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EDDIE WILSON GAVE IT all he had, but popped up to the first baseman in atom boys' action last week. Acton teams are doing well in the first few weeks of Halton rural softball action this season.



HERE'S THE PITCH: Bruce Canary struck out the side in the first inning of last week's pee-wee boys' softball contest with Glen Williams. He ran into trouble in the second, allowing two runs.

## Lawrence blanks Caterers as Electricians get first win

Bryan Lawrence hurled a 15 strikeout shutout to give Halton Hills Electric their first win of the industrial softball season, a 14-0 laughter over Halton Hills Catering.

In other industrial play last week the Caterers suffered their fourth straight loss when they fell 16-6 to J&T Sports. Family Cleaners needed a four run seventh inning to get a 5-4 win over Halton Hills Electric and Vans' Welding edged Station Hotel 14-12 to hand them their first loss of the year.

Two runs in the first were all the Electricians needed to

win their contest with the Caterers. Lyle Preuter opened the inning with a single, followed by a walk to Terry Cole. They were driven home on singles by Dave Bausfield and Doug Ford.

Big inning for the winners was the third, which saw them net nine runs to break the contest open. They sent twelve batters to the plate and collected nine hits. Bausfield, who went four for five in the game, tripled and singled in the inning.

Losing pitcher Ken Hurren struck out six but allowed 19 hits.

Jim Cole hit for the cycle for J&T Sports in their win over the Caterers, getting a single, double, triple and home run, and scoring four times.

After a scoreless first inning, J&T put three across to start the second on three hits and a walk. They added two more in the fourth before the Caterers could manage a score. The Sportsmen added three more runs in the fifth, five in the sixth and three in the seventh to complete the rout.

Winning pitcher Al Gardner whiffed five Caterers,

while Ken Hurren duplicated the feat for the losers.

The only big inning for the Caterers in the game was the sixth, when the game was already out of reach. Two walks then a homerun by Hurren gave them three runs with none out, but the rally failed there.

Family Cleaners fell behind Halton Hills Electric 4-1 in the sixth and were in danger of losing their first of the year when they broke loose for four runs to grab the win.

The Electricians went out in front 1-0 in the first inning then slowly pulled away with

## Merchants' bats explode, locals earn two easy wins

Acton Merchants picked up a pair of easy wins in last week's Georgetown industrial softball action as they trounced the Sportsmen 17-2 and Fortamix 9-0. Both games were called after five innings.

Norm Topping was on the mound for the May 25 win over the sportsmen, striking out five and walking only one.

Neither team counted a score in the first inning of that game, but Acton took off with four runs in the second, all coming on a combination of three walks and five singles. Nine Merchants batted in the frame.

They added nine more

scores in the next inning, on two triples, a double, eight singles and one walk. Four more runs in the fourth just added insult to the Sportsmen's injury.

Terry Masales was the big bat for Acton in the game, collecting a pair of triples and a single. Every player on the team scored at least once in the contest.

The win over Fortamix came on a four hit pitching performance by Frank Daley, who whiffed eight in the game, retiring the side on strikeouts in the second inning.

Four runs in the second were all Acton needed to get the win, as batters managed to consistently hit the long ball. Merchants out of their 11 hits, collected seven for extra bases.

after the Cleaners tied it in the third.

Two runs in the seventh gave the Electricians a 4-1 lead and it looked like they had the game sewn up. Seven hits and a walk later, they found themselves on the wrong end of the count, and were unable to get their advantage back in their half of the eighth.

Bryan Lawrence was the losing pitcher, sending seven men down swinging and issuing only one walk. Winner Ken Pilgrim whiffed one batter and walked none.

Vans' Welding had Station Hotel down 14-5 going into the last half of the last inning, but the Station squad made it close with a seven run outburst that brought them within two before it faltered.

Vans netted three in the first half of the inning but the comfortable margin was quickly lost as Station came back with two in their half of the frame on a home run by John Dunn which drove in Larry Ciglen.

A grand slam home run by

Standings

	W	L	T
Family Cleaners	3	0	6
Vans Welding	3	1	6
Station Hotel	2	1	4
J&T Sports	2	2	4
H.H. Electric	1	3	2
H.H. Catering	0	4	0

## Ladies win two in Halton league

Acton Family Cleaners' Ladies softball team have begun their first season in Halton Ladies' play with a bang, taking a 6-2 win from Glen Williams May 29 and an 8-1 win over Hornby May 25.

The ladies dropped their first game of the season to Georgetown 6-4.

Carol Harlow handled the pitching duties in the 8-1 win, striking out nine and allowing just six hits in the seven inning game.

Three Acton runs crossed the plate in the first inning as the Acton ladies connected for five hits. Single scores in the third and fourth innings added to their margin, while three more in the sixth finished off their scoring.

The ladies managed 19 hits in the game.

Hornby's only score came in the last half of the seventh and final inning.

Harlow and Heather McEachern shared mound duties in the 6-2 win over the Glen women. Three hits in the second inning gave Acton a 3-0 lead, which the Glen closed to 3-1 without a hit in their half of the inning.

Linda Corkum drove in Judy Piper in the third to get an insurance run and three more hits in the sixth inning ran their score to 6-1. Linda George singled for Glen Williams in the bottom of the sixth and scored on two errors to account for the other Glen score.

## Two-hitter by Vermeulen highlights trio of bant wins

Acton bantam boys ran their record to 3-0 in Halton rural play last week, taking a home and home series from Hornby by scores of 5-3 and 2-1 and doubling Lowville 4-2.

Hornby outhit Acton 18 to 16 in the first game, but Mark Duval's first home run of the season was enough to give Acton the win. Mark Kri and Rob Vermeulen shared the

pitching chores for the winners.

Acton scored twice in the first inning of the rematch on hits by Tim Baker, Duval, Vermeulen and Tony Sheppard. They played a tight defensive game to hang on and win. Rob Vermeulen pitched an outstanding game allowing Hornby just two hits in a seven inning game, a rare occurrence in bantam ball.

Acton bats were booming when the team faced Lowville as they nicked the losers for 18 hits, while Vermeulen allowed just seven, striking out nine in his win.

Gord Thompson, Tim Evans and Sheppard played solid defensive games to back up Vermeulen's pitching.

Duval connected for his second homer of the season, this one coming with a man on.

The team played well even though they were forced to play with a 12" ball, when they have practiced and played with an 11" ball.

Bants face Lowville at home this Thursday.

## Sabres need exec. to work all year

Acton Sabres are on the verge of folding, according to the executive, and their problem has nothing to do with money.

Financially they got through this season in pretty good shape, due to backers and fan support, even though they did not have a major sponsor.

The problem they face is that they do not have enough people willing to work on the executive year round. One member of the executive said "a lot of people see the hockey season from September to March. For the executive it is year round." He pointed out that Bill Campbell is working with the league to set the 1978-79 schedule this week.

A six or seven member executive can't run a team,



PATTY MCCLURE placed eighth of sixteen in the midget girls' discus Saturday at the regional track and field meet in Brantford. It was not one of her better throws, but if she had thrown as far



as she did in the Halton-Peel meet, she would have qualified for OGSAA in Kingston. Larry Kurtz failed to qualify in the pole vault.

## Rec. department grants

Halton Hills Recreation department has received Experience '78 grants totalling \$8,681 for this year's summer programs.

To better accommodate the needs and desires of children ages 8 to 12, the recreation department has designed a program called Alive through Adventure. The half day program will focus on nature and adventure with participants encouraged to pursue their own interests at their own speed.

The program will be offered in Acton at the new high school, in Georgetown near the high school and in Ballinfad at the community centre. The department received a grant for \$4431 for this program.

A new idea in the summer recreation program will be the travelling playground, the Playmobile. The van will be equipped for children 5 to 12 years of age and will visit five rural areas, spending one day a week at each site. In past

years the playground attendance has been very low in these rural playground sites. The Playmobile will visit Glen Williams public school, Norval Community centre, Pineview, Limehouse, and Speyside public schools. Two students have been hired to drive and work out of the Playmobile. A grant for \$2,180 was awarded for this program.

The playmobile will also be used as a resource-mobile for the other summer activity sites. During the summer they will visit playgrounds, adventure sites and day camp bringing films, puppet shows and other special events along.

The leadership development program in Acton and Georgetown received \$1329 from the Ministry for supervisor expenses this summer. The program, which is in its second year is for teenagers 13 years and over. The programs offers two weeks of theoretical

leadership training and placement on sites for a minimum of 100 hours during the remaining six weeks. An advanced program will be designed for those who took part in the training last year.

Graduates from the course, who demonstrate good leadership qualities, will be eligible to attend the pre-selection for summer leader held in February.

Entering its first summer is the pre-school playshop. The program has been run through the winter with a very successful turn-out. A grant of \$741 was received by the department for the playshop. The program is designed for three and four year olds and will be held at the Acton Scout hall.

These four grants will be used to cover wages for the

students who have been hired for the summer. Fees and budget money will be used for supplies and other expenses which occur during the summer.

The Ministry of Culture and Recreation branch office has announced grants totalling \$295,000 for summer youth employment in the Central West region.

## Nellis atoms win two

David Paul was a one man tornado for the atom Nellis Construction atom boys as he led them to two wins in as many tries, going five for five in the course of the two games.

He opened his season by hitting two homeruns in two at bats May 22 against Limehouse, driving in three runs with his first to guarantee the Nellis atoms' 5-2win. His

second shot, with the bases empty, earned them their fourth run, in the fourth inning. Adrian Greenwood followed Paul's blast with a walk and was brought around to score the capper.

Paul went three for three against Hornby May 28, with a homerun, a triple and a single. Peter Cargill added a pair of homers and Alex Shean socked a round tripper

in a game which saw Acton take a 15-7 decision.

The Nellis Construction atoms are coached by Bob Paul and Bruce Cargill. Players on the team are Peter Cargill, Michael Baker, Chris Gervais, Sean Fitzgerald, David Paul, Adrian Greenwood, Craig Cadenhead, Bob Murray, Evan Hayter, Scott Williams, Michael Williams, Alex Shean and David Haynes.