

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

Second place was so popular with teams in the town softball league this season that the four clubs wound up in a tie for first place.

Herb's Delivery clinched it last Tuesday by edging the Legion Station Hotel clubbered Herb's Thursday to take their share and the Legion bounced back Sunday to edge IGA in extra innings and split the medal in three.

Out front, leading the parade in the league this season is IGA last year's champion. The grocers ended up with a nine win seven loss record, two more victories than any of the other teams and two less defeats. Most of their losses have come in the latter part of the schedule as the other three teams played musical chairs in the basement. Their wins were chalked up early in the schedule.

Naturally, one of the first questions will ask is "Are the grocers slipping?" There has been a decline but they, like the other teams, have been plagued by erratic riddled lineups and the effect of intense heat on the players who do show up. Best way to gauge the strength of any of the teams in the league will be in the playoffs.

Listed always the "best" team which wins, true, but it's the team which gets the most runs and I don't know of any other way you can figure out a ball championship.

So take your pick of the four teams, they're all in the playoffs and go down and support your choice. And may the "best" team win.

**BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS . . .** The formidable debate of Montreal Als against Ottawa Rough Riders gave the tilts pause to revise their estimates of the eastern football conference. Although Alouettes failed to win the league opener they might have done so if the breaks had come their way. Roughriders were supposed to win easily . . . **Toronto Argonauts?** Friday's loss was a gift to Hamilton who excel in exploiting the opposing team's weaknesses without exposing chinks in their own armor . . . **Kelth Ranney's** performance at St. Catharines Saturday broke the existing record set by Bill Crothers for the \$50 despite a slow track. The Acton speedster competes in a meet at Erie, Pennsylvania, next, not Philadelphia as reported in this space last week . . . **Georgetown Giants** blew their chance at a playoff spot by dropping four straight including one to Dundas, the team they'd have to beat in the league race if they hoped to make the charmed circle. There are no league playoffs this season, possibly due to the confusion created by the dual playoff system last year. Giants deserve a better fate. They've been playing close to 500 ball all season . . . **Halton County All-Star game** this year will be in Wallace park, Oakville, Sunday afternoon. Opposition is Brantford Red Sox . . . **Acton Merchants** are bringing up the rear of the Inter-County Fastball League. Vacation and shift work have played havoc with the line-up especially the pitching and Friday's game here with The Glen was cancelled because of rain . . . **Fergus Thistles** eliminated Streetsville from the St. B. double race in three straight. Actonian Barry Insove who wore Fergus livery last season will watch from the sidelines. He played for Streetsville this season after starting out with the Thistles. Eastern winner goes west this year to Napanee. B.C. Lacrosse umpire fell a victim to red tape and official bungling . . . **News editor** Don Ryder reports a reader disagrees with his use of "irregardless" in last week's column claiming there isn't any such word. He's right. It's not in the dictionary. However, its constant use almost certainly will more than likely see it in a revised edition, so although purists of the English language might not regard its use salutary . . . **"Doc" Harkley** came in clear over the bell blow to report a meeting of the Acton Minor Hockey Association will be held in the community centre Sunday, August 28 at 2 p.m. "Doc" doesn't think it likely many of last year's executive will stand for office this year including himself. "Give some of the other fellows the headaches this year," the genial hockey fiend chuckled.

## burning gun powder

**MAPLE ROCK SHOOTING RANGE**

By Art Hages

The scores this week were quite good at Maple Rock Shooting Range. There was a two-way tie for top score with Bud Webster and Jim Coulson both having a 22 and a 21. Other top scores were Art Hages with 21, Wayne Leadston with 19 and Ray Post with a 19 and an 18.

Number 1 squad topped the team shooting with 59 out of a possible 75. Shooters on this squad were Bud Webster, Bob Simpson, and Art Hages. The second squad also shooting with only three members present, got 55 out of 75. Those shooting on number 2 squad were Jim Coulson, Wayne Leadston and Ed Hoheneck. The party formed number 3 squad which still has only two members, Ray Post and Paul Waddell, got 34 out of 50.

Hunters who don't have good luck in shooting could improve their shooting by using the "partridge" game. This is a voice shooting game in which the shooter is passing over the shooter from behind. The shooter walks a laidout course much like hunting. He has no idea when the birds will come out or at what angle they will be going. These members tried double this week and the scores will indicate how tough the shooting is. Wayne Leadston got 12, Jim Coulson got 11 and Bud Webster 5 out of 25.

The Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Assoc. is planning a turkey shoot at Maple Rock Shooting Range. A meeting will be called to set a date and arrange details of the event. Watch for further details.

With the recent mass murders in the U.S. we once again hear an outcry from the anti-gun crowd. These people would have the laws changed making it impossible or very difficult for the people to enjoy sports involving the use of firearms.

They would like legislation that would make purchasing a firearm quite difficult and some even want to prevent any person not involved with the police or armed forces from being able to own guns. These people are obviously uninformed.

It should be obvious that a person who wants a gun to use in a crime certainly would be willing to break the law in order to obtain a firearm. The end result that only those people who

# Legion nips Grocers in eleven creating second place jam

Showing an opportunity to win the last scheduled town league game Sunday afternoon in the ninth, Legionnaires wound up on top when Gary Masales hammered an eleventh inning home run to smash a 9-6 tie.

Stimborn, front running IGA refused to concede to the ten folders. They rallied to tie the score in the ninth after trailing 9-6 Masales, first man at bat for the Legion in the second extra inning, slammed his round tripper to win it 10-9.

Legion's win complicated the final group standing, leaving three teams tied for second place in the league with the losers, I.G.A., ending up on top. Legion, Herb's and Station Hotel are all tied for second place with seven wins and eight losses. Front running I.G.A. has a nine win, six loss record.

Victims in last Tuesday's cliff-hanger with Herb's, the Legion crew poked up Sunday's win with a pair of runs in the first inning and a five run blast in the fourth, coupled with singles in

the fifth and eighth. The grocers answered with two in the second, one in the third, another pair in the fourth, a single in the eighth and their ninth-inning three run rally which tied the game up and sent it into extra innings.

Check Milne went the distance for Legionnaires scattering an undetermined number of hits, while Al Calver started for I.G.A. and was relieved by Bill Shannon. The winners plotted 16 safe ties from the grocer pair, 13 of them from Calver. Three of them

Legion bingles were home runs from the bats of Jim Hurlough and Allan Hayward and the game winning blast by Gary Masales.

Barrie Elliott was the most consistent batter for the winners with three singles in five trips to the plate. Gary Masales and R. Shannon had two each.

The I.G.A. score neglected to record hits, but most frequent base runners were Doug Black, Jeff Fayer, Bruce McArthur, Mill Ball and Al Calver. They batted safely on the bases three times each while Roy Shultz and Bill Shannon made it safely twice.

## Free Press Sports Page



**PINT SIZED** Ricky Holmes does a gaint sized job of minding net in the Novice Lacrosse league. The tiny goalie is shown in action during a practice session at the arena Monday. Left to right are Ken Withers, Ricky, Paul Rogers and Bill McGilloway. The team plays Orangeville this Saturday.

## Campbellville blasts hottest challenger 9-0

Campbellville tempo a rilly turned back the threat of second place Preston when they went into Preston and pounded out a 9-0 win on Saturday afternoon.

It was a great victory for the league leaders, who turned back their nearest threat twice within a week.

The shut-out was fashioned by the veteran Harry Hamilton, who hurled a brilliant three-hitter. It was Hamilton's seventh win of the season against only two losses.

In the nine innings, he faced only 31 batters, Doug Swanzia, Preston's left-hander, was the loser.

It was a scoreless tie going into the top of the fourth, when Stu King reached second on a two base error, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Earl Cairns' single.

Bill Elliott singled Cairns to second and both were sacrificed on by George Chester. Repto walked, to fill the bases and then Hamilton singled in two more, to make it 3-0.

Repto singled to open the sixth, was sacrificed to second by Hamilton, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Elmer Dredge's single. Meanwhile, Ken Moore had walked, stolen second, gone to third on that same single of Dredge's and he scored on a single by Wingrove, to make it 5-0.

Chester opened the seventh with a triple and scored on Repto's single. Hamilton got to first as Repto was being thrown out at second. He went to second as third on a passed ball and scored on Dredge's single, to make it 7-0.

The final two runs crossed the plate in the ninth when Repto walked, went to second on a passed ball and to third on Moore's single. Repto scored and Moore raced around to third on Dredge's single and King's hit drove in the final run.

## Villagers Snap Losing Streak

After losing three out of four games in late July, Campbellville has snapped out of its slump and won their last four as their pitching appears to be rounding into shape. On Sunday veteran hurler Jack Roberts limited Burlington to four hits as he coasted to a 1-1 win.

In fashioning the win, the classy southpaw faced only 30 batters or just three more than the minimum. He struck out eight and didn't walk a single batter. Roberts' worst inning was the first. Clarke was safe on a error, stole second and scored on Chalewka's single. Chalewka went to third on Wigle's single, but left third too soon after Howarth's fly and was doubled off third, to get the Campbellville hurler out of a spot.

George Moore started for Burlington and gave up five straight hits before giving way to Ross Inglis, who walked, two and then gave up a grand slam home run to Jack Roberts.

Al Wingrove had a big day with the sick as he binged out three doubles and two singles for a perfect day. Elmer Dredge had four hits, Earl Cairns homered and singled, Jack Roberts homered and Stu King, Bill Elliott and Ken Moore all singled.

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Burlington: Moore, Inglis, (1), Chalewka (3) and Moore; Campbellville: Roberts and Joyce.

## Ranney tops Crothers' mark in track meet at St. Kitts

Last Saturday, six Acton members of the Guelph Legion Track Club participated in the Civilian Track Meet at St. Catharines. Ted Franklin, coach of the Acton boys, and a few local supporters also attended the meet.

In the men's 800, Keith Ranney was an easy winner, setting a new meet record. He was clocked in 1:51.5, the third fastest time of his career and well under the old meet record held by Bill Crothers.

The track, chewed up by earlier events, was slow. It was felt

## Wildcats hang on brink of elimination

Unless Acton Wildcats pulled a win out of the bag last night (Wednesday) they could be on the outside looking in at the rest of the Grand River girls' softball teams.

The Acton gals got a bad game out of their systems Monday night here, but it was the first of a best-of-three playoff they lost to West Gara, 15-6. A loss last night would eliminate them. A win would put them back in contention for the championship.

Nothing the Wildcats did Monday turned out well. They were all fingers and thumbs and they left the bases loaded with none out in one inning.

West Gara's gals took advantage of the errors to cart home the victory.

Joanne Landsborough pitched for the tables.

## Unravel traffic jam start playoffs Sunday

Final standing of the men's town softball circuit will be decided in two contests, league officials decided in a special meeting following an unprecedented three way tie for second place.

Station Hotel started the traffic jam by whomping Herb's Delivery Thursday, to tie them for second. Then along came the tail-end Legion club to knock off league leading I.G.A. and it was a three-way deadlock.

Fourth place was decided last night (Wednesday) when Herb's and Station Hotel locked in an elimination match, loser to end up last. Winner will meet Legionnaires in a contest to decide the second and third place finishers.

Sunday afternoon, when all the knots are untied, pennant winning I.G.A. will meet the third place team in the first game of the league's semi-final playoffs. Second and fourth place clubs will start their series Tuesday.

The semi-final sets will be a two-out-of-three elimination. The finals will be a best three-of-five.

League president Harold Townsley says games will be played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday afternoons to wrap it up as soon as possible.

## Station whumps Herb's create tie for second

Scoring nine runs in the first and inning, Station Hotel coasted to a one-sided 1-7 win over Herb's Delivery Thursday night to create a two-way tie for second place in the four team town league.

Herb's snatched a 13-12 squeaker from Legionnaires the previous Tuesday to make sure of second place then, when Tuesday's victory against I.G.A. Thursday's victory against the Grocers also de mien with seven wins and eight losses.

Outside of the second game when everyone expected Herb's to take three of the four games to plateau near the top of the competition, Herb's pitcher, Ed Phillips, broke their hearts. He pitched a three-run homer to Harold Townsley. They added another in the seventh and Bill Shannon and Townsley slammed fourbaggers in the ninth to highlight another three run rally.

Butch's four master was a bases empty blow while Harold's second homer of the night was a two-run effort.

Ed Phillips powdered the home Station Hotel batter in the top of the ninth for their lone run in that inning. They added to in the third, three in the fourth, one in the sixth and another pair in the seventh to the final

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12	Inter-County Softball
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	10 a.m. - Lacrosse Orangeville vs Acton notice and see web 8 p.m. - Roller Skating 10 p.m. - Teen Dance with The Paque
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14	1:30 p.m. - Men's Softball Playoffs
MONDAY, AUGUST 15	7:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Shuffle Board 8:30 p.m. - Girls' Softball Playoffs
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