

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

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Legion Toss Big Lead Away Still Squeeze Past Grocers

Ahead 31 at the end of the fifth inning, Legionnaires had to do some scrambling before they emerged in front of the fourth game of the town league softball finals with I.G.A. by an 11-0 count.

Bruce McArthur's towering three run homer in the ninth fell just one short of tying the score after the grocers came to life in the sixth with a six run rally to get back in contention. Single runs in the seventh and eighth saved the hides of the Legion squad who were so far ahead at one stage they committed the sin of toying with the lead.

Played in blistering heat, unlike the weather prevailing most of the year, the win gave Legionnaires a 3-1 stranglehold on the best of seven series.

Manes Winner
Gary Masales hurled the first nine for them giving up nine hits, the biggest of which was blasted by catcher Bruce McArthur after coming in midway through the contest in relief of Mill Ball.

Veteran Frank Daley took the loss yielding 12 hits, whiffing four and walking the same number. Frank didn't call on the magic that made him one of the league's top choppers in palmier seasons until the game was past the rain check stage.

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Campbellville Ousts Corunna Need 11 Innings for Final Win

Campbellville battled through 11 innings in humid 85 degree weather in Corunna on Saturday and finally came out the victor by a 5-4 score.

It was a dramatic and tense contest that sometimes featured loose play and at other times brilliant defensive ball.

The main feature of the game was the brilliant work of the Campbellville pitching staff. Harry Hamilton, who hadn't gone nine innings since July 11, worked nine and two-thirds in and was taken out mostly for strategic reasons than that he was showing any signs of weakening. Jack Roberts then came through with a perfect inning and a third of relief pitching.

Hamilton gave up four earned runs three hits. He walked six and struck out 11. Roberts in his short stint, held Corunna hitless, walked one (intentionally) and struck out three. Lockery hurled the whole 11 innings for Corunna and although not as brilliant as his rivals, he was very tough in the pinches. He allowed five runs off nine hits, walked two and struck out two.

Villagers Score
Campbellville took a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Bill Elliot was safe on an error by shortstop Carter and went to second on a passed ball. The Campbellville left fielder took third as the pitcher threw out Joyce and scored as Harry Hamilton grounded out.

Corunna forged into the lead as the Campbellville infield had a bad inning behind Hamilton. With one out, catcher Jim Carter singled, stole second and Pelletier walked. Little then hit what looked like a perfect double play ball but King's toe got away from Dredge and Carter scored from second on the play.

A strikeout made it two out and then King bubbled Lockery's grounder to load the bases. Shortstop Craig Carter then doubled, to drive in three runs and make it 4-1 for Corunna.

It appeared as though Corunna was eager to return Campbellville's generosity in the fourth. With one out, the third base

man threw wide of first on Elliot's grounder and the Campbellville left fielder ended up on second. He went to third on an infield out and scored as King was safe on the shortstop's error.

An error by the third baseman put men on first and second and then Dredge singled to right and when the ball bounced between the right fielder's legs and rolled to the fence, two more runs scored to tie the game at 4-4.

Teams Settle Down
At the end of the fourth inning, there had been eight errors, but over the next seven, there was only one more as the teams settled down to play tight, playoff ball.

Campbellville left one on in the fifth, two in the sixth and one in the eighth. Ninth and tenth, but never really threatened, while Corunna went out in order in the fourth and fifth.

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Omagh Nips Grocers 3-2

The tall end of hurricane Betsy swept clouds of dust over the diamond as Omagh grabbed a 2-1 lead on the host-of-seven later County football semi-finals, here, last Wednesday.

The visitors capitalised on the home chilling winds as they nudged I.G.A. 3-2.

Rosa Spicer and Carl Laybourne shared the hurling duties for the grocers who were short-handed for the second time in the series.

Action's runs were scored by Spicer and Dan Arbie, both of whom slammed home runs with the bases empty.

The series resumed in Omagh Wednesday and returned to Acton Friday. If more games are necessary they'll be played Friday and Saturday.

Winner meets Hillsburg in the finals

Hamilton struck the first batter out in the tenth, his 11th strikeout of the game, and the next man walked, but was forced at second on a ground ball back to the box. So with two out and the man on first stealing, Lockery hit one through the hole left by the second baseman, for the third hit of the game for Corunna. This advanced the potential winning run to third. Roberts then came in, purposely walked the clean-up hitter, Craig Carter, to fill the bases and, after working the count to three, and two on first, baseman Don Lumley, struck the batter out to end the threat.

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Merchants Tackle Thornton For Intermediate "C" Crown

Campbellville Intermediate merchant Thornton is the finale of the O.R.S.A. Intermediate "C". The first game will be played at the Barrie Fair Grounds on Saturday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. With the second game back in Campbellville on Sunday, September 26 at 2:30 p.m. It is a best-of-three series.

Thornton, who play in the South Simcoe league, reached the finals by defeating Caledonia two games to one. Caledonia have been a real power in Intermediate "C". The classification started in 1947 and since then Caledonia has won the trophy five times.

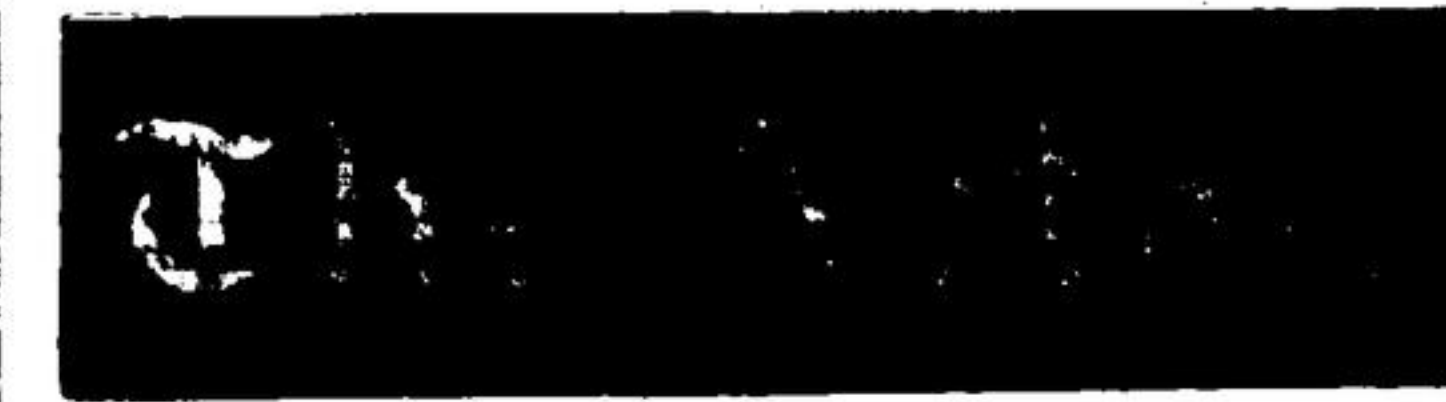
Campbellville defeated Caledonia two games to one and Corunna two straight to take the final. Thornton has won the trophy four previous seasons.

The complete list of champions is as follows and should

Burgers Capture Seat in Finals

Hillsburg edged Glen Williams in 12 innings Friday night to take the Inter-County Faaball semi-final four games to one.

The Burgers will meet the Acton I.G.A. - Omagh winner in the finals.



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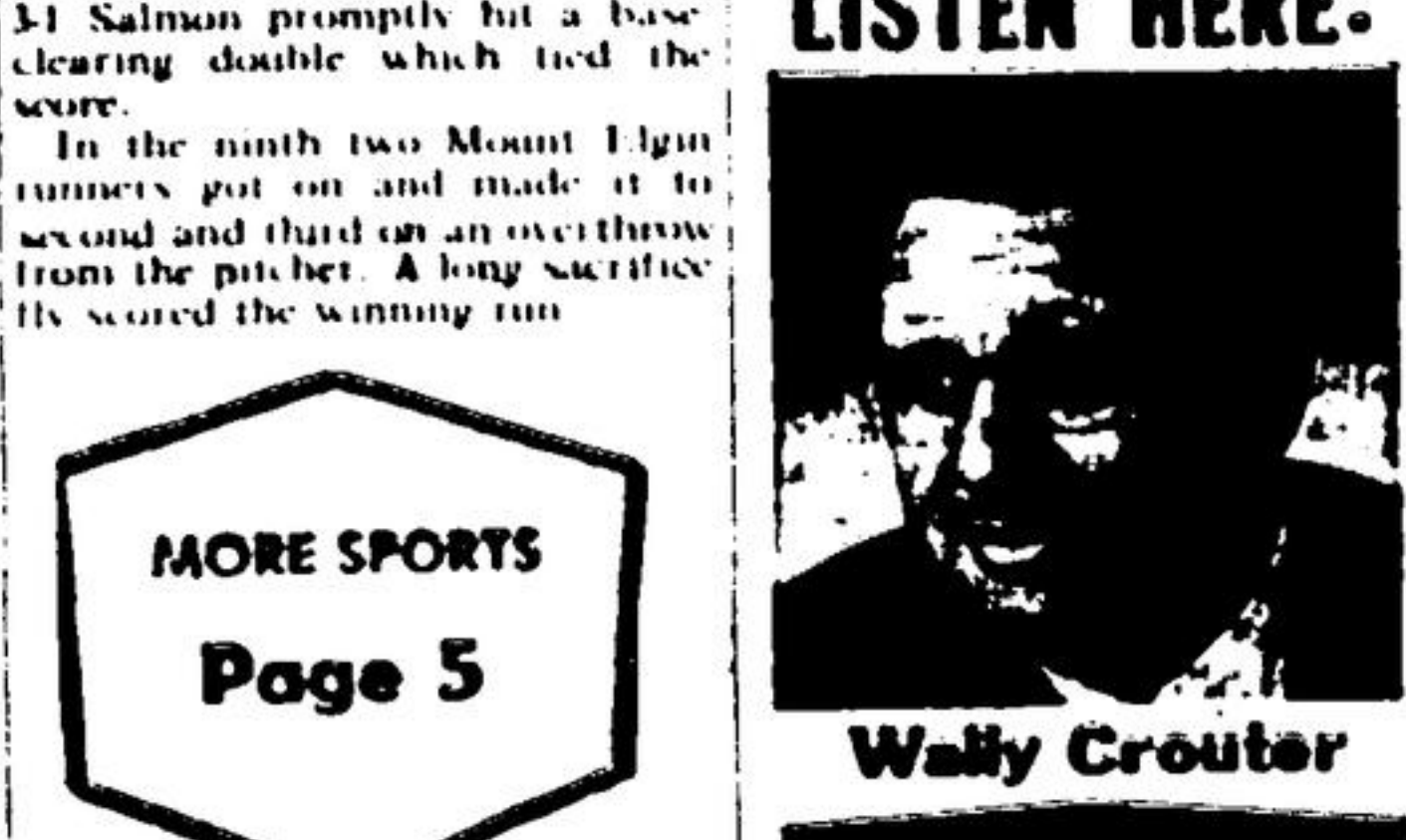
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Register For Hockey Saturday, Sunday

Hockey registration for the Legion town league will be held Saturday morning at the Legion Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. All boys 16 and under who play hockey are invited to register.

Sunday the Industrial Hockey League will register players from 1 to 3 p.m. at the community centre.

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