

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IF KEITH RANNEY was a member of the East York Club, instead of the Guelph Legion Track Club there probably wouldn't be any shortage of space to report his track exploits in the Toronto dailies. However after the Toronto police games Saturday the young Acton runner was lucky to merit more than a mention in the big city prints despite a stellar performance.

You know what he did? He finished third in the 880 yard dash behind Bill Crothers and George Germann and established a new Canadian mark himself.

Of course, the Markham pharmacist, grabbed most of the ink, followed closely by Germann, one of the gold dust twins who made up Seton Hall's crack relay team along with Bruce Andrews of Acton. But little was said of Keith Ranney's record which made him the second fastest man in Canada in the 880.

It's kind of hard to believe that if he had been a runner from mucky York he would have merited a lot more attention from the city's publicity mills.

Keith's accomplishment was certainly a feather in his cap and if he keeps up his track training more recognition is sure to follow despite the partiality of the prints. The fact he was invited to participate in the Canadian British Empire and the Toronto police games indicates his possibilities are recognized in circles that count.

Keith is the second runner from Acton to gain national prominence with his athletic achievements. Bruce Andrews' feat with the Seton Hall, New Jersey, relay team were the first and now he's back in Acton with a store of knowledge for others interested in a sport which is growing rapidly in popularity. Other Acton members of the Guelph club are also showing much promise. The success of Keith and Bruce is a spur to their ambition.

THIS FUZZY FACED ONE was in the audience when the Acton flavored Georgetown Giants tumbled Campbellville Merchants in a well played Halton senior baseball fixture Sunday. It was the first time the Merchants have been beaten on their own ballpark this season.

Dude Lindsay's Giants, behind Don Westbrooke's eight hit performance looked sharp. They played errorless ball and Westbrooke looked good in the pinches. He might have shut the potent Merchants off the score sheet except for some corners umpire Mike Timmis missed on full counts although he did have trouble with his control early in the game.

Big blow of the game for the Giants was first baseman Bill Campbell, three run homer in the third. A clothes line drive packed with sheer power, it cleared the 320 yard mark on the Campbellville ball field and put new life into the Giants. The villagers bounced back with two in their half to take a 4-3 lead but Danny Arbie's single through second after pitcher Harry Hamilton had a full count on him broke the Merchants' back with two runs.

Defensively, Tom James in left field, Denis Gibbons at second, Don Lindsay behind the plate and Pete Lawson at short sparked. The Giants reeled off three double plays to kill promising Merchant threats.

Westbrooke had to face the villagers' most feared swatters in the last inning. He forced Wingrove, Ken Moore and Earl Cairns all to pop high, retiring the side. Any one of them could have put a ball out of the park.

The win, after a discouraging 2-1 loss to Preston Saturday, was sweet music to coach Dude Lindsay.

## Rockwood downs Merchants twice

Rockwood firemen took both ends of back-to-back Intercounty fastball games from Acton Merchants, winning 8-5 in Rockwood Thursday and taking a 7-3 decision from the Merchants Friday, here.

Blake Hinds, hurled the first win for Rockwood in front of the home town fans, whitening 12 batters.

Friday night, here, diminutive John Salmon took over the pitching chores, striking out 14 as he set the Merchants down on nine hits while issuing only one pass to first base. Doug Vickery handled the Merchant hurling, allowing 14 hits, striking out one and walking two.

The visitors jumped into a 3-0 first inning lead and were never headed by the short handed Merchants. Vacations have been cutting a wide swath in the Acton lineup. Portly manager Mel Sheppard took over second base for Friday's contest.

Rockwood added two more runs in the top of the fourth as Dave Bacon homered to right and Wall Blacklock and Salmon hit safely, the latter's a ringing double. The Merchants got two back in the bottom half as George Williamson hit safely to left and Clarence Sheppard to right. Sheppard teed off on a 4-4-10-11 homer.

Hinds scored another for the visitors in the sixth when he singled with two out and Battenham followed with a safety to score the runner. Acton scored.

## Oaks win

Campbellville lost their third game of the season last Wednesday evening in Oakville when the Oaks took a 7-4 decision from the league leaders. Although it was a tight seesaw game until the sixth inning, Oakville was clearly the better team on the evening's play as they out-hit the Merchants nine to four and capitalized on their opportunities more effectively.

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KEITH RANNEY

## Herb's dumps league leaders jump into second place

Short handed Herb's Delivery jumped into second place out of a three team pile-up in the four team town softball league Sunday afternoon by up-leaving front running F. G. A. 3-1 in an abbreviated seven inning fixture.

Intense heat and clouds of dust blowing off the sun-bleached diamond enjoined both participants to favor seven innings instead of the usual nine. Scoring even in the shortened contest was confined to the first three frames.

The grocers started off with a three hit barrage which produced one run for them in the top half of the first. Herb's tied a

knot in the score in the bottom half of the second and scored two more in the third when the grocers were all fingers and thumbs.

Fred Archibald hurled the win for the delivery boys, scattering nine hits over the distance. Al Calver was charged with the loss. He pitched six innings for the losers, allowing six hits in the first three frames and then got stingy keeping Herb's off the books for the next three frames. Bruce Cargill hurled the seventh in relief.

Don Archibald, John Goy, Gary Taillefer, Doug Garrett, John Mason and "Scotty" McCristall accounted for the win-

ners' six hits with Don Archibald helping brother Fred's cause with a triple in the second.

Roy Shultis had three base knocks for F. G. A. Mill Ball shocked a pair and Jeff Fryer, Doug Black, Don DeForest and Bruce Shultis rapped one each. Ledger's IGA 100 000 0 1 9 Herb's Del. 012 000 x 3 6

IGA: Al Calver, Bruce Cargill, Doug Black, Mill Ball, Roy Shultis, Jeff Fryer, Bruce Shultis, Don DeForest, Dave Manes. Herb's: Fred Archibald, John Goy Jr., Phil McCristall, Don Archibald, Gary Taillefer, Herb Dadds, Dave Garrett, John Mason, Bob Doyle.

## Free Press Sports Page

# Halton's dream team

With little more to rely on than flash impressions and a few skimpy statistics to rely on, selectors last night (Tuesday) came up with the 1966 edition of the Halton County Senior League All-Star team.

Young, new faces dominate the starting lineup while several of the loop's perennial stars picked up spots on the reserve team. League leading Campbell-

ville Merchants led the way with catcher Al Wingrove, outfielder Bill Elliot and veteran hurler Harry Hamilton earning first team spots and first baseman Earl Cairns, third sacker Stu King and lefthanded hurler Jack Roberts getting tabbed for reserve duty.

Georgetown Giants placed third sacker Dan Arbie on the



DANNY ARBIE Halton Select

first team and pitcher Bernie Dore in the reserve line-up.

The first team lineup including three starting pitchers and two players who tied for short-stop with their batting average in brackets are as follows: catcher Al Wingrove (.339); first base Jack Clarke (.408); second base Gerry Stark (.333); third base Dan Arbie (.500); shortstop Dick Bondy (.375) and Larry Wilson (.488); outfielders Bill Elliot (.383), Jim Martino (.396) and Murray Hall (.324) and starting pitchers Spike Coughlin of Preston, John McKenzie of Oakville and Harry Hamilton of Campbellville.

## Grocers head town league others bunched closely

Standings as of Tuesday, July 26

	W	L	Pts.
I.G.A.	9	4	18
Herb's Delivery	6	7	12
Legion	5	7	10
Station Hotel	5	7	10

### GAMES THIS WEEK

Thursday, July 28 — I.G.A. vs Station Hotel.  
Tuesday, August 2 — Legion vs Herb's Delivery.

## Inn Keepers belt Herb's regain winning touch

A change in the weather benefited tail-end Station Hotel in last Wednesday's dust bowl town league fixture with Herb's Delivery.

Victims of some are-light robbery in recent appearances, the innkeepers took a lead out of the weather book and played it cool. Result was a 1-65 win over the delivery boys who've climbed into contention during the past couple of weeks.

Starter Doug Vickery was the winning pitcher along with Bill Peavoy who acted the relief role. They limited Herb's to seven hits while loser Fred Archibald was bombarded with 16 singles starting with four in the first frame when the hotellers rang up a six run lead.

They scored in every frame but one after the initial effort while the best Herb's crew could do was a pair in the second as Scotty McCristall doubled and three in the sixth as Don Archibald's two bagger highlighted a rally.

Bob Sheppard and John Dunn rapped three apiece for the winners with Bob including a rousing triple and double in his repertoire and Danny smashing a double and two singles.

Harry Phillips -clubbed the only homer of the game for Station while Jan Riddall, George Williamson and Al McCristall had two base knocks apiece. Ed Smith, Doug Vickery and Clarence Sheppard each had one.

Herb's hitters were Phil McCristall and John Goy Jr., each with a pair, John Mason, Fred and Don Archibald knocked one each.

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## burning gun powder at ... Maple Rock Shooting Range

By Art Hawes

This week sees the beginning of a new column in the Free Press. We hope it will create something of interest for the sportmen in and around Acton, not only in this paper but also in a rapidly-growing sport.

In the United States, at the present time, trap shooting has developed a large following and there are many championship competitions for amateurs and pros alike. Many of these have large stams of money for prizes. Canada, however, lags behind in trap shooting but it is fast becoming popular, not only as a competitive sport but also with hunters who want to sharpen their shooting eye.

Gord Clow, proprietor of Maple Rock Shooting Range, has offered two trophies for competition shooting. One is for the best five-man squad, the other for the best individual shooter. The trophies are awarded on the basis of the best average over 20 weekly rounds of 25 clay birds. Members compete every Thursday night at 7.30.

Squad number one, consisting of Dave Johnson, Bob Simson, Bud Webster, Art Hawes and Harry Johnson broke a total of 92 birds out of a possible 125. The second squad consisting of Jack Wensley, Jim Coulson, Wayne Leadston, Gerry Lamarch and Ed Hohenadel were close behind with a total of 88.

A third squad is being formed. So far only two members, Paul Wadel and Ray Post, have joined this squad. Other members are needed to fill out this line and new squads will be formed as membership permits.

Top individual score this week goes to Jim Coulson, Rockwood, who got 23 out of a possible 25. Jim is a top contender for the individual trophy this year, being a consistently good shooter. He recently broke 25 straight on two consecutive weeks.

Other top scores of the week were Wayne Leadston with 20, Dave Johnson 20, Paul Wadel 20, Gerry Lamarch 19 and Ed

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## Giants win Belwood Rally Edges Wildcats

Campbellville's big mid-season slump was evidenced Sunday as they dropped a 5-4 decision to Georgetown. It was their third loss in their last four league games and their first at home this year.

Harry Hamilton was the loser giving up five runs off nine hits. He walked four and struck out eight. Don Westbrooke was the winner, giving up four runs off eight hits while striking nine and striking out four.

Georgetown went ahead in the third when Danny Arbie beat out a hunt, Denis Gibbons walked and Bill Campbell homered over the centre field fence to give them a 3-2 lead. In the bottom half Campbellville scored twice again to take a 4-3 lead. Wingrove walked but was out stealing and then walks to Earl Cairns, Elliot, Repta and Joyce forced in one run and Hamilton's single drove in another.

Georgetown scored twice in the sixth to make it 5-4 and complete the scoring as Don Lindsay singled, was thrown out at second on James' attempted sacrifice. An error on the Campbellville infield put men on first and second and a walk loaded the bases. Arbie's single then drove in the two runs.

Arbie, Lindsay and Earl Burt all had two singles for Georgetown. Campbell homered and the rally ended when Hamilton James and Westbrooke singled. Don Joyce doubled and singled for Campbellville and Harry Hamilton singled twice.

## Belwood Rally Edges Wildcats

Ahead 17-4 at the end of the fourth inning, Acton Wildcats had two bad innings and when the score was counted at the close of Monday's Grand River girls' softball contest, Belwood had edged them 23-22.

The visiting girls scored eight fifth inning runs and plated 11 more in the sixth, to overcome the wide Acton lead. The Wildcats made a last inning attempt to even accounts, scoring four runs as Sandra Slingerland homered, but they were one run short with the tying run at first.

Some spectators who left early, with the Acton club well ahead, were amazed at the result. The tabbies enjoyed a big lead and were coasting until the fifth. Susan Ferguson sparked the explosive Belwood rallies, slamming four home runs in as many times at bat, which must be some sort of a record, even for this high scoring league.

Pitcher Joanne Landsborough also had a perfect night at the plate for the Wildcats, smashing five hits in as many trips. Sandra Slingerland belted two in addition to her home run and Kay Chisholm slammed a pair.

### ACTON RECREATION SUMMER SCHEDULE

PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

THURSDAY, JULY 28  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball  
I.G.A. vs Sta. Hotel

FRIDAY, JULY 29  
Inter-County Softball

SATURDAY, JULY 30  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
10 p.m. — Teen Dance

MONDAY, AUGUST 1  
7.30 p.m. — Senior Citizens' Shuffle Board  
8.30 p.m. — Girls' Softball  
West Gara at Acton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2  
8 p.m. — Roller Skating  
8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball  
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