

SPORTS spot

by John McNabb

With the Industrial Softball League getting underway last night, it won't be long until the various other baseball organizations start their '67 schedule.

Charlie Thomson has yet to receive the girls' softball schedule but hopes to have it within the next week. The team this year will compete with ten other teams from the surrounding area.

The minor hardball teams have been holding practices during the past week and hope to be underway in the first week of June. At a meeting of the Minor Hardball Association last night, coaches and managers were assigned to their various teams.

President Sam Brunelle chaired the meeting while secretary Ron Swan did the book work. George Williamson will act as umpire-in-chief for the Acton squads for the '67 season.

An all out effort is going to be made to bring lacrosse back into being in Acton. Boys ranging in ages from 8-13 are asked to be down at the Community Centre on Saturday morning at 9.30 a.m. if they're interested. All equipment as far as sticks and balls etc. are in a sufficient supply and any other equipment needed can be found right there in your hockey bag, such as a helmet, shin pads and gloves.

I'm sure that any parents wishing to coach a team or help out in some way would be most appreciated if they came down to the registration.

MERV MARSHALL, a one time resident of Acton, is starting the '67 season with the St. Catharines Supertests senior lacrosse team as a reminder. He played the '66 season with the Oshawa Green Gaels junior team.

Merve has been classified as one of the better lacrosse goalies in all of Ontario.

When the pioneer French-Canadians first saw the Indians playing "baggataway" or lacrosse, the thing which impressed them most was the peculiar formation of the head of the stick used in the game. They didn't know what name the Indians had for their sport, but, when describing it to their fellow Frenchman, they talked about "lacrosse" — the stick — because it was webbed, and reminded them of a bishop's crozier — or cross.

The early Indians used a different strategy for lacrosse than the people of this era. Their technique called for crippling as many of the opposing players as possible, by "accidental" smashes with the stick, and then, when the able-bodied opposition had been whittled down, played the game as it should be played, and made the effort to gain victory by scoring.

F. M. Van Wagner, of McGill University, Montreal, who made a hobby of tracing down the development of sports in Canada, reports that the first recorded match was played between teams of Iroquois and Algonquin Indians in September of 1834, at the Pierre race course in Montreal.

Van Wagner's search revealed that lacrosse games were played at the Olympic sports meetings of 1848 and 1851, and, in the latter year, white men beat the Indians for the first time.

Dr. W. George Beers is known as the "Father of Lacrosse". One of the great lacrosse enthusiasts of the time, he proceeded to rewrite the laws, which were adopted through 1860 and 1861, bringing revolutionary progress to the game.



UMPIRE ANDRE BROUILLARD tosses a coin for the benefit of the two managers at last night's (Tuesday) town league softball opener. Herb's Delivery manager Harold Townsley, left, won the game if not the toss. Plate ump Clarence (Farmer) Sheppard looks on while I.G.A. manager George Maltby is at the right. (Staff Photo)

Herb's Delivery whips I.G.A. 9-6 to raise town league curtain

Herb's Delivery dropped I.G.A. with a 9-6 decision in Tuesday night's town league softball opener.

Umpires Clarence Sheppard and Andre Brouillard officiated the opener with little difficulty except keeping themselves warm. Fans who had come out to see the starter soon began to dwindle down due to the cold.

Dave Manes started the ball bouncing for I.G.A. with a base hit from Howie Leader and came home on a hit from George Maltby who stole home on a base hit by Don Price.

Harold Townsley and Howard Pearce tapped home plate on a grand slam by Gary Tailfefer to put Herb's Delivery in the first inning tally. Tailfefer's homer flew clear past an unsuspecting fielder to put Herb's Delivery one run up on the carry-out boys.

Len Varey, George Maltby and Jeff Fryer pulled in another three runs for the I.G.A. team in the third inning in an attempt to bag the win, only to have the Delivery boys "Scotty" McCristall, Howie Leader, Harold Townsley and Don Archibald walk out with

the goods, adding a four point tally of their own.

In the 5th, 6th and 7th innings Howie Leader knocked 'em down one-two-three with that "hot" pitching aim. Brian Dunn finished off the I.G.A. tally with a run on a triple from Milton Ball, the grocer catcher.

Jeff Fryer took over the mound for B. Cargill during the seventh inning after Harold Townsley came running home on a base hit from Howard Pearce.

Fred Archibald's base hit allowed Howard Pearce to make his dash for home plate to put the finishing touch on the game.

The Station Hotel meets the Dominion house at 8 p.m. on Thursday night, May 25 for their first game of the season and second in the schedule.

Giants lose Lawson

Face dilemma in infield

The Georgetown Giants have a problem at shortstop.

They have to fill a vacancy created by the departure of Acton veteran Pete Lawson, one of the best in the league at his position for over a decade first with Acton and then with Georgetown.

A job transfer shifted him from Acton to Sault Ste. Marie. His loss creates the one flaw in a team that looks capable of challenging the leaders.

Manager Tom James, who states Duke Lindsay has several candidates for the vacancy in mind but no real solutions to the problem.

Moving Dany Arbie of Acton to short, the team's leading hitter and third baseman last year, with Fred Guistini, who

played softball in Parry Sound last year, moving to third base is one solution.

There are other answers to the problem available. James may shift Jason Fields, who has missed most pre-season work outs because of a work, an shortstop. Utility infielder is Tony Boudreau.

Denis Gibbons of Acton will play second. Bill Campbell is back at first base, but he could have a real fight on his hands keeping his job.

Challenging him is Bob McArtle, who played first base for Kitchener in the Senior Inter-county league last year. Area sports fans remember him as former backup goaltender for the Galt Hornets of the OHA Senior League.

James hopes to have Acton's Jim Lindsey, last year's centre fielder concentrate on pitching this year. Replacing him in the outfield will be George Doucette, back after a one-year lay-off.

Other outfielders on hand are Howard Murphy, who played with Galt in the Senior Inter-county, James, himself, Jim James, Earl Burt and Lindsay.

Veteran Bernie Dore and Don Westbrook are the team's two strong armed starting pitchers with Westbrook particularly effective against Campbellville last year.

Other righthanders on the staff are Sparky McGill, who missed last season, and Geoff Fryer, a former Acton hurler.

But James says the team's hopes depend on his coming up with a good shortstop and some lefthanded pitching.

That puts the pitching onus on Rod Donaldson, a newcomer from Port Hope, and Jim Lindsay, who pitched until last season. Acton's Don Lindsay will be back as starting catcher.

Giants opened the season last week against Milton.

Villagers win opener over Waterdown 11-3

The defending league champions from Campbellville started off the 1967 season on the right foot by defeating the new entry from Waterdown last Wednesday night in Waterdown by an 11-3 score.

In the abbreviated five-inning contest, veteran Harry Hamilton limited Waterdown to two hits as he struck out five and walked seven. Nell Dodman and Jack Peer shared the mound chores for Waterdown, allowing 11 runs off six hits. They struck out six, walked eight and hit one batter.

Campbellville took a 1-0 lead in the first when Repto walked, stole second and scored on Cairns' single. Waterdown came right back to tie it up at 1-1 in their half as King singled, stole second, was pushed to third by two walks and scored on an infield out. Campbellville sewed the game up in the second when they pushed across five runs.

With one out, King walked, a strike-out made it two out, and then Hamilton walked. King scored from second on an error at third base, then Repto boomed a double to right center, to drive in two more. A walk and a series of passed balls and wild pitches let in two more.

In the third, McPhail walked, stole second, went to third on an error and scored on a passed ball to make it 7-1. In

the fourth, a single by Dredge, a hit batter and singles by Moore, Cairns and Chester produced four more, to make it 11-1.

Waterdown got their second and final run in the bottom of the fourth when a walk, an infield out and Dodman's single produced the tally.

King and Dodman had the hits for Waterdown, while new manager Earl Cairns led the Campbellville attack with two sound hits. Rick Repto doubled and Elmer Dredge, Ken Moore and George Chester all singled.

FOOTNOTES: — With 15 walks a hit batter and 13 runs in the game, the teams had to hustle to get in five innings.

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ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY, MAY 25**
8-10 p.m. — Roller Skating
- FRIDAY, MAY 26**
9-12.30 — Teen Dance — "The Only Way"
- SATURDAY, MAY 27**
2 p.m. — Movies — Flipper and Tarzan
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- TUESDAY, MAY 30**
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The members of Maple Rock Trap Team recorded some good scores this week. John Shadbolt stood out as the best with his scores of 25, 21 and 20. John was trying for 50 straight and got as far as 36 before he had a miss. Other good scores included: Gord Clow 24 and 17, Wayne Leadston 23, Art Hawes 20, Keith Mainprize 19 and Dave Johnson 18 and 18.

A meeting will be held this week at Maple Rock. It starts at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and all members are urged to attend.

The Buffalo meat barbecue that was planned by the Chamber of Commerce at their sportsmen's show has failed to materialize.

The shipment which was expected to contain 1000 lbs of meat arrived recently but in actuality the shipment tipped the scales at about 150 lbs. Since there isn't enough for a public barbecue it has been suggested that a dinner be put on for the competitors at the Sportsmen's Show.

Some of the record size fish caught in Ontario last year were:

A Muskies, weighing over 49 pounds, taken from the Lake of the Woods (District of Kenora), and a Sturgeon weighing 123 pounds was pulled from the English River in the same district.

A record Rainbow Trout, weighing 18 pounds, two ounces was taken at Leith, on Georgian Bay.

Walleye taken in Bass Lake (District of Kenora), and in Lac des Milles Lac (District of Port Arthur) tipped the scales at 14 lbs. 2 ozs. and 14 lbs. respectively.

Ardent Canoeists wanting new waters to explore will have their wish as soon as the Department of Lands and Forests sets aside enough suitable "wild" rivers.

"Wild" rivers need not be wild in the turbulent sense, but should be natural and scenic — free from such human encroachments as power developments and water conservation schemes. They also must be untouched by commercial and

tourist development or summer cottages — and, of course, must remain unpolluted by industrial or municipal wastes.

These restrictions will not necessarily apply to all parts of the stream. However, to qualify waterways should be of sufficient length to provide a day's travel by canoe against the current.

The regulation authorizing the spotting of moose from the air in certain parts of Ontario has been rescinded. Abuse of the privilege by hunters who searched for moose outside the permitted areas is the main reason for revoking the regulation.

Originally it was considered that permitting a search for moose from aircraft would encourage the harvest of this animal in remote areas which cannot be reached by road or readily by boat.

The department is still faced with the problem of encouraging the legal harvest of moose throughout a large portion of northern Ontario.

The annual bill stands at 15,000 but it is estimated 30,000 could be harvested annually without endangering the herd. Failure to maintain the moose herd at a suitable level may result in over-browsing, lower levels of nutrition for moose and greater susceptibility to disease or parasites.

Red Sox bow to Giants in opener Wednesday

A sixth inning rally squelched the Milton Red Sox hopes of an opening victory, when Georgetown Giants blasted four runs in the third inning and three more in the sixth to give them a 7-2 victory.

Tony Boudreau, who played his minor ball in Milton, had three hits for the Giants. Bernie Dore pitched an outstanding game for the Giants, allowing only five hits. Dore scored twice himself, once in the third on a double and again in the sixth on a double.

Ron Phillips had a double and triple for the Sox. Art Melanson, Red Currie, McLeod and Wayne McConnell were the other Red Sox hitters.

Howard Pearce night planned for June 2

In appreciation for the work he has done here for girls, Charlie Thomson and the girls' softball teams are arranging a Howard Pearce Night at the park on Friday, June 2.

Present plans call for a novice baseball game at 7.30, followed by a girls' game between the senior girls' team and another called the Hasbeens, most of whom are mothers of

girls presently playing. Minute Walters and Sam Brunelle will be umpiring the game. Further plans will be announced next week.

Lake popular with fishermen

Fishermen at Fairy Lake on the weekend seemed to be reasonably lucky. The largest catch reported to the Free Press was a 30 inch pike.

Quite a few of the fishermen in boats were campers who spent the weekend in tents or trailers in the two camps at the far side of the lake. Other out-of-town people came to the lake for a day.

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