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85-year-old lawn chair scorer records Rockwood ball

"At 85 I should retire," spoke Tom McCutcheon, unofficial scorer for the Rockwood Senior softball team, "but when I passed 80, things were so bad I decided to stay another 10 years."

An Everton resident, Tom makes it to all the Rockwood home games and whatever away games he can. He brings a lawn chair, a score sheet and parks himself behind the back screen with an ideal view of home plate.

Using a unique and involved scoring system, Tom records each pitch and the results of it. After the game he presents the sheet to the Rockwood pitcher, either Bob Shaw or Bill Robinson, for post game study.

Hobby

"It's kind of a hobby," he claims regretting he had to have prescribed glasses two years ago to make the drive in from Everton.

Interested in baseball all his life, Tom has been keeping score for 60 years but admits he has only played once.

"Right here," he said, pointing out onto the Rockwood field. In his younger days the visiting Everton hardballers lost their centre fielder to an injury and McCutcheon was called to sub. Tom recalled Rockwood won the game about 30-1.

He remembered when the Everton team folded in the late twenties and team members coming across to Rockwood. Everton hardball pitcher Fred Alton is the best Tom remembers seeing play.

Changes

Best remembered changed in the Rockwood park are the floodlights five years ago and the

surrounding fence within very recent times.

A farmer until 1939 Tom married twice, in 1915 and 1945. He made fence in Everton a short while before becoming highway foreman for the road between Guelph and Orangeville until 1948. He made twice the money the following year claims Tom, building barns.

Born in Erin township, near Ospringe, Tom served as assessor, building inspector and truant officer in Eramosa during the fifties.

Though he has never had any health problems, Tom visits Guelph General Hospital every Friday for a check-up. Tom keeps content minding two gardens at his Everton home waiting until the Rockwood Bowling League commences play at Sportman's Bowl, Guelph, in three weeks.



WATCHING INTENTLY. Rockwood Red Sox unofficial scorer was on hand Saturday night as the villagers eliminated Shedden 4-2 in O.R.S.A. play. Tom has brought his lawn chair, score sheet and enthusiasm to Rockwood and Everton ball games for about 60 years. (Photo by D. Pink)



A DAY AT ROCKWOOD CONSERVATION AREA can be an education for someone not familiar with a park which looks like a piece of Northern Ontario transplanted in the South. Visitors like four-year-old Julia Cocklin of Ballinacree, trying out a canoe with their pooch and the youngster

(bottom left) sampling the sand. They all enjoy themselves including the swimming classes conducted by Heather Haworth (bottom right) and the family camped along the shady banks of the Eramosa River. Visit the park almost any day of the week and you'll see every size and shape of Canadians and people from the U.S. (H. Coles Photos)

Red Sox shelve Shedden tackle Selkirk Thursday

Rockwood softball Red Sox quashed any Shedden hopes of an O.R.S.A. championship, registering a decisive 4-2 victory in Rockwood Saturday night. Rockwood will continue to climb the O.R.S.A. ladder meeting Selkirk next. First game of that series is scheduled for Rockwood Park tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Shedden had shaky beginnings giving pitcher Walker the starting nod. Though he did not live up to his name, Rockwood hitters found an easy way to first base.

Sox first base man Chick Milne started the Rockwood trend, tapping out a single in the second inning. Another hit by Mike Martin advanced Milne to second where he scored off a Phil Shrive double.

Lead off batter Vic Williams took control of the third inning tapping a single. He found his way to second when Mike Kelly laid down a sacrifice bunt to the Shedden third baseman.

Two bagger

Third in line, Jim Thatcher mounted the plate and drove out

a hard double to bang in Williams. Sox catcher Fred Buchanan earned a base when his infield tap proved dissatisfied with resting in the pitcher's glove. Milne drove Thatcher and Buchanan around to score when he grounded a double to centre field.

In a run down between second and third base Milne's luck held true, as the softball slipped past the third bagger. With Shedden's catcher out of position Milne dashed for home. In an open sprint with the catcher Milne lost. Shedden's Walker was yanked to make room for pitcher Tomstan. Mike Martin earned a single and acquired a place on second base when the catcher's arm proved too slow to hold him back.

Sharp fielding

A two run Shedden fifth inning gave fans a glimmer of a possible comeback. Heads up play by village fielders staved off what could have been a Rockwood ball park tragedy.

Singles by George Uzarowski, Jim Thatcher, Mike Martin and Mike Kelly and a second double by Phil Shrive capped Rock-

wood's Saturday evening achievements.

Pitcher Bob Shaw gloved a ninth inning pop up to finish Shedden's ball season.

Rockwood took the second and third games of the series.

Rockwood eliminated Alvinston in their first play-off series.

Bantams play

Belwood team

Rockwood bantams were eliminated from the ORSA playoffs by Cayuga Friday night. Bantams take on Belwood in a Tri-County league playoff game at Rockwood park tonight (Wednesday). The game will precede the first game of the ORSA Junior semi-finals between Rockwood and New Dundee.

Red Sox come out swinging

Shut out on one hit by Shedden's Larry Walker in the first game of the series, Rockwood Red Sox wasted no time repaying the rookie fireballer for his trouble in the second game of the ORSA Intermediate "C" series in Shedden last Wednesday night.

Red Sox came out swinging and had Walker on his way to the showers in the third inning, as they pounded out a 9-7 win to deadlock the best of three set at a game apiece.

Catcher Fred Buchanan figured in all the Rockwood scoring, lining out four key base hits in each of innings Red Sox scored. Rookie shortstop Phil Shrive also had a big night at the

plate with three safeties. Chick Milne matched Shrive's total in the base hit department.

Going the distance righthander Bob Shaw ran into no trouble until the bottom of the ninth, when Shedden took advantage of a bases loaded "Texas leaguer" to score four runs. Shaw fanned 14 Shedden batters. He gave up a bases empty home run to Bruce Bogart in the third.

Shedden used three pitchers, Walker, Murray Silcox and Steve Timewell in an effort to silence Rockwood bats, but none of the three succeeded.

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Ponsonby ousts Rockwood squirts

Rob Ailsop's arm finally gave out in the seventh inning of the third game of the Rockwood-Ponsonby squirt playoff series and Ponsonby went on to win the series 13-7 Friday night. Ailsop had pitched every inning of every game up until then.

In the second game of the series Ailsop fanned 13 Ponsonby batters to lead Rockwood to an 8-2 victory. Bryan Mann was the losing pitcher.

Squirts will likely play in a tournament in Hillsburgh, September 23.

Guelph team captures Rockwood tournament

Guelph Gino's edged Erin 11-10 to win the championship of the Rockwood 19 and under girls' softball tournament recently.

A six run seventh inning brought Gino's from behind a 6-5 deficit. Melanie Brown tripped to drive in the winning run. Judy McDermid and Debbie Borghese shared pitching duties for the champs.

Arkell trounced Rockwood 22-7 to win the consolation championship with Lynn Griffiths

pitching the victory. Donna Stevens and Kathy Graham each had two hits for Arkell. Pat Weir and Pat Ellis lined out two hits apiece for Rockwood.

Gino's topped Rockwood 12-4 in the first round and Erin defeated Arkell 12-8 behind the pitching of Susan Perron.

Bruce Pinder presented the trophy he donated to Gino's at the conclusion of the championship game.

Honor Mounties

The Ontario Trail Riders Association is marking the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by riding five miles of the Great Pine Ridge Trail on August 25. This equestrian salute to the

Mounties will also be equipped with a mail bag to carry letters of congratulations. See the coming events for more information and particulars on who to phone if you are interested in participating.

In ORSA semi-finals

Rockwood juniors meet New Dundee

Rockwood juniors edged Folden's Corners 5-4 in Rockwood Monday night to advance to the ORSA junior softball semi-finals.

New Dundee will supply the opposition for the juniors in the semi-final round with the first game of that series slated for Rockwood park tonight (Wednesday) at 9 following the Rockwood-Belwood Tri-County league bantam playoff game which starts at 7:30.

Bounce back

Rockwood came from behind a 3-1 deficit to score a pair of runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings Monday. Folden's Corners got one run back in the eighth and threatened to tie the score in the ninth before pitcher

John Thatcher fielded a high chopper and threw to Randy Peart covering first base to nail the final runner in an extremely close play.

Phil Shrive and Randy Peart paced a nine hit Rockwood attack with three safeties each. Don Myers batted out a single and a triple and John Thatcher singled. Thatcher gave up only six hits and fanned nine in picking up the win. Losing pitcher was Bill Chalkley.

Loss second

Folden's Corners had won the second game of the series 4-1 on their home diamond Friday night. Rockwood were limited to four hits, singles by Dave Bruce, John Thatcher, Don Myers and Pete Zess in that game.

Rockwood has now eliminated Ayr and Folden's Corners, both in the full limit of three games. Norwich will play either Bradford or Greenwood in the other ORSA semi-final.

Eden Mills doubled the score on the juniors 4-2 in the final game of the regular Eramosa-Puslinch league schedule Thursday night. The same two teams will clash on Eden Mills diamond, Monday night, August 27 in the first game of the league playoffs. Badenoch won the league pennant, with Eden Mills, Guelph Albion Hotel and Rockwood grabbing the other playoff spots.

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WANTED ELECTION OFFICIALS

to work at the 1973 Municipal and School Board elections.

Elections to be held on the following dates:

Advance polling to be held Saturday, September 29th, 11 a.m.—8 p.m.

Regular polling to be held Monday, October 1st, 11 a.m.—8 p.m.

Central Halton will be composed of 3 Wards and officials are required from each Ward as follows:

Ward 1 - Trafalgar comprising North Oakville and East Burlington. Deputy Returning Officers—7 Polling Clerks—7 Constables—3

Ward 2 - MILTON comprising Milton, parts of Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships and part of the Town of Oakville. Deputy Returning Officers—24 Polling Clerks—24 Constables—8

Ward 3 - Nassagaweya comprising Nassagaweya and North Burlington. Deputy Returning Officers—11 Polling Clerks—11 Constables—5

Application forms for the above positions are available at the Town of Milton or Township of Nassagaweya Municipal Office, or will be mailed to you if you will call either of the above Municipal offices at Milton—878-4151 Nassagaweya—854-2206

Applications will be received until September 7th, 1973 and the respective individuals will be notified immediately thereafter.

J. McGeachie, Returning Officer, Town of Central Halton.