine, G. McPhail, H. Toebes, J. Jordan, M. Nielsen, R. Schutts, B. Lucker, S. Helrose, B. Laur, R. Dwyer, G. Masters, O. Peterson, Landoni scored two and assisted R. Braden.

Legionnaires Even Up Finals With 5-1 Win Over Grocers

The town league softball finals were deadlocked at one game apiece after Legionnaires dealt I.G.A. a 5-1 setback Sunday.

Gary Masales hurried a sparkling two hit game at the grocers who won the first game of the final set 11-9. Manager Hec Lambert injected his ace chucker John Salmon into the lineup for the final two frames merely for the exercise.

I.G.A. lacked the plate power which won them the series opener. Veteran Frank Daley twirled the loss, giving up eight hits to the winners, four of them split between the first two frames when they scored four runs.

Singles from Brian McCristall, Gary Masales and Danny Arbic scored the first two runners for Legion in the first frame. I.G.A. replied with one when Jeff Fryer doubled Denis Gibbons in.

A pass to Don Anderson with two out, a double from John Leatherland's bat and a base-clearing two bagger from Brian McCristall put the Legion ahead 4-1 in the second.

A bases-empty home run by pitcher Gary Masales ended the scoring in the fifth. His slam was right down the third base line.

Dick Willie's single in the fifth was the only other grocer clout.

Fielding gem of the game was Don Price's nab of a sizzler from the bat of George Malby in left field. He fired it to second and the relay went to first catching George on the way back.

Brian McCristall's three blows which included a double sparked the Legion lumber. John Leatherland had a pair and Gary Masales smashed a homer and a single.

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Legion — John Leatherland 3b, Brian McCristall 1b, Gary Masales p, John Salmon p in 8th, Dan Arbic ss, Don Price 1b in, Wayne Marshall cf, Fred Thompson c, Terry Masales 2b, Don Anderson rf.

I.G.A. — Denis Gibbons 2b, Dick Willie 1b, Bruce Cargill 3b, Jeff Fryer cf, George Malby ss, Bruce Scholtz, Mel Hill c, Chuck Milne, Ken Malby, Frank Daley p, Dave



Sights Set on Third Straight Cup

Legionnaires Capture Second Win of Finals

Unless I.G.A. pulls up its socks Legionnaires will be marching off with their third straight town league softball championship.

The Legion squad only had a light drill defeating the grocers 10-3 under the park lights Tuesday for their second straight win of the best-of-seven series. I.G.A. took the opener.

Masales Winner

It was also the second win for pitcher Gary Masales who started on the mound yielding four hits over the first six frames. For variety John Salmon hurled the final three innings and was nicked for one hit by pinch hitter Dave Manes.

Chick Milne bore the brunt of a nine hit Legion assault. He was relieved by Ken Malby in the fifth.

Both clubs played sloppy ball in the field.

Runs were coming in pairs for the winners. They scored two in the first, second, third, fourth and sixth. Outside of the first three frames the grocers never really were in contention but they never stopped trying. They scored two runs in the second and a single in the fifth.

Both clubs left many base runners stranded.

Arbic Hits Three

Danny Arbic's three hits highlighted the Legion hit parade while Brian McCristall and Gary Masales slammed two apiece, one of Brian's a triple. John Leatherland and Don Anderson connected once each.

For I.G.A. Denis Gibbons, Jeff Fryer, Bruce Cargill, Chick Milne and Dave Manes each connected once.

Shortstop Danny Arbic pulled off the fielding gem of the game in the ninth on Denis Gibbons' shot to short. He made a back-hand stab at a fly, nabbed it and

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