



**EVEN THOUGH HE IS DOWN**, George Artem is not out as he gets off a pass in spite of his position. Rams displayed a consistent attack for the first time this season as they swamped the

Wanderers 18-5 for their second win. The return of Artem and Wilson has made a big difference in the Rams' play.

### Softball

# Squirt boys suffer first loss

L & L squirt boys suffered their first loss last week, losing 7-2 to Glen Williams June 22, but came back to bury Omagh 10-2 the next day. Runs were scored by Bruce Sheppard (2), Rhys Gibbs (1), Bruce Canary (3), Paul Cargill (2), Steve Raine (1) and Ted Lindsay.

Paul Cargill socked two home runs and Bruce Canary added one. Pitcher Canary struck out eight batters and Brian Roach got three whiffs. Nellis Construction atom boys have won four games in the last two weeks without a loss. June 13 they started with a 16 run first inning to trounce Hornby 20-13. Acton pitchers were Kevin Brown, Kevin Lobsinger, David Haynes and Sean Fitzgerald. Peter Cargill and Don Swinamer each

homered twice while Brad Damone added a solo shot to the total.

Kevin Lobsinger was the winning pitcher in the atoms' 9-1 win over Limehouse June 16. The team again started with a big inning, scoring five of their runs in the opening frame.

They waited until the second inning in their next game, exploding for 11 runs to clinch a win over Lowville. Final score was 23-8. Acton pitchers were Kevin Brown, David Haynes and Kevin Lobsinger.

Their final win was a 9-2 drubbing of Limehouse June 27. David Haynes and Kevin Lobsinger hit home runs in the game, as well as combining with Kevin Brown for the pitching chores.

Chicken and Pizza Spot peewee boys continued their excellent league play as they trounced Hornby 28-6 June 22. Two home runs were hit by Mark Duval, one of them a grand slam in the second inning. Bruce Shannon pitched five innings, striking out two,

walking four and allowing six runs. Rob Vermeulen finished off the game pitching two innings, striking out two batters, walking one and shutting off their attack.

They won again the next day, taking a 20-9 decision from Omagh. Mark Duval

again was the big power hitter, connecting for three homers, while teammate Tim Evans added one. Rob Vermeulen whiffed 15 men in the seven inning game for the win. Next game for the peewees is tonight. Wednesday, against Glen Williams.

## Curlers assail Acton Meadows

The Acton Curling Ladies' golf tournament, held Saturday at Acton Meadows, was a fun day for non-golfers according to co-organizer Finni Verblik. Her co-organizer was Karen Knekle.

"Some of us should have stuck to curling," said Mrs. Verblik about the level of play. Of the 22 golfers, she said

"about 75 per cent did not know how to golf."

May Dumars and partner Janet Hayter won the best ball two-ball tournament with a score of 60. They were tied with Willa Hewitt and Kris Bruce, but won in a playoff.

Trophies were donated by Van's Welding and by Salamanna Construction. Local

merchants also donated prizes. The most honest golfers' award went to Bev Appleyard and Trev Loutlet.

The curling club hopes to hold more tournaments in the future.

In best ball two-ball play, all members of a foursome tee off, and each team plays its best ball.

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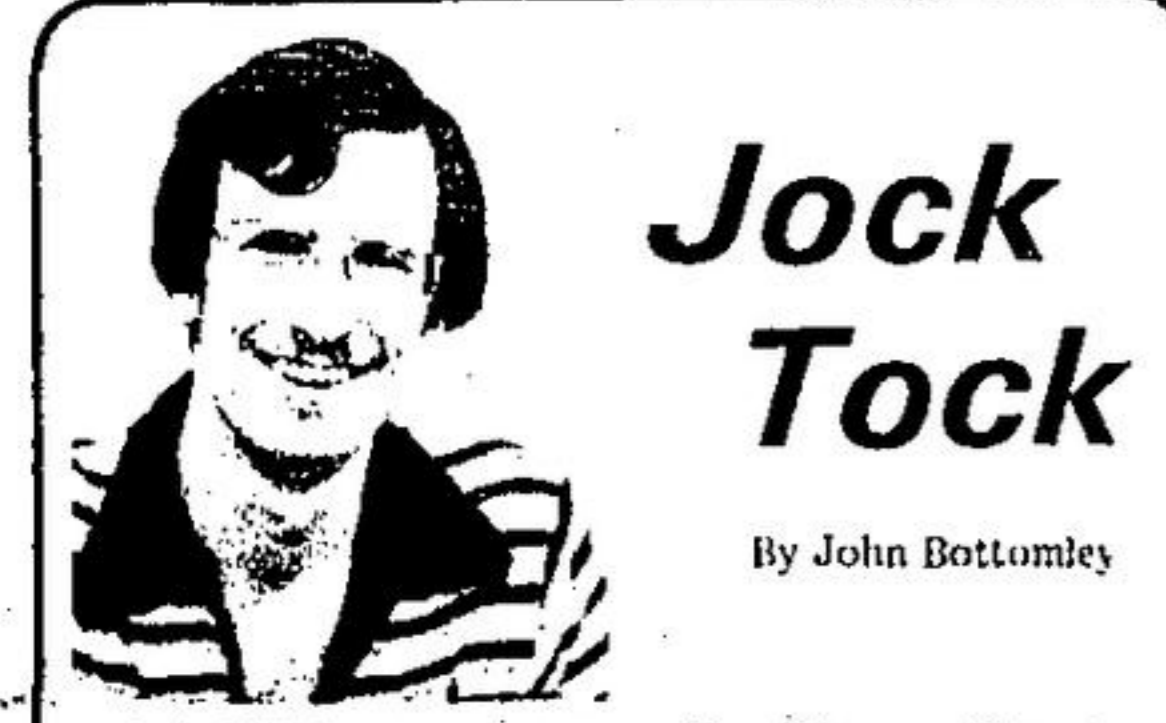
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# Rams win second, top Bolton 18-5



## Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Jack Nicklaus can hang up his clubs any time now, because I'll be taking over his position at the head of the golf world any day now. I took up the game for the first time Friday, and in spite of a few minor difficulties, I was amazing.

I must admit I wasn't too happy when the golf club where I played gave me some of the special balls they save for beginners. You know the ones; they have rocks on the inside so they wobble when they're hit. On the other hand, I don't think the club appreciated the way I yelled "fore" everytime I shot, even when I was putting. They said it disturbed the other patrons.

My play on the greens was noteworthy for more than one reason. The club you use, the pester, was too short for me, so I was forced to sit down to putt and use the club like a pool cue. Then my partner kept objecting when I used her ball like a cue ball to knock mine into the pocket.

Which kept moving. I would putt right towards it and it would move out of the way. That was not the only idiosyncrasy about the course either. I never knew you could plant so many trees in such a small area, which is not to say that the holes were short. There were signs which were supposed to tell you how far it is to the next hole, but they lied. There was not one hole that was less than half a mile long. That's why it took me so long to reach them.

In spite of these handicaps, I feel I played an excellent round of golf. How many people do you know who score a hole in one on the first hole they ever play. I did.

Well, not quite one, maybe. Would you believe two? How about 13? It wasn't really my fault, but the ball kept rolling down the hill into the woods. And I found out Saturday what those funny looking three-leaved weeds were. The doctor says it will clear up in a few weeks if only I don't scratch at it.

It didn't make it any easier to learn the game when my partner was my girlfriend's mother, on whom I must make a good impression, in a posh club, which doesn't like trouble. This meant that I had to curb my natural tendency to say naughty words right out loud, and I couldn't jump up and down on the clubs either. Without this outlet for the few minor frustrations I suffered on that 13-hole course, what should have been the smooth and easy natural swing I would normally have exhibited, occasionally became stilted and stiff, and I missed the ball a lot. Except for sometimes when I hit it sideways, or straight up and straight down. Or when I buried the club in the dirt in front of the tee.

You find the most amazing little creatures in the woods sometimes, like the one that bit me, for instance. It's under observation right now, but the doctors don't think it was rabid after all, just hungry. All the same, I wish they would get my finger back out of it, because I need it to type.

One thing that bothers me is the ritual involved in the game. You have to tee up and take your practice swing, move forward two inches and plant your feet, wiggle the club around a bit, wiggle your bum around a bit, wiggle the club again and then shoot. Then you swear, take a few more practice swings and shake your head a lot. Even if it was a great shot, you're not supposed to smile or jump around.

The rigamarole is even greater on the greens, where you line up your putt with your club, squatting down behind the ball, then you check the wind factor, the direction the grass is bending, the relative moisture content of the ground and the political situation in Swasiland before you step up to the ball, take a few practice swings, step forward two inches, wiggle the club a bit, wiggle the bum a bit, wiggle the club and then shoot. And then swear, etc.

It would be a lot more fun if you could just walk up to the ball and take a swipe at it with the stick. But that would be against the entire nature of the game of golf, with its stuffy patrician airs of no women on the course before 2 p.m. Saturdays and juniors allowed only if they have a note from school. Golf has more rules and dress codes than anything, except the army and the boy scouts.

On top of all this, I got a sunburn. But I'm still going back to try again.

Acton Rams finally got untracked and proved they can play winning lacrosse as they walloped the visiting Bolton Wanderers 18-5 Monday at the arena in the best display of lacrosse the Rams have put on all year.

Wanderers was an appropriate name for the losers, as they were unable to get any cohesive attack going throughout the game.

Rams dominated, passing cleanly and executing for the first time this year. Their performance would have beaten many teams in the league, and if their play keeps up anything like it was Monday they will be a shoo-in for the playoffs. Rams are known to play better in the playoffs than the regular season, so it could make for some interesting lacrosse in about a month's time.

The return of Steve Wilson was a big factor in the win as he contributed three goals and three assists for six points and added an extra measure of good stickhandling to the squad. Even though he was obviously limping, he still demonstrated moves that left the Bolton defence looking.

Team work  
It was more than just indi-

## Georgetown gets gym equipment

Most of the gymnastics equipment purchased with a \$2,200 Wintario grant to the recreation and parks department will be going to Georgetown, according to Karen King, recreation co-ordinator for the Georgetown area.

None of the new equipment will be in Acton and District the new High School. Miss King said she thought the school would just be using the equipment now in the old school.

Wintario grants are made on the basis of matching a contribution from the group seeking a grant, and the gymnastics club has raised money through cartwheels for cash, competitions and bake sales to contribute their share.

Equipment being purchased includes padded parallel bars, balance beam, uneven parallel bars, crash mats, leuter boards, padding for another balance beam, a gym mat cover. The equipment has already been ordered. The decision of what equipment to buy was made by the department in consultation with the instructors and supervisors of the recreational gymnastics program.

and McPhail had four each. Other Acton goals went to Gary Delong with one, Kevin Marcoux with one, Fred Allen with one and Mike Moyer with a single. Assists went to Graham Harrison, Mike Luty, Gary Delong with two, Marcoux with two and Allen with two.

The game opened slowly, neither team scoring until the five and a half minute mark, when Turkosz got his first on passes from Mike Luty and Fred Allen. Bolton answered back within three minutes and it looked like it could be a close game, but the Wanderers' attack was snuffed out from then on as Acton didn't allow another goal in the period.

Few penalties

In their first encounter, Acton jumped out to a 7-3 lead but fell back to a 10-10 tie after the second period. No such thing happened in Monday's game as the Rams continued their aggressive play and dominated the whole game. For a change, the aggressive play did not lead to a rash of penalties as the Rams had only 30 minutes in the box, plus 14 minutes of bench penalties assessed to coach Mike Marcoux. His penalties included a game misconduct in the closing minutes of play.

Turkoz was the leading scorer with his seven points, which tied the season's one game scoring record set by George Artem. Wilson followed with six, while Artem

**Lose to Orillia**

The Rams lost to a powerful Orillia squad in the arena Thursday as George Artem saw his first action since injuring ligaments in his foot a few weeks ago. Final score of the game was 20-6.

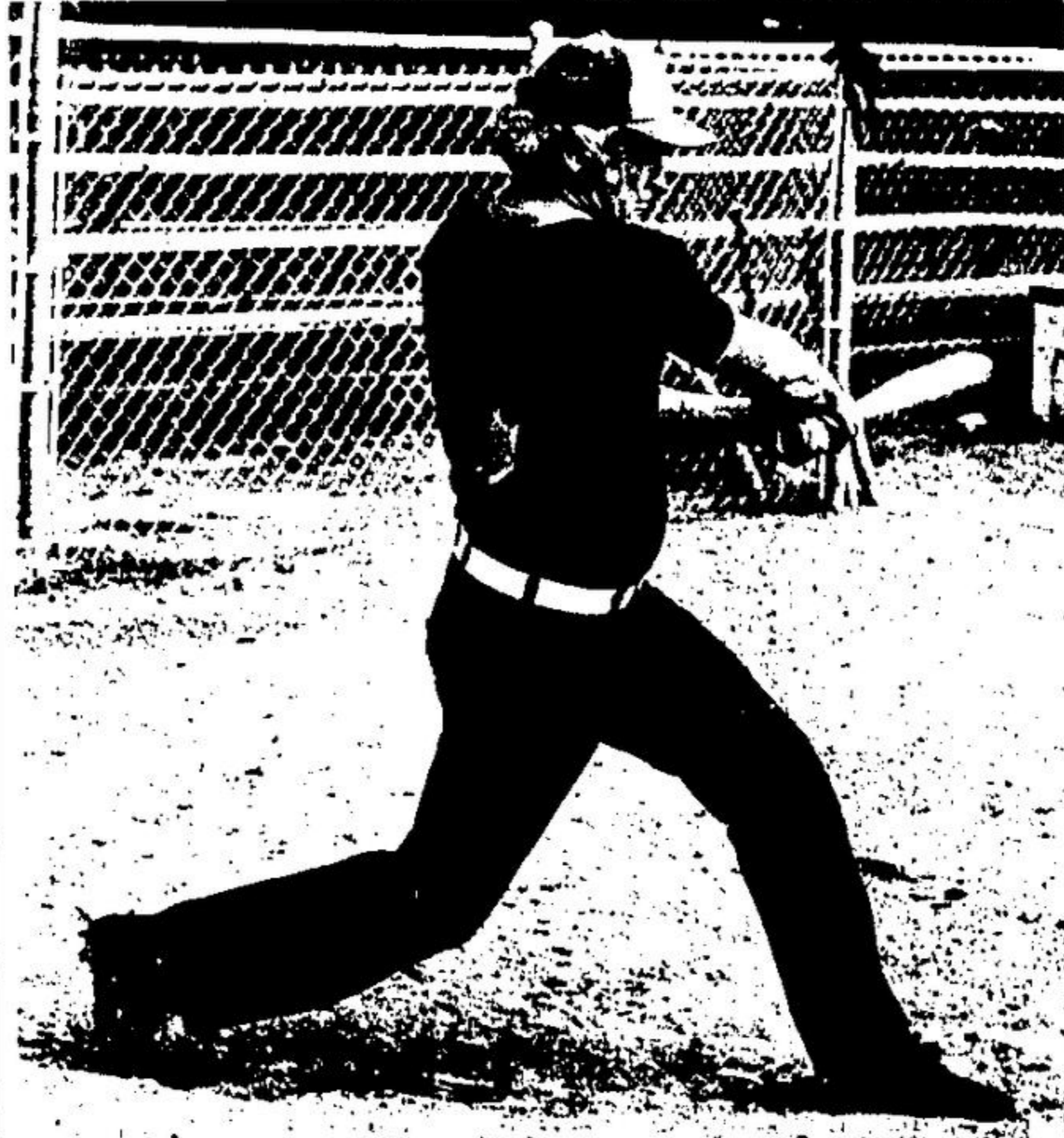
Acton's goals were scored

by Ron Turkosz with three, Kevin Marcoux with two and Rick Van Fleet. Assists went to Turkosz, Hippon, Delong, Marcoux, Artem and Moyer.

The Rams face Dundas Bengals tomorrow evening in the arena. Bolton has beaten the Bengals, and a full strength Rams team should come out on top in the game. The team is offering half price admission to all members of Legion Branch 197 and their wives in a thank you gesture for their contribution to sports in Acton. With some fan support the Rams should have no trouble.



**STEVE WILSON RETURNED** to action Monday for the Rams, and made his presence felt with three goals and three assists in the game which the Rams won, 18-5.



**FRED ARCHIBALD TOOK ADVANTAGE** of the newly erected fences at Prospect Park by belting two homeruns in a row over them in the Vans vs. Electric game Sunday afternoon. Vans were upset 14-8 by the Electricians.

## Seven get yellow belts

Seven Actonians were successful in reaching the yellow belt level through the recreation department's judo course. The yellow is the first belt up from the beginner's white.

Jamie Thatcher, Heather Thatcher, Patricia Henry, Michael Henry, Judy Shadbolt, Lynda Shadbolt and Lorna Sayers were the successful candidates.

Due to the success of the students and interest in judo, the recreation department will again run judo classes in the fall.

## Orioles top Blue Jays

Grasshopper Orioles smothered the Blue Jays 24-3 in house league action June 25 in Glenlea Park.

# Electric wins twice to stay in last place

Halton Hills Electric surprised everyone with a pair of wins in this week's softball action, raising their record to 3-7, and dropping Vans into a tie with J&T Sports for first.

The first victim of the Electrician's assault was Family Cleaners, who dropped a convincing 11-2 decision Thursday evening. Fred Archibald was the winning pitcher while Chris Tennant took the loss. Archibald struck out seven batters in the game, while Tennant fanned eight.

Bab Jarrett hit the only homerun of the game, for Electric.

Suspension

The final result of Sunday's game between Electric and Vans was not as noteworthy as one other event in the game. Tempers flared during the contest, which is unusual in industrial level play, and Wally Holbiski and Steve Marshall found themselves ejected from the game. Marshall was then suspended from action for continuing to verbally abuse the umpire.

Fred Archibald got the win again, and this time belted two pitches over the new fences for homeruns. It wasn't until the fifth inning that Electric took the lead as they scored nine runs in the last two frames while blanking Vans.

Cleaners

Halton Hills Catering jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of their game with Family Cleaners Sunday, but were unable to keep their momentum going as the Cleaners exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning to take off on the way to a 13-4 win. Al Gardiner got the victory and Vince Thornton took the loss. Cleaners sent 11 men to the plate in the fourth inning and batted around the order again in the fifth when they scored four runs.

Sports edge

J&T Sports edged past Station Hotel Sunday to take a share of the lead in the industrial league standings. They led 3-0 in the early going but saw that lead chipped away by the determined Station squad.

Frank Daley was the winning pitcher, striking out 13 in the game, including three innings where he struck out the side. Ken Hurren was on the mound for the losers.

Vans, thanks to its unexpected loss to the Electricians, found itself with some company in first as J&T, a team on the move, finished the week with a 7-7 record. Caterers and Cleaners sport identical 5-5 records to share third spot, while Station and Electric are both boasting 3-7 marks to occupy the cellar of

the standings. All teams have now played ten games.

Halton Hills Catering meet Station Hotel tomorrow, Thursday, which will break two of the three ties in the standings.

|          | STANDINGS |   |    |     |     |
|----------|-----------|---|----|-----|-----|
|          | W         | L | P  | PF  | PA  |
| J&T      | 7         | 3 | 14 | 113 | 80  |
| Vans     | 7         | 3 | 14 | 93  | 66  |
| Caterers | 5         | 5 | 10 | 92  | 84  |
| Cleaners | 5         | 5 | 10 | 118 | 123 |
| Electric | 3         | 7 | 6  | 75  | 93  |
| Station  | 3         | 7 | 6  | 84  | 108 |



**YER BOTH OUT!** Wally Holbiski and Steve Marshall get the boot during the Halton Hills Electric/Vans softball game Sunday. Marshall was later suspended from action for verbally abusing the umpire.