



HRSA Champions

Olympia squirt girls sport playoff laurels

Olympia Drive-In squirt girls used the old one, Anna Two, Anna Three home runs Friday to blank Lowville three to nothing and bring the Halton Rural Softball Association's playoff title to Acton for the second year in a row.

Colleen McKnight, Kim White and Allison Chaisson blasted homers as the squirts took the final game of the best of three game series on Lowville's home diamond. The series was tied going into the deciding game at one game each after Lowville blanked Acton 5-0 here last Wednesday. Acton edged the league title champions 6-5 in the series opener here last week.

On her first time at bat McKnight swung at the first pitch and sent it deep into right centre in the third frame. Allison Chaisson added to the score with her home run in the fourth. In the same inning Kim White, who in the opinion of squirt coach Pop Main made the best play of the game, connected for her home run.

Short stop White smothered a sure Lowville home run when she dropped on a ground ball. Teresa Dunn put 13 Lowville batters away for Acton. Lowville hurler Marlene Nixon had a dozen strike outs.

The same pitchers faced each other last Wednesday here when Lowville returned home with a five to nothing win and a chance of adding the playoff title to their league championship.

Acton squirts swept both titles last season with Pop in charge.

The second game of the series was a tightly played affair with no scoring until the fourth inning.

Lowville rightfielder Susie King opened things up with a home run. Marnie Gilliland and Sherry Nicholson also added runs in that inning while Glenna Ryckman added another in the fourth.

Lowville winning pitcher Marlene Nixon rounded out the scoring with a home run. Marlene Nixon had 11 strike outs for Lowville, while Teresa Dunn fired ten.

Two

For squirt Colleen McKnight it was the second playoff championship in two years. She played throughout with the '75 version. Coach Main called up Teresa Dunn and Allison Chaisson for four or five games last season.

A chance for Acton to wrap up the league championship slipped through the squirt girls' fingers when they dropped a sudden death post-season game to Lowville.

Both teams tied after the regular season and had to play an extra game to decide the title and the playoff order.

Members of the Olympia Drive-In squirts are: Nancy George, Kim White, Laura Raine, Sally Briggs, Teresa Dunn, Susan Tufford, Robin McClure, Gisele Charette, Margaret Hall, Karen Jackson, Colleen McKnight, and Bev Glenn.

The team is managed by Gary DeBruyn and coached by Pop Main who are pleased with the team's play in the season and playoffs.

OLYMPIA DRIVE-IN SQUIRT GIRLS: (front row from the left) Allison Chaisson, Bev Glenn, Laura Raine, Margaret Hall, Sally Briggs, Robin McClure and Gisele Charette. In the second row stand Colleen

McKnight, Kim White, Susan Wilson, Karen Jackson, Susan Tufford and Teresa Dunn. Coach Pop Main stands to the left and manager Garry DeBruyn on the left. Nancy George was absent.

The Acton Free Press

Sports Page

One Hundred and Second Year—No. 10

ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

Second Section

Junior B Sabres sign up six camp site moving to Guelph

The Junior B Sabres added six new players to the roster which is beginning to look like a blend of the best from the Junior Cs, town players plus some new faces.

Last year's most improved player on the Sabre Junior Cs Don Richard rejoined Dave Chapman in the line up. Chapman was signed last week.

Richard, a right winger, scored seven goals and assisted on 22 during last season's 29 games.

Left winger Brad Roelofson returns to the Sabres. He played 17 games in the '75-'76 season and scored five times while assisting on four occasions.

MVP
The most valuable players from last years midget and juvenile teams were also inked by the Sabres. Jeff Townsley from the juveniles and Joe Gardin from the midgets are in the line up.

Steve Buchanan, who returned to Sabres for the playoffs last year, will probably be a left winger this season. He played part of last year with Georgetown B team.

Sabres used the first of their seven import cards on Mississauga midget centreman Paul Antonelli.

Last year's top marksman on the Junior C edition, Charlie McCrae, took some time off training camp for school. Sabre officials, however, expect he'll be back on the ice soon.

Sign
Scott Richardson, a 225-pound defenceman from the Geminis, is also in the Sabre camp, but he's not signed yet.

In the same boat is Alf Behrens. He won the rookie of the year award with the Sabres last year plus the

Fisher Memorial Trophy for attitude, ability and sportsmanship.
Billy McGilloway is still coming out and Kent Kenner has started practice for a defence spot.

Sabres practise tonight between 7-9 p.m. in the Alcott arena at Georgetown. Tomorrow night and again Sunday afternoon the club will be at Exhibition Arena at Guelph. The one hour

practice Thursday starts at 8:30 p.m. Sunday's session goes from 2 until 4 p.m. Next Monday Sabres take to Guelph's Memorial Gardens' ice for a two-hour practice at 8:15 p.m.

Halton Hills gym club branches out to AHS

Gymnastic-inclined Acton and area girls can register for the first round of Halton Hills' recreation departments Olympic gym lessons starting this week.

Only girls eight years of age or over and with a minimum of two years experience can join, says instructor Janet Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong will teach the intermediate and advanced students in the high school gym starting September 18.

Interested parties can register at the town office in

the Y building on Mill Street East.

Senior and intermediate students will perform floor exercises and work on the balance beam and the uneven bars. A beginners program will also run Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. Then the senior and intermediate program will be run from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Senior and intermediate lessons, over ten weeks, cost \$15 and junior lessons are \$12. Another round of lessons will

be held in the winter and another in the spring.

Mrs. Armstrong, of Acton, will teach the intermediate and senior program at Acton High School. Mrs. Armstrong taught gymnastics at the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto for seven years.

Mrs. Armstrong also coached the Oakville-Trafalgar team when it was in the Southern Ontario Secondary School Association. She also helped coach the Scarborough-Winstonelles, Jeanette Linton, Cindy Douglas and Jane Aggiss, of Georgetown, will assist Mrs. Armstrong. All three have taken courses at York University and have coached in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation.

An intermediate level program will also be run at Georgetown and District High School (GDHS). The recreation department's club will also hold competitions Saturday afternoons at GDHS for four hours.

Board of Education cut backs on the amount of time the recreation department can use in GDHS forced the department to look elsewhere for its gym club's activities.

Orangeville sweeps Junior lacrosse title

Orangeville Stingers clinched the provincial and divisional Ontario Lacrosse Association's (OLA) Junior C championship by completing a four game sweep of Owen Sound Satellites last Wednesday.

Stingers won the fourth game of a best of seven game series 14-11.

Rams

Orangeville eliminated Rexdale in the semi-finals while Owen Sound swept Acton Rams three straight from playoff contention.

In previous seasons the winner of the central division title had to play against the top teams in the eastern and western divisions in order to climb to the provincial wide contest.

The other two divisions turned Junior B this year which leaves Orangeville with the division and Ontario championships.

Rams

Both the lacrosse Rams and Monarchs slipped into post season action. Both teams, it appears, had their troubles



STEVE LUMBERS won the junior championship trophy at Acton Meadows Saturday, in a sudden death play against last year's champ Karen Collins.

Steven Lumbers is junior golf champion

Rained out a week ago, the junior championship at Acton Meadows was completed last Saturday. Champion is Steven Lumbers with scores of 92 and 94 to total 186. He won on the first hole of sudden death against last year's champion, Karen Collins.

Karen's scores were 93 and 93 for a total of 186.

Other players were Rob Rivers 93, 94, 187 total; Bill

Rivers 89, 100, 189; Gary Lumbers 97, 93, 190; David Lawson 105, 99, 204; Jim Huxley 103, 105, 208; Simon Ager 121, 118, 239.

The season at Acton Meadows winds down this weekend with the junior-senior championships and the ladies' championship finals.

The annual banquet is being planned for November.

Electric zaps Catering in final playoff opener

Halton Hills Catering will have to club many more runs if they are to fend off elimination from Acton Men's Softball Association playoff action tonight by Halton Hills Electric.

The second in the best of two games out of three final series starts at 7 p.m. in Prospect Park.

The Electricians juiced Catering 14-5 in the series opener Monday evening. The holiday weekend postponed the game from Sunday to Labor Day.

If necessary a third and deciding game will be played Sunday.

Pop
Electric's Jim Cole popped flied on his first turn at bat, but he later connected for three home runs and scored another to lead the Electricians' offense.

Catering opened in strength with two runs in the first inning plus another in the se-

cond for a three to zip lead until Electric's turn in that frame. They connected for three runs to start a rally that peaked in the fourth with five runs.

Danny Allen, Bob Ferrett and Wally Holbiski each counted for two Electric runs. Hugh Forbes registered a run to go with his fifth inning home run.

Tally
John Duffield and Lyle Pater added single runs to Electric's tally.

Winning pitcher Frank Daley struck out 15 Catering batters, but failed to earn a run. He popped out four times, and walked to first.

Catering's Terry Masales opened the games scoring on his first run round the diamond. Jim James gave Catering a two to nothing lead with his run in the first inning.

Jim Whitmil made it 3-0 for Catering in the next frame.

Then Catering held off until the fifth when centre fielder Terry Cole earned a run to close the score 9-4 for Electric.

Catcher James blasted a home run in the seventh to finish off Catering's scoring efforts.

Collect
Catering pitcher Ken Pilgrim collected four strike outs.

Electric earned a playoff spot by taking out Station Hotel two games straight in semi-final action. Catering matched Electric's efforts by dropping Van's Welding in like fashion.

Halton Hills Electric and Catering finished two-three after the fifteen game regular season. Van's took top spot from Electric, though both teams tied in points, because of more wins.

Station Hotel ended up in fourth spot ahead of Acton IGA and Family Cleaners.



HALTON HILLS ELECTRIC'S Frank Daley waits a turn at bat while mates Bob Jarrett (standing), Jim Cole (right) Wally Holbiski and Danny Allen take in the action from the bench. Electric took a game lead in the best of three game final series against Catering Monday.



SPORTS PULSE

Olympia Drive-In squirt girls' retention of the Halton Rural Softball Association's playoff title and the winning of the 12-team tourney by an all-star men's softball team in the Glen added much weight to Acton's growing reputation as a ball town.

No longer must the mention of the Glen or Lowville produce associations with good baseball. Acton seems to be getting on alright on the diamonds without sacrificing the recreation and fun aspects of the game in favor of stiff competitiveness.

A few town teams have made their way into the playoffs in other sports, where they have clung to live with a will so fierce as to make one wonder where all that drive was in the regular season.

Rams

Both the lacrosse Rams and Monarchs slipped into post season action. Both teams, it appears, had their troubles

through the season. More on that, perhaps, in a future column.

Remember Saltfleet? The fruit belt bantam hockey team that edged the Firefighters out of the quarter-finals in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association last winter. The Salters will surely recall how close they came to sitting out the semis instead of Acton.

Firefighter bants, however, won some well earned laurels in the Georgetown tournament in March. The Acton squad clinched the championship in the "C" division by defeating Valley East 6-3.

The same bants, in the same tourney, just missed international fame when they were defeated 5-3 by Detroit's Bosquette team in the "A" division.

Certainly Valentuna, the town where that Swedish bantam team came from last January, will remember ever so fondly the reception they got here both on and off the ice. Acton was the only team the Swedes beat on their Ontario tour.

Smallest

Can the smallest town in the Ontario Hockey Association's

Junior B central division knock off teams from Burlington, or Brampton, or even Milton? That's the question to be answered, and soon, by the now forming Sabre Club.

Last year's Junior C edition managed some distance in their playoffs, up north last spring. So far I think if the B team manages to also get some post-season action, it'll have done well for the first year.

They might also try for at least one solid licking of the Flyers and Geminis during the year.

These are the teams which have so far put the town on the map in sport, this year. There are other teams struggling along in the respective leagues.

There are teams which play for fun, not necessarily to win. It's nice when they do win, but it does not seem to be their main aim.

Then there are some teams I never hear of. Teams who are welcome to some space when they may not be faring too well, but who will surely want lots of ink when they pull off an upset.

The Canada Cup, the series we've been waiting for. I'm

still waiting.

I guess I live in the past when the subject of international hockey comes up. I recall hearing live radio broadcasts of the Canadian amateur teams getting it in the neck in Sweden during the late 60's. The cry then was for the pros to play the foreigners who were cleaning up the youth of the nation.

So near a thing was the '72 series between the first edition of Team Canada and the Soviets that a second round was called for two years later.

The 1974 disaster with the WHA teams again prompted calls for the real pros to do the job. The guys who are the master craftsmen with stick, puck or elbow. Let's have a real series.

We got it. And the Yanks nearly caused a coast-to-coast hernia Sunday. No need to reprint the score.

In this series, if the Canadian team loses just one game, each player will be a marked man. I've predicted one loss in the finals and if I'm proved right, who will we call up next? The Richards? Howe again? Maybe the Boomer or Ted Lindsay?

By Eric Elstone