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**TIGER CATS** copped the league championship in the Acton Mixed bowling league and were honored at the annual banquet Friday night at the band hall. Seen with their individual trophies are captain Hector Daigle, Ivry Martin, Grace Robertson, Ada Peal, Peter Taylor, Garnet Winter and Brian Rae.



**Pounding the SPORTS BEAT**

**SOFTBALL OPENED** on all fronts the past week with the Acton Merchants losing and winning one in the Inter-County softball circuit, the Wildcats edging Guelph in girls' exhibition and the town league will have three games in the books by the time you read this.

Lacrosse starts this Saturday at the community centre, horseshoe pitching is already in progress and shuffleboard will soon start for the senior citizens.

The proprietor of this page isn't able to attend all the sports events in town and district so if you've got a write-up of a game or sports event of any type don't hesitate to send it to the Free Press or telephone the details.

If the weather cooperates the sports and recreation activities in Acton and district will exceed anything to date. About the only thing missing is baseball.

**BEAT BITS** ★ We're not positive but think Jim Slaven's runner-up position at the Ontario secondary school track championships Saturday in London stamps him as the first Acton runner to take a ribbon in O.F.S.S.A. finals since Bruce Andrews. He trains partly by running back to his home on No. 25 Highway during lunch.

Ed Phillips reports Archie Papillon won the draw run by the Station Hotel softball club. Like tossing horseshoes? Novice, professional or just a plain ringer at the sport are welcome to register for a program mapped out for all horseshoe players by recreation director Howard Pearce. Date? Monday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Place? community centre. The new club has erected a horseshoe pitch outside the centre and expects to send four entrants to the Ontario championships at Rockwood.

Shuffleboard courts for the senior citizens will soon be in use on the arena floor. Increasing popularity of Mohawk harness meets was obvious by the records set at the most recent one. The standard breeds, most of them anyway, move over to the Garden City Raceway at St. Catharines. Some will go to London. First lacrosse Saturday at the community centre starts at 9 a.m. with four games for ages running from novice, through bantam and pee wee to midget. Rumors, and they are rumors, are rife that Georgetown will have an O.H.A. intermediate hockey entry next season. Don Price lent John Goy Jr. his softball pants for Sunday's town league lid lifter with the warning, "Don't get them dirty." Then he sat in the bleachers to enjoy the game. He did until John and his green knickers were involved in a spiking incident. The pants came off of second best in the tearing session.

Bases are five feet further apart and the pitching box two and a half feet further from the plate in the new regulation softball diamond. Dave Manes figures the new layout will aid rather than hinder his I.G.A. club, taking the game away from the pitchers and helping a good defensive club. Sunday's town league opener proved him right in the first instance when the grocers took a 4-2 decision but the scoring was prolific in Tuesday's second game twice the Legion and Station Hotel. In deference to the loan of uniforms from I.G.A. the Acton Inter-County softball squad has changed its name to Acton Merchants from their former Station Hotel label.

## Girls' softball league expands to seven teams

Expansion of the Grand Valley girls' softball league to seven teams from an anticipated four was the highlight of the formation meeting last week at Haysunton Park on Lake Belwood.

Recreation director Howard Pearce represented the newly formed Acton Wildcats at the meeting at which the Acton club was accepted into the circuit on a unanimous vote. They will play a home and home series with Fergus, West Gara, Hillsburg, Shands, Belwood and Grand Valley.

Three of the teams, Belwood, West Gara and Shands, play their home games at picturesque Haysunton park while Fergus, Hillsburg, Grand Valley and Acton have their own ball fields. Acton is the only team with lights so outside of Monday dates here, most games will be twilight fixtures. Acton Wildcats home games

will be played Monday nights at 8:30 under the arcs. First game will be on June 20 with West Gara the visitors. Mr. Pearce received a full copy of the schedule and it will appear in this page next week.

The league is also planning an All-Star game for June 18 at Haysunton park. Three players from each team will be picked for the All-Stars. They'll play Fergus, last year's champions.

Recreation director Pearce emphasized the Acton girls will need lots of support in their first year of operation, in the league. "We've got a good manager and coach in Charlie Thomson and Frank Spielvogel. Now we just need the fans to get behind us."

Mr. Pearce received a confirmation from the Queen and Her Maids for an exhibition appearance in aid of girls' softball in Acton on Friday, July 15.

## Rockwood here Friday

# Merchants top 'Burgers first Inter-County win

Acton Inter-County softball entry switched labels and the Merchants, as the team is now known, chalked up a 9-4 win over last year's champions, Hillsburg, Monday night up in the potato country.

Ed Phillips clubbed the Merchants to the win, their first in two starts by scattering eight Hillsburg hits over the distance, striking out 10 and walking three. Lorne Peavoy and Ken Donaldson shared the mound duties for Hillsburg and were nipped for 14 safeties. They put six Merchants on the Whiffle tree.

The Acton club came from behind a 3-2 deficit in the top of the sixth with four big runs and

were never headed. They added three more in the seventh with the losers plating one in the bottom of the seventh.

Besides shacking the Hillsburg squad at the plate, Ed Phillips shared the Merchant spotlight at the plate, lashing out three singles. Gary Masales also delivered three blows while John Leatherland, Don Price and Bob Sheppard banged out two apiece. Jeff Fryer and Johnny Dunn smashed one each.

Left fielder Ed Smith collected three bingles including a two bagger in the second for Hillsburg while Don McKenzie belted out a pair, Ross Corbett, Al Kirkwood and Mike Donaldson rapped one each.

Gary Masales scored the first Acton run in the top of the fourth as he and Ed Phillips put together back-to-back singles. Hillsburg got a pair in the last half of the frame as McKenzie and Ed Smith and Mike Donaldson singled in succession.

Bob Sheppard and John Dunn singled and Bob scored to deadlock the count in the top of the fifth but the 'burgers got one

back in their half to take the lead again.

Leatherland, Masales, Phillips, Price and Fryer knocked five straight singles in the sixth for four runs and the Merchants never looked back. The same combination with Sheppard in place of Fryer scored three more in the seventh. Corbett led off with a single and scored Hillsburg's last in the bottom end.

Acton left six players on the sacks while the 'Burg left a like number stranded.

The Merchants open the season at home this Friday night playing host to the strong new Rockwood entry who shelled them on their first time out. Game time is 8:15 under the arcs in Acton park.

Acton — H. Phillips lf; J. Leatherland 3b, G. Masales ss, E. Phillips p, L. Price lf, J. Fryer cf, B. Sheppard 2b, J. Dunn rf, G. Williamson c. Hillsburg — D. Bell c, R. Corbett 2b, A. Kirkwood lf, D. McKenzie 3b, E. Smith lf, M. Donaldson ss, L. Peavoy p, K. Donaldson p, R. McGowan cf, W. Knight rf.

## Wildcats scratch 4-3 win over Guelph

Acton Wildcats served notice they were going to be a force in the Grand Valley girls' softball league by edging Guelph 4-3 in the twilight exhibition in Acton Monday night.

Joanne Landsborough and Bonnie McDougall shared the pitching duties as the Acton femmes scored a run in both the first and third and plated a pair in the fourth to defeat the green uniformed visitors.

The highly rated Guelph team, classed higher in another league, scored twice in the first frame and added another in the sixth.

Coach Frank Spielvogel was elated at the Wildcat win. Manager Charlie Thompson, regulated to calling balls and strikes behind the plate for this one, predicted there would be many more victories for the Acton club, accepted into the seven team league at a meeting last week.

Acton — Liz Kirby 3b, Edna Goodridge 3b, Patsy Wheeler ss, Bev Brunelle ss, Sandra Slingerland c, Gladys Calver 2b, Wendy Almond 2b, Gayle Fryer lf, Laurie Chisholm lf, Joanne Landsborough p, Bonnie McDougall p, Kay Chisholm cf, Carol Thompson lf, Brenda Langille rf, Lynne Dunn, Susan Taillefer, Linda Wood.

Guelph — P. Hohenadel, L. Jones, N. White, S. McLean, D. Maceroll, D. Hohenadel, S. Simpson, D. Jackson, L. Pentelow, K. Kitchen, Kitty. Umpire—Chas. Thomson.

## Mohawk sets more records

Mohawk Raceway, ending a record-breaking meet Saturday night, reported a total attendance for the spring season of 150,053, betting a total of \$8,675,322 or approximately \$240,981 each night.

The track also set a record for a single night's wagering of \$265,489; daily double pool of \$26,158; largest exactor pool of \$25,163; and the largest single race pool of \$51,782.

Many of these firsts were made the night the track experienced its largest crowd, 7,909 on April 30.

The average nightly attendance for 1965 was 3,901; while the spring meet figure jumped 267 to 4,168.

Average daily betting was up \$38,195 from \$202,786 in 1965 to \$240,981.

The per capita wagering jumped \$6.78 to \$57.82 from the \$51.04 mark of 1965.

## I.G.A., weather flex muscles in town league softball opener

Acton Softball Association started the brand new 1966 muddball season off on at least two counts in the same manner as they left off last year.

The same knee-knocking teeth-chattering weather which plagued last year's playoffs was around for the opener, restricting attendance to the hardiest. And the team which wound up winning the last game last season finished on top in this one.

Ledger's I.G.A. posted a 4-2 win over an entry with a new name, Herb's Delivery, but with a lot of familiar faces in the line-up. Date was Sunday and the locale Prospect Park.

Al Calvert, a new twirler, tossed a six hitter at Herb's Delivery to post a win for the grocers. They scored twice in the third and got another pair in the sixth.

Fred Archibald, a veteran of the town league, went the distance for the delivery and allowing six hits and striking out five. Calvert sent one batter down on strikes. The losers scored once in the fifth and again in the seventh.

Big blow of the ball game was Bruce Shullis' three bagger in the third inning for I.G.A. Heals had a single. Bruce Cargill

socked a double for the winners with Howard Pearce lining up on his recreation duties cracking a double and the bat to boot.

Other grocers hits were sin-



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**TIPTOEING THROUGH THE TULIPS** might be alright for a song but when it comes to a championship bowling team, "The Tulips" outclassed all opponents in the Blue Springs Nursery league. Team members are shown at the recent banquet with their trophy. Included are captain Sylvia Mages, Mary Jones, Adele Nolan and Rheta Goodwin.

## Jim Slaven second in Ont. jr. mile event

Acton district High School runner Jim Slaven finished second in the junior mile run at the Ontario secondary school championships in London on Saturday.

The 15-year-old Acton track star was a scant five seconds behind the pace setter, R. Smith of Kipling. His time was 4:45.5.



This is Jim's first year under training in the Guelph Legion Track Club. Last Acton runner to win a ribbon in the Ontario finals was Bruce Andrews in 1961.

Bruce trailed Bruce Kidd to the tape.

The only Acton entrant in the provincial championships, Jim won the distinction by racking up a double win at the CWOSSA "B" meet and winning the junior mile run at the CWOSSA "A" track event in Waterloo.

He trains with the Guelph Legion Track Club and under the watch of Acton coach Ted Franklin.

C. Milne c & p, J. Bullough lf & rf, B. McCristall c in 6th, T. Masales 2b in 6th.

Station Hotel — H. Phillips rf and 2b, G. Williamson c, J. Riddall 3b, B. Sheppard ss, E. Smith lf, J. Dunn lf, L. Peavoy 2b and p, W. Sheppard cf, D. Vickery p, H. Leachman rf in 8th.

## Legion edges hotel in fumbly fixture

Legionnaires had an edge on Station Hotel in everything from runs, hits and errors, as they scraped through to a 15-14 decision in town league softball Tuesday night. Both teams showed a lack of practice.

Frost bitten hands had difficulty grasping the ball with the scorer recording 12 errors, seven of which were booted by the winners under the candlesticks.

Two big innings, the sixth and seventh played a large part in the verdict. Legion scored eight runs in the seventh hit sixes while the innkeepers plated seven from six bingles in their half of the seventh.

Station Jumped into a three run lead in the first frame on a pair of hits and three Legion bobbles. They had a 4-1 edge going into the sixth when the Legionnaires scored eight times to wipe out the lead and take command. The innkeepers got a pair back in the bottom half making the score 9-6.

Legion scored two more in the top of the seventh for an 11-6 edge but the innkeepers rallied for seven runs in the bottom half to again take the lead, 13-11. The lead changed hands again in the see-saw battle as the winners pulled four more runs out of the bag in the eighth for a 15-13 margin.

Station went scoreless in their half but scored one in the bot-

tom of the ninth on Riddall's homer to make it 15-14. They had the tying run on second when Johnny Dunn grounded to third and was called out on a disputed decision.

Legionnaires outlit the innkeepers 17-13 in the marathon with Ken Maltby and Chick Milne sharing the pitching duties. Milne was the winner.

Doug Vickery started on the hill for the hotelers and Lorne Peavoy pitched the last two innings. Peavoy was charged with the loss.

Best blow of the game was Jan Riddall's bases empty homer over the centre fielder's head in the ninth.

John Leatherland and Terry Masales had three hits apiece for the winners with Masales having a perfect night after coming into the game in the sixth. Dan Arbie, Barrie Elliott, Chick Milne and Brian McCristall had two hits apiece.

Jan Riddall paced the innkeeper hit parade with three blows, including his four bagger. Harry Phillips, George Williamson and Ed Smith smashed two hits apiece.

## Giants win first contest

Don Westbrook fanned 12 Burlington batters as Georgetown Giants edged Burlington 3-2 in Halton County senior baseball last Wednesday. Westbrook was never in trouble as he pitched the first six and a third innings. Bernie Dore finished up the first Giant win.

Mike Lynch, former Dundas hurler, threw the route for Burlington. Second baseman Jason Fields and third sacker Dan Arbie each had a pair of hits for the Giants while Denis Gibbons singled once. One of Arbie's bingles was a double.

Alert fielding from Denis Gibbons in right field caught a Burlington runner out at second.

## Giants, Sox play to 7-7 tie

Outlit 10-7, Georgetown Giants nevertheless managed a 7-7 tie against Milton Red Sox in a game called for darkness at the end of the fifth inning Monday night.

The Sox held a 7-3 lead going into the fifth when the Giants latched onto lefty Ron Naylor's offerings for four runs off a single, two walks and three-infield errors. The tie-breaking run was on base with one out but Naylor retired the next two men in order.

The Giants took a 1-0 lead in the first frame on a double, a stolen base and a single but the Sox hopped onto Southpaw Bob Brattain for five hits in the bottom half for four runs. In the second the Sox scored another for a 5-1 lead but Pete Lawson's triple highlighted a two run third and another in the fourth for a 7-3 lead which the Giants erased in the top of the fifth.

Brattain hurled two and two thirds innings for the Giants, giving up nine hits and six runs, whiffing four and walking one. Don Westbrook finished up the final two and a third innings allowing one hit and one run. He struck out six and issued two passes.

The Giants played Dundas last night, got to Burlington Monday and return home to play host to Preston next Wednesday.

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