

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport
By Denis Gibbons

This column is not intended as a eulogy for the Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Association or the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association, nor is it intended as a condemnation of either.

It is written as an appeal to the commonsense of members of both organizations.

For the last seven years each of two organizations has provided minor hockey for boys in Acton. The Tri-County Association, with the financial help of several generous donations from local service clubs and businesses has looked after the needs of novice, pee wee, bantam, midget and juvenile teams, playing in the well organized Tri-County Minor Hockey League against teams from nearby towns like Milton, Georgetown, Brimpton and Hespeler.

The Legion Association meanwhile has admirably fulfilled the very necessary task of seeing that boys in the novice, pee wee, bantam and midget age groups, who either do not have the ability to play Tri-County hockey, or for one reason or another do not wish to, still have the opportunity to play hockey in house leagues. In the last few years the Legion Association has also formed house league teams for boys in the atom age group, (six, seven and eight year olds).

Both groups have done a fine job, but needless to say they have had their problems.

The main problem, as we see it, is that the two groups have been holding separate registrations. As a result, the Legion house leagues have attracted several boys, who actually possess the talent to play a more competitive brand of hockey.

Meanwhile, the teams representing Acton in the Tri-County league have been struggling along to eighth and ninth place finishes, when they could be finishing higher if they had two or three more players from the house leagues, who do have the ability to play Tri-County hockey.

We are not saying that coaches and managers should develop a "win at all cost" attitude among their players, nor are we saying that players who have a valid reason for playing house league hockey should be forced to do otherwise.

All we are saying is that boys who obviously possess hockey talent in a high degree should be encouraged to develop their talents in a league which will afford them better competition.

As the situation stands now, four or five players in each group of the house leagues are dominating play and probably stifling the chances for development of the weaker players in those same leagues.

At the same time, they're not helping their own chances for improvement by any means.

We would like to see the Tri-County Association and the Legion Association hold a joint registration or at least try to work out a program which would group players of the same ability together and discourage the unbalanced situation which now exists.

The purpose of minor hockey is not to recruit boys, but to offer them all a fair opportunity to play.

A situation in which a few boys with superior ability dominate leagues to the detriment of many others could hardly be called fair.

This corner would be more than happy to hear the comments of parents, coaches, managers or executive members, on this subject.

Anyone interested in playing darts in an Industrial Dart league this fall should contact Mick Davis at 853-0387.

Six home runs power Pete's to win in playoff opener

Pete's Barber Shop took a one game lead in their best of five town softball league semi-final series with Barker Real Estate, Thursday night, by thrashing the Bramptonites 25-5. Pete's banged out 32 hits, including six home runs off Barker pitchers Don Hall and "Shifty" Schaeffer.

The haircutters sent 11 men to the plate in an eight-run 4th inning. They also scored six times in both the 6th and 7th.

Winning pitcher Eddie Phillips scattered 11 hits and struck out 11. Losing pitcher Don Hall fanned eight.

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Fryer, Bruce Shultis and Pete Marzo all included a four bagger in their fine plate performances.

Tom Lock led the losers with a three for five night. "Shifty" Schaeffer, Brian Knox, Bill Anderson and Lee Belrose had two hits each. One of Belrose's two clouts was a home run.

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Umpires: G. Masales and A. McNabb.

Barbers, innkeepers fail to advance at Hornby tournament

Pete's Barber Shop and Station Hotel both failed to advance past the second round of play at the 16 team softball tournament in Hornby, Saturday.

Pete's won their first game over Burlington by a score of 4-2, but the hoteliers were whipped 7-1 by Port Credit.

Jan Riddall, Ed Smith, Brian Knox and Bill Donaldson got the only hits for the Station in their loss.

In the second round, Pete's faced the same Port Credit club and were shutout 5-0.

Bill Hanning had two hits for Pete's and Jim Bullough and Al Riddall had one each. Eddie Phillips was the losing pitcher.



THIRD BASEMAN BILL PRESNAK waits for catcher Kim Mountain's throw, as Acton's Gary Masters attempts to steal third. The action took place in Milton bantams' 18-9 win over Acton, in Acton Sunday—(Photo by Denis Gibbons)

Thistles too sharp whip Indusmins

Fergus Thistles showed just a bit too much class for Acton Indusmins, here Monday night and walked off with a 16-9 victory to capture their best of three O.M.L.A. juvenile "A" semi-final in straight games. Thistles won the opener in Fergus, Friday, 10-6.

Thistle scoring ace Brian Walker picked up, where he left off Friday night, by beating Gary Turkosz in the Acton nets at 4:05 of the first period. Mike Marcoux got that one back for Acton just 40 seconds later, on a pass from Bob Walker.

Fergus then jumped into a 3-1 lead on goals by John Beatty and Brian Walker.

But Bob Turkosz displayed the form that made him Acton's top scorer during the regular season, by whipping in three quick goals to give the locals a 4-3 lead at the end of the first period.

The proverbial "roof" fell in on Indusmins in the second period, however, as Fergus outscored them 8-1 to take a commanding 11-5 lead.

Jim Cushing scored three times in the first two minutes and thirty seconds and Larry Trask added one at the four minute mark, before Bob Walker scored for Acton.

Gary Kelly and Steve Gerrie of Fergus engaged in a bit of fistcuffs and both were given a minor and a major at 9:50.

The speedy Fergus crew took advantage of the extra floor space, when Craig Weldon and Bob Roughley were also penalized, to break in on Gary Turkosz for four more goals, before the period ended. Wayne Dow scored two and Brian Walker and Jim Cushing one each.

The third period was much closer, but the locals weren't able to overcome the six goal Fergus lead. Jim McKenzie and Dave Schantz fired two third period Fergus markers and Larry Trask scored once.

Fred Flitnik, Craig Weldon, Gary Kelly and Bob Turkosz replied for Acton.

Flitnik suffered a bleeding

Branch for the juvenile "A" championship.

The loss was a disappointment to local fans, however they can be proud of the team's performance throughout the year. Indusmins won nine out of 15 league games, a tremendous improvement over their two win, ten loss record of last season.

Coach Howard Dwyer and manager Alan Hall deserve much of the credit for the team's fine showing this year.

Acton: Gary Turkosz, Craig Weldon, Bob Ballentine, Bob Turkosz, Mike Cooper, Paul Cooper, Bob Roughley, Fred Flitnik, Gary Kelly, Stu McCulloch, Mike Marcoux, Bob Walker.

Acton Rovers overcame a 3-1 first half deficit, Sunday afternoon, to defeat Brampton Juventus 5-3 and take a one game lead in their best of three Golden Horseshoe Soccer League semi-final.

Acton forward Peter Jones scored the first goal of the game, after ten minutes of play in the first half, but Juventus scored three in a row to take a 3-1 half time lead.

Doug Stevens tied the score 1-1 on a pass from Steve Dewdney at the 25 minute mark.

John Walsh's corner kick at the 35 minute mark made it 2-1, before John Bowman headed in Roger Smith's pass with just two minutes left to play in the first half to make it 3-1.

Dave Fraye got Rovers back in the game, when he booted home a high shot, seven minutes into the second half of play.

Mick Davis then tied the score 3-3 at the 19 minute mark, just after Rovers had taken a corner kick.

The Juventus goalie stopped a hard shot right in the face and hardly had time to recuperate

noe when he was hit in the face with the ball, early in the period, but returned later.

Jim Cushing led the Fergus scoring parade with four goals. Brian Walker contributed a hat trick, Dave Schantz, Jim McKenzie, Larry Trask and Wayne Dow, two each and John Beatty one.

For Acton Bob Turkosz matched Cushing's four goal output.

Fred Flitnik, Craig Weldon, Gary Kelly, Mike Marcoux and Bob Walker added one each.

Acton served eight minor penalties, a major and two misconduct. Fergus sat out seven minors and a major.

Fergus will now meet Long

Station Hotel backed righthander Chick Milne's four hit pitching, with a 19 hit attack, Sunday afternoon, as they whitewashed Herb's Delivery 12-0 in the opening game of their best of five league semi-final.

Milne was never in any serious trouble. He walked only one batter and struck out four.

Fred Archibald and Grant Usher shared the pitching chores for Herb's.

Ed Smith blasted a two run homer in the first to give the inkeepers a 2-0 lead.

They added three more runs in the second on back to back doubles by Chuck Milne and Andy Williams and singles by Bob Andrews and Jan Riddall.

Riddall belted a bases empty homer in the fourth to make it 6-0, and Milne hit a two run shot in the fifth to give the Station an 8-0 lead.

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Hockey meeting tonight

The Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Association will hold a meeting in the Community Centre tonight at 8.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect officers for the '69-70 season.

The Association is badly in need of new members and anyone interested in helping out as a coach, manager or executive member is urged to attend.

Minor Soccer

Acton Pee Wees edged Milton 2-1 on the weekend in Halton Field Minor Soccer action.

Bernie Taylor scored Acton's first goal on a pass from Pete Pavil.

Acton's second goal was scored by Scott Somerville assisted by Paul Daley.

Both goals came in the first half.

The Pee Wees have scored 31 goals this year and allowed only 10.

Acton Mosquitoes chalked up two wins last week. Thursday night they shut-out Milton "B" 5-0, then Saturday they downed Milton "A" 4-1.

Jim Gentles and Nathan Fields scored twice each and Ricky Holmes scored once in Thursday's win.

Gentles scored three and Fields one, on Saturday.

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Barbers take two game lead

Pete's Barber Shop had their big bats working again last night, as they outslugged Barker Real Estate 17-15 to take a two game to none lead in their best of five semi-final.

Pete's won the game in the 9th on a home run by Harry Phillips, a single by Don Harris and a triple by Larry Porte.

Doug Lockarbie and Doug Vickary shared the pitching chores for Pete's. Pat Gribben pitched for Barker's.

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