

## Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**WEREN'T YOU surprised?** I was when Lotta Chatter, a euphonious name for a pit-sized softball catcher, duffed a fluffily yellow wig to reveal a boy at the end of the performance. The Queen and Her Maids furnished here last Friday night.

Lotta, who's really the son of barnstorming coach-trainer-manager-tour organizer Royal Beaird, had me completely fooled with his Jane Mansfield, smart cut-up kid routine and the way she... pardon me, he... adopted exaggerated feminine poses.

There were at least two or three in the audience, largest to see a ball game here in 20 years, who knew what to expect. Recreation director Howard Pearce and Wildest manager Charlie Thomson saw the Queen and Her Maids perform in Orangeville. They knew what was going to happen but they kept the secret well.

If you wondered how four young girls could possibly play a regular nine man squad and beat them you had the answer Friday. Queen Rosie Beaird, a pitching prodigy if I ever saw one, threw some pitches that few men can match for speed, accuracy and ball hop. She's only 14 years old. In addition,

she's got a mixture that includes pitching from behind her back, between her legs, blind folded and from second base. Try it some time.

Although he'd be the first to deny it with his soft southern drawl, coach, father-trainer Royal Beaird must bear most of the credit for his prodigies. They're the result of his coaching along with a talent for softball it would be hard to match in any kids that age.

**BEAT BITS**... Recreation director Howard Pearce and his community staff are cutting neat figures these days in new jerseys with appropriate lettering on the back. George Maltby has a legitimate complaint against the news gathering media in these parts. "I hit twice for four in two games and no one even mentioned it," grumbled George. "My wife keeps kidding me." Jim Casburn, former recreation director here, was in town visiting this week and renewing friendships. Last Thursday's town league softball contest was awarded to Herb's Delivery when the Legion talked to field enough players for a team.



UMPIRE CHESTER ANDERSON dusts off the plate for "Lotta Chatter" at the ball game with the Queen and Her Maids Friday. Lotta made a sensation when she pulled off her wig and revealed she was a brother of two of the girls on the team. Comic of the Maids, Lotta wasn't fazed by the man in blue, threatening with her bat when his back was turned.

**Eskimo girl back in north**  
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proudly says she's thought of in the north as an Eskimo despite her long stay in the south.

Intelligent, sensitive and a beauty in the bargain, Mary was taught in mission schools at Pond Inlet where her father was a special R.C.M.P. constable.

She came to Acton to school and, shortly after, especially from here, she went to Hamilton and then spent three summers as an interpreter for the federal health department aboard the Arctic supply ship "C. D. Hoyce".

In 1958, she began her distinguished career with the northern affairs department.

One of her chief concerns is the preservation of the Eskimo language, which led her to found the magazine. She attributes her own success in school to the fact she was taught in her own language in the early grades.

"The Canadian government has provided everything for the education of Eskimos today except, of course, the Eskimo language," she once wrote.

Her experience as a school teacher's wife hasn't changed her strong views on the need to teach the Eskimo youngster in his own tongue.

**Artificial rain at park on Monday**

There was unexpected goodness and water at the park Monday evening when the firefighters rehearsed hose drill during their regular evening practice. Teams were clogged as they linked hoses and launched a burst of water drawn from the pond.

Side effects: cars with an unexpected washing; grass with a surprise rain; and some spectators perfectly refreshed in an impromptu shower bath.

## Dundas gets first inning runs, hands Villagers second defeat

Campbellville started off the second half of their regular schedule on the wrong foot as they dropped their second game of the season in Dundas Thursday night by a score of 4-1.

Jack Roberts went the route for Campbellville and in his third start of the season took his first loss against five victors. The veteran Campbellville southpaw had a shaky start as he allowed four runs in the first inning. From there on he shut Dundas out but it was too late as Phil Martino for Dundas, held the league leaders to one run off six hits. He struck out two and walked three. Roberts only allowed three earned hits after the first and of the four he gave up in the first only two got out of the infield.

Roberts struck out three and walked four.

Evans hunted safely to open the bottom of the first for Dundas and then Jim Martino doubled to put men on second and third. Phil Martino bounced to Repta at second who threw to the plate to take Evans who was called out but Joyce failed to hold the ball and Dundas led 1-0. Wilson beat out an infield hit to load the bases and McNob bounced to Repta who threw Jim Martino out at the plate. Wickens then sliced a soft hit down the first base line to score two more and the fourth came in after a sacrifice fly by Krawczyk.

Roberts was in trouble again in the second when he walked three but he worked out of it unscathed and from there on faced four men each inning.

Campbellville sent six men to the plate in the second but failed to score and they didn't really threaten again until the seventh when Elliot singled, went to third on Repta's single and scored on Roberts's single.

Evans and Jim Martino both doubled and singled for Dundas while Wilson, Wickens and Krawczyk all singled. Bill Elliot had two hits for Campbellville and Don Joyce, Rick Repta, Jack Roberts and George Chester all singled.

Campbellville has now completed their games with Dundas. They won 3 and lost 1.

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Dundas ..... 400-000-x-4-7-0

## Legion downs league leaders

Rumors that Legionnaires were considering folding up because of inability to field a team were dispelled Tuesday night when they clattered league-leading I.G.A. 17-6 in town league softball.

Jim Bullough and Ken Maltby both homered for the winners as they hammered starter Jeff Fryer and Al Calver for plenty of hits.

Ken Maltby was the winner, tossing the distance for the rejuvenated Legion club.

## Dore hurls, hits Giants to 3-1 win

Bernie Dore unfurled his best pitching performance of the season last Wednesday as Georgetown Giants cemented their hold on fifth place in the Halton County baseball league with a 3-1 victory over Burlington Indians.

Dore's blazing fast ball fanned 10 Indians and limited them to a paltry three hits and one earned run.

Not content with that, Bernie slamed a long triple to knock in two runners and scored himself on a single by third baseman Danny Arbie in the three run second inning.

George Moore was tapped with the loss.

The Giants have a seven win, eight loss record. They hope to extend their win streak with victories over Preston Saturday and Campbellville Sunday. They entertained Preston last night (Wed.).

## Bonnie McDougall homers thrice but Wildcats lose cliff-hanger

Anxious to avenge the one-sided defeat Acton Wildcats inflicted on them in their last clash, the reigning champions Ferns girls scraped through to a 16-15 win over the Wildcats Monday night but they had to do it the hard way on their own halfwicket. The two teams are now tied for first place.

Wildcats led the home run derby by 15-13 in the sixth when one of the Ferns girls drove a line drive at pitcher Joanne Landsborough, knocking her out. The bases emptied and the batter stretched the drive into a four runner.

Joanne recovered and continued to play after the incident, a little shaky but the Wildcats never regained the lead. They went down 12-3 in the seventh to lose a squeaker.

There were 37 hits in the ten round slugging match, including seven home runs. Wildcats out hit Ferns 21-16 with Bonnie McDougall slammung three home runs and a triple for Acton. Liz Kirby also had four hits, including a two runner, Mary Golem and Joanne Landsborough collected three apiece. Tracy Vlietstra and Kay Chisholm accounted for two.

L. Marwood coached two round trippers for the winners, and V. Tye and S. Hamilton hit one for the circuit apiece.

Bonnie McDougall, as well as having a perfect night at the plate pitched the first four frames for the Wildcats, being relieved by Joanne Landsborough.

ough in the fourth. Joanne finished. Bonnie fanned seven, Joanne one.

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Acton 421 224 0 15 21 3  
Ferns 204 145 x 16 18 2

Acton—Mary Golem 2b, Bonnie McDougall p and ss, Joanne Landsborough ss and p, Sandra Slingerland c, Gail Fryer 1b, Liz Kirby 3b, Kay Chisholm cf, Donna Landsborough rf, Laurie Chisholm lf, Theresa Marzo rf, Tracy Vlietstra lf, Patsy Wheeler lf.

Ferns—J. Ready, I. Shethy, V. Tye, L. Marwood, S. Hamilton, S. Sarzout, D. Morden, L. Fletcher, D. Povey, P. McKenzie.

## Free Press Sports Page

## Queen and Maids delight nearly 1200 fans here

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looks, flirted with the boys, strutted and stalked the umpires, wiggled her hips and flashed toothy smiles and really hammed it up.

The shock was electric at game's end when Lotta took a bow, pulling off the golden wig to reveal a boy—another Beaird called Marvin!

In a pre-game display of comedy and chatter Queen Rosie demonstrated different pitches and four blushing contestants were called from the audience to attempt a hit in three pitches. The five dollars at stake for a hit went unclaimed as Mrs. Bill Spielvogel, Al Doley, Bill Leverinski and one other failed to connect hard enough. Bill Leverinski's punch almost made it.

The versatility of the quartet was apparent during the game when Eileen pitched an inning and Lotta Chatter did the same. Rosie mixed her pitches up with behind the back, between the legs and blindfolded offerings which left the crowd wondering what other kinds of magic she had in her bag of tricks. She showed them by pitching from second base and striking out two batters.

Little eight year-old Karen Beaird, pet of the quartet, although she isn't much bigger

than the bat played her position and batted like a polished pro.

The game itself saw the visitors run up a 4-0 lead with three runs in the first frame and another in the fourth, before the Wildcats came through with three runs in the fifth.

Sandra Slingerland started the cats off to a rally with a ringing triple in the fifth. Kay Chisholm walked to put two on. Then Tracy Vlietstra stepped to the plate and hammered a three run homer to make the score 4-3. Mary Golem was the only other player to hit safely. She doubled and from that juncture Rosie whiffed the entire side.

In the sixth the visitors chalked up five more runs to win going away.

Bonnie McDougall, Acton

pitcher, was congratulated after the game by Royal Beaird for her performance against his daughters. He called the entire Wildcat team to the mound to share in the applause.

Recreation director Howard Pearce who is instrumental in having the Queen and Her Maids appear here along with the Wildcats supervised the draw and eight lucky tickets won prizes donated by Acton business firms.

Playing for the Wildcats, a trifle nervous in front of the huge crowd were Bonnie McDougall, Mary Golem, Joanne Landsborough, Sandra Slingerland; Gail Fryer, Liz Kirby, Kay Chisholm, Donna Landsborough, Patsy Wheeler, Edna Goodridge, Gladys Calver, Cathy Krul, Laurie Chisholm, Lynne Dunn, Theresa Marzo, Tracy Vlietstra, Charlie Thompson is manager and Frank Spielvogel and John Leatherland do the coaching.

## Villagers Tops

Campbellville seems to have developed a 1966 pattern—good pitching and defense and weak hitting on the road and a powerful offense and not much else at home. Sunday was no exception as they snowed Hamilton under by a 17-7 score in Campbellville to give them a 14 win, two loss record on the season.

Ralph Rintoul was the starter and winner for Campbellville. It was his third victory and he has yet to be defeated.

Earl Cairns hit three singles for Campbellville, Stu King homered and singled, Al Wingrove hit two singles, Bill Elliot homered and Ken Moore, Don Joyce and Rick Repta all singled.

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Cville ..... 104 034 50x — 17 11 2

## Hunters drop Merchants 14-7

Georgetown Hunters took a 14-7 decision from Acton Merchants in Intercounty fastball Tuesday night in Georgetown.

Hunters tagged 19 hits from slow-batting Doug Vickery who pitched the distance for the Merchants, striking out seven.

Winner was Tommy Rodgers who started for Georgetown but was relieved by Bob Newman in the fourth. The Merchants collected 12 hits from both Hunter choppers.

The Acton club makes the trip to Rockwood tonight to face the league leading Firemen and play host to Georgetown here Friday.

## ACTON RECREATION SUMMER SCHEDULE

**PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21**  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball  
Sta. Hotel vs Herb's Delivery

**FRIDAY, JULY 22**  
Inter-County Softball

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
10 p.m. — Teen Dance

**SUNDAY, JULY 24**  
1.30 p.m. — Men's Softball  
Herb's Delivery vs I.G.A.

**MONDAY, JULY 25**  
7.30 p.m. — Senior Citizens' Shuffle Board  
8.30 p.m. — Girls' Softball  
Belwood at Acton

**TUESDAY, JULY 26**  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball  
Station Hotel vs Legion

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**  
7.00 p.m. — Minor Lacrosse

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