



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IT IS USELESS to speculate on what the standing in the current town league softball finals would be if Station Hotel hadn't decided they couldn't stand prosperity and started booting the ball around at crucial moments. Right now the series stands at Herb's 2 — Station 0.

It's the first time the innkeepers have been in the town league final although they could very well have been in there last season if it wasn't for a decline, much like they're experiencing now, in the finals. They're the most colorful of the four teams in the league under portly manager Mel Sheppard.

Fans who remember their first year in the circuit and the fact they never won a game look on their current efforts to obtain the silverware with much sympathy. The hotelers improved each subsequent season until they caught a seat in the finals. Only now it looks like they're blowing their big chance to an upstart new entry called Herb's Delivery.

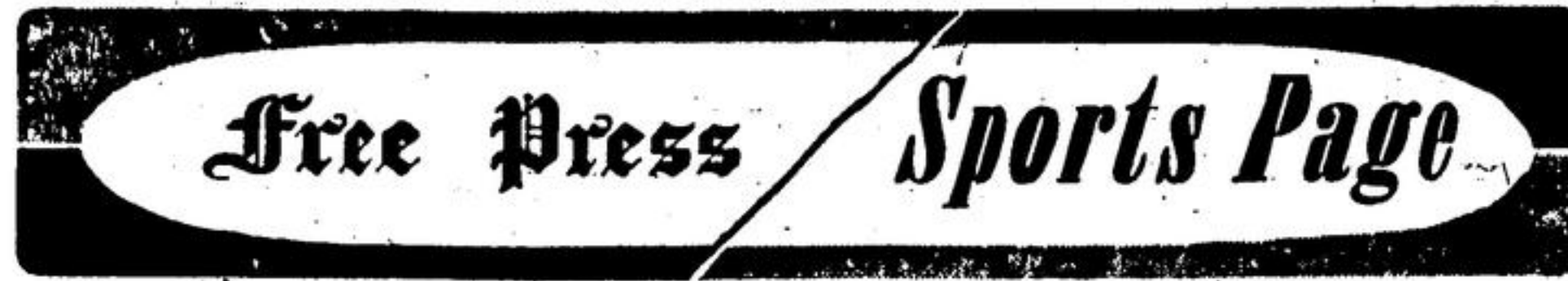
Some fans would say Herb's is hardly a new entry in the league. "Old team under a new label," the say, referring to the fact several of Herb's outfit were with the now defunct Firefighters.

Regardless of your opinion you'll have to agree the delivery crew have almost locked up the crown. They only need one win. If the innkeepers pull up their socks, however, this series could still go the full five games.

BEAT BITS ... Milton Red Sox nipped Caledonia 32 in the first game of the O.B.A. Int. B playoffs. Tail-enders in the Halton Association the Sox had a five win, 20 loss record. There are only four teams in the Int. B cup chase this season so the Sox stand a chance of bringing home a title. ... A full line-up of N.H.L. stars and officials will be on hand for the dinner to commemorate founding of the Little N.H.L. in Georgetown by Gord Akoff. ... Did you notice Ottawa Roughies are undefeated. Toronto Argos winless? ... Baltimore Orioles look like a shoo-in for the American league pennant this season but it's a close race in the National league. My favorite? — Los Angeles Dodgers! Why? Not much power but lots of hustle and brains as well as Matury Wills. ... Want ice time at the community centre this season? Put in your request at the recreation committee's special meeting Thursday, September 8.

Herb's one game away from crown

Bear fact in wrestling show here



Unless there's an unexpected turn of events Herb's Delivery should take the town league softball championship, courtesy of Station Hotel.

Herb's has a stranglehold on the three-out of five series, with an 11-7 victory Sunday in the opener and a 1-0-1 speaker over the innkeeper Tuesday. In both games the delivery crew came from behind in late innings with the help of the livery hotelers who threw away almost every opportunity to wrap up a win.

"They want to win more than we do," commented Ed Phillips who pitched the first game Sunday and came in in relief to lose Tuesday.

Pre-season favorites, the red suited innkeepers could pull up their collective socks and get back in the series with a win tonight (Thursday). If they do the set will skip Sunday's game because of the long holiday weekend and resume next Tuesday.

Herb's could part off the crown tonight if the game follows the pattern set by the first two. Their bats were silent for the first four or five frames but in both games they found the range late, helped by sloppy fielding from the Station crew.

Tuesday night, ahead 11-9 in the eighth the innkeepers almost caused cigar-smoking manager Mel Sheppard to swallow his

stogie when they committed four errors and four runs galloped across the plate for Herb's. First time in the game Herb's was ahead they hung on to nip the frustrated hotelers.

Sunday afternoon with a lead of 6-1 at the end of the fifth inning a wild throw from the pitcher in the sixth put Herb's into gear and they scored three runs to get back in the game, played two more in the seventh and wound up with five in the ninth to sew it up. Station failed to score when they needed runs.

A ninth inning two run triple from first baseman Howard Pearce followed by a two run homer from shortstop Harold Townsley highlighted the ninth inning assault by Herb's. The delivery crew wound up in last place in the league as a result of the sudden death playoff series — slumped there by Station Hotel.

Howie Leader hurled the distance for Herb's in the Sabbath victory allowing nine hits, striking out four and walking five.

Loser Ed Phillips was nipped for 20 safeties. He struck out four and issued two passes to first.

The hotelers jumped into a 4-0 lead in the first frame on a paltry two-hits as an error at short and a double by Ed Phillips scored Andy Williams, Al McNabb and Harry Phillips. Another bobble at second allowed Eddie to score.

Herb's put three hits together twice, accumulated nine in the first five innings but — scored only one run as the Station tightened the defenses. Meanwhile the hotel scored one in the second when Al McNabb tripled and Ed Phillips hit his second double. They added another in the third when Ed Smith doubled and scored. Andy Williams tripled in the sixth and scored the last Station run when McNabb singled.

Turning point in the game came at the end of the sixth as Fred Archibald singled, followed by a safety from John Gov. In came Herb Dadds to tap an other single. In his attempt to

kill the runner at third pitcher Ed Phillips threw wild and in the ensuing confusion two runs scored and another followed later.

Fred Archibald left Herb's as a patty with four hits in five trips, catcher and sponsor Herb Dadds and Phil McGrath attacked three singles apiece while Howie Pearce, Bob Doyle and Don Archibald connected twice each. Big blows were Harold Townsley's homer, Howard Pearce's triple and a double by Don Archibald.

Second baseman Allan McNabb wielded the losers' big bat, smacking three hits, including a triple, in five appearances at the plate. Ed Phillips' two doubles, a two bagger and a single from Ed Smith, a triple by Andy Williams and singles by Lorne Peavoy rounded out the hitting.

The innkeepers shot into a 3-0 lead in the top of the opening frame in the second game on the strength of singles by Andy Williams and Jan Reddall and two baggers from the bat of John Dunn and Ed Phillips. Herb's replied with two runs as Phil McGrath, John Gov and Harold Townsley singled. Gary Tallefer and Herb Dadds took passes.

Station got two more in the third when Dunn singled, Ed Phillips doubled and Jan Reddall's grander went for two bags when it went through Townsley's legs. Herb's got one back in the third when Pearce doubled and scored on Townsley's single to left.

In the fourth the innkeepers scored two more runs to make it 7-3 as Doug Vicker's walked and went in to score when catcher Herb Dadds overthrew second as Doug stole. Williams

singled and Dunn knocked him in.

The fifth saw Herb's come back when Gary Tallefer's smash to right was chopped, Pearce singled, Townsley put one through second and Don Archibald's fly to deep left was fumbled. Howie Leader poked a home run, scoring on a close play at home.

Tied 7-7 the hotelers bounced back into the lead again in the sixth with three runs. McNabb walked, Harry Phillips doubled to left, Ed Phillips tripled to right and Reddall doubled. They added another in the seventh for an 11-7 lead, when Ed Smith hit a broken bat single. Williams followed and McNabb laid down a bunt.

Herb's pulled within range with a pair in the bottom of the seventh as Ed Phillips walked, Don Archibald and Leader and Fred Archibald drove a single to centre. They got it in the eighth with four runs.

Pearce started it off with one on the books, singling to centre. Will Dadds' third strike was dropped and he arrived at first at last. Townsley singled, Ed and Pearce drove a chance one through to right and Fred Archibald grander was dropped at second. Scotty McGrath's walk to first was suggested by Ed Phillips and he arrived safely.

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Fred Archibald won the game on the hit for Herb's. He

Confirmation from promoter Whipper Billy Watson that he would stage a wrestling show in Acton community centre was received by recreation director Howard Pearce this week.

The grun and groaners have reserved the community centre on Thursday, September 22 for the matches which will feature the Beast, actual live wrestling, midgets and probably a main drawing card of the Whipper against an as yet unnamed opponent.

"They're looking after the whole show," said Howard, "all we do is rent the arena to them. Watson was unsure of the entire card but it promises to be a good one."

The boats will be the first in Acton since the community centre was built.

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Giants win protest meet Midland next

Baseball officials honored a Georgetown Giant protest claiming Dundas used ineligible players through the season. As a result the Giants are in the O.B.A. playoffs and the valley towners are out for the season.

There were no league playoffs in the Halton County Baseball Association's senior series this season. Highest team in each bracket moved into the Ontario Baseball Association cup hunt.

Dundas wound up the season ahead of the Giants, who played almost 500 ball. However, on at least two occasions Dundas used ringers to augment a short-handed squad. Georgetown lodged

a protest and the league awarded them the decision and the right to go on into the O.B.A. Int. "A" hunt.

Giants will meet the strong Midland Red Sox in the first round of the playoffs with the first game in Midland Sunday, probably returning to Georgetown Monday.

BILINGUAL RANGERS

A bilingual Junior Ranger Camp is being operated this summer at Racine Lake in Charleau Forest District by the Department of Lands and Forests.



FLANKED BY UMPIRE Lorne "Minute" Walters and coach Frank Spielvogel on his left, assistant coach John Leatherland and star pitcher Bonnie McDougall on his right, Acton Wildcat manager Charlie Thomson is looking ahead to next season at Tuesday's wind-up banquet. The girls made the playoffs in the Grand Valley league the first year.

Hind never behind

League leaders trounce Merchants

Rockwood's Andrew Bunch of first base and Blake Hind of second base led the team to a 10-0 victory over the Merchants in the first game of the league playoffs.

The visitors broke a 2-2 knot with three runs in the second and were never headed although the red suits are 8-6 edge as the team went into the seventh.

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Tourney plans proceeding well

Plans for the softball tournament to be held in the park here on Saturday, September 10 are going well said chairman Dave Mares this week.

Eight teams will participate. The tourney will start at 12 noon on Saturday. All the action will take place on one diamond and it's hoped the final game will get underway at 7 p.m. under the park candles.

An all-star team composed of players from the town league will represent Acton in the tournament.

third baseman John Leatherland collecting two hits in five appearances. Andy Williams, Harold Townsley, John Dunn and Howard Vickers smashed one apiece.

Rockwood had eight players with two hits each including Dupuis, Beattie, Taylor, Buczek, Kelly, Hind, Wall and Duncan. Extra base bingles were smashed by Ted Buczek (triple), Thatcher (double) and Duncan (triple).

Howie Leader Murray Thatcher drove a double into left field to start the seventh and before the visitors were finished they'd added four more runs off five outs to pull well away from the Merchants. Highlight was a trip by Ken Duncan.

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Merchants' best inning was the fifth when they pushed three runs across on 45 many hits. They scored two in the first as Andy Williams and Harry Phillips singled and Harold Townsley walked. An error in right on Howie Leader's fly helped out.

Harry Phillips wielding Merchant's heaviest lumber with three singles in five trips with

Village Midgets clobber Colgan

Campbellville Midgets settled the issue early on Saturday, bombing Colgan 30-4 in the opening game of an O.B.A. Midget "B" series. Second game of the series will be in Colgan Sunday.

The Villagers poured out 19 safeties in an awesome hitting display and capitalized on five Colgan errors, en route to the lopsided decision. Colgan's only bright spot was a four run first inning. From then on, the Villagers had complete control, scoring four times in the first, eight times in the third, four times in the fourth, six more in the sixth, three in the seventh and five in the eighth.

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Rockwood — Beattie 2b, Dupuis 2b in 7th, Taylor ss, Buczek 3b, Kelly c, B. Hinds p, Bacon 1b, Thatcher rf, Wall cf, Duncan lf.

Acton — A. Williams cf, J. Townsley ss, H. Phillips rf, J. Dunn 1b, H. Leader lf, p in 8th, J. Leatherland 3b, B. Shepard 2b, G. Williamson c, D. Vickers p.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
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8.15 p.m. — Men's Softball Playoffs

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