

# Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

After spending two glorious weeks in the beautiful province of British Columbia, it's comforting to return and discover that in your absence, the space usually occupied by your own bit of chit chat has been most admirably filled by some very informative and interesting news from the desk of such a capable writer as Barb McIntosh.

I do agree there definitely is room for more recreation facilities for the girls of Acton, but as far as that curve ball not curving, that's another story. This, of course, is a topic that has been kicked around for years by baseball experts, the majority of whom, I'm sure, if they've ever played the game, are of the opinion that the ball does curve.

Probably the story most often told about "the old curve ball" is the one about the rookie slugger attending his first major league training camp in Florida.

The folks at home, so the story goes, having had no word from their young hero, naturally assumed that "no news was good news", and that everything was working out well for him. Then all of a sudden one morning, mother walks to the front door and is very pleasantly surprised to find a letter waiting there for her. Expecting word of her son's success, she anxiously tears the envelope open. But much to her dismay she finds one simple line of writing. "I'm comin' home ma. They're startin to throw the curve ball!"

To get back to the more pleasant topic of British Columbia for a moment, I must say that my first visit there was thoroughly enjoyable, in spite of four days of steady drizzle, which delayed my visit to Capilano Stadium, home of the Vancouver Mounties of the Pacific Coast League, until two nights before I was scheduled to return home. I finally managed to take in a doubleheader between the Mounties and the Tacoma Cubs, which was attended by a sparse crowd of about 800.

Apparently the "minor league" ticket, which is hung on "AAA" baseball and which eventually led to the transfer of Toronto's International League franchise to Louisville is having the same effect on fans on the west coast, who are now hopping in their cars and taking the two and one-half hour drive down to Seattle, where they can see genuine Major League Baseball.

ROY SHULTIS, one of Acton's up and coming golfers, scored the season's first hole in one at the Acton Meadows course, last Wednesday. He canned an eight iron shot on the par 3, 155 yard second hole, while golfing with brother Bruce. Club pro Jim Timlock, who was standing behind the green, at the time was also a witness.

**SPORTS PUZZLER OF THE WEEK:** In 1942, this player led the American League in strike-outs, most grounded into double plays and errors, yet he was still voted the League's Most Valuable Player. Can you name him?

ANSWER: Joe Gordon of the Yankees



The mayor pitches ...

MAYOR LES DUBY opened the 1969 Acton minor baseball season at the ball park Monday evening playing in almost every position, a trait he picked up at hundreds of council and similar meetings.



... gets ready ...

Unlike this sequence he seldom strokes out on the council ball field and pitches some curves that fan the opposition. There are several more teams in the Acton minor baseball association this season.



... and misses!

Diamonds have been graded and they'll have games several nights each week. —(Staff Photos)



JOE SCHUTS prepares to take a healthy cut at a pitch before it reaches the glove of opposing catcher Tom Haverly, while umpire Don Price

looks on, during Monday night's Novice baseball opener at the park. —(Staff Photo)

## North Halton Karters compete in Grand Prix

Members of the North Halton Kart Club participated in the first of five Grand Prix meets of the Canadian Power Weight Association at Woodstock last Sunday and brought home several wins.

Don Brinklow from the North Halton club is the official starter for the C.P.W.A. grand prix races. Points are awarded on a system which graduates from 400 for the first, 300 for a second and down to 15th where it is one solitary point. Third gets 225, 4th 169, 5th 127, 6th 95, 7th 71, 8th 53, 9th 40, 10th 30, 11th 22, 12th 17, 13th 13, 14th 9 and 15th 1.

Peter Haynes of North Halton, a junior go-kart racer, finished first twice and also got a fifth which gave him a point total of 927 to carry into further meets at Erbville near Kitchener, London, Mount Forest and the Limehouse home of the North Halton club.

Following are complete results:  
1st Jr. heat—P. Haynes, D. Trendell, S. Barker.  
2nd No. 6 heat—J. Morrow, P. Sabatine, B. Berry.  
3rd No. 5 heat—Flash Edge, P. Morrow, D. McIntyre.  
4th No. 4 heat—K. Hunter, S. Burke, Bob Gauthier.  
5th No. 3 heat—G. Morrow, G. Dranklin, W. Hambrook.  
6th No. 2 twin heat—M. Everett, A. Trendell.  
7th Jr. semi—D. Trendell, G. Benham, S. Baker.  
8th No. 6-2nd—J. Morrow, P. Sabatine, E. Stewart.  
9th No. 5-2nd—F. Edge, P. Morrow, D. Morey.  
10th No. 4-2nd—E. Briggs, K. Hunter, G. Whaling.  
11th No. 3-2nd—H. Gee, H. Trendell, G. Benham.  
12th twin 1 & 2-2nd—M. Everett, A. Trendell, L. Fiddle.  
13th—Junior feature—P. Haynes, G. Benham, D. Trendell.  
14th No. 6 feature—J. Morrow, "Pop" Sabatine.  
15th—No. 5 feature—P. Morrow, F. Edge, B. Walker.  
17th—No. 3 feature—B. Stevenson, D. Ready, W. Hambrook.  
18th—Twins 1 & 2 feature—M. Everett, R. Engel, Lynda Fiddle.  
19th—Powder Puff—Goldie Coe, Sandra Cash, Pat Morey.

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## Acton Juveniles crush Clarkson 12-4 Friday

Acton Indusmin Juveniles exploded for seven unanswered goals in the third period, Friday night to crush Clarkson Juveniles 12-4 in the first regularly scheduled lacrosse home game of the season.

Bobby Turkoz personally wiped out an early 2-0 Clarkson lead by firing three goals in the first period to give Acton a 3-2 lead after one period. Mark Nielsen assisted on the third. Paul Cooper cashed in a fine pass from Mark Nielsen at 5:02 of the second period to make the score 4-2. But Clarkson bounced back to tie the score on goals by B. Johnston and R. Henderson. Stew McCulloch scored what proved to be the winning goal just 55 seconds later on a pretty passing play with Gary Kelly.

Acton completely controlled play in the third period, as Bob Turkoz added his fourth and fifth markers of the game, Paul Cooper his second, while Mike Marcoux scored twice and Bob Waller and Fred Flisnik once each.

In the statistics column, Bob Turkoz finished with five goals and one assist, Paul Cooper two goals and one assist, Mike Marcoux two goals, Fred Flisnik a goal and an assist, while Bob Waller and Stew McCulloch had a goal each.

Mark Nielsen collected two assists and Gary Kelly and Bob Roughley helped out on one each.

K. Smith, M. Robb, B. Johnston and R. Henderson scored for Clarkson.

CAMP FIRE RULES  
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## Free Press Sports Page

# Hamilton shades Acton Junes 9-7

Forced to use only two lines throughout the entire game because of a shortage of available players, Acton Indusmin Juveniles were shaded 9-7 by Hamilton, Monday night in the Steel City.

Acton took an early 3-0 lead but lost the lead midway through the first period, when they ran into a rash of penalties.

Once again, Bob Turkoz led the scoring parade for the locals with three goals and an assist.

Bob Waller had a goal and two assists and Fred Flisnik, George McPhail and Gary Kelly all scored once.

Gary Turkoz played a very

steady game in goal for Acton. Coach Howard Dwyer expects a full team out for this Friday night's home encounter with Brantford. Game time is 8:30.

Good grief!  
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