

McFadden busy man in hectic schedule

Ken McFadden of the Rockwood Seniors has had a busy two weeks. He has pitched five games for them in that time, including both ends of a doubleheader played in Fergus July 27. The Seniors winning spree was snapped in the double as the Fergus squad took both halves of the double bill, taking the first game 3-1 in spite of being out-hit 13-4. Phil Shrive led the batting attack with four hits, followed by Norm Beattie with three. According to Beattie, McFadden pitched well enough to win, holding them to only four hits. In the second game of the doubleheader, "We committed errors which led to our defeat" according to Beattie. The team managed only four hits in the game against Fergus ace Jim Bott, whose record now stands at 10-0. Ken McFadden hit his first homer of the year in the 5-1

loss to account for Rockwood's only run. Postponed A game scheduled for August 1 with Orangeville had to be postponed because the Seniors were playing in the Priceville tournament. In that tourney Rockwood

won twice before being halted 5-4 by eventual tourney champs Clifford. Seniors made six errors in the game as McFadden took the loss. In their first game they edged Durham 2-1 behind the three hit batting performance

of Dave Bruce. Ken McFadden got the win. McFadden was credited with the second round game as well when Rockwood trounced Burlington Industrial team 8-1. McFadden also collected his second homerun of the season in the

game. Winning track August 2 Rockwood got its regular season play back on the winning track with a 13-2 win over Hillsburgh. Ken McFadden got the win leaving his won-lost record at 2-3. Rick White took the loss. Ron

Kelly and Phil Shrive each had two hits in the well balanced attack. They won again Monday night as Albert Kelly took the mound, giving up a scant three hits in the Seniors' 4-1 win over Erin. Ken Steen took

the loss. "Erin committed costly errors to give us the win" said Beattie of the game. The team's record now stands at 12-11 in league play for the year. ORSA Playoffs The Seniors will face New

Dundee tonight in the third and deciding game of their series in the second round of the annual Ontario Rural Softball Association playoffs, Intermediate B division. The teams are all even at one win apiece as New Dundee took the opener 4-3 and

Rockwood came back Sunday to grab the second game 5-1. Bob Shaw was the losing pitcher in the first game but the big story was winner Don Roi. Roi wiffed an amazing 20 Rockwood batters in the game. D. Fischer homered in the bottom of the ninth to nail down the win.

Bob Shaw had better luck the second time out as Roi re-assumed mortal form and lost 5-1. Chick Milne and John Parkinson each got two hits. Tomorrow night the Seniors visit Orangeville to make up the postponed game of August 2. The tight schedule continues Friday when the team plays in the first round of the Aberfoyle annual ball tournament. If they win Friday, they go on to play again Saturday. Sunday is a day of rest and then Monday Hespeler visits Rockwood. If the Seniors defeat New Dundee tonight they will move into the third round of the O.R.S.A. playoffs.

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Monarchs win again, drop Frontenacs 10-1

The Kitchener Frontenacs proved no match for the Acton Monarchs in bantam lacrosse playoff action Wednesday as the bants trounced the visitors 10-1 in the arena. The win was the Monarch's second in a row in playoff,

action. They defeated their closest opponent, the Kitchener Chippewas, 14-6 in the opening game of their round robin series. Playing with only nine players, the bants led 3-0 after the first period and 9-0

after the second. The teams each scored once in the third to reach the final 10-1 count. Peter Hurdle, last year's team scoring leader, led the attack with three goals and three assists. Rick Miller netted two goals and three assists. Rick Miller netted two goals and two assists for four points and Peter Turkosz found the mark three times. Other Acton goals went to

Mike Marshall and Lorenzo Civiero with one each. Assists went to goalie Paul Campbell, Mike Marshall with two and Doug Johnson. The only Frontenac goal was scored by D. Reid on assists from A. Steffer and S. Hesse. Monarchs played the same Kitchener squad last night in Kitchener.

Kents lose mixed title

Perennial mixed doubles champions of the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club, Georgetown, Bernie and Pauline Kent, lost their title in the championship game of this year's club final, Sunday.

Isla Allison 7-6, 6-0 in their semi-final match. Marks now has a piece of both club championships which have been decided so far. In June he teamed up with brother-in-law Bernie Kent to defeat Gerry Peace and Bob Houston for the men's doubles title. The ladies' doubles crown was won by Pauline Kent and Rita Kennedy.

Pool play program proving successful

Attendance has been good so far at the watersports program being run by the Halton Hills recreation department at Acton Lions Pool. Instructor Susan Ancker

has had up to 12 show up for the session, which consists of diving, water polo, tag, races and "organized games in the water" according to Miss Ancker. The experimental program runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Angels tie Royals 19-19

Angels and Royals played to a 19-19 tie in House league action August 2 in Prospect Park, the first tie game of the year to come to the attention of the Free Press.

So far the attendance has consisted mostly of boys. "I wish more girls would come out," said Miss Ancker. Activities for girls would include synchronized swimming.



PETER HURDLE SCOOPED up the loose ball and golfed it into the empty net for one of Acton Monarchs' 10 goals Wednesday. Monarchs defeated the Frontenacs, a bantam

team from Kitchener, 10-1 in the first round of round-robin playoffs. They faced the same team again last night. See next week's paper for results.

Industrial race tightens teams enter home stretch

A 3-3 tie between second place J&T Sports and third place Halton Hills Catering prevented the Sportsmen from moving into first place in the industrial softball race last week as the leading Vans squad dropped a 14-4 shocker to Station Hotel.

The Caterers needed a single run in the final inning to tie, and they got it on hits by Ray Graham and Vince Thornton, while Al Avery reached base on an error by rightfielder Larry Frizzell.

Bryan Lawrence and Frank Daley were the pitchers in the game. Lawrence striking out nine while Daley fanned 13. Run scorers for J&T were Jim Cole, Wally Ella and James Morris. Gary Wilson, Ray

Graham and John Duffield scored for Catering. Ray Graham collected three hits for the Caterers, as did Stan Kruk for J&T. More successful J&T were more successful in their drive for first in their Thursday game with Station Hotel. They scored two runs in each of the four innings in the game for their total in the 8-3 win.

Frank Daley got the win, striking out five, and walking only one. After a shaky first inning in which he gave up three hits and the walk for two runs, he settled down and held the Hotel team scoreless until the last inning, when John Dunn crossed the plate. Gary Wilson and Ed Hillier were the

run scorers in the first inning for Station. Jim Cole was the high scorer for J&T, and he did it without getting a single hit. Walked twice, he was driven home both times. Cleaners shrink Family Cleaners shrunk Electric down to size with a close 7-6 victory in Sunday's first game. The Electricians had been winning everything in sight but fell short Sunday as they were missing most of their players. Players from other teams filled in the gaps for the Electricians and kept the game from being a forfeit.

The Cleaners scored three runs in the fifth inning to make up a 6-4 deficit. They connected for five hits in the

inning, including doubles by Gene Yaworsky and Ed Wood. Winning pitcher was Chris Tennant while Fred Archibald took the loss. Station wins The surprise game of the week was last place Station's 14-4 drubbing of league leading Vans Welding Sunday. Knuckleballer Alex Ward's offerings were not fooling the Hotel team as they pounded out 19 hits. Vans, leading the league in offence and defence, were held scoreless until the sixth inning, when all four of their runs crossed the plate.

Station came on strong in the final innings as they pushed 12 runs across the plate in the last three. J&T only managed one win

this week out of their two games, but coupled with their tie and Van's loss it put them within a single point of the league leaders. Halton Hills Catering stayed in the race with their tie leaving them three points out of the top spot. The only change in positions was between Family Cleaners and Halton Hills Electric as the Cleaners moved up to fourth place, well behind the leaders. Station Hotel continued to reside in the cellar despite their big win.

Standings	W	L	T	RF	RA	EA	ER
Vans	11	4	0	22	140	104	
J&T Sports	10	4	1	21	108	113	
Caterers	9	4	1	19	115	113	
Cleaners	7	9	0	14	150	176	
Electric	7	10	0	14	120	142	
Station	5	12	0	10	122	171	

40 competitors in trail ride



REACHING FOR A dipper of water is Mo McGinnis astride his young Appaloosa colt, "Whiporwill". The obstacle was part of a ten mile course at Sunday's Trail Horse Trials in Rockwood.

by Jennifer Barr Despite being dragged through the bush by his horse, suffering cuts and bruises, tramping through the woods for an hour trying to locate his mount and eventually finishing the course, young Brent Storey of Rockwood went on to win eighth place in the Rockwood Trail Riders annual Trail Horse Trials held Sunday on the Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya. Other local winners included Doug Wood of R. R. 2, Rockwood who was top trophy winner in the western division. Shelley Cooper not only won second place in the English Division but the coveted Horsemanship trophy. Jean Pettit came third in English while Mo McGinnis was seventh in western, all from Rockwood and area. The all day equestrian event attracts contestants from all over the province, 40 competitors in both divisions, English and Western. Ten miles of beautiful trail dotted with 19 judged obstacles, started at the Halton Presbytery Grounds.

Riders were sent off at two minute intervals and accrued points for the manner in which their horses negotiated such obstacles as a closed gate, steep sandy slide, hills, ponds and bridges. Some of the more difficult events included obtaining a dipper of water from inside a large floating inner tube in the middle of the pond; transporting a large Canadian flag, and riding horse past a moving fur hat simulating a wild animal. Kaz Lewandowski, RTR club president, was Trailmaster. Marg Cox and Sue Lewandowski tackled the awesome job of secretaries. Numerous club members acted as judges, timers and organizers. A buffet supper was enjoyed before awards, ribbons and trophies were given out. Awards were as follows: Western Division: 1. Doug Wood, Rockwood, "Blue Competitors in both divisions, English and Western. 2. Marg Patterson, English and Western. 3. Don Inglis, Hespeler, miles of beautiful trail dotted with 19 judged obstacles, started at the Halton Presbytery Grounds. (Continued on page 12)



Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Statistics are mushrooming faster than major league salaries

Has anyone out there in readerland noticed the proliferation of trivial statistics which the major leagues are keeping nowadays? I have. I watched one batter step up to the plate in Monday's game between Pittsburgh and Chicago and was duly informed that the man's batting average so far this season was around .318 or so. That was fine. I knew he was a good hitter. After the first pitch, I learned some important new information. The man is batting .348 against this particular pitcher in the course of his batting career. A second pitch went by and to my surprise, I found out another new thing. Three new things in one day is a bit much for me, but nonetheless I found out that this batter, still the same one, is batting .430 with runners in scoring position. Mercifully, the man got a hit or an out or something and the mad flow of stats stopped. Otherwise I am sure I would have been told his batting average against Scorpius with an ascendent moon, his average against lefthanded fastball pitchers in nationally televised games, and maybe even his slugging percentage (different from his batting average) against Catholics when Howard Cosell was announcing the game.

Statisticians an overworked lot if ever there was such a thing

This is no isolated case, and I am not sure how they manage to come up with such a barrage of statistics to cover such a range of situations. Somewhere in the depths of America must toil thousands of overworked statisticians with horrid pale complexions, who can't spell what they do, but who have a genius for the invention of new categories and new areas into which to thrust their computerized visages. One can imagine the scene: ten rooms, each filled with ten rows of ten desks each. At each sits a balding man with no shoulders and large slobbery lips, with which he is constantly licking his pencil, poring through game sheets to discover just how many hits the third string third baseman of the Toronto Blue Jays has had in the middle innings of Friday games when the opposing pitcher has been Cuban. In between the rows walk men with cat o'ten tails (ten to remind the slavish statisticians of their devotion to and dependence on the decimal system) pushing them on and on to new and lower heights in the science of stats. "C'mon, Steinberg. If you don't get moving, we'll never have those figures ready for tonight's game. If those results aren't on the super's desk in thirty minutes you'll be out on the street in thirty-one minutes. Ninety-six point seven

The New Statistics would need the New Math to follow them

When I was young and happy, kids used to memorize stats on their favourite players. Some could tell you, day by day, the batting averages of every player on the home team. These mini-Einsteins of my youth would be lost in today's maze of numbers. Can you imagine a nine year old trying to remember all the statistics which the statisticians have deemed important enough to collect in the first place? It would take months for our hypothetical child to figure out the importance of most of them, much less memorize them. Disraeli, Benjamin, once said something very much like "there are three types of lies; lies, damn lies; and statistics." And each worse than the last, I might add, if old Ben didn't do so himself. A statistic can be made to say anything it likes, and with each subdivision and new category, we move farther and farther into meaninglessness.

Why play softball in a baseball organization?

Speaking of baseball, I wondered recently why the Acton Minor Baseball Association calls itself this when they don't play baseball at all. They play, as we all know, softball, and softball is not baseball. I asked Pop Main about this last week, and he told me that the association used to play baseball but at one point a new executive came in which didn't know anything about baseball, and switched the organization over. If that is the only reason for the switch, I would recommend a return to the original baseball. With two Canadian teams in the major leagues now, supposedly looking for Canadian talent outside the realm of pitching, we should be trying to foster Canadian talent. Softball games won't teach anyone how to play baseball, because the balls behave differently. Hitting a softball is much easier, in general, than hitting a baseball. A hardball moves faster and the game has more action. I don't see any real reason why hardball should not be returned to Acton. It is no more unsafe to play than softball is, and young players wanting to emulate Blue Jays will probably feel closer to their dream if they are playing the same game as the big guys. Tee-ball again One thing which I forgot to mention in last week's opus about tee-ball was the possible solution proposed by Pop. He said he could see a season of half tee-ball and half pitched ball. This would give the tykes a chance to learn the rock-bottom basics, which shouldn't take a whole season, and move on to face a pitcher too. It could be worth a try.