

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

By Barb McIntosh

For years baseball fans have been glorifying a lie. They've been led to believe that the proverbial curve ball is a matter of skill. However, although baseball, like everything else in flight, must curve by reason of gravity, in reality a very confusing optical illusion of a curve takes place as the ball plunges towards the batter.

A good fast ball outraces the ability of the batter's eye to focus sharply, which can cause a switch from binocular to monocular vision with a seeming deflection in the ball's path. If the retina of the ball crosses the blind spot at the junction of the optical nerve, and the retina, the ball will visually jump or "hang" as batters erroneously believe.

Persistence of vision determines that the ball must always be ahead of the precise point seen by the batter. This is due to the time-element between seeing and comprehension and it constitutes a mysterious visual phenomenon.

In other words, the batter can never hit the ball in the exact spot where he sees it to be - because actually it isn't there - but he may hit it only in a spot where he cannot possibly see it - because it could be there. On top of this, is the added problem of hitting a fast-moving sphere squarely with a cylinder.

With the true facts finally out in the open, it's difficult to imagine how the game could have lasted as long as it has, not to mention how many players have managed to chalk up hits.

ACTON INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE SOFTBALL got underway on Tuesday night.

This season, four teams will compete in doubleheaders every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Wednesday night has been reserved for rained-out games. This means that every team will play twice a week.

My conclusion is that either there's a lot of undivided devotion to the sport around town, or there's a lot of determination to tone down, firm up, and in general get rid of unwanted spare tires.

Minor baseball plans set

The Acton Minor Baseball Association held a meeting last Thursday in the community centre to work out this summer's hardball action.

So far this year five sponsors have been recruited - Custom Cleaners, Sports Corner, Nellis Construction, Lions Club and Bel Aqua Water Softeners.

There will be four Novice teams, two Pee Wees and one Bantam. If enough 12-year-olds sign up there may be a Midget division as well. The Midgets would play Georgetown and the Bantams will play Milton.

Coaches rounded up so far

include Gib Jordan, Hector Daigle, Chester Lewandowski, Don Marzo, Bob Main, Earl Jollymore, Harry Ensing, Ron Pickles, Al Turner, Vic Bristow, and Hank Uiterwyck for Novices; Ross Budgell, George Parpeter, Don Ford for Pee Wees; 'Pop' Main, Ed McGilloy, and Tom Bousfield for Bantams.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday May 28, at 8 p.m. in the arena basement. Anyone who would like to assist the hardball teams would be more than welcome.



COACHES ED McGilloy and "Pop" Main watch minor baseball players go through a workout at the park Saturday morning. The Acton minor baseball association is looking forward to its most successful season to date. (Staff Photo)

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ACTON LEGION MINOR SPORTS

Free Press Sports Page

Garnet Mitchell impressive village wins home opener

Campbellville opened at home on Sunday and came out the long end of a 5-3 score. Garnet Mitchell, Campbellville's 18-year-old hurler was impressive in his debut on the hill for the winners. In eight and two-thirds innings he allowed three runs off 10 hits while walking four and striking out 10. Only one of the three runs was earned.

The veteran, Bernie Dore started for Georgetown and in six and two-thirds innings gave up five runs off 10 hits. He struck out seven and walked one. Maloney in one and one-third innings of relief pitching held Campbellville hitless and runless. He walked one and struck out one. Only two of Campbellville's runs were earned.

Campbellville jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first inning. With one out Ken Moore singled and went to third on Bill Currie's single to centre. When the centre fielder threw wildly to third in a vain attempt to get Moore, the ball went into the dugout and Moore scored and Currie went to third on the play. McPhail then hit to the third baseman who elected to go to the plate. He threw high and Currie scored.

The score remained 2-0 until the sixth as the defense dominated the contest. James opened the inning with a single, Maloney popped out and James was forced at second on Arbic's grounder. Arbic stole second and scored on Collins' single to right

to make the score 2-1 for Campbellville. With two out in the top of the seventh Elmer Dredge blasted a towering home run over the right centre field fence and Campbellville were ahead 3-1. Ken Moore then singled and when the left fielder erred on Bill Currie's fly to left the runners ended up on second and third. Larry McPhail then drove them both in with a single to left centre.

The score remained 5-1 until the top of the ninth. Mitchell got the first batter on strikes and the second on an infield out. McGill, pinch-hitting, then singled to centre and Maftan was safe on an error by Dredge. Shultis then hit a sharp grounder just to the left of second base and Dredge smothered in with a sensational diving stop but was unable to make a play and the bases were loaded. Halvy Hamilton, making his first appearance on the mound this year, then came in for Mitchell and Jim James greeted him with a single that drive in two runs. Hamilton then struck out Maloney to end the game.

Jim James led the Georgetown attack with three singles. Danny

Arbic hit two singles, Bernie Dore doubled, and Shultis, Maloney, Collins, Ceaschi and McGill all singled.

Ken Moore was Campbellville's top hitter with three singles and Larry McPhail had two. Elmer Dredge homered and Bill Currie, Bill Elliot, Doug Lang and Peter Andrews all hit singles.

Footnotes: Once again Campbellville outplayed their opponents defensively. Elmer Dredge made a particularly great play in the eighth when he made a sensational catch of a line drive and doubled a runner off first. The whole Campbellville team, though, played an excellent defensive game.

Campbellville's next game will be at home on Sunday June 1 at 2:30 p.m. with Preston supplying the opposition.

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Georgetown-Doore, Maloney (7) and Lindsay; Campbellville-Mitchell, Hamilton (9) and Lang.

Juves lose to Fergus open schedule June 6

Fergus Juvenile Thistles are a prickly lot as Acton's juvenile lacrosse team found out last Friday night in an exhibition at Fergus. Although they directed 69 shots at the Fergus goal only 11 went in and the Fergus club chalked up a 19-11 victory.

Coach Howard Dwyer mopped his brow. "We've got to score more on our chances," he moaned, "but the players were

playing far from their best." The Fergus club returns here Friday night for another contest before the schedule opens Friday, June 6.

Bob Turkoz rattled in six goals for the Indians and collected an assist. Bob Walker and Gary Kelly picked up a goal and an assist each while Bob Ballantine, Mike Mappoux and Paul Cooper each notched a marker. George McPhail and Fred Flisnik each got an assist.

Dominions place second in shuffleboard

By Charlie Thomson
New Murray Hotel won the championship of the "A Series" United Shuffleboard league finals played at the Masonic Hall in Milton last Saturday. The Milton Charles were runners-up. Dominion Hotel tied Brampton 'B' for second place in the 'B' series.

Jeff Denny of the Acton club was elected vice-president of the league's northern division and Wayne Wilson, also of Acton, was nominated as secretary.

Ref Pat Patterson resigns from OHA

For 18 years referee in chief of the Ontario Hockey Association, "Pat" Patterson of Norval has resigned from the post. He was feted by the OHA at a retirement dinner held in Toronto this month, and presented with an engraved silver clock tray and a set of cuff links bearing the OHA crest.

Patterson said business reasons were behind his resignation. He is a former Esquing councillor and operates a beef farm near Norval.

Starting off in style

Blast Cardinals 5-3

Campbellville finally opened the season in Burlington last Thursday and their first game since 1967 was a winning effort as they turned back the Cardinals 5-3.

Burlington, undefeated in two previous starts, started their ace left-hander George MacDonald who had floundered beside their only defeat in two years in his previous start. Campbellville banged the big south-paw for five runs off nine hits. He walked only two and struck out 12. His teammates made three

crucial errors behind him and were guilty of sloppy defence on at least two other occasions. Campbellville started 19-year-old Bill Dennis, fresh up from juvenile ranks, and the diminutive right-hander came through with flying colors as he allowed three runs off only five hits. He struck out six, walked seven and hit one batter. Campbellville only committed two errors.

Burlington's big inning was the sixth when, with a man on first

by virtue of a walk, Dennis gave up a single to Clarke and a triple to Paldwor for two runs which made the score read 5-3 for Campbellville. Bill Elliot playing centre field for Campbellville, made a great effort to flag down Paldwor's hit, failing by the narrowest of margins. Dennis came back strongly in the seventh to take Burlington in order as the ball never got out of the infield.

Paldwor with a triple and two singles led the Burlington attack. Clarke and McKay both singled. For Campbellville, Doug Lang and Pete Andrews both had a double and a single. Ken Moore tripled and Larry McPhail, Bill Currie, Bill Elliot, and George Chester all singled.

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John Nurse turned in the top score this week at Maple Rock. John had 23, 22, and 21 to lead the members. Jim Coulson got 22, Brad Mainprize, Gord Clow, Bill Miller, Art Hawes and Ed Hawes all got 21 with Ed Hawes also getting an 18, Jack Booth and Tom Deering both got 19 and a new shooter, Bud Webster, got 18.

"NO SMOKING" RULES

The following statement was made recently by the Hon. Rene Brunelle, Minister of lands and forests, with the hope of clarifying some of the questions which have arisen concerning the new Forest Fires Prevention Act:

"The new Forest Fires Prevention Act which was passed in 1968 and came into effect April 1st has several new provisions to protect our forests from the threat of fire yet give the maximum freedom possible to the public."

With respect to smoking, the Act states "No person shall smoke while walking or working in a forest or woodland during the fire season."

Now this is a common sense rule that has been followed by bushmen and woods workers for years. About 500 to 600 forest fires result from careless smokers each year and we must reduce these numbers. Careless smokers, on the average, burn about 50,000 acres of forest annually in Ontario.

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