

Notes and Quotes

From the world of sport
By Denis Gibbons

It's funny how the fortunes of teams change over the years.

Six years ago Station Hotel were struggling along in an effort to win just one game a year in the town softball league, while Acton Firefighters were in the thick of the pennant race every year.

This year, it was considered an upset when Herb's Delivery, who had some of those same Firefighters in their lineup, won two games from the hotelers in the league semi-finals.

Station Hotel will be shooting for their fourth consecutive league playoff championship, when they take on Pete's Barber Shop in the finals.

Contrary to rumors circulating that the H. H. Hinton Trophy would not be up for grabs in this year's league final, owner Bert Hinton has confirmed that the trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Station Hotel-Pete's Barber Shop series and that it is to be an annual award.

Apparently some fans were of the false opinion that Station Hotel had earned permanent possession of the Trophy by virtue of their three consecutive league playoff championships.

One thing we've noticed around the softball diamond again this year is that the scoreboard is not being used. Fans are constantly unaware of the score of the games and as a result scorekeeper Charlie Thomson is constantly being harassed by requests for the score.

It seems to us that with the number of runs that are being scored in the league this year any scorekeeper would have his hands full just trying to look after the scorecard.

With the league finals coming up we suggest that the league add a little class to the series by ruling that the home team in each game be responsible for seeing that the inning by inning score is marked on the scoreboard in numbers large enough and clear enough that they can be seen by fans on both the first and third base sides of the field.

After dropping the opening game of the series 13-9, Long Branch Monarchs battled back to take the O.M.L.A. Juvenile "A" championship from Fergus Thistles, three games to one. Monarchs wrapped up the series with an 8-7 win, Monday night.

Two of the Long Branch wins were by a margin of a single goal and the winners claimed a slim 34-33 total goals edge in the series.

The program committee of Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee will be holding an open meeting in the Community Centre Thursday night at 8 so that all local organizations may apply for ice time for the coming season.

Acton Industrial Hockey League president John McNabb called to say that the league will hold registrations Sunday September 14 and Sunday September 21 in the Community Centre.

Both registrations will begin at 1 p.m. and executive meetings will be held at the same times. Registration fee for the first half of the season will be \$10.

Anyone interested in helping to form a constitution for the league is asked to attend.

The calibre of play in the league was the highest it has ever been, last year. What the league needs now is some more help at the executive level.

Stewart loses front wheel Robinson wins feature

In spite of threatening rain, a large crowd enjoyed the exciting action at Acton-Osprey Speedway, Sunday.

In the feature race, Barry Cleland in number 91 spun, taking Jerry Blakney in number 52 and number 27 Denny Rowley with him. George Nicholls in number 90 had to take to the infield to avoid the mix-up. Blakney had to retire to the pits as a result.

On the restart number 1, Eddy Stewart jumped into the lead, but was followed closely by number 21 Art Robinson, a new driver from Oakawa. Art drives a Chevy II powered by a six cylinder Chev. engine.

On the fourth lap, Art Somerville hit the retaining wall and was forced out of the race with rad problems, causing another restart.

This time Eddy Stewart had the misfortune to lose a front wheel and spin into the pits on the 16th lap. That was all Art Robinson needed to speed through and take the checkered flag. George Nicholls was second and Barry Cleland third.

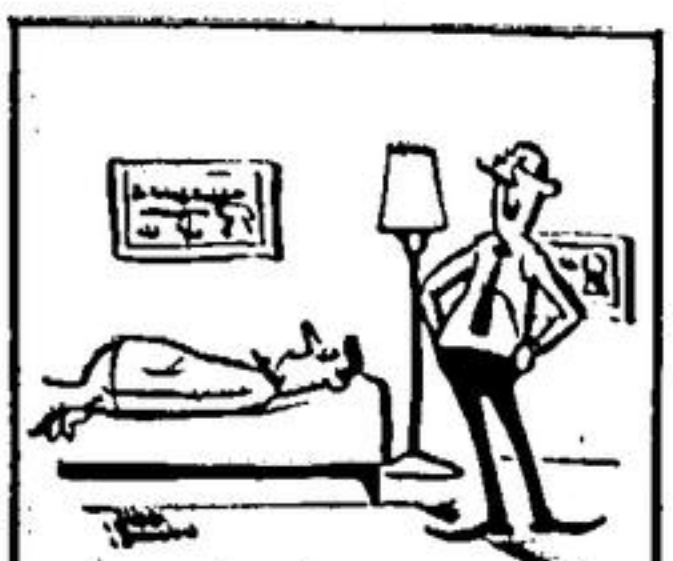
The mini stox feature was not quite as exciting. Ralph Flecher started in the pole position and held the lead all the way through to take the checkered flag. Bert Sorenson finished second and Don Dunham third.

Charlie Greenlaw won the B modified feature in a race which featured several spin outs.

In the late model semi, Jerry Roux in number 6 hit the wall on the fourth turn and suffered front end damage to his car. Eddy Stewart was right on his tail but managed to stop and avoid the mess. On the 11th lap, number 31 Garry Thorne spun and was hit by number 90 Dan Kocik. The cars locked together and spun into the pits, but neither suffered any major damage and were able to start in the next race.

Results of the races were as follows:

C. heat-Larry Cox, Keith Andrews, Harold Martin.
B. heat-Chuck Lawlor, Larry Bain, Garry Thorne.
A. heat-Eddy Stewart, Ken Billings, Gord Hayward.
1st mini-Ralph Flecher, Ben Sorenson, Don Dunham.
1st modified-Charlie Greenlaw, No. 33, Danny Kemp.
1st L.M. consie-Jerry Roux, Jim Newell, No. 42.
2nd mini-Ben Sorenson, Don Dunham, Ralph Flecher.
2nd modified-Daniels, No. 77, Danny Kemp.
2nd L.M. consie-Art Robinson, Barry Cleland, Geo. Nicholls.
L.M. semi-Art Robinson, Ken Billings, Ed Stewart.
L.M. last chance-Art Somerville, Jerry Blakney, Stan Adams.
Modified feature-Charley Greenlaw, Daniels, No. 33, Danny Kemp, No. 22.
Mini feature-Ralph Flecher, Ben Sorenson, Don Dunham, Mike Yanocko.
L.M. feature-Art Robinson, Geo. Nicholls, Barry Cleland, Garry Thorne, Denny Rowley.
Powder puff-Hanna Cleland, Betty Sauve, No. 71.



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ACTON MOSQUITOES lost a tough 2-1 decision to Streetsville Sunday. However, it was their first loss of the season and they are still in first place. Front row l. to r. David Logan, Tim Taylor, Fred Allen, Ron Turkow, Johnny Jensen, Janice Ellerby, Jim Yimnings. Back row l. to r. Paul Logan, Ford Alton, Jim Gentles, Craig Jordan, Nathan Fields, Robin Inceow, Charles Grew, Bill Gentles, (coach). (Staff Photo)

Charlie's pep talk does trick

Innkeepers fight back sideline Herb's 23-10

After the fourth inning of last Thursday night's town softball league semi-final, Station Hotel manager Mel Sheppard was beginning to have serious doubts if his crew would ever recover from the shock of the 10-1 lead their opponents, Herb's Delivery had built up.

So the big "M" called on general manager Charlie Thomson to give the boys a pep talk.

The results were nothing short of miraculous, as the hotelers pounded out 17 hits good for 22 runs over the last four innings. Included in the rout were a nine run 6th inning and a 12 run 8th.

With the score tied 1-1, Herb's scored four runs in the 3rd and five more in the 4th to take their 10-1 lead.

Gary Masales hit his first of two homers for the first run in the 3rd. Then after Harold Townsend singled and Jim James was hit by a pitch, Don Archibald smashed a single to left which Station left fielder Bob Doyle let get through his legs allowing all three runners to score.

In the 4th, Bob Turkow and Grant Usher singled and "Scotty" McCristall walked to load the bases. Gary Masales then belted his second four bagger, a towering drive over Doyle's head to make the score 9-1. Herb's added another tally on hits by Harold Townsend and Don Archibald.

The rejuvenated innkeepers bounced back with nine runs in the 6th to tie the score again. A two run single by John Dunn, a three run homer by George Williamson and a double by Andy Williams were the key hits in the inning.

Gary Taillefer scored the winning run of the game in the 7th on a passed ball, after he had walked advanced to second on a fielder's choice and stole third. Station scored 12 more runs in the 8th for insurance, as Andy Williams swatted out his second double and Gary Taillefer homered. Williams, Taillefer and Bob Doyle each collected two hits in the inning as the hotelers sent 17 men to the plate.

Righthander Ed Smith set Herb's down on only two hits and fanned five over the last five innings. He was aided by some brilliant defensive plays by shortstop R. McNabb and second baseman Larry Kuchma.

Kuchma appeared Harold Townsend's potential base hit in the 8th and turned it into an inning ending double play.

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

Andy Williams, Bob Doyle, Al McNabb and Larry Kuchma each had three base hits for the winners. Gary Taillefer, John Dunn, George Williamson and Ed Smith had two each and Bob Andrews had one.

Don Archibald led Herb's at the plate with a three for five performance. Gary Masales and Harold Townsend each had a pair of hits and Fred Archibald, Grant Usher, Jim James, Dave Manes, and Bob Turkow had one each.

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Little N.H.L. dinner

Several local hockey enthusiasts attended the Little N.H.L. Hall of Fame Dinner at the Georgetown Legion, Monday night.

Guest speaker Jean Beliveau of the Montreal Canadiens was presented with an honorary lifetime membership in the Little N.H.L. by its founder Gordon Alcott. Big Jean was introduced by sportscaster Brian MacFarlane.

Other celebrities present included former Detroit Red Wing defense star Bob Goldham, a native of Georgetown, former Argonaut football player, Rev. Bob Rumbull, Halton M.P. Rud Whiting and Halton East M.L.A. Jim Snow.

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Hockey meeting tonight

The Acton Yr County Minor Hockey Association will hold a meeting tonight in the Community Centre at 8. Among the topics to be discussed are the possibility of a joint registration with the Legion Association, money raising projects and lining up coaches and managers for the coming season. Anyone interested in helping as a coach, manager or in any way is urged to attend.

Minor Soccer

Acton's first goal was scored a 3-0 defeat over Acton Boy Scouts in an exhibition game at the high school, Friday night.

Frank Houston scored the first goal on a pass from Scott Somerville after 19 minutes of play in the first half.

Somerville counted the second goal from Peter Pavli at the 21 minute mark. Herbie Taylor took a pass from Murray Turnbull just three minutes later to make the score 4-0.

Frank Houston scored his second goal of the game at the seven minute mark of the second half to make the final score 4-0.

The Boy Scouts wore their new sweaters, pants and stockings for the first time.

See were: Frank Houston, Paul Daley, Bill Gentles, Tim Hill, Scott Somerville, Mike Luty, Murray Turnbull, Herbie Taylor, Peter Pavli, Steve Brunelle, Terry Holmes.

Boy Scouts: Ken Jordan, Steve Bennett, Jeff Patterson, Mark Pratt, David Mills, Gary Helong, Barry Allan, Ed Enang, Kevin Jordan, Russell Coultrap.

Guest and Scott Malcolm tallied his second goal of the game from Ron Groat also.

Herbie McPhail was outstanding in goal for Acton.

Acton's Marquitos suffered their first loss of the season 2-1 at the hands of Streetsville, late Sunday afternoon.

Jim Gentles scored Acton's goal on a high arching shot in the first half.

Herbie Martin and Scott Stuart scored the Streetsville goals in the second half.

David Chadela in the Streetsville team robbed Acton on several good scoring opportunities.

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Acton scored their third goal in the second half and Terry Holmes in the Acton goal made some remarkable saves to keep Streetsville off the scoreboard the rest of the game.



"STAND UP" Station Hotel manager Mel Sheppard tells George Williamson as he pulls into third base during last Thursday's town softball league playoff game. (Staff Photo)

Bants dump Georgetown in playoff opener

Acton Canadian Tire bantams downed Georgetown's number one team 5-3 in the final regular season contest last Wednesday night, then whipped the same team 15-5 in the first game of the playoffs here Sunday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon, the locals pounded two Georgetown pitchers for 12 hits and breezed to a 15-5 victory.

Harry Lawson swatted a two run homer in the third for Acton after Georgetown had taken an early 3-0 lead.

Acton wrapped up the game with five runs in the 4th and five more in the 5th.

Randy Weldon's three baggar highlighted the 4th inning rally, while Gary Turkow's double and Carl Reed's home run were the blows in the 5th.

Weldon hit his second triple and George McPhail doubled as Acton added three more runs in the 6th.

Pete Morrison led Acton at the plate with three singles in three official trips. Harry Lawson, Sandy Koufax struck out 382 batters in 1965, a major-league record.

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