



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

DURING A RECENT conversation with recreation director Howard Pearce about the extent of his summer program, he confided to this fussy faced one that he had thoughts of bringing wrestling as an attraction to the community centre this summer. "At least one night, anyway". The grapplers are still popular and Acton's energetic "wreck" would like to test the reaction of fans here to modern wrestling.

I can remember my first introduction to the grunt and groan game back when the magic lantern in your living room was non-existent.

The only TV sets in town were in the windows of appliance stores. The big ones had a seven-inch screen. Programs were beamed in from the States and when the sets were going, crowds gathered outside to watch and marvel at the new scientific miracle.

Saturday night featured one of the most popular attractions — wrestling. The sidewalk in front of Ken Hassard's TV and Radio, next to the bus depot, would start to fill up early. Headless of the traffic along the main drag the crowd often overflowed out onto the road for a big match.

The wrestlers seemed to sense the enormous crowds watching the new medium. Unlike some of the perfunctory performances nowadays they really warmed up and looked like they were really trying to belabor their opponent. My favorite was Chief Sunny War Cloud, supposed to be an Indian Chief. He dressed the part anyway.

A good flying mare or drop kick would bring a wince from the crowd. The good guy was cheered. The bad guy drew boos. When the good guy was getting the worst of it some of the more delicate among the ladies hid their eyes or turned their backs. Amazingly through all the roughhouse performances no one seemed to get hurt.

THIS STARTED A RUMOR floating that the whole thing was an act. "One guy wins one night and the other guy takes his turn in another city, the next night," said the scoffers. These remarks often would start a pushing match among the spectators for some others were convinced of the simon purity of their heroes.

As TV sets became more numerous and Canadians opened their own network, viewers became more sophisticated. They preferred to watch "rasslin" in the comfort of their own home with a brew and a bag of peanuts handy. The set-less neighbors would drop in for a chat and stay for the wrestling from Chicago.

Interest in the sport became so intense the trunks wouldn't hold all the customers. Old ladies clutching umbrellas shared seats with serious young ladies with boy friends. Sometimes the old ladies weren't averse to walloping a gladiator from the ring with the umbrella. One wrestler, Nanto Singh, was so unpopular with fans they stubbed their cigarettes and cigars on him as he wended his way to the ring.

Others like Whipper Billy Watson were mobbed by admirers whenever they appeared. There was big hulking Yukon Eric, Wild Bill Longson, Pat Flanagan, the Masked Marvel and a host of others, villains and good guys.

It's impossible now to imagine the interest wrestling had in what must have been its most palmy days. My Aunt Melinda, (fictitious name), a gentle lady who'd wince when somebody swatted a mosquito, would sit in front of a TV set, gripping the arms of her chair, gritting her teeth and yelling for the good guy to get that dirty so-and-so. Another older friend of mine would get so worked up his doctor advised him to forget about watching wrestling for his heart's sake.

Gradually the sport died on TV from over-exposure more than anything else. People started to prefer less gory things like *The Untouchables*, *Frankenstein* and old movies about the last two wars or a scapling rally by the Indians. But the sport survived in the arenas and it's rumored the acting now is better than ever.

WHEN DAVE MANES, Ted Pope and the committee responsible for installing candlesticks on the softball diamond first looked into the possibility, likely as not the thought of girls using the diamond never entered their minds. Most men look upon competitive sports as an exclusive male domain.

Monday night the gals will take over, however, when the Wildcats, Acton's newest and only feminine softball team plays host to the Shands, a club from the shores of Lake Belwood. The game will be under the lights and manager Charlie Thomson is anxious about how the girls will react to the arena.

"We're the only club in the league playing home games under lights," said Charlie, "and we should have an edge. But the girls haven't had any practices under them yet. We've got to get two or three sessions in this week so they can get accustomed to them."

How will the local gals stack up against the other six teams in the league? You'd better go down Monday and see. Some of these country girls can really hit a ball. Throw? If you can throw turns into a bushel basket from 50 paces you're only a novice.

Seriously, coach Frank Spivogel and manager Thomson think they've got a contender. The gals won their only game against Guelph, a higher classed club, but it was strictly an exhibition. Monday night will be for keeps, Thursday the Wildcats go to Belwood and Saturday they'll exercise their throwing arms from a car wash at Jack McCallum's service station. Receipts will go into club coffers, deflated at this point.

PERFECT GOLFING WEATHER greeted the duffers from this establishment when they held their annual tourney at Hornby Towers last Friday. For the first time, some of the ladies decided to participate and did quite well, thank you.

Some of the water hazards presented quite a challenge. One perspiring swinger attempting to clear a small pond on the second hole lost his balance and fell in. He prefers to remain anonymous. Another sharpshooter was aiming for his buddies all day but the best he could do was a birdie — robin, I think.

When the scores were added, and one duffer with an astonishing 24 on one hole had put away his abacus, the low gross trophy went to Jim Dill's Brother Dave absconded with the second low gross. Low net went to George Ware and Roy Downs took second low net.

Dorothy Rogenvaldson, considered the best tee-upper for the ladies, took that award; Kay Dills wrapped up the ladies' special and Oral Norton, a real swinger, capped the golfing honors.

This Saturday the scene again shifts to the Hornby Tower course for the annual Acton Open. Tickets can be obtained from the Sports Corner and some are still available.

BEAT BITS * Been roller skating yet? * The Queen and Her Maids, the amazing four member team of junior females who'll perform here on July 15th, have something of a record. Queen Rosie has a record of 123 wins against 16 losses in four seasons. She's struck out 1,780 batters, pitched 18 no-hitters, 16 shut-outs and two perfect games in her career. Built around Rosie, the Maids, aged 10-14, include a first baseman Eileen, short-stop Rosie Degeyter and a crazy clown catcher, Lotta Chutter...

Mayor's pitch
Mayor Les Duby will toss the first ball when Acton girls' softball team open the season here against the Shands on Monday night.

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Acton policemen golf in tourney

Two Acton O.P.P. constables participated in the annual Halton Police Golf Tournament staged at the new Richview Course in Oakville Wednesday of last week. But neither Bruce McArthur nor Merv Harness was able to pick up a trophy.

Both recorded net scores of 80 but the low net winner had 75. Others from the district attending included Consts. A. Jordan, Joe Feldcamp, Bob Burke, Carmen Wright and Bill Bennett of the Milton O.P.P. detachment, who patrol the North Halton area. Consts. Jordan, Feldcamp, and Burk won the low team trophy.

Over 50 police from Acton, Milton, Oakville and Burlington played in the tourney.

HALTON SENIOR STANDINGS

W	L	Pct.	G.B.L.
Campbellville	6	0	1,000 0
Dundas	3	2	600 2 1/2
Oakville	4	3	571 2 1/2
Burlington	3	3	500 3
Preston	3	4	428 3 1/2
Georgetown	2	3	400 3 1/2
Hamilton	2	3	285 3 1/2
Milton	1	4	200 4 1/2



TWO-TIME WINNERS, the euchre team from Branch 197, Royal Canadian Legion, show off their trophies after copping the zone and district championships. Last Saturday the foursome played in the provincial finals and placed, fifth among 27 branches entered. Left to right are Alvie Gordon, captain Earl Beerman, Norm Morton and Charlie Shultis. The Acton Branch will host both the zone and district euchre playoffs next year.

Merchants lose to 'Burg nip Glen 3-2 Tuesday

Acton Merchants split a pair of games this week in Inter-county fastball league action. Hillsburg edged the Merchants 4-2 under the lights here Friday night to exact revenge for a defeat at Acton's hands the previous week. Tuesday at the Glen the Merchants climbed back on the win track with a 3-2 victory over the Williams, their second of the season.

Ed Phillips hurled both games for the Merchants, allowing nine hits to the 'Burgers and setting down the Glen on eight. His mates managed only six hits off Hillsburg starter Barry Turner and Ron Little but bombarded Joe Shaw at the Glen with 14 bingles.

The 'Burg bounced into a 1-0 lead in the top of the third Friday while fans swatted mosquitoes which swarmed in hordes over the diamond. White was hit by the pitcher and Turner doubled him in.

The Merchants got three hits in their half but scored only one run to tie it up, Bob Sheppard scoring.

Hillsburg plated another run in the fifth to take a lead they never relinquished, scoring two more in the sixth of three hits

including doubles by Donaldson and McGowan.

The Merchants made a belated bid to overcome the 'Burg's lead in the bottom of the ninth when Bob Sheppard drew a pass to start the inning. He scored on Farmer Sheppard's single.

Manager Mel Sheppard decided to take matters into his own hands in the ninth and went to bat for Tiberi. Little wound up and the Big M bounced one off his protruding sto mach to the delight of the multitude.

They're still talking about Mel's dive for the sack after Brother Clarence knocked him to second. Don Price's ground-er was picked up and as Mel skidded into third on his face he was tagged but not before he had the crowd on their feet with his exhibition of tumbling.

Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard clouted three safeties for the Merchants for half the hits they got from Turner and Little with Don Price belting a pair, Wayne Sheppard doubling and Tiberi laying one down.

Donaldson, Kirkwood and White slammed two apiece for

Hillsburg while Turner, Corbett and McGowan got one each.

At the Glen Tuesday the Merchants scored a pair in the top of the fourth and went on to win a 3-2 squeaker. The Glen were victims of an 18 strikeout performance by John Salmon in Rockwood Friday in a 2-0 loss and they were eager to reap revenge on Acton.

Ed Phillips scattered their hits effectively, however, allowing no more than one hit in any inning except the fifth when the Glen bunched three to score one run. They got another in bottom of the ninth — unearned — off a pass and a single by pinch hitter Perry.

Acton scored two in the fourth as Bob Sheppard bunted safely and John Dunn followed up to empty the sacks. The locals got another in the seventh as Harry Phillips led off with a triple to right field and scored as John Leatherland doubled to centre. Leatherland was picked off at third after Gary Masales doubled to left.

John Leatherland and John Dunn collected three hits apiece for the Merchants with Gary Masales and Ed Phillips smashing two each. Harry Phillips, Bob Sheppard, George Williamson and Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard clouted one each.

The Glen line-up which resembled the Acton Farmers hockey club got a pair of hits from P. Robinson and Tim Haines, and singles from Blake Inglis, P. Pomeroy, Peavoy and Perry.

Ed Phillips fanned 10 Glen batters and gave up two passes while Shaw whiffed four 'Merchants and walked one.

Acton 3 — Glen 2

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Acton — J. Phillips rf, J. Leatherland 3b, G. Masales ss, Ed Phillips p, J. Riddall 2b, Bob Sheppard cf, J. Dunn lf, G. Williamson c, C. Sheppard if.

Glen — T. Haines cf, B. Inglis ss, R. Ritchie 3b, M. Stafford c, D. Richardson lb, P. Pomeroy 2b, P. Robinson if, D. Hall rf, Peavoy rf, J. Shaw p, Jerry (9th).

Hillsburg 4 — Acton 2

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Hillsburg — Turner, Corbett, McKenzie, Donaldson, McGowan, Tett, Kirkwood, Little, White.

Acton — C. Sheppard if, D. Price lb, G. Masales ss, E. Phillips p, G. Williamson c, A. Sheppard 3b, A. McNabb 2b, J. Tiberi rf, Mel Sheppard pinch hit in 9th.

Villagers glide to sixth win behind Harry Hamilton's hurling

Campbellville stretched their unbeaten streak to six games when they took the new Burlington entry by a 7-2 score in Campbellville on Sunday. Going back to 1965 it was Campbellville's eleventh consecutive win

and one of the league leaders' few well pitched games this year, as veteran Harry Hamilton came through with by far his best effort of the year.

Hamilton went the nine-inning route for his second win of the year. He gave up two runs off five hits while striking out seven and walking one. Hamilton only faced 33 batters or six more than the minimum. George McDonald was the loser giving up seven runs off seven hits. Doug Cholewka hurled hitless ball in two and two-third innings of relief for Burlington.

Grocers edge Herb's 13-12 Tuesday nite

Pinch hitting in the eighth inning Harold (Dee) Deforest drove in two runs with a clutch single to give I.G.A. a 13-12 victory over Herb's Delivery in town league softball Tuesday.

Harold Townsley smashed a bases empty four bagger in the top of the ninth to bring Herb's within one run but they couldn't score another.

Bill Shannon who went in in relief for Al Colter in the third was the winning pitcher while Fred Archibald was tagged with (Continued on Page Five)

Jack Clarke hit two singles for Burlington. Doug Cholewka doubled and Dan Wigle and Gerry Moore singled.

Footnotes: Campbellville's next home game will be against Georgetown on Sunday, June 19 at 2:30 p.m. It is expected that Ralph Rintoul will get his first home start for Campbellville.

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ACTON RECREATION SUMMER SCHEDULE

PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
8 p.m. — Roller Skating
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball
Herb's Delivery vs Legion

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
8.30 p.m. — Teen Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
9 a.m. — Minor Lacrosse
8 p.m. — Roller Skating
10 p.m. — Teen Dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
1.30 p.m. — Men's Softball
Station Hotel vs I.G.A.

MONDAY, JUNE 20
8 p.m. — Senior Citizens' Shuffle Board
8.30 p.m. — Girls' Softball
Shands vs Acton

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
8 p.m. — Roller Skating
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball
Legion vs I.G.A.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
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Innkeepers nip Legion in town league duel

Two errors in the eighth inning of Sunday's town league softball duel cost the league-leading Legionnaires a 3-1 decision when Station Hotel's red-suited squad broke a one-all tie with a pair of unearned runs.

One of the fastest games played this season both clubs were in contention until the last. Legionnaires went down on strikes in the last of the ninth.

Although the innkeepers registered only three hits from the offerings of Legion chucker Terry Rogers, they made them count. Rogers walked six and struck out six over the first eight innings. He was relieved by Ken Maltby in the ninth.

Ed Phillips was the winner as he spun a six hitter over the distance, whiffed 10 and gave up one free pass. He might have had a shut-out except for the fifth when Rogers singled, put second base in his pocket, advanced to third on John Leatherland's fly to right and then stole home.

ales, Ken Maltby, Terry Rogers, Brian McCristal and Wayne Marshall singled for the Legion.

Station Hotel — C. Sheppard ss, Ed Smith lf, A. McNabb 2b, E. Phillips p, John Dunn lf, B. Sheppard 3b, Wayne Sheppard cf, G. Williamson c, Bryan Dunn rf, H. Phillips 2b in 8th.

Legion — J. Leatherland 3b, T. Masales 2b, D. Price lb, T. Waterhouse cf, R. Elliott ss, R. Hawkins rf, F. Thompson c, K. Maltby lf and p, T. Rogers p, W. Marshall cf in 7th, C. Milne c in 7th.

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