Baseball season swings into view

summer meekly follows, having little choice in the matter. With the summer comes baseball, and there is plenty

of it in Acton. teams are getting ready for the upcoming season, some of them earnestly competitive and others decidedly less so. into boys' and girls' divisions. Minor softball

The most popular is, of course, the minor softball league, run this year by Marg Glenn. The league gives softball enthusiasts an organized outlet for their energy with over 200 registrations this

year, so far. More players are expected to sign up as they see friends involved.

There are eight rep teams from the Acton Minor Softball Association playing in the A welter of leagues and Halton rural league, as well as eleven or twelve house league teams, playing among themselves. They are divided

The most serious competition is found in the rep teams. They will play two games a week from the end of May to the first week of September, playing one home and one away each week.

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By John Bottomley

Well, the Maple Leafs lost, which is exactly what they

deserved. This is not to say that I don't like the team, but

given the way they were coached and managed there was

Coach Red Kelly's positive ions are just not enough to

build a winning hockey team. Some disciplined team

hockey helps, and it's up to the coach to turn individual

The Leafs are up to their armpits in good players. They

probably have more individual talent than any other team

in the league, excepting of course Montreal. It's hard to

argue with Darryl Sittler, Lanny MacDonald, Borge

Salming and Inge Hammerstrom, to name just a few of

the Leafs stars. With the proper guidance they would be

winners. Ballard's circus may be lucrative fun for him,

but it is no way to run a professional hockey team. If

somebody had written the Leafs' story up in a novel or

movie, it would be unbelievable. Ballard operates the way

Charles O. Finley does, but with less success, that is to

Team Canada

that it was too early to call this year's squad a second rate

team, because they hadn't been seen in international

competition yet. Well, they've been seen in international

competition now, and it's time to call them a second rate

I'm sure they're all nice guys, and good hockey players,

Their lackluster performance against Americans can

The Sweden game is another matter. Canada was never

The eternal refrain "it's the ref's fault" is making a

in the game, and didn't deserve to be on the ice with the

Swedes. They were outskated and outplayed in every way.

tentative appearance in the series. After Sunday's 11-1 fiasco, sportscasters were careful to point out that Canada

had played a lot of the game shorthanded, and that there

were three times as many penalties for Canada as for the

The penalties came about because the Canadians don't know how to play hockey without slashing and tripping

and generally cheating whenever they can. In a clear mismatch like Sunday's game, the penalties would not

Sportscaster's other morale boosting trick is the old

shots on goal routine. They point out that Canada outshot

Sweden 11-4 in the first period of the game, and pretend

The shots on goal fallacy should have been discovered

years ago, when people noticed that the Russians were

generally outshot by an enormous percentage in each

game. "That proves how much better we are!" we said.

Only problem was, the Russians had a tendency to win a

It's easy to run up shots on goal when you cross centre

ice, wind up, and shoot. The trick is to take shots that are

likely to go into the net. Shots on goal stats don't win

More than one person has advanced the theory that we

should call off the Stanley Cup playoffs, give the thing to

the Canadiens, and send them over to Europe to show

Blue Jays

euphoria of success, it's time for them and for their fans,

to face reality. The odds are strikingly against the team

The long season will catch up with the Jays as their

inexperience begins to show. The surprisingly good of-

defence and pitching, already suspect at best, can only go

downhill. Baseball history is full of the stories of rookies

162 games makes for a long season, and early per-

formance often means nothing. I predict the team can

look forward to a season most politely described as

"frustrating." I don't expect the team to match the antics

of the rookie New York Mets, who lost 120 games in their

first year, and lost them in style too, but I wouldn't expect

In a very few years, however, the story will likely be

different. The Jays have a lot of young and talented

players, and a few years of major league baseball should

mature them into a strong team. Until then, fans will have

to grit their teeth and put up with an awful lot.

Now that the Blue Jays have experienced the heady

Sunday's 11-1 drubbing hardly deserves comment.

that this is proof that Canada was still in the game.

Russians.

lot of games.

have changed anything.

hockey games, but goals do.

Vienna what we can do.

a whole lot more, either.

finishing anywhere but last this year.

making hot starts and fading in May.

but they are certainly not representative of Canada's best.

be excused: bad as this year's Team Canada is, the Yanks

are even worse, and it's hard to get up for a bad team.

Team Canada coach Johnny Wilson said a month ago

say, he is arbitrary, egocentric and just plain nasty.

no way they could go anywhere.

players into a team. Kelly hasn't done that.

Home games are played at

Prospect Park for the rep way to a third place finish in year. They have lost only two bridge, teams, while house league the All-Ontorio Tournament teams will be playing at M.Z. Bennett School or at Sir Don-

for the house leagues. House league games are a division. little less serious than the rep team games, until the Field Day. Playoffs and championships are decided then for all

age groups in the league.

Brookville selects Another of the highly games long, with home competitive teams in the area are the Junior A Brookville selects. Led by pitcher Sue Thomson, they played their

held in June last year.

Their strong record in the ald Mann in Glelea. Robert tournament is what placed Little School is a third choice them in the Provincial Women's League Junior A

> They play teams from Burlington, Brampton, Oakville, Kitchener, Georgetown and two Toronto teams, Glenfield and Bridlewood.

> The schedule is over 30 games being played at Brookville school. Miss Thomson predicts that the team will-"stand a good chance" this

players and have picked up a Hespeler. few new ones.

The other seriously competitive team is the Rockwood Colonials playing in the inter-county fastball league. They are a senior men's team, playing a twenty-eight game schedule starting May 15, plus playoff and tournament action.

The team plays its home games in Rockwood at the Rockwood ball park, and has an excellent chance of making the intercounty playoffs against such teams as Fergus, Orangeville, Cam-

Hillsburgh Less competitive

On a less competitive but no

Soccer drops first

exhibition Acton's newest team, the senior soccer team, played their first game ever April 24, dropping a 4-1 decision to the Georgetown Meteors in a

friendly exhibition game. The team has decided to call itself the "Acton Villa"

Fifteen players are allowed to dress for a game, and Acton had 14 out on Sunday. The team is made up of both Junior and senior players. Sunday's juniors were Gordon Bruce, John and Tom Hogenbirk, John Smith, Lee Robinson, John Gibson and Kevin Weir. Senior players were Reg McKnight, Oscar Leal, Bernie Fryers, Carl Fisker, Fred Blaine, Larry Nolan and player'coach Colin Breckenridge.

team's The schedule will start May 11, and games will be played Wednesday nights.

The Halton Championship

is normally a Peel-Halton

meet, but the Peel teachers'

work to rule action has forced

the cancellation of any Peel

Mr. McLaren, who is

responsible for the sprints

and hurdles, has "seen a

ment from when we started

Short season

in high school track and field,

there are very few meets

held. So far the only pre-

paratory meets the team has

are the warmup meet this Thursday and their own

meet. They had been invited to compete in a Georgetown

meet, but the date conflicted

High School track teams

athletes in high school tend to

work through local clubs

rather than the school team,

because there is a better

opportunity for competing

with a club. Clubs will

generally run all year long,

whereas a school can only

operate a track program for a

The team is practicing

outdoors now, in spite of the

cool weather which we have

had the last few days. They

are out every day, drilling to

improve speed, increase their

technique in pregaration for

perfect

endurance, and

the upcoming season.

imited amount of time.

often suffer because a lot of

with their own.

Because of the short season

schools' track activity.

he told the Free Press.

less enthusiastic scale is the hard to tell just how competiindustrial league, run by Ray tive the league will be. "It Graham president and Ed was tight last year between Hillier vice-president.

game schedule on May 8, playing every Sunday afternoon at Prospect Park, with one of the many thor-Competition will probably be oughly noncompetitive teams at about the same intensity as in the area. He is helping run the industrial hockey was: a ladies of all ages and sizes the games are fun, and if you team which will play with win, that's even better.

Mr. Hillier says that it is Churchill area and maybe

Hockey games.

the first four teams. This year Six teams will start their 15 half of our players are new." Fun teams

Mr. Hillier is also involved teams from around the

ACTON REFEREES' association hopes to

squeeze this type of play out of Acton Minor

even a Georgetown team. He emphasized that neither experience nor ability nor fierce competitive spirit were important in the selection of the team. For more information call him.

Ref group looking for AMHA games

Robin Inscoe hopes that the Acton referees association he has recently formed will be able to get into refereeing Acton minor hockey games.

They are already looking after Legion minor hockey action and non-contact industrial league play. About 25 people turned up

for the organizational meeting. "I thought it was a good turnout," said Inscoe. People of all ages showed up, with "a lot of young kids". The adults who showed up "seemed to be the newcomers in town" according to Inscoe.

The group is hoping to fund itself, and may hold a draw to get a bit of money to get started.

Trout season Saturday

The local angling season

Pike and pickerel are fair game from May 14 to March

June 4 to Dec. 15, and lake trout, which opened Jan. 1 continues until Oct. 10.

In the Great Lakes, most seasons last all year, with the exception of bass (June 18 to Dec. 31) and brook trout (April 30 to Sept. 15).

Simcoe fishing coincide Halton's except in the case of and lake trout (May 14 to Oct.

In Georgian Bay, pike, pickerel, brown trout, rainbow trout and lake trout seasons last all year, but bass runs from June 25 to Nov. 30, muskie June 18 to Nov. 30 and brook trout April 30 to Sept.

There are a few minor

RICK WIDMONT STANDS a good chance of doing well in the midget javelin events this year.

Rams first home game

gets underway in Halton and neighboring areas April 30 (Saturday) with the start of the trout season. The season runs this year from April 30 to Sept. 30.

31, 1978, while the large and small-mouth bass season runs from June 25 to Nov. 30. Muskie season goes from

seasons trout (April 30 to Sept. 15),

variations from these dates in certain areas, and anglers should check with the local Ministry Natural Resources office in Cambridge before heading out on a fishing trip. The phone number is (519) 658-9356.

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A.H.S.

Track on the mark for season

Home meet

its own at the school, even

though there is no track.

Events are measured out on

This is the meet which is

used to determine who will be

sent to the Halton champion-

the field and run there.

The team holds one meet of

be working for their personal regional finals and finally the

ships, held May 18 and 19. fantastic amount of improve-

All-Ontario meet.

school students are gunning coach Lyn McLaren. for the Halton track championships this year starting with a warmup meet this Thursday in Milton.

Among the team's stronger contenders is Les Jones, who recently placed twelfth in a 150 runner field in the two mile event in Mansfield, Ohio, who will be running distance events, probably the 1500

Forty to 50 Acton high metresraces, according to

Bob Leniski and Steven Springle are seen as promising prospects in the midget high jump as is Rick Widmont in the midget javelin. Deb James is expected to do well in the girls' discus throw, having tied the school record in practice last



JAY MacFARLANE CLEARS the hurdle in High School track practice. The team looks strongest in the sprints this year.

Leadership program

Final application date put back one month

Applications deadline for the Recreation Department's Development Leadership program has been put back the department because the applications received forms late.

Linda Fountain, supervisor of the program, said the deadline has been moved to. May 13, one month after the original closing date, to allow as many applications as possible. The program runs from July 4 to August 12, including practical training.

So far there have been 38 applications for the 20 avail-

able positions. All applicants will have to be interviewed before joining the program. Train skills

The summer course is designed to train people in the skills needed for playground supervision and other recreation positions in the department's playground program, including the day camp opened this year.

Mrs. Fountain will be bringing in volunteers to talk about such aspects of child supervision as first aid.

crafts, storytelling, music, and child psychology.

The course has its advantages for the recreation department as well as for the participants. "We will train them so they are qualified to fill these positions in the future." said Mrs. Fountain.

Successful participants will be invited to submit applications to the Town of Halton Hills recreation department for part time work this summer, according to Mrs. Fountain.

this Monday at arena Rams see their first home from July 1 to July 14 to play Thursday this week, in the

action Monday at the arena. facing Bolton in an exhibition contest. The team's executive and players are predicting a good season for the lacrosse team, and are looking for games will be held in Kitsupport from the fans.

Regular season action starts May 11 in Orangeville, followed May 12 by the Rams opener against Mississauga.

There is a possibility that a Nova Scotian junior C team will be coming to Ontario

a series of games. If they do arena. Manager Campbell is come. Acton will be playing them July 4 in Acton.

chener this summer, and the four semi-finalists in the junior C playoffs, will take part as part of the scheduled events. The action will occur Agust 27 and 28.

Widsor has been moved from Junior C to Junior B which means the team will not be running up the transportation costs it has faced in the last few years.

Poor attendance Attendance at practice has suffered from the inability of the team to use local ficilities. They have been forced to go as far away as Guelph for workouts until the ice came out of the arena. This week will mark the first chance the team has to get into the arena. Manager Ian Campbell says he expects attendance to go up now that practices are at home.

So far eight players have been signed by the team, and more are expected soon. Those signed are George Artem, Kevin Marcoux, Rick Van Fleet, Fred Allen, Gary Delong, Rick Gibson, Mike Rippon and Larry Kurtz. The last three were midgets last vear.

Practices for the team will

trying to have a scheduled exhibition game at Bolton · Thursday night cancelled or The Ontario summer postponed, because the team lacks practice. "It should

make a big difference when we get the arena" he said. Rams are looking for a repeat of their 1971 performance, when they took the All-Ontario Junior

championship.

Ram's schedule

May 2 Bolton (Exhibition) May 12 Mississauga May 26 Rexdale May 30 Dundas June 9 Orangeville June 16 Huntsville June 23 Orillia June 27 Bolton June 30 Dundas July 7 Owen Sound July 14 Rexdale July 18 Bolton

July 21 Orangeville

Apr. 29 at Bolton (Exhibition) May 11 at Orangeville May 18 at Dundas May 19 at Owen Sound May 23 at Orillia May 28 at Huntsville June 2 at Bolton June 5 at Mississauga June 12 at Owen Sound

June 14 at Rexdale June 17 at Orillia July 10 at Mississauga July 16 at Huntsville

\$20,000 Mohawk purse fense they have shown so far will drop off, and their

Mohawk Raceway will be featuring a \$20,000 added final Sunday, May 1, as a wrap-up to their Mohawk Sophomore Pacing Series. The race is for three year olds who won less than \$25,000 last

Preliminary legs were run April 17 and April 24 for purses of \$10,000 and \$12,500 respectively, and the May 1 final is for the highest money



MIKE CASSIDY presented the trophy to the winners of the Adams trophy at Saturday's curling club banquet. They were, left to right, Yvonne Rosenquist, presentor Mr. Cassidy, Ted Tyler Jr., Ina Mellon and Gord Toth.