

Rams just one win away from provincial title

Acton Rams need only one win to wrap up the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior "C" championship.

The Acton club turned on the power in two weekend games to defeat a faltering Brockville team 7-4 Saturday night. They whipped them 21-11 Sunday afternoon in front of an approving crowd at the community centre, and taking a 3-1 lead in the best of seven series.

Fifth and what could be the final game of the series takes place in Brockville Saturday afternoon. If a sixth and seventh game are necessary they will be played in Acton, the following weekend. Essos ran out of gas in the second and final periods respectively in both games here, and will enjoy the protection of their own rink where the din is for them.

Essos grab lead

Fresh from their win over the Rams in Brockville the previous Sunday afternoon, Essos displayed some real speed in the opening minutes of Saturday's game. They had the Rams trailing 4-0 before the nine minute mark of the first period and it looked like they could more than match them in every department.

But the Rams came back strong. Before the period ended they tied the score and snatched a tie as the teams went into the second period. Only eight seconds elapsed in the middle stanza before the Acton club, looking better as the clock ticked off the minutes, took the lead for the first time on a goal by Craig Weldon. Essos came back to knot the count three minutes later but it was obvious the Rams were giving it their best shot. They punched in seven goals to the visitors' five.

The last period was a rout. Essos, frustrated by the tldy remaining of Gary Turkosz in the Ram nets, watched 14 goals go by their goaltender.

Best visitors could do was put three goals past Gary Turkosz who got stronger as the game went along.

Swamped

Sunday afternoon in front of over 450 paid spectators the Brockville crew ran with the Rams for a period before they were swamped by a 12 goal onslaught in the second period. They could only notch three. It was even-seven in the final chapter—both clubs scoring four times. Following the pattern of the first two games the penalty box was one of the busiest spots in the rink again. Saturday 23 Essos trooped to the sin bin and 21 Rams. All of the offenses were minors except for two 10 minute misconducts McCallum and Coon of the Essos picked up.

Saturday night the visitors chalked up 22 penalties to the Rams 17, and seven of them were five minute sentences, six of them for fighting. The Rams picked up five five-minute

stretches, for the same offense with Bob Roughley incurring two and a 10 minute misconduct to boot for tangling with Rick

Thompson of Essos both before the first period ended and again in the intermission.

Harry Barrens and Bob Waller also got majors for their part in a fistcuff exchange with Kurt Bonokoski and John Zuker of the Brockville team. There were no decisions.

When the teams stuck to playing lacrosse it was evident high scoring Bob Turkosz and

Mike Marcoux supplied the heavy artillery for the Rams. Turkosz netted five goals in each game and collected three assists. Marcoux potted three goals and three assists Saturday and Sunday he rained home four shots and assisted on two more.

Every player on the Rams collected scoring points in the 27-14 Saturday win. George McPhail

rattled in four goals and assisted on one, Doug Hons and Dave Cookley got three apiece and Dave also collected two assists. Craig Weldon got two goals and an assist, Carl Box sniped two goals. Bob Waller, rejoining the team, got a single and helped on three, Paul Cooper got one and three, Stu McCulloch notched one and helped playing Allan McKenzie shot one goal and collected three assists.

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Phillips fans 18 batters

Pete's Barber Shop upset Hespeler 7-4, Friday August 8, as Ed Phillips fanned a total of 18 batters.

Fred Buchanan, Phil Marzo and John Dunn struck key blows in the late innings to lift the locals to the upset victory.



RAM DEFENSESMAN STU McCulloch watches apprehensively as officials try to separate two combatants in one of the weekend boxla games. There were 10 five minute sentences for fighting during Sunday's game, six of them to the visitors.—(Staff Photo)

Intercounty teams battle for first

Battle for first place in the Intercounty Fastball League will go right down to the wire, since teams have been given an extra week to make up postponed games. The regular schedule officially ends tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Rockwood and Norval are currently tied for the top spot, but Hespeler is only two points behind in second and has a game in hand.

Intercounty Fastball Standings

Team	W	L	P
Rockwood	19	6	38
Norval	19	6	38
Hespeler	18	6	36
Glen Williams	14	11	28
Fergus	12	10	24
ACTON	9	14	18
Hillsburgh	4	21	8
Belwood	3	22	6

Future Games

Thurs. Hillsburgh at Acton, Norval at Rockwood.

Hold softball tourney here

Pete's Barber Shop will host an open softball tournament in Prospect Park, Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28.

Games Friday night will be played at 7 and 8:30. Saturday's schedule will get underway at 8:45 a.m.

Team captain Fred Buchanan reports six of the eight teams in the Intercounty Fastball League will likely be entered. Persons interested in entering a team should contact Fred.

Curlers brave showers to tour Acton Meadows

Between showers (storms) last Saturday, curlers tried their hand at golf. Some are experienced golfers, others are more experienced now. A good gang showed up to the tee for the two ball foursome at 3 p.m. at Acton Meadows. After over an hour, the last foursome was on its way.

Before the second storm arrived, all golfers had finished their rounds and headed for the

curling rink. There a pot luck supper was served, before the results of the games were announced.

Winners

Winners were, first low gross—George McGowan and Glen McKenzie, second low gross—George Hall and Gwen Tyler, most honest golfers—Ken Marchment and Ina Mellon, second most honest—Bruce Cargill and Gail Malby.

Eagle on third—George Hall and Gwen Tyler, two hidden scores—Wes Beatty and Joan Slaven, Ethel Nichol and Tony Stapleton, closest to pin on the 8th—Mae Dumursh, longest first hole—Dave Manes, lowest on third—Ivy Hall and Harry Norton, highest score on 6th—Ted Tyler Sr. and Val Drinkwater, Tony Downs and Tom Nichol tied.

Winners of the lucky draw were 141 Williams and Tony Downs. Henry "Duke" Arbic spun his platters for dancing which followed the presentations.

Moffat girls reach finals

Moffat girls, 19 and under, advanced to the Tri-County softball semi-finals against Rockwood, when they defeated Ponsonby 24-16 and took their quarter-final series in straight games.

Janice Inglis had one of her finest games of the year. She clouted two home runs and a pair of singles and turned in an

outstanding defensive performance. Another heavy hitter in the game was Debbie Thomson, who hasn't been hitting too well this season.

Louise Johnston made some fantastic catches in centre field.

The girls begin their series with Rockwood tonight (Wednesday).

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Pete's stage rally upset Fergus 10-9

Trailing 9-2 at the end of five and a half innings, Pete's Barber Shop rallied for six runs in the sixth, added single runs in the seventh and eighth to upset Fergus Merchants 10-9 in an Intercounty fastball league game here Thursday night.

Fergus scored two runs in each of the second, fourth and fifth innings and padded their lead in the top of the sixth, when catcher Don Tosh clouted a three run homer, his third hit of the game. Acton had scored once in the first on Harry Phillips' leadoff walk, a pair of ground outs and a single by Blake Hind and once in the fifth, when Grant Usher doubled and Harry Phillips singled.

Ten batters

Barbers sent 10 men to the in the bottom of the sixth, as they jumped on Merchant starter Carl "Tex" Leybourne for four base hits and also took advantage of a walk, a hit batsmen and a Fergus error.

Nellis' tame Lions Club

Nellis Construction earned a 15-10 T-ball victory over Lions Club at Prospect Park last Wednesday night.

The winners had to score six times in the final inning to wipe out a 10-9 Lions Club lead. Lions Club tallied three runs in the second and seven more in the third.

Danny Porty banged out three hits, including a home run for Nellis. John Evans singled and homered, Mike Ashley singled three times and Ken Bousfield, Kevin Bousfield, John Thompson and Vaughan Cole picked up a pair of hits apiece.

For Lions Club, Derrick Neely and Mark Overland collected three base hits apiece and Mike Jackson, Robbie Duker and P. Elliott picked up one apiece.

Trio joins Oakville

Three local minor boxla players, Kevin Marcoux, George Artem and Jim McNabb have joined Oakville midget "B's" of the Lakeshore Minor Lacrosse loop.

The trio were with Acton Ram juveniles until the team folded in early July.

Still down by one, Pete's knotted the count in the seventh, as Ed Smith singled, Fred Buchanan bounced to short and Phil Marzo singled.

Second sacker Bob Andrews scampered home with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth, after socking a two bagger.

Fergus threatens

With two out in the ninth, Leybourne almost tied the score again, when he belted a triple. The next batter Ed Watt walked, but Grant Usher got Bob Lanktree to ground out to end the game.

Fred Buchanan paced a 12 hit Acton attack with three singles in four trips to the plate. Bob Andrews singled and doubled,

Blake Hind singled twice, Grant Usher doubled and Harry Phillips, Ed Smith, Phil Marzo and Jim Hollowell all singled.

Top Fergus hitters were Don Tosh with two singles and a home run, Carl "Tex" Leybourne with a single and a triple and Bill Robinson with a pair of singles. Blake Hind hurled the first five innings for Acton. Grant Usher came on in relief and picked up the win. Leybourne went all the way for Fergus.

Barbers host Hillsburgh in the final game of the regular season, tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.

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Limehouse in O.R.S.A. final

Limehouse advanced to the O.R.S.A. Bantam girls finals Tuesday night by defeating Cayuga 16-8 under the lights in Acton Park. It was the second straight win over Cayuga. They topped them 13-5 Saturday night in Cayuga.

The Limehouse gals will meet either Onelda or Springvale in the Ontario finals.

Debbie Hamilton pitched

Limehouse to Saturday's win, striking out 20 Cayuga batters over the seven innings.

Tuesday in Acton, Melody Spears and Debbie hurled the win for Limehouse. Gayle Deforest wielded a big bat for the winners slugging two home runs.

Couch of the Limehouse squad is convinced the girls will keep winning as long as they keep hitting like they have been doing.

Rally falls short

Streetsville peewees chalked up a 12-9 minor baseball win over Acton Reid's Gulf crew, last Wednesday night, in a game that was called at the end of four innings by darkness.

Grab lead Streetsville built up a 10-0 lead in the first two innings, but had to stave off a late Acton rally to preserve the victory. The locals tallied four runs in the third and four in the fifth.

Ed Ensing and Tom Haverly had two hits apiece for Acton. Brian Larsen, George Binden, Steve McKnight, John Galt and Gary Pickles all singled once.

Three hits Warren picked up three of the nine hits Streetsville collected off Acton hurlers Bert Post and Ken Swan. The combo struck out seven batters and issued a total of six bases on balls.



DOUG HONS SCORES in fast action around the Brockville net during Sunday's fourth game of the lacrosse finals.—(Staff Photo)

Eight softball teams in Eden Mills tourney

Eight teams will compete in an all day industrial softball tournament in Eden Mills this Saturday.

Teams entered include Armet Industries and McGarr's Dairy Queen of Guelph, Rockwood, Badenoch, Strabane Juniors of Hamilton, Freelon, Sheffield and Carlisle.

The tournament gets underway at 10 in the morning. Championship game is scheduled for 8 p.m. It's a single knockout competition, which will include a total of seven games of exciting softball.

The event is being organized by the Eden Mills softball team, which began its Eramosa-Pullinckh league final series against McGarr's Dairy Queen, last night (Tuesday).

Eden Mills "B" team finished in first place in the Guelph township loop.

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