

Hustling Essos take Rams by the horns force sixth game here Saturday night

Battle for the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior "C" championship resumes at the community centre this Saturday at 8 p.m. when Acton Rams and Brockville Essos clash in the sixth game of their best of seven series.

Essos foiled Rams' bid to wrap up the series in five games when they staged a surprise third period comeback and upset the locals 14-12 in Brockville Saturday afternoon. Rams still lead the series three games to two.

A busload and eight carloads of fans made the five hour trip to Brockville Saturday, hoping to spur the team on to a big win, but in spite of their strong vocal support, Rams blew a three goal lead they held early in the third period and went down to defeat.

Most of the 116 fans at the game were from Acton. Five busloads of Brockville sports fans travelled to Montreal the same day to cheer their little league baseball team to the Canadian championship against North Vancouver.

Plans for a post-game victory party and a gala parade and celebration, when the team bus returned to town, had to be shelved.

Hold lead

Although they never enjoyed more than a three goal margin, Rams held the lead from 1:29 of the second period until 11:02 of the final frame, when Al Belmont tied the score 12-12. Brockville ace Art Sinfield netted the winner less than two minutes later.

Disappointed Ram coach Bruce Sears summed up the loss

in the silent Acton dressing room after the game.

"We gave up a little bit and forgot how to play defence in the third period," he said. "Some of our guys thought they could walk all over them."

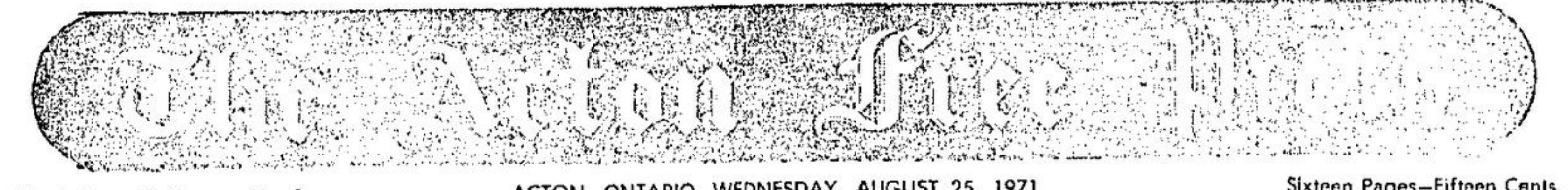
Sears also praised Brockville goalie Larry Herrington who played a sensational third period.

Officiating excellent

Ram president Howard Dwyer described the refereeing of Jerry Ravery and Stu Begg as "the best we've had in the whole series".

The game was rough at times, but Rams escaped with no serious injuries. They'll have a full lineup for Saturday night's important game, with the exception of Fred Barrens who is sitting out a suspension.

A Ram win Saturday night would bring Acton its first provincial sports championship, since the local baseball nine captured the O.B.A. title in 1947. But the team will have to improve considerably, if they hope to avoid a seventh and deciding game here Sunday.



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Swan dies

Ban fishing, boating near bird sanctuary

Boating at the extremity of Fairy Lake, near the waterfowl refuge, will be forbidden and fishing will be banned within a 50 yard radius of the sanctuary.

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee decided to place the ban Thursday night, after parks manager Harold Townsley said an autopsy, performed on a baby

swan found dead recently revealed the bird had a fish hook lodged in its throat.

Protect birds

Councillor Peter Marks suggested a mini-barn and chain link fence be erected to provide protection for the waterfowl. The fence will mark off an area open only to the lake on one side.

Marks felt the committee should look into floating a string of barrels right across the lake next year to mark off the area where boating will be banned.

For this year, a single barrel with a "No Boating" sign will be floated at the entrance to the area.



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Operation of youth centre satisfactory to organizers

Parks and recreation program committee chairman Peter Marks said Thursday night he's reasonably satisfied with operation of the youth centre in the Y.M.C.A. building.

Although he said he's received some uncomplimentary fan mail "unsigned of course", about the centre, Marks reported a resident in the Y area volunteered he is quite satisfied little noise is emanating from the building.

"Are we getting a wide selection of kids from town?" Chairman Hugh Patterson asked.

Been successful

"We haven't had the great cross-section of personalities at the centre we originally expected, but it's been successful for the ones who have come," he replied.

Playground parade set

Parks and Recreation summer playground '71 will wind up tomorrow (Thursday) night with a parade and closing program. The parade begins from the community centre at 7 p.m.

The playground has been operating since the first week of July under the supervision of Mary Ann Freuler.

Commend program

At Thursday night's parks and recreation meeting, program committee members indicated they are extremely pleased with this year's playground.

"The parties involved in the playground are to be commended," member Barry Insoe commented. "The program has been very versatile. Kids are looking forward to each day. It hasn't been a drag."

Program committee chairman Peter Marks told members, Mary Ann Freuler has been doing an excellent job of heading up the playground program.

Marks said he and Barry Insoe, also a member of the program committee, visit the centre two or three times a week. He assured members the potential for activity has been there.

"They've been offered leathercrafts, a camera club and the facilities to make movies," he reported.

"There's been rowdiness up town, but it hasn't been specifically connected with the centre," he added.

Learning year

Insoe viewed this summer as a learning year for the committee.

"We're just starting to scratch the surface. We've maybe made a few mistakes, but in the long run I think it's going to be a benefit to Acton," he predicted.

He reminded members something had to be done to fill the void for kids who aren't interested in sports.

Marks said the program is operating well within its budget and promised a 30 or 40 page report for the September meeting.

Recreational co-ordinator Brian Campbell told the Free Press attendance at the centre varies from 12 up to 30 or 40 depending on the night.

Band competes at Ex Sunday

At one o'clock Sunday afternoon Acton Citizens' Band is in competition at the main band shell of the C.N.E. Eight bands are entered in the town and village section of the competitions — more than usual.

It's the 50th anniversary of music competitions at the Ex, and a new class has been added for a Canadian champion band with top prize money of \$1500. Eight bands are entered in that class as well.

Changing the day of playing from Thursday to Sunday has also made entering easier for many players who come from all over the province and even from the United States.

Acton's band bus leaves here at 10 a.m. They have a practice area allotted to them in the music building from 12 to 12.30.

The test piece is Welsh Rhapsody by Clare Grundman. Just over 40 players are expecting to go to the Ex.

Arena booth nets profit

The community centre booth netted a profit of \$861.37 during the months of June and July, arena manager Harold Townsley reported at Thursday night's parks and recreation meeting.

Total receipts for the two months were \$2,778.65. Wages and cost of supplies amounted to \$1,917.28.

One crash

Sole accident of the week reported by Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police occurred Saturday, August 21, at 3:50 p.m.

Cars, driven by Terry Wetzler, Islington and Darlene Cuthbert of Glen Williams, collided on Mill St. E. Police said only the vehicles were damaged.

Board divided over outdoor music

Plans for an outdoor music concert involving two or three folk groups, a rock-folk group, Acton Citizens' Band and the Lorne Scots Military Band to be held in Prospect Park Sunday, August 29, had to be postponed when it was discovered the two brass bands had previous engagements.

Summer recreational co-ordinator Brian Campbell conceived the idea of the concert but met opposition from two members of parks and recreation committee in obtaining permission to use the park.

Program committee chairman Peter Marks explained Thursday night the concert would provide music for all age groups and recommended the committee authorize use of the park.

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Express concern

Although they agreed the idea of staging an outdoor concert had merit, committee members Barry Insoe and Gil Malcolm appeared concerned the event could end up as a rock festival.

"Things that start out as concerts sometimes end up as rock festivals," Insoe warned.

"There's no way we can police the park area for crowd control."

"Nine times out of 10 nothing happens, but it could. The work the recreation committee has done for the youth in this town could take an awful smack in the eye over it," he told members.

Malcolm said he wouldn't like to gamble on having anything happen. Speaking from previous experience, he told the committee, "You try these things

locally, but people from all over hell's half acre show up and try to get in."

Not rock

Admitting there has been problems with rock festivals elsewhere, Marks maintained the concert Campbell had in mind was not a rock festival. "It will be advertised strictly locally," he said.

"There are risks," he said, "but we also felt we were taking the same chance by opening the youth centre."

Chairman Hugh Patterson sided with Marks in backing the idea.

"Even in Toronto they've had good results with a mixed program. I'm basically in favor of this," he commented.

GOODBYE "C. K."



Getting ready for an Orange Walk.

Acton's oldest citizen, prominent Orangeman and the town's oldest merchant, 101-year-old Charles Kelley Browne died in Guelph General Hospital Monday morning after surgery, and an illness which hospitalized him a week.

Dubbed "C.K." by all who knew him, the well known centenarian ran a tobacco and confectionery business in Acton since 1928, moving to the present site on Main St. N. in 1940, where he welcomed scores of friends and patrons every day along with his wife, the former Doris Brain.

C. K. has been awarded just about every honor and title an Orangeman can garner, both in the local lodges and the Black Knights, Royal Black Perceptory. He never missed an Orange parade on July 12 since he was six years old. He was Past Noble Grand of the Oddfellows and a Clerk of the Woodmen of the World. He had a list of titles from his Orange Lodge activities a yard long.

At the District Derry day celebration in Hamilton this month he received a Grand Lodge Collar, about the only award he never received before. Past Deputy Grand Master of Ontario West and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Knights, C. K. was also a former District Master, Master of the Halton County Lodge and a Past Master of Acton L.O.L., where he was also a life member. He was active in the Rockwood True Blues, and two Guelph lodges Lavinia 555 and L.O.L. 1331, as well as being a life member of Queen City Masonic Lodge.

Born in Michigan June 4, 1870, he moved to Midland as a child and got his first job with Playfair and Preston General store when he reached working age. He worked on the lake boats for six years before moving to Toronto where he managed a shoe store. He then joined Western Canada Flour Mills as assistant advertising manager.

C. K. came to Acton 51 years ago to manage the Beardmore Co-operative general store where Moss Hardware is now located. He started his confectionery and tobacco business where the I.G.A. store is located now in 1928, moving to his present location at the bottom of the school lane in 1940.

Married three times, he met and married the former Doris Brain, who survives him, in 1957. They ran the business which made them so many friends from that date.

A stiff Conservative of the old school, C. K. spoke for a few minutes to the Halton West Tory nomination meeting in Acton this summer, urging party members to get out and vote. He followed his own creed rigorously, never missing an election—municipal, provincial or federal—unless illness prevented it.

In his later years C. K. was part of every parade held in Acton. He loved to talk over the "old days" and had many a tale to tell younger people about times when hockey was played by six forwards and a goalkeeper, the first horseless carriages, and many others. He was a keen debater, swapping yarns with the flair of an experienced story teller.

Many remember when C. K. foiled a robbery in his store where an armed gunman tried to clean out his cash register. He disarmed the gunman and held him for police, administering the coup de grace with a verve that belied his nearly 70 years.

You seldom saw C. K. when he didn't have a cigar in his mouth. He credited his long life to "Hard work, good livin' and lots of cigars" but he cut down on the cigars in later years from 40 or 50 a week to three or four a day.

His hundredth birthday celebration in 1970 attracted hundreds of well-wishers from his personal friend Rev. Father V. J. Morgan of St. Joseph's parish to the Grand Master of the Orange Lodge, as well as messages from the prime minister, the Queen and members of the cabinet.

C. K. leaves his wife, daughter Mrs. Grace Smith, Toronto and a son Jack Skilling of Sudbury.

Funeral services were from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home Wednesday after an Orange Lodge memorial service Tuesday night. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. Acton won't be the same without him.



WHEN ANDREA BROOSTAD of Nelson Court walks the family pet, there's more than the usual amount of eyebrow-lifting from pedestrians, or passers-by. This particular one is a raccoon and he climbs telephone poles when someone tries to take his picture. The Broostads got him from a litter of coon kittens found in an elevator shaft at Beardmore and Co. His name's Ronnie.—(Staff Photos)

Tipplers to forgers police have 'em all

Police answered a variety of complaints over the past week including apprehending two young boys who made off with bicycles belonging to others. The bikes were returned to owners and the boys chastised.

Called to one of the local hotels to escort a lady home who allegedly had a skunk, they couldn't prevent the lady from tipping a trayful of drinks. They did lay a charge.

Saturday the detachment received a call from a man who was allegedly shot by a pellet gun wielded by another irate lady. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital where the pellet was removed. The lady, allegedly dared to pull the trigger, was nevertheless charged with wounding with intent.

Forged cheque

Police are looking for a young American male who bilked a

local family of \$150 by means of a forged cheque. The forgery was reported to police by an accountant at the Bank of Montreal and a warrant is out for the arrest of the young visitor, who abused the hospitality of the family.

The local detachment is also concerned about a rash of petty thievery which has broken out among boys from nine to 12 years of age and mainly relates to

cigarettes taken from a local supermarket. Twelve boys have appeared before constables for interviews on the thefts.

Police said no charges have been laid yet but notify parents store owners won't be so charitable if the thieving persists. They are asking parents to check where children got cigarettes or other articles especially when they had no money to purchase them.