

# Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



For a team that in the opinion of Rexdale Warrior coach Jack Leach shouldn't have been given an automatic berth in the August 5 O.L.A. Junior "C" tournament, Acton Rams have been doing quite well for themselves lately, especially against the hot and cold Warriors.

The rapidly improving Rams nosed out Leach's squad 18-17 before a noisy crowd at the community centre Monday night for only their fourth win in 14 league games, but second in three starts against Rexdale.

Victory was doubly sweet for the Rams, who had come out on the short end of three previous one goal decisions on their home floor.

What's more it was particularly timely in view of the fact Leach had launched a move to have the site of the August 5 tournament switched from Acton to Rexdale, as recently as Friday.

"He called me to say he thought the tournament should be moved and be revised to include more than four teams," Ram manager Alan Hall reported. "He said he didn't think it was fair for a team as low in the standings as Acton to be in there."

According to Hall, Leach said he was supported in his feelings in a telephone poll to team reps in Bolton, Wallaceburg and Midland. He apparently did not contact Etobicoke and Windsor the league's top two teams and the two most likely to get berths in the tournament under the present arrangements.

Acton and Rexdale were the only two teams to make a bid to host the event and O.L.A. officials obviously impressed by the record-breaking playoff crowds here last season, as well as the enthusiasm of the Ram executive accepted the Acton bid.

It was probably no coincidence that Leach waited until his club hit a hot streak to challenge rules for the tournament which were finalized at a meeting over a month ago.

Coming into Acton Monday night, Rexdale had won four of its last five games (losing only by a single goal to the league-leading Etobicoke PCO's) and had become a threat to beat out Windsor Warlocks for second place and a tournament berth.

Ram officials have been busy preparing for the Civic Holiday weekend tourney which has now been set to coincide with a gala "Gay 90's" dance co-sponsored by the Rams and the Acton Sabres' junior hockey club.

An all-expense paid trip to Edmonton to represent Ontario in the Castrol Cup Canadian junior lacrosse championships beginning August 20 is the prize up for grabs in the tourney.

O.L.A. Secretary-Manager Jack Christie told me last week the tournament victors will have their expenses "about 95 per cent taken care of", thanks to a fund into which each of Ontario's 13 Junior "C" teams have deposited \$100 and a government recreation grant. The winners will also collect 50 per cent of the gate receipts of the Acton tournament.

The Ram organization has definitely proven over the past three years it deserves to host the tournament. Whether the present Ram team is worthy of an automatic berth may be a point for debate, but if our information is correct the decision to include the top two teams in the final standings, an Eastern Ontario representative plus the host team was made before the season started and agreed to by all teams. Each one of them had a chance to submit a bid.

In any case Rams are now playing lacrosse equal in calibre to any team in the province—after a dismal start and Leach's remarks may just be enough to spur them on to bigger and better things in August.

Instead of trying to switch the site of the tournament, the Rexdale mentor might do well to find a way to stop Rams' high scoring captain Mike Marcoux. Mike has scored 16 of his 64 goals in the last two Acton-Rexdale games. That's more than many of the Warrior players have been able to score all season!



REXDALE WARRIOR forward Andy Hems bounced this shot off the Acton goalpost, after a last minute checking effort by Rams' Dale Watson (14) failed in Monday night's Junior "C" game here. Sub-goalie Bruce "Dew Worm" Murray tried to block the shot.

## Rexdale regrets to learn

# Rams improving rapidly

Aided by an explosive first period power play and a gutsy goaltending effort by Fergus juvenile recruit John Povey, Acton Rams upset the red-hot Rexdale Warriors 18-17 in a Junior "C" lacrosse thriller here Monday night.

Ram captain Mike Marcoux raised his league-leading goals' total to 64 for 14 games, as he scored eight of 18 Acton goals, despite continual hammering from frustrated Rexdale checkers. Marcoux also scored eight times in a 14-12 overtime win against Rexdale last month.

Povey, playing on a one game release made no fancy moves, but came up with big saves in key situations to snuff out potential Warrior rallies.

to leave the game suffering from heat exhaustion. He returned in the third period, after Warriors had cut the Acton lead to 13-11 at the expense of a game but ineffective sub-goalie Bruce Murray.

Rams took full advantage of 27 penalties given Rexdale by referees Doug Soullers and Dan Boyington, especially in the first period when they grabbed an 8-4 lead.

Warriors scored twice in the final two minutes of the game to cut the Acton lead to one goal and a near riot erupted, when Rexdale officials complained to the referees that precious seconds were allowed to waste away on the clock in the last minute.

Matt Harding bugged hat tricks for Rexdale.

A second period defensive lapse cost Rams a victory in Bolton last Wednesday night. The third place Wanderers won the game 21-16 on the strength of 13 shots they connected on in the second frame.

Mike Marcoux fired five Acton goals. Grant Haines netted three, Bruce Cooksley and Dave Manes two each and Barry Court, Mike Cooper and George McPhail one apiece.

Terry Sanderson, Alan Craig and Layne Magee each connected four times for Bolton.

RAM RAMBLINGS... Povey is only third string goalie for the classy Fergus juveniles. "The only reason I got to come here tonight," he said, "is that they're going to use the other two guys against Six Nations tomorrow night."

Rams may arrange a deal with the Junior "B" Oakville Comets allowing Marcoux to play certain games there in return for the use of Oakville juvenile net-minder Mike Krivier.

Although just as effective, Marcoux' overpowering style of play is exactly opposite to the game of finesse displayed by former Ram scoring great Bob Turkosz.

# Bants bombed

Milton bantam B's scored two impressive Halton County minor baseball league victories over the Acton Thompson Fuelers at the park last week.

The victors broke a 3-3 tie with a single run in the third inning Thursday night and breezed to an easy 9-4 win behind the pitching of B. Burke.

The three first inning Acton runs came as a result of singles by Marvin McNabb, Jeff Ribble and Ken Swan and a double by catcher Tom Haverly.

Acton also scored in the sixth, when Ed Ensling led off with a walk and Ken Swan and Jim Ellis rapped out back to back singles.

Top sluggers for Milton were S. Powers with a double and a home run and H. Ciner with a single and a double.

For Acton Tom Haverly picked up three hits and Ken Swan had two.

No contest Friday night's second game of the series was strictly no contest, as Milton waltzed to a 17-2

triumph, bombing Acton pitchers for 25 hits in the process.

Base hits by Jeff Ribble and Ray Hurnenluk produced the first Acton run in the second inning. Hurnenluk circled the bases on Milton errors to score the other run in the seventh.

Perfect night Milton scored 11 of their runs in the third and fourth innings. Powers had a perfect five for five night, including a home run for the "county towners".

Brad Martin led Acton hitters with three singles in four at bats. Jeff Ribble singled twice.

Thursday	Milton	301	111	2	9
	Acton	300	001	0	4

Friday	Milton	208	520	2	17
	Acton	010	000	1	2

ACTON: Marvin McNabb 2b, Brad Martin cf, Tom Haverly c, Jeff Ribble ss, Ed Ensling 3b, Ken Swan p, Ray Hurnenluk lf, Gary Pickles lb, Brett McEachern rf, Brian Laran, Scott Oakley, Jim Ellis.

Umpires: Dan Allan, Ian Campbell.

# "Tex" still tough

Fergus Merchants trounced Pete's Barber Shop 12-2 behind the five hit hurling of veteran Carl "Tex" Leybourne here Sunday night.

Merchants rapped barber shop starter Grant Usher and his reliever Doug Vickery for a total of 18 base hits and also accepted eight free passes in counting to the easy win.

After giving up an unearned run in the first inning, when second baseman Gord Abbott booted Jan Riddall's grounder, Leybourne pitched almost flawless ball. He allowed only a harmless run in the eighth on consecutive base hits by Jim Bullough, Fred Buchanan and Riddall. He retired the side in order four times.

Shortstop Harv Hower sparked defensively for the Merchants recording four assists and two putouts and stealing at least three sure Acton base hits with backhanded stabs.

Centre fielder Dave Husson came up with the defensive gem of the game, when he took off with the crack of the bat and backhanded Leybourne's towering drive to right centre in the third. The ball would have been out of most parks in the league.

Gord Abbott paced the Fergus offensive with four hits in five at bats. Bob Lanktree, Frank Schmidt and Don Tosh had three hits apiece.

Jim Bullough, Fred Buchanan, Jan Riddall, Dave Husson and Bruce Thomson each hit safely once for Pete's. Thomson's hit was a three bagger down the right field line.

Barbers host Hespeler tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8:30, play in Glen Williams Friday night and take on Georgetown here Sunday night at 8:30.

# Usher shows Hespeler something newer than Neu

If you're going to win a game, you might as well beat the best while you're at it.

That's the philosophy Pete's Barber Shop employed, as they blanked the league-leading Hespeler Simplificitys 1-0 for their first win in nine Intercountry Fastball league games in Hespeler last Tuesday night.

A sparkling five hit shutout pitching effort by Grant Usher and a heads-up play by Fred Buchanan in the ninth inning

helped barbers hand Hespeler only their second loss of the season. Both have been by a 1-0 score.

Hurlers duel Usher and Hespeler fireballer Jake Neu hooked up in a scoreless duel for the first eight innings, before Acton picked up an unearned run in the ninth.

Buchanan led off with a perfectly-placed bunt for a base

## Rockwood doubles score on Fergus

Tunely hitting by Norm Beattie and Mike Martin, along with the 15 strikeout pitching of Bob Shaw helped Rockwood Seniors down Fergus Merchants 4-2 for their eighth Intercountry league win against three losses in Fergus last Wednesday night.

Beattie lashed out three singles in four at bats and drove in two of the Rockwood runs. Martin drove in one run with a double and also singled.

Russ Spicer struck out 13 Rockwood batters in a losing effort. Spicer and Gord Abbott each hit safely twice for the Merchants.

Rockwood hosts Glen Williams tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8:30 and travels to Hespeler to take on the league leaders Friday night.

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A total of 33 building permits were issued in Esqueping township during the month of June. Total estimated cost of the buildings to be erected is \$486,592.



GRANT USHER

hit, advanced to second and scored, when Hespeler third baseman Don Parks booted Bruce Thomson's grounder.

Usher gave up only five well scattered base hits and set eight Hespeler batters down on strikes. He received excellent fielding support for the first time this year.

Neu hot Neu was every bit as effective for Hespeler. He allowed only a first inning single to Jim Bullough, a sixth inning double to John Dunn and Buchanan's bunt single. He struck out 17 batters, whiffing the side three times.

Stan Hardman singled and doubled for Hespeler. Don Parks, Dave Hillis and Keith Craig all singled.

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Hespeler	000	000	000	0	5	2

ACTON: Andy Williams rf, Bob Andrews 2b, Jim Bullough lf, John Dunn lb, Fred Buchanan c, Eric Lacey ss, Dave Husson cf, Bruce Thomson 3b, Grant Usher p, Ed Phillips lf (6).

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