

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

THIS FUZZY-FACED FELLOW may not be much of a prophet when it comes to predicting the outcome of football games but when you want the participants in baseball's world series named my crystal ball usually has the right answers.

That's just a way of saying that this scribbler predicted it would be Baltimore and Los Angeles in the annual contest between the American and National leagues way back in the issue of September 1. Well, you're saying, that isn't much of a feat since Baltimore pretty well had the American league pennant nailed on their flagpole in the month of July. And the Dodgers — they won the National league flag last year. What's so risky about climbing out on a limb for them another season?

If there's no malfunction of the memory retention centre it seems to me I called the Dodgers to make the world series and take the whole shebang last year. Those who were supposed to know were saying it would be the Giants or the Pirates.

This season with a neck-and-neck charge down to the wire between the Giants, Pirates and Dodgers it was Los Angeles, by a nose, again. Most of the filberts, meanwhile, were making the same mistakes as last year, reasoning it'd be the Giants because they can hit and run or the Pirates because they're good all around.

Dodgers! How can a team with hardly a power hitter in the lineup stand a chance of repeating last year's mistake by taking the powerful Orioles.

The answer, my friends, is written in the wind — of the pines, Sandy Koussal, Don Drysdale, Claude Osteen, Phil Regan and company will sit by the Baltimore bats. According to the odds quoted before series time the big money boys were betting S.S. Dodgers because pitching can handle power. Power the Orioles have got plenty of, but pitching is just so-so.

Unlike last year when the series started in the east and then went west, this year's event starts in Dodgerville, meaning us blokes will get a chance to take off the coversalls and park in front of the magic lantern for most of the first two games. When the Orioles entertain at home it'll be the Thanksgiving weekend. If you're lucky you'll see almost the entire series, depending, of course, on the number of games necessary.

SECRETARY GEORGE HAGGETT is busy trying to extract some information from the Ontario Hockey Association about a proposed grouping in their intermediate series for Acton Tanners, but so far has had little success. Bill Hanley, the O.H.A.'s business manager, told Mr. Haggett a meeting would be held in the near future but he had no concrete information to offer.

Meanwhile the executive of the Tanners is pondering what class of hockey the club should play this season. Although the W.O.A.A. is not entirely out of the picture, don't be surprised if the Acton team has an O.H.A. entry this season, possibly even in Intermediate 'A'.

Disenchantment with the way the W.O.A.A. has handled playoffs for the past two or three years was apparent at a recent executive meeting. If the O.H.A. can offer an acceptable substitute it's likely the Tanners will be entered. The W.O.A.A. seemed to have no solution to the perennial problem created by two sets of playoffs for teams entered in both organizations.

Last year, for instance, Hespeler and Durham played something like 13 or 14 games before they declared a W.O.A.A. and an O.H.A. winner. Fans reacted to the two series by staying away in droves. And while the Mic Macs and Huskies were engaging in the marathon the Tanners were sitting idly by waiting for a winner. By the time the Tanners and Hespeler were through settling the group title, Hanover, northern winners, had closed their rink and gone home.

Don't be surprised either if the Hespeler team doesn't shift over to Elmira, where junior hockey isn't drawing flies. They'll likely go O.H.A. depending a lot on what Acton does.

Orangeville won't likely have an intermediate club this season unless a lot of differences are patched-up. Fergus will likely have a team but it's unlikely they'd withdraw from the W.O.A.A. Durham Huskies will probably be back and quite possibly interested in an O.H.A. classification.

The Tanners are anxiously awaiting the arrival of ice in the community centre — promised for about the middle of October — so they can get cracking. First step in the team's reorganization was the naming of a new coach. The story is elsewhere on this page.

BEAT BITS . . . Craig Timbers, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Finley, Churchill Rd. N., is a member of the Kilbride Pee Wee softball team which won the O.R.S.A. championship in a bang-up series with Fisherville. . . Last wrestling of the season before the ice goes in the community centre tonight (Thursday). . . Walkerton Capitols blanked Milton Red Sox 3-0 Saturday to sweep the O.B.A. Int. 'B' finals in three straight games. Three first inning runs were the margin of victory for Walkerton which won the first two games by identical 4-3 scores. The Sox ousted Caledonia in the semi-finals. . . Final Registration for Legion town league hockey is at the legion hall Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$3.00. . . Guelph has entered a Junior 'C' team in the O.H.A. this season in addition to the Senior 'A' Regals. Practices for the Regals are attracting plenty of players anxious to catch on with the team. The junior club will play in a league with Preston, Hespeler, New Hamburg, Elmira, Hanover and Goderich. The O.H.A. is apparently allowing Guelph in the Jr. 'C' series for one season while the team gets organized. After that they must go up to at least 'B' which only stands to reason for a city of over 50,000 people. . . Congratulations to young Jim Slaven for his win in the one-and-a-half-mile road race Saturday in Toronto. He finished ahead of 110 competitors. . . A tip of the chapeau to John Leatherland who came first in his class in sky-diving at Stratford.

Lions donate \$200 to team

Acton Lions Club decided they would donate \$200 towards the sponsorship of a Tri-County hockey team at their regular dinner meeting Monday at the Station Hotel.

Acton Minor Hockey Association head Roy Goodwin was present at the meeting requesting the support of the Lions who sponsored a juvenile team last season.

It was decided to stage another Halloween candy sale similar to last year's — successful event and Lions Murray Harrison and Ray Evelan agreed to act as co-chairmen of the event. Date of the door-to-door canvass will be Oct. 20-21.

Lion Chief Dave Hunter was in the chair for the meeting with tail twister Neil Miller extracting fines.

Knowing English helps

Flammable — will burn. Inflammable — same thing.

And yet 80 per cent of Canadian householders canvassed in a telephone survey had the idea that prefix "inflammable" gave it the meaning of "won't burn" or "won't burn as fast". For the rest, 20 per cent, danger was signified when either word appeared on an aerosol can or container.

Another troublesome English word — fireproof. Use instead the phrase "fire-retardant". A concrete structure at the bottom of the sea might be noted "fire proof". But not necessarily so, if careless somebody lives in it.



THE ROPE IS BROKEN and Sweet Daddy used it to strangle Whipper before tossing the Toronto idol onto the cement floor. The tactic brought great protest from the large crowd as they stormed to ringside and tossed debris at the villain. Both are on the main card tonight at the arena.



RIDE 'EM COWBOY! Whipper Billy rides high on Sweet Daddy's shoulders as referee Tiger Tasker threatens to disqualify him for the move. Shortly after the famous "Whip" downed Sweet Daddy for another win by Whipper. Watch them tonight in a "Texas death match".

Free Press Sports Page

Fred Kentner appointed new coach of Tanners

The executive of Acton Tanners intermediate hockey club announced Fred Kentner Jr. has accepted the coaching job for the 1966-67 season. He succeeds Matthew (Junior) Beaumont who has guided the team for the past three years.

Kentner, a graduate of minor hockey here has been with the Tanners since the team was re-organized in 1961 playing defence. He has played intermediate hockey in Milton, Georgetown and in the north and did a hitch with Washington Lions of the now defunct Eastern league in the States.

Fred also played with Paisley in the Scottish league where he



FRED KENTNER

developed the rushing style which made him a star.

Coaching will not be a new experience for Fred. He has guided junior and juvenile teams from the Acton minor system in other seasons and the results of these attempts pleased the Tanners' executive. Consequently when Junior Beaumont decided last year would be his last at the helm of the Tanners, Fred Kentner was one of those considered for the job.

Manager Ed Footitt contacted Kentner last week and Fred said he'd like to take a crack at it.

He'll be the third coach of the Tanners since the team was re-

organized with the advent of artificial ice. Ilio Marzo coached the team for the first two years and Junior Beaumont held the reins for the next three seasons.

The executive of the Tanners feels since Fred is a local boy he will understand the situation here better than someone from outside the district. They also feel he'll have a better opportunity of assessing the talent of hockey players developed here and give them every chance to make the team.

Criticism has been directed at the Tanners in previous years because only seven or eight players on the team hailed from Acton. However, the executive feels the minor hockey program in town is just beginning to bear fruit and several Acton boys are on the threshold of stepping up to intermediate hockey.

Danny Arbie, one of the first local boys to make the team, the executive hopes will be the first of many.

Aim for ice by Oct. 15

Machinery is all ready to go, brine was to be delivered yesterday (Wednesday) and arena manager Howard Pearce expects Jim Ralston will start making ice at the community centre either next Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Pearce hopes the ice will be ready for public skating on Saturday, October 15 and he has planned a dance the same night to celebrate the initial venture. Proceeds from the dance will go towards Tri-County hockey.

Herb Ritchie has been re-engaged to look after the community centre this season and he'll be assisted by Frank Thompson. Engineer Jim Ralston will continue to supervise the ice making machinery, making periodic checks.

Naturally the ice makers are looking forward to a rash of colder weather until the ice has a good foundation. Efforts to make ice last season were hampered by a flow of warm, sunny weather from the south.

Two cub packs again this year

There will be two cub packs again this year.

Last year's leader, Mrs. Earl Jordan, is overwhelmed with registration of nearly 50 lads, so Murray Scovne is returning to lead a second pack of beginners on Monday evenings.

Mrs. Jordan continues with the Tuesday meetings. Her assistant is Mrs. R. Grant.

The first cub meetings are Thanksgiving Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Meetings are from 7 to 8.30.

COMMENDATION

To the Editor

Dear Sir:

I do not know who is responsible or who may sponsor the very fine announcement about going to church on Sundays.

As one comes into Acton from Guelph the large "Ruddy" sign is most welcome. In these days of stress and strain we do need an Altar and personal faith for today.

May I commend whoever is the sponsor and say a personal thank you through your columns.

Sincerely,
Rev. Stanley Gammon,
Acton Baptist Church

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Hockey Players
AND
Skaters

It is hoped that ice will be in our Acton arena by Oct. 15, 1966. We are now displaying a large assortment of

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LEGION MINOR SPORTS — LAST CALL —
Hockey Registration
LEGION HALL -- 9.30 - 11.30 A.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1966
Registration Fee - \$3.00

burning gun powder at Maple Rock

By Ghost Writer

Jack Wensley's 20 was top score among club members this week but Dee Valeriate of Guelph shot an outstanding 24-22-22-22-23.

Visitors at Maple Rock were Dr. Gary Piper, Keith Mainprize, Brad Mainprize and Hugh Stewart.

I've read articles in American magazines claiming hunters carry too much firepower and weight with them when they go after small game and upland birds. Some outdoor writers say a 20 gauge would be adequate and require little more skill than a 12 gauge gun as well as being lighter.

What about the fella who thinks a 20 gauge is a pea shooter? He keeps a 10 gauge cannon for his personal use. Fortunately they are few and far between.

Like anything else, hunting is a case of having the right tool for the job. If hunters were a bit more selective in their choice of shot and gun there'd probably be fewer misses when they get a bird in the sights or line up a flock of geese wedging through an autumn sky.

Although they haven't recovered from the stinking they absorbed on the opening day of duck season, some of the club members had the temerity to go after moose, including this column's author, Art Hawes. Since Art could hardly wait to head into the northern wilderness, he left a note for this scribbler to fill up his usual space.

What we don't know about guns, trap shooting and hunting would fill six or seven volumes but we've always been interested in the various gauges of shotguns and why one is preferred over another.

Jim Slaven finishes first in road race

Wearing Guelph Legion Track and Field Club colors, 15-year-old Jim Slaven hit the tape ahead of 110 other runners to win the one and a half mile Robert May Memorial midget road race Saturday at Toronto.

Twenty-two track clubs from across the province took part in the eighth running of the annual mile and a half race. Slaven, a student at Acton district high school, won the event with a time of seven minutes, three seconds.

Jim's time was just three seconds back of Bruce Kidd's when the Toronto runner won the event.

The Guelph club came away from the meet with four of the 12 trophies up for grab but the outstanding event of the day was Jim Slaven's first place finish.

Eating at Expo?

There will be about 135 restaurants and snack bars at Expo with a seating capacity of 23,000. Meal prices will range from \$1 to \$5.

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9 p.m. — A-Go-Go Music by THE BETHOVENS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th
See Ontario's Top Trotters Race With The Buggies
Saddle Horses — Pony Show — Dairy Cattle
Dairy and Swine 4-H Clubs
Junior Optimist Band, Guelph
8.15 p.m. — RANCH BOYS from Wingham
One Hour and a Half CONCERT — DANCE after

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th
(THANKSGIVING DAY)
Heavy and Light Horses
Championship Beef Cattle Shows
Championship Swine Show
4-H Beef Club and Sheep
Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band of Mount Forest
9 p.m. — Dancing: Music by Johnny Tocher's Orchestra
— BERNARD SHOWS MIDWAY —