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ACTON WILDCATS made their home debut Monday night when they played the Shands at Acton Park. Photo on the right shows coach Frank Spielvogel giving the girls a pep talk prior to the start of the game. Centre photo, Mayor Les Duby prepares to toss the first ball as players and coaches from both teams watch. Left to right are Shands coach Henry Shortt and pitcher Jane Luey, Acton coach Frank Spielvogel and pitcher Bonnie McDougall. Right photo shows the first Shands' batter whomping a single. The Acton girls lost their opener 13-10 before a large crowd of spectators.



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Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THEY'RE BATTING the tennis ball back and forth again but it's unlikely we'll see any action on constructing new courts again this year unless there's a last minute surge of enthusiasm. The recreation committee fired the first volley by passing a motion asking the secretary to contact the parks board and the high school board with a view to constructing new courts on the parcel of land, classified for parks, adjacent to the high school on Mill St. E. Back came a salvo from the parks board which replied courts had not been budgeted for this year and said in effect they thought the land was not large enough.

High school board has not replied to the recreation committee's letter yet but it will be interesting to see how they respond. At one time a grant of 75 per cent towards the cost of courts was available from the department of education, provided they were constructed on school property and used as part of the curriculum. Evidently the board could rent these courts out to the recreation committee when the students were not using them if they wished.

Need for new tennis courts in Acton became acute when Beardmore and Co. decided to have the land where the old courts and bowling green were situated, rezoned so it could be sold to commercial interests. They agreed to let the tennis club have the existing lights, nets, and backstops for the asking provided they had another set of courts to install them on.

Last year a delegation from the tennis club attended a recreation committee meeting and spokesman George Elliott asked the committee to consider tennis enthusiasts in their recreation program.

Without any attempt to gauge the amount, some of the committee members felt there wasn't enough interest to justify constructing courts. In rebuttal Mr. Elliott said this was because the old property never belonged to the tennis club and they could never carry on a satisfactory program. Subsequently the recreation committee went to bat for the tennis enthusiasts by asking the parks board for a site to install new courts. The lack of communication between the two bodies created innumerable delays and nothing more was done until the recreation committee's motion a couple of weeks ago.

Parks board chairman George Williams said the board has not given the matter much thought because they figured it was the recreation committee's baby. If land in the park was wanted then they could probably find some for them.

It's possible the communications problem between the two bodies may be solved if the talked of amalgamation goes through. In any event budding tennis players will just have to sit tight and hope something will come of it soon after the event takes place.

BEAT BITS . . . Fergus Thistles, unbeaten for 26 games if you take in last year's streak, lost their first this season to Oshweken Warriors at Hagersville last week. Thistles still lead the Sr. B hockey race, however. "Most successful" said manager Charlie Thomson of last Saturday's car wash staged by the Wildcats' girls softball team. "The girls were busy from nine to three and we made a few bucks, too." Next fund-raising event for girls' softball will be the visit of The Queen and Her Maids here on Friday, July 15. "We were most appreciative of the soft drinks a gentleman from Lancashire presented us with at Saturday's car wash," mentioned Chas. "They really went good under the hot sun" . . . **Campbellville Merchants** went down to a 1-0 defeat at the hands of the new Burlington entry, ending their win streak at 11 . . . A Georgetown newspaper account of an Intercounty softball game twist the Glen and the Merchants refers to the Acton club as the aromaburgers: A little poetic fancy:

It's possible the writer Refers to a distinctive smell Which used to taint the atmosphere Of the burgh we like so well; But those days are gone forever, Aroma ties we had to sever; Progress called for air so clear, No one may scoff or sneer. Sometimes perhaps we get a sniff Of aroma that'll turn you stiff But better to have stunk so small Than never to have smelled at all!

Police team work for hospital run
Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment and Milton O.P.P. shared in an emergency run to Sick Children's Hospital last Friday when three-year-old Scott McLaren, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McLaren, Mill St., swallowed some Vaseline.
Dr. Brian Moore attended the child and called for police help to take the child to Toronto. He was bundled in the Acton cruiser by Constable McArthur and taken to the junction of highways 25 and 401 where he was met by the Milton O.P.P. cruiser who continued to Toronto with the child in the second cruiser.
The youngster was treated at Toronto and is now home and reported in good condition.

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Underneath the arcs
'Tex' spins fancy five hitter loses 5-2 decision to Glen

Big, strapping Carl (Tex) Leybourne must be wondering what he has to do to win an Intercounty ball game after making his pitching debut for Acton Merchants.
All Tex did was spin a five hitter, whiff 11 batters, walking only one, smashed out a pair of hits including a triple that it turned out he had lost a 5-2 decision to Glen Williams here, underneath the arcs Friday night.

The Merchants gave Leybourne plenty of hitting support with 12 base knocks, including two triples, but four costly errors played a large part in the loss.
Glen Williams had a skimpy 3-2 edge as the teams went into the final frame. They played two more unearned runs in the top of the ninth to stretch the margin.
Try as they might the Acton club couldn't get a rally going although the tying run was at the plate in the ninth. With two on Glen pitcher Tom Peavoy bore down to strike out the second and the final batter filed out to left field.

Friday's win was revenge for the Glen who dropped a squeaker to the Merchants on their own stamping grounds the previous Tuesday. It was the second loss to the Merchants at home. Both their wins to date have been on the road.
Acton took a 1-0 lead in the third as Leybourne tripled to right and John Leatherland brought him home with a single and then was tagged at home himself on a steal. The Glen knotted the score in the top of the fourth with Tim Haines doubling to centre and scoring on catcher Max Stafford's two bagger.
Jan Riddall tripled to centre with one out in the bottom of the fourth and scored Acton's second run when Farmer Sheppard's blow to short was fumbled by Blake Inglis. The Merchants kept the lead until the sixth when an error put Blake Inglis on and he scored as Stafford singled.
The visitors took the lead for

the first time in the seventh when Pomeroy was hit by the pitcher and he scampered home as Perry's grounder to short was muffed. The extra pair of runs in the ninth completed the scoring.
Acton left 10 men on the bags showing a deficiency in the hitting department with runners on. The Glen left only three.
Don Hall and Tom Peavoy shared the pitching duties for the visitors, giving up 2 hits, striking out eight, hitting two batters and issuing no walks.

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Glen Williams — Tim Haines cf, Blake Inglis ss, Paul Robinson lf, Max Stafford c, Doug Richardson lb, Ron Ritchie 3b, Pete Pomeroy 2b, Fred Perry rf, Don Hall p, Tom Peavoy p.
Acton — Harry Phillips, John Leatherland, Harold Townsley, E. Phillips, J. Dunn, J. Riddall, P. McCristall, C. Sheppard, B. Sheppard, C. Leybourne.
Umpires—Jim Sargent, plate; W. Duval, bases.

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Squeeze play tumbles Oaks Slam four home runs in Giant-Village clash

Tom James laid down a perfect bunt and Don Lindsay reached home from third with the winning run as Georgetown Giants edged Oakville Oaks in a Halton County senior baseball cliff-hanger last Wednesday.
The old squeeze play worked perfectly for the Giants despite a low pitch, difficult to lay one down with.
The Giants lost a 5-1 decision in a home run derby at Campbellville Sunday with Danny Arbic supplying the lone Georgetown four bagger over the right field fence.

Milton Red Sox played in Georgetown last night and the Giants don't play again until next Wednesday when they entertain Hamilton.
Ed Phillips hurtled a sparkling three hitter as Acton Merchants overwhelmed Georgetown Hunters 16-2 in Inter-County fastball Tuesday night at Glen Williams.
In an unprecedented display of batting power the Merchants clobbered two Georgetown pitchers for 16 hits, many of them extra base knocks. Phillips meanwhile restricted Hunters to three scratch hits and hung 10 of them on his strike-out hook.

The Merchants, sparked by Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard's three hits, piled up five runs in the first frame off four hits and never looked back. Georgetown scored singles in the second and seventh.
Flawless fielding contributed to the Acton win.
Friday night the Merchants play host to Georgetown here under the lights.

Campbellville made their season's record read seven wins and no losses as they defeated Georgetown 5-1 in Campbellville on Sunday. It was a peculiar type of game for Campbellville as the stubborn Georgetown squad never gave up more than one run an inning and four of the game's six runs were scored on solo home runs — one by Georgetown and three by Campbellville.
Ralph Rintoul, making his first start of the season at home, was the winner for Campbellville. It was his second win of the season. Pitching six and two-thirds innings, he gave up one run off six hits. He struck out four and walked four. In two and one-third innings of relief Jack Roberts hurled shut-out ball as he gave up two hits and struck out two. Don Westbrook went the route for Georgetown allowing five runs off 11 hits. He struck out 10 and didn't walk a man.

Campbellville broke the scoreless tie in the third when Elmer Dredge singled, stole second and scored on Ken Moore's single. Stu King led off the bottom of the fourth by belting a long home-run over the left-centre-field fence to make it 2-0 and Dredge led off the bottom of the fifth by smashing a homer over the right-field fence to make it 3-0. King was safe on an error to open the bottom of the sixth. He went to second on Rick Repta's single, stole

third and scored when the pitcher threw wildly on an attempted pick-off at first base, making the score 4-0 for Campbellville.
Dan Arbic homered over the right field fence for Georgetown in the seventh and the score was 4-1, but Campbellville got that one back when Moore lined a home-run over the right field fence in the bottom of the seventh to complete the scoring.
Danny Arbic homered and singled for Georgetown. Denis Gibbons and Pete Lawson singled twice and Bill Campbell and Earl Burt each singled.
Elmer Dredge and Ken Moore each homered and singled for Campbellville. Al Wingrove had two hits. Stu King homered and Earl Cairns, Rick Repta, Bill Elliot and George Chester all singled.

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Villagers taste first '66 loss Burlington captures 1-0 verdict

Campbellville lost their first game of the season in Burlington Monday night by a score of 1-0. It was a heartbreaker for the Villagers who had the winning run to the plate with none out in the seventh when a thunder storm washed out the game.

Harry Hamilton hurled a brilliant game for Campbellville as a lazy fly to right field in the sixth was the only ball that Burlington hit out of the infield. The three hits Hamilton allowed included a ball that Di Marchi hit in the first and was flagged down by Dredge but a play couldn't be made on it, a swinging lunt by Chalewka that was just beat out in the fourth and a beat-out-bunt by Clarke in the sixth. None of them figured in the scoring. Over the six innings Hamilton struck out six and walked three. It was a real pitchers' battle as Chalewka for Burlington limited Campbellville to two hits, both off the bat of Harry Hamilton. He struck out four and walked three.

Burlington scored the only run of the game in the second inning. Chalewka walked and stole second. An attempted pick-off went into the outfield and Chalewka moved to third. Evanoff then bounced to Dredge who threw low to the plate and Chalewka slid in safely.
Stu King played a strong game at third base for Campbellville making a sensational play to throw out Wigle in the fourth and he saved a sure run in the sixth when he blocked a bad throw by Wingrove.

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Village midgets swamp Fergus 10-3
Campbellville Midgets swept to their first win of the season last Tuesday, downing Fergus 10-3. John Austen and Bill Dennis shared the mound duties for the winners with Austen hurling two and two third innings and allowing two runs, four hits and four walks. Dennis, the winning pitcher, allowed two hits and one run.
Campbellville scored three in the third, one in the fourth, three in the fifth and three in the sixth. Big batters for Campbellville were Jack Mays with a triple, Garnet Mitchell with a single, Doug McLaughlin with a single, Bill Dennis with a pair of single base safeties, Pete Andrews with a single and three walks, and Joe Wedge and John Inglis with a pair of singles each.

More skate

Attendance at roller skating has increased "about 300 per cent" since school exams are over, recreation director Howard Pearce exults. Saturday's were always well-attended, but now Tuesday and Thursday programs are drawing excellent crowds to the community centre as well.

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