



HE'S SAFE! says umpire Harry Ensing. Tim Baker slides home safely after being driven in by Rob Vermeulen in peewee action May 25. Acton beat Glen Williams 36-9, Bruce Shannon, winning

pitcher, is waiting to bat. The game was the first home game for an Acton team in the Halton rural league this season.

## Acton teams start '77 softball season with wins

David Haynes, Kevin Brown and Kevin Lobsinger combined to pitch a no-hitter May 30, leading the Nellis Construction Atoms to a 10-1 win over Limehouse. The Limehouse run was scored by Chris Burrell, who reached base on a walk and moved around on errors.

The three pitchers had a combined strikeout total of 15 in the five inning game, getting all their outs on strikeouts. Limehouse pitcher Al Scott went the distance, also striking out 15. Peter Cargill connected for a grand slam in the third to bring Brad Demone, David Paul and Kevin Brown across the plate. All three scored twice each in the game. Other runs were scored by Brent Conner, Sean Fitzgerald and Kevin Lobsinger.

The Atoms were less fortunate against Glen Williams, dropping a 9-2 decision May 26. Acton runs came in the first and last innings and were scored by Kevin Lobsinger and Steve Wagner, who homered for his. Kevin Lobsinger was the losing pitcher.

Peewee boys opened their season with a convincing 25-9 victory over Glen Williams May 25, but lost to Lowville 8-7 May 30 to even their record at 1-1.

11 Acton players scored in the Glen Williams game. Brian Canary and Rob Vermeulen shared the pitching duties. Bruce Shannon pitched the entire game at Lowville, striking out one and walking

none. Mark Duval hit the only Acton homerun of the game. Next home game is tonight, against Limehouse.

Peewee girls Gail's Gulf peewee girls

opened with a 28-7 drubbing of Glen Williams. Allison Chaisson got the only homerun of the night, making it home on errors by Glen Williams.

## Seniors top Erin 5-3, but bow 8-7 to Arkell squad

Rockwood Seniors split in last week's inter-county fast-ball action, beating Erin 5-3 and dropping an 8-7 game to Arkell.

Rockwood met Erin May 27, and were tied at 3-3 going into the ninth inning, when they scored two unanswered runs for the victory.

Winning pitcher in the game was Bob Shaw, now 1-1 on the season, while Erin's Ken Steen took the loss. Shaw struck out 13 in the game, and

was in control throughout. John Thatcher connected for a homerun in the fifth, the first four-bagger for the team this season. Erin had two homeruns in the game, which drove in all their runs.

Phil Shrive led the Rockwood attack with four hits, followed by John Thatcher and Bob Shaw with two each and John Parkinson and Chick Milne with one each. Loss at home

The seniors were unable to

keep their momentum going when they faced Arkell at home and lost in the last inning. Arkell scored three times in the top of the ninth to erase a 7-5 lead.

Chick Milne got his first homer of the year in support of losing pitcher John Thatcher (1-1). According to press representatives Norm Beattie, Rockwood errors and Arkell clutch hits proved to be the deciding factor in the game.

Dave Bruce led the team with four hits, two hits going to each of Phil Shrive, Chick Milne, Ron Kelly and Doug McAlpine. Getting one hit each were Tom and John Parkinson, John Thatcher and Johnny Carson.

The Seniors' record now stands at 2-3. Rockwood sees three games this week, Thursday in Orangeville, Monday at home against Fergus and Tuesday in Hillsburgh.



ACTON RUNNER Les Jones ran in the pack during the senior boys' 3,000-metres run at the Halton-Peel high school track and field championships in Etobicoke last week. Despite a steady start Jones could not gain on the leaders and did not qualify for the Ontario Regional meet in Brantford Saturday.

## Robt. Little Jr. field day

Robert Little Junior field day showed that Robert Little students were well matched athletically.

Jamie Lawson, Shirley Van Rijk and Mandy Silcock were triple winners in Robert Little's field day, held Thursday on the school grounds.

Jamie was victorious in the eight and nine years boys' 40 metres, 60 metres and long jump. Mandy took the ten years girls 60 metres, 80 metres and long jump, and Shirley Van Rijk outleaped everybody in the 11 and over girls high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Results:  
Eight and nine boys  
Forty metres: Jamie Lawson, Brad Youmans and Stewart Hoy. 60 metres: Jamie Lawson, Stewart Hoy and Ian Sawdon. High jump: Brad Youmans, Ricky Elsley and Greg White. Long jump: Jamie Lawson, Brad Youmans and Greg White.

Ten year boys  
Sixty metres: Craig Johnson, Ken Kavanaugh, Brian Martin and Charlie Oakley. High jump: Mike Scott,

Thys Gibb and Brian Martin tied for second. Long jump: Greg Marks, Craig Johnson and Brian Martin.

11 and over boys  
One hundred metres: George Gidman, Brian Canary and Stephen Wateck. High jump: Sandy Munro, Brian Lawrence and Stephen Wateck. Long jump: George Gidman, Brian Lawrence and Russell Blair tied for second. Triple jump: Paul Vermeulen, Russell Blair and Makolm Warhurst.

Eight and nine girls  
Forty metres: Sally Briggs, Janine Chernos and Diane Little. 60 metres: Sally Briggs, Janine Chernos and Diane Little. High jump: Angie Vil, Janine Chernos and Karen MacEachern. Long jump: Gnette Caisse, Abee Busch and Gail Hughes.

Ten year girls  
Sixty metres: Mandy Silcock, Glenda Poulin and Monica Muselle. 80 metres: Mandy Silcock, Glenda Poulin and Monica Muselle. High jump: Glenda Poulin, Christine Hoare and Tracy Arnold. Long jump: Mandy Silcock, Shelley Wong and Christine Hoare and Kerry Karren tied for third.

11 and over girls  
Eighty metres: Nancy Thomas, Karen Jackson and Brenda Thibert. 100 metres: Nancy Thomas, Brenda Thibert and Diane Abram. High jump: Shirley Van Rijk, Karen Jackson, and Jill Morris. Long jump: Shirley Van Rijk, Nancy Thomas and Monique Lanlegne. Triple jump: Shirley Van Rijk, Charlotte O'Hara and Monique Lanlegne.

## A.H.S. girls relay team told "you can't run" at regionals

Heather Near was Acton High School's only finalist in the Halton Regional championships held Saturday, in Brantford, placing sixth in the senior girls' 200 metres race.

Her sister Lisa Near failed to qualify for the junior girls' javelin, but according to coach Lin McLaren, she did not throw her best distance at the meet.

Chris Swetman was Acton's other track and field representative at the meet, and while he did not place, he vaulted a new personal best.

Relay team  
The girls' relay team was disappointed when they arrived and found that they

were not entered in their event. According to McLaren the mixup was due to a breakdown on the part of the convener of the Peel-Halton meet, where the qualifying runs had been held.

The girls had run the third best time in the meet, but when the result sheets were handed out, the second place Erindale team was hatched out, and coach McLaren felt they had been disqualified. When the entry lists for the Halton regional meet went out, it too had the Erindale team hatched out, with Acton's girls' names again written underneath.

When they arrived, they were told they were not allowed to compete because the

Erindale team had the second fastest time. Coach McLaren said the convener of the Peel-Halton meet had called Erindale to tell them, but had not told Acton they were not running.

The disqualification was especially disappointing because, according to McLaren, the girls had greatly improved, and had a good chance in the regional meet.

## Victims of phys-ed system can't do proper chin-up

By Rod Jerred

The physical fitness of Ontario elementary school students is alarming many physical education instructors including David Moore, outdoor education instructor for the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto.

Moore, who lives in Milton, has taught in high schools and will be an outdoor education instructor at a high school in Etobicoke next year. He is familiar with the physical fitness of high school students.

"When kids in grade nine can't do one chin-up and are hard-pressed to do three or four push-ups then it's an admission on how lacking our elementary physical education courses are," Moore said.

In an effort to improve and bring attention to the situation, Moore, along with other participants in a health conference on April 21-23, which was sponsored by the Physical Education Faculty of the University of Toronto, recently sent a three-part recommendation to the Ministry of Health and Education.

The three parts of the recommendation were that physical and health education be included as a core subject in the grade nine curriculum throughout Ontario, that the Ministry

of Education specify the minimum time allotments, and the general nature of the required instructional programs in Physical and Health Education for children in elementary schools; and that the Ministry of Education encourage school boards to employ a minimum of one qualified specialist teacher in Physical and Health Education for each school in Ontario.

Moore personally felt the minimum time allotment in elementary schools should be one hour a day. He said the recommendations were not criticizing the elementary teachers for their phys-ed programs.

"It's just that in elementary schools one teacher is responsible for everything from art to music. An elementary teacher just can't have the skill and energy for a proper phys-ed program," Moore said. "Anyway it's damn near time that elementary teachers had at least one spare a day."

According to Moore there are enough qualified phys-ed specialists to put in every school.

"There's no doubt it's a monetary matter," he said. "To correct this, Moore feels the Ministry of Health and Recreation should pool its resources, particularly

Wintario funds, with the Ministry of Education.

"They could take some Wintario funds and put them into hiring physical education specialists in each school for five years to see if it improves things," Moore said. "If it does then continue it."

The current ad campaigns by the Ministry of Health and Recreation are aimed at the wrong people, Moore said.

"It's very important to get hold of the students in their formative years in school," he said. "It's easier to convince a young mind that you can both enjoy and benefit from physical activity."

In most cases it isn't until students reach high school that they come into contact with a physical education specialist and by this time, Moore said it's too late.

"What are you going to do? You can't put all the physically unfit kids into remedial phys-ed," he said. "By then a person feels inadequate because he can't do a push-up so he begins to think 'who needs the aggravation of making a fool of yourself in front of your classmates' and quits."

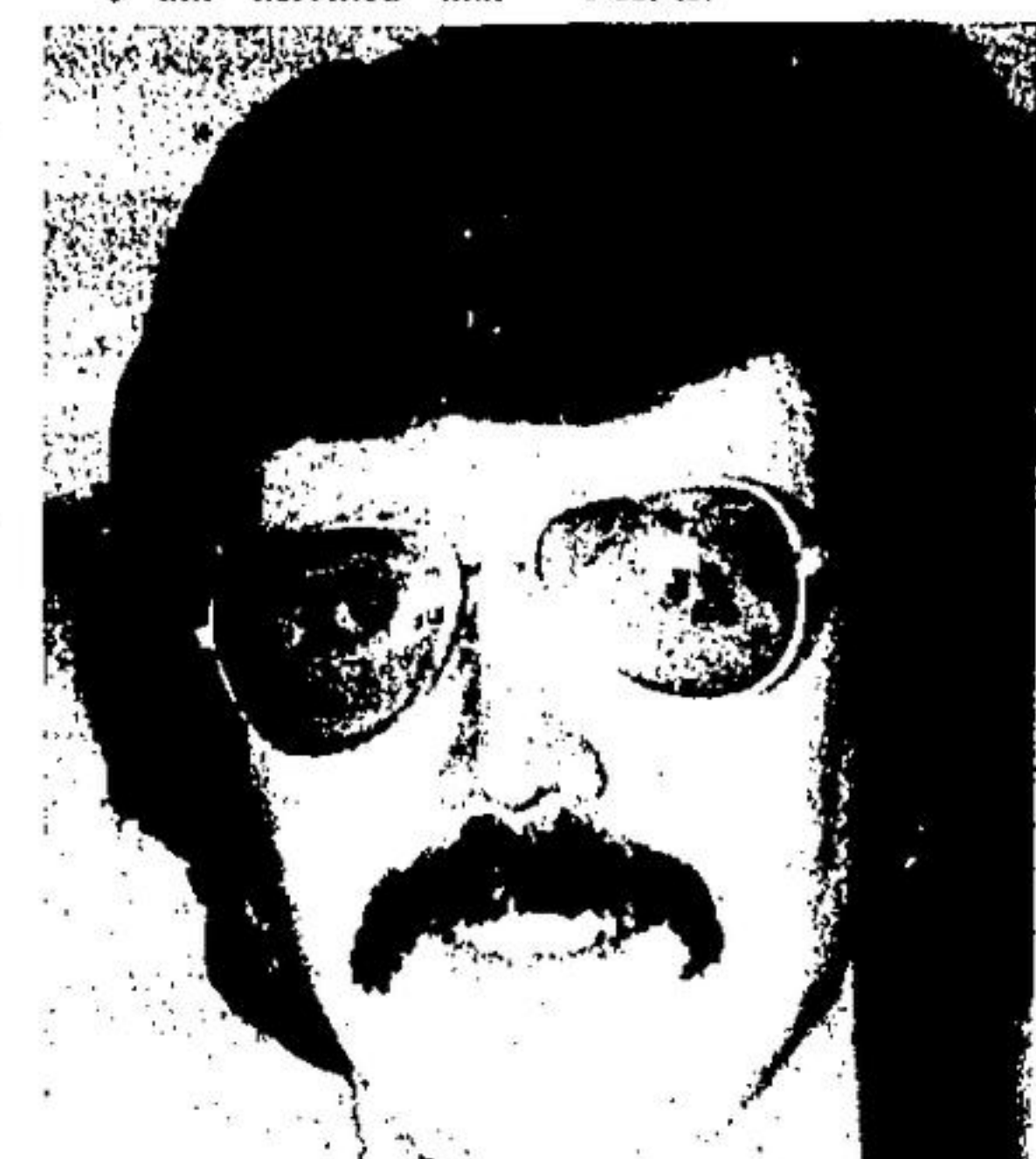
"And it's not his fault," added Moore. "It's the fault of the poor training system."

Moore feels the situation in Halton is not as bad as it is in other areas but added this was only because of "all out gut-wrenching" by several teachers.

Yet the situation is far from perfect.

"I am horrified that

some of our babysitters are not familiar with the recreation facilities available in this area," he said. "Some don't even know where the Bruce Trail is and that's a fantastic recreation facility. All they know is where the Kelso Pool is."



DAVE MOORE, an outdoor physical education instructor for the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto claims that the elementary phys-ed program is inadequate and needs to be revamped.



MINOR HOCKEY'S MAJOR AWARDS: Acton minor hockey players were feasted Saturday in their annual awards banquet when trophies for the year were awarded. Front row: left to right: Rick Widmont, best defenseman ("Doc" Harkey Memorial Trophy), Mike Hudson, minor atom MVP, Barry MacEachern, novice MVP, Kevin McRae, atom MVP, Tim McKendry, most improved player (Wendy Legate

Trophy), Derrick Neely, bantam MVP, and best goalie (Acton Free Press Trophy). Back row, left to right: Kent Kennedy, juvenile MVP and Most Outstanding Player (John Kentner Memorial Trophy), Mark Duval, peewee MVP, Jeff Shields, midget MVP, Trevor Gardiner, most gentlemanly player (Lady Byng Trophy), Randy Smith, minor bantam MVP.