

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**ACTON WILL HAVE** a girls' softball team, classified as intermediate, playing in a league, Charlie Thomson confirmed this week. There was such a large turnout of interested players for last Saturday's work-out, consideration is also being given to running a house league exclusively for the girls.

The Acton entry, coached by Frank Spielvogel and managed by Charlie Thomson will be known as Acton Wildcats. Before you hint that's an appropriate name for the girls we'd like to mention that the team is going to be part of a four-team league which includes Fergus, Elora and Guelph.

The Wildcats, pardon me, the girls will be wearing gold sweaters with black sleeves. As soon as the league representative was convinced the belles hereabouts were of a calibre suitable for his circuit an executive was elected. President is Kay Chisholm, secretary Donna Landsborough and treasurer is Joanne Landsborough. One of the first duties of the new executive is to seek suitable insurance coverage in the event someone is injured.

It's likely the girls will be playing under the lights for their home games but no specific night has been set yet. Schedules and other details will be settled when the league holds its first meeting. It is possible the league might expand beyond four teams.

**HOW MUCH** does it cost to run an intermediate hockey team for an entire season? A recent executive meeting of Acton Tanners, in which the past season's expenses were reviewed, will help to clear the picture. It will surprise you.

Total expenses for the year amounted to over \$3,700.00 without including all the personal out-of-pocket disbursements members of the executive and some players made for travelling and sundries. Biggest item was \$1,237.00 which went for ice time. Secretary-treasurer George Haggitt calculated the Tanners paid \$22.00 an hour for use of the community centre, including practice times.

Next largest expense which took a \$927.00 slice out of the pay packet was equipment. A major portion of that — \$627.00 — went to the stick companies. Sticks seemed to be even more brittle over the past season. Countless hours of repair work trainer Sonny Townsley put in kept the cost down.

Referees, believe it or not, cost the club \$462.00. Some fans would say they aren't worth it but regardless of opinion they are an expense you can't dispense with. There's a 60-40 split between the club and the recreation committee. Referees are paid off the top before the gate is split.

The W.O.A.A. came in for its share of the melon. They got \$341.00 out of club coffers for the usual fees. Medical expenses, including insurance which the club carries, cost \$330.00. The club had more than its share of injuries over the past season, most serious of which was the broken leg Bob Marshall Jr. suffered early in the season at Orangeville.

Travel, according to the ledgers, took only \$90.00, but that figure of course does not include the car expenses thrown in as part of the penalty paid for being associated with a hockey club. There were other items such as advertising, phone calls, dry cleaning etc. which tacked on considerable more expense. Fortunately, the players are amateur in fact as well as name. They are not paid, contrary to what anyone may have told you.

**PRESIDENT RAY MASON**, reviewing the season just past, congratulated all those associated with the Tanners. He was especially appreciative of the co-operation the club received from Herb Ritchie and his staff at the arena.

"We had the best ice in the league," he pointed out, bar none. There wasn't anything they wouldn't do for us here at the arena to help out."

He praised the press, the support of fans which once again helped the Tanners to the league in attendance, Beardmore and Co., sponsors—and the help the team received from individuals assisting as goal judges, timekeepers and on the gate.

Specific mention was made of secretary-treasurer George Haggitt who took over the post from the late Rae West and did a fine job. He singled out Sonny Townsley Sr. for the way in which he handled the equipment again.

**Will the club be back next season? Yep. Unless there's a major catastrophe you can bet the Tanners will be in there next winter hunting for the elusive crown which has escaped them the past five seasons. And it could be either as an O.H.A. or W.O.A.A. club.**

**BEAT CLUBS** \* Congratulations to Dave Ryder and Danny Arbie who were intermediate champion and senior runner-up respectively in the John F. Ross field day recently. Dave broke two school records in the shot put and the long jump as he swept to the intermediate crown while Dan was only a point behind the champion in his quest for the senior crown. The Ontario Hockey Association decided they will extend the population limit to 7,500 for Int. B hockey next season from the previous 5,000 category. Oakville is entering a Jr. C team in the O.H.A. next season. **Ferry Sound Shamrocks** defeated New Hamburg Hahns to take the Jr. C championship this season. Hahns eliminated Georgetown Raiders, who in turn ousted Milton Merchants. The cool, unseasonable weather has interfered with work-outs by teams interested in entering the town softball league but the weatherman promises a return to spring-like temperatures by the weekend. **Murray Marchment**, defenseman with Acton Tanners this season, has left for Australia with two other Canadians to play hockey in the down under winter season. **Don Crane** is returning to Newfoundland where his father is seriously ill.

## Two New Intercounty Entries Balance Pair of Withdrawals

Drop-outs from the Intercounty Softball League will be replaced by two new entries from Rockwood and Georgetown this season.

Both Acton I.G.A. and Omagh failed to file entries this season but the league will remain a five team circuit including last year's hold-overs Glen Williams, Hillsburgh and Acton's Station Hotel.

The Georgetown team, nucleus of which will be drawn from players who formed the Domtar club which played in Acton town league last season, will play its home games in Glen Williams park. There are no lights in Georgetown. Ex-Actonians Bill Somerville, Mike George and Junior Beaumont, all former Domtar players, provided the spark for the club.

Rockwood's representative at organization meeting last week was Dick Dupuis. The Rockwood entry is expected to be a power in the league which Hillsburgh topped last season. Rockwood and Hillsburgh meet in the league opener Thursday, May 26.

President Scotty Patterson of Georgetown called the meeting to discuss the upcoming season and arrange dates.

Acton's Station squad was represented by Mel Sheppard, Hillsburgh by Jack Hunter, Rockwood by Dick Dupuis, Glen Williams by Harold "Te" Inglis and Georgetown by Mike Lorusso and Bill



**THE FALCONS** swooped to victory in the Acton Friends bowling league to cop the championship. The team received individual trophies during the banquet Saturday night at the Legion. Front row left to right are Dottie McGilloway, captain Joyce Blundell and Jackie Papillon. Back row left to right are Jim Milne and Don Archibald. Missing when photo was taken was Hartley Coles.

## See Busy Summer Season for Kelso

Plans for a busy summer are being formulated for the Kelso Conservation Area—a popular spot for picnickers, swimmers and fishermen. The scenic area is located three miles west of Milton and offers ideal facilities for people who enjoy getting out in the summer sun—once it arrives.

Since the opening of the Trout season last week, anglers have been trying their luck at Glen Eden Lake and the stream below the dam, but the opening of the swimming and picnicking season depends primarily on the weather. The large (107 x 65 foot) swimming pool and the adjoining wading pool will likely be opened around the first of June.

Both pools as well as the swimming area at the north end of the lake are closely patrolled by lifeguards and it is expected six permanent and six or seven part-time lifeguards will be hired this summer. The large pool will have a new bottom—installed last fall—and a fresh coat of paint when the swimming season starts.

The pools will be open and lifeguards will be on duty on weekends from the first of June till the start of holidays. From then on, the pools will be guarded and open for use every day of the week and swimming lessons will be started. Miss Peggy Fitzpatrick of Oakville will be the head instructor for the lessons.

Improvements are currently being made at the Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area on the mountain. A new road is being developed from the one parking lot in the area to the other parking lot.

The fencing of a 75 acre area where five buffalo will be kept will begin in the near future and a look-out area is being extended so visitors will be able to see the buffalo from the look-out area on top of the escarpment.

Halton County Museum, in Kelso Conservation Area, is open year round, but attendance has already begun to register the summer increase.



**JIMMY HOLMES**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, McDonald Boulevard, caught this 13-inch speckled beauty a few miles from town over the weekend. When the young angler cleaned the fish he found a smaller one inside. Two for the price of one is good catching!

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## Newcomer Impresses Fires Three Shut-out Innings Merchant Inter-squad Game

Newcomer Ralph Rintoul fired three scoreless innings on Sunday afternoon and veterans George Chester and Stu King belted lofty home runs to highlight a Campbellville Merchant inter-squad game.

Rintoul—a fireballing right-hander—was especially sharp as he shut out the hefty hitting Merchants for three innings and possibly earned the right to start the Villagers' first league game next Wednesday in Georgetown.

Experienced Merchant lefties Jack Roberts and Gary Field each threw three innings giving up a single run each. Utility man George Chester who wasn't expected back with the team this spring belted a home run off the offerings of Field and King tagged a Roberts' pitch for his four-bagger.

Veteran Merchant right-hander Harry Hamilton hurled three innings and gave up two runs. John Austen and Bill Dennis, both members of the Village Midget squad, pitched a single inning and Austen allowed three runs.

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## Giants Field Contenders for Loop Title Have Distinctive Acton Flavor Again

Georgetown's intermediate baseball club will have a distinctive Acton flavor again this season.

Beginning with the coach who's none other than Clayton "Dude" Lindsay, the Giants will be cutting a swath through the eight team league with at least six Acton players in the lineup and another pair available for recall from the juveniles. The first few practices indicate the team could be a real contender.

Dean of the Acton contingent, which helped the Georgetown crew to their most successful baseball season last year, is Jim Lindsay, eldest of "Dude's" boys. Jim hurls from the fork side of the slab, coaxing the opposition to bite on his fast ball. Along with Bernie Dore, a league select, he was the mainstay of the Giants' pitching platoon last season.

**Sox Star**  
This year they'll have some expert help from Don Westbrook, a Georgetown resident, who has played a leading role with Creemore Red Sox over the past few seasons. Don committed to Creemore for games in 1965 but he found the travelling too arduous so he's inked a Georgetown contract this season.

Along with Danny Arbie, who doubles as a third baseman, the Giant pitching staff could be one of the best in the league.

Behind the plate the Giants have Don Lindsay, another Acton product and the winner of the most valuable player award last season. Don is one of, if not the best, defensive catchers in the league.

At first base the team has Bill Campbell, a big husky-lad who wields a potent bat. The team will be counting on him to play a leading role in the batter's box this season.

Completing the almost all Acton infield is Danny Arbie who's still young enough to wear a juvenile uniform—and does. Danny's a whiz on the basepaths and he can really clobber a ball. The team is counting on his speed and knack for the clutch blows.

Jason Fields, an all star infielder from Campbellford, will be bolstering the Giant infield this season and Brian McCristall, another Acton outfield product, can handle the third base chores when he's called on. Otherwise Brian sticks to the outfield where he's alternated between right and centre field depending on the choice of hitters.

Captain Tom James has the left field post nailed down and in right field is Earl Burt, speedsters who specialize in gobbling up those long flies.

Described as the key to the team last season, especially for his ability to come through in the pinches, is Jim James who's an all-round utility player. Jim can fit in anywhere and often does.

If the team needs it they can also count on calling up Phil Marzio and Dave Ryder from the juveniles. These two Acton boys are expected to provide some of the bench strength a club needs to compete in the tough competition in the league.

First game for the Giants will be in Georgetown when they host the league's perennial champs, Campbellville Merchants.

## Harold Townsley New President Softball Ass'n.

Harold Townsley was elected president of the Acton Softball Association at a meeting in the community centre Monday evening. He succeeds Ted Pope as head of the association.

Phil (Scotty) McCristall was returned as secretary-treasurer and he'll be assisted by Charlie Thomson.

Prospects for the town league this season looked encouraging with four teams signifying they'll be filing entries. They are Ledger's I.G.A., Station Hotel, the Legion and a new entry sponsored by Herb Dodds Delivery. Drop-outs are the Firefighters, Dominion Hotel and Georgetown Domtar.

An organization meeting of the league will be held next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the community centre.

## 34 Minor Teams In Halton Action

Interest in Halton County minor or ball is at a peak this season and at a scheduled meeting on Monday night more than 30 representatives showed up.

Thirty-four minor teams—five T.C.E., six Pee Wee, eight Bantam, seven Midget and eight Juvenile entries will be competing for division crowns.

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