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Station still the same after two week break



PAUL CARGILL snuffed out a possible Lowville rally with this catch at third base, enabling the Chicken and Pizza Spot peewee boys to take a 12-6 decision. The peewees jumped on the Lowville starter for 10 runs in the first inning, coasting in for the win from there. It was the third meeting between the teams this year, and Acton's second win.

Station Hotel continued to dominate the Acton Men's fastball league, taking a 10-9 win from Vans Welding for their sixth win against a single loss after a two week lull in industrial play.

J and T Sports exploded for a 14-2 win over Halton Hills Catering. Family Cleaners swamped Halton Hills Electric 13-5 and the Cleaners and the Welders squared off in an 11 all tie to round out the industrial action.

Station took an early lead over Vans, benefitting from wildness on the part of Welding pitcher Bill Shannon, who issued three walks in the frame, one giving Jeff Ingdis a free pass across the plate and another giving Bill Boyd a free ride home.

Boyd opened the offence in the inning with a double after Rick Coe had fled out. Brian Canary moved him to third with a single. Ingdis and Ed Hillier followed with walks, bringing Boyd in. Winning pitcher Alex Ward singled and Dave McMillan walked to account for the three runs Station scored in the frame. They got another pair in the second to go out 5-0 before the Welders got going.

Welders got a single from James Morris and doubles by Floyd Hillier and Gary Copeland in the third to pick up two runs.

The continued to close the gap from there until a three run seventh moved them into a 9-9 tie. They were unable to hold the Hotel however, as Boyd tripled and B. Canary drove him in with the winning run.

J and T Sports opened up a slim 1-0 lead in the first inning of their game with the Caterers on singles by Ron Schmidt and Stan Kruk and a double by Dave Allen. They broke the game open in the third and fourth innings with five and three run outbursts to go out in front by a healthy 9-0 margin. They got six consecutive singles and seven hits in all in the third inning.

Four more runs came across in the sixth inning before the Caterers could get on the scoreboard with a single tally.

Fred Archibald was the winning pitcher, striking out eight batters and walking three. Loser Guy Payne whiffed four and walked one.

Despite striking out 10 times in the game, Family Cleaners dominated action against Halton Hills Electric for their 13-5 win.

The Electricians took a brief 2-0 lead after the first inning as Lyle Preuter reached on an error, Dave Paul singled, Gene Yaworski walked, and Dave Bousfield singled.

The Cleaners began coming back in the top of the second

as Dave Piper walked and stole second, getting driven in on a single by Brian Robertson.

In the fourth, Hillier singled and stole second, Bill Fabian reached on an error, and Piper connected for a two run triple to give Cleaners the lead. Ken Pilgrim drove in Piper and Robertson with a single before the inning ended.

Cleaners pushed across another pair in the fifth inning, benefitting again from errors. They scored three runs on one hit in the sixth thanks to a trio of Electric errors.

The Electricians were fumble fingered throughout the game, giving up seven errors.

Winning pitcher Ken Pilgrim whiffed five Electricians, walking three.

Loser Brian Lawrence sent 10 Cleaners down swinging.

The matchup between Family Cleaners and Vans welding was close from start to finish as it ended in an 11-11 tie.

Vans slipped three more across in their half of the

Cleaners took a 2-1 lead in the first, only to finish the second in a 4-4 deadlock. Vans got a pair of scores in the fourth to go up 6-4, but the Cleaners came charging back with four runs in the fifth to go ahead again.

Vans slipped three more across in their half of the

frame to take a precarious 9-8 lead, which the Cleaners took care of in the top of the sixth with a single tally.

Two Vans Welding runs in the bottom of the seventh could have given them the win but they were unable to hold the Cleaners, who picked up a pair of their own in the top of the eighth.

Vans could not manage a score in their half of the frame, leaving the game tied.

Swanston edged from Commonwealth berth

Rockwood's Alan Swanston, swimming for the Guelph Marlin Aquatic club, was edged out after leading the first half of the 100 meters freestyle race, finishing seventh in the recently held Commonwealth team

qualifying meet.

His time of 53.7 seconds for the distance was just 3 seconds out of second spot, and topped his old best by 1.4 seconds. A third place finish would have earned him a spot on the team.

Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Station	6	1	1	13
Family Cleaners	4	2	2	10
Vans Welding	4	3	2	10
J & T Sports	5	4	0	10
H.H. Catering	2	5	1	5
H.H. Electric	2	7	0	4

OHA forms new group for Intermediate "A" hockey

The OHA will have two Intermediate "A" groups in the 1978-79 hockey season for the first time in nearly a decade.

Georgetown Chrysler Raider general manager Jack Handy learned this week that four new teams, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Collingwood and Midland will form a new group. There's a possibility either Fergus or Orangeville might join to make it a five team league.

The Niagara District group, which the Raiders have been a part of since 1970, will once again operate with five teams. Georgetown, Dundas, Port Elgin, Thorold and Port Colborne. Guelph has decided not to enter a team this season.

Winners of the two groups will meet for the OHA Intermediate "A" championship

and the right to advance to the Hardy Cup playdowns at the end of the season.

Handy reports that OHA secretary-manager Brent Ladds will attend a meeting tonight (Wednesday) to investigate the possibility of the new northern teams playing a home and home series with each of the Niagara teams with points to count in the standings.

Ladds hopes that the games can be arranged on Sunday afternoons early in the season before the snow falls. Arranging ice time appears to be the major obstacle to the interlocking schedule at this point.

"I think it's good for hockey," said Handy in reference to the entry of Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Collingwood and Midland. "It'll be good for the fans. There are a lot of good intermediate hockey players up in that area."

The new northern group apparently sprung up after the Port Elgin team, an Intermediate "C" powerhouse for the past 10 years, was refused entry into the Continental Senior League.

Port Elgin won the OHA Intermediate "A" championship in 1974, as well as in 1965 and 1967. They were finalists in 1966, 1969, 1975 and last

year, when they were ousted by Chatham, a team which was accepted into the Continental Senior League for next year.

Collingwood, Midland and Owen Sound did not have intermediate teams last year, but all three towns have a history of producing top quality intermediate and senior clubs.

Collingwood won OHA Intermediate "A" crowns in 1939, 1951 and 1952, while Midland were finalists in 1971. Raiders have staged some classic ice battles with the old Collingwood Shipbuilders in the past.

The old Owen Sound

Mercurys were the best team in the OHA Senior "A" League in the early 50s. The Mercurys won two championships and finished as finalists twice between 1950 and 1955.

Owen Sound and Collingwood have since iceed Junior "B" and Tier 2 Junior "A" clubs. The OHA and the Owen Sound Junior "A" club feuded last year over the OHA's refusal to allow them to play in the Provincial Junior "A" League, after the Southern Ontario League folded.

It's almost certain that Timmins will host a year-end tournament which will decide a true Ontario champion and a representative for the Eastern Canadian championships. Champions of the OHA, NOHA, Ottawa District and Thunder Bay Districts will compete.

The Niagara group has scheduled a league meeting for Dundas, Wednesday, July 19.

Raine leads way as peewees triumph

Family Restaurant peewee girls got a six hit performance from Laura Raine at the plate as they swamped Lowville 49-16 in Halton Rural softball play last week.

Raine's six hits included a homerun. Susan Tufford and Nancy George also belted four baggers, with Tufford collecting a pair.

The girls broke apart what had been a close game with 34 runs in the fifth inning. Everyone on the team scored and according to manager Pop Main, "All the girls played excellent ball. They're beginning to really play."

He credited Colleen McKnight with a good game,

saying she could be the most improved player on the team.

Sally Briggs started on the mound and Kim White relieved her, getting the win.

The girls have only three more games in their schedule and appear well on the way to picking up the league championship.

Swimmer goes to finals

Acton swimmer John Vadeika will be competing in the Ontario Age Championships to be held in Thunder Bay, July 14, 15 and 16 as a result of his win in the grueling 1500 meters freestyle event at the Western region Championships held in Kitchener recently.

Vadeika swims in the 11-12 year old boys' category in the Guelph Marlin Aquatic Club.

At the same meet he also picked up seconds in the 400 meter individual medley and 200 meter freestyle, third in the 100 meter freestyle and fourth in the 400 meter freestyle and 200 meter individual medley.

Merchants trio of victories

Acton Merchants have finally come back into form in Georgetown industrial fastball action, taking three come from behind wins in their recent play.

Their first was a 6-3 win over Fobert Flyers in which they pushed across five runs in their final at bat to erase a 3-1 deficit.

Norm Topping was on the mound for the Merchants, striking out three but allowing no walks.

Steve Marshall walked in the first inning, then came

around to score on singles by Gord Standbridge and Les Deforest. It was the last time the Merchants managed any offence until the sixth frame.

Dan Fields opened the sixth with a walk, followed by consecutive singles by Marshall and Bruce McPherson. Les Deforest, Chuck Peavoy and Terry Cole all hit safely in the inning to drive in the five runs.

The Flyers kept the pressure on Topping throughout the game but could only get

through for runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Merchants needed some last inning magic again when they edged Rexway Towing 2-1 last Thursday.

Chuck Peavoy was on the mound, holding the towing squad to one run of four hits, but he was not getting any help at the plate from his teammates.

Topping and Peavoy both collected hits and scored in a two run sixth inning to earn the win.

Four Merchants went down swinging in the game, while chucker Peavoy whiffed seven Rexway batters.

The Merchants fell behind early in their Monday night game with Royal Trust, trailing 6-0 in the third. They managed to pull it out again, winning 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh.

Going into the inning they were still down by a score of

6-4. McPherson sacrificed Gord Standbridge across the plate to close the gap. Gary Wilson singled, followed by a Eon Archibald single that moved Wilson to third. Archibald stole second and his move rattled the Trust pitcher into giving up a triple to Kay Graham which pushed across the tying and winning runs.

Standings

DRG Stationery is on the move in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League.

The league cellar dwellers blanked Limehouse 2-0, last Tuesday night, tied Royal Trust 1-1, then dropped a 5-4 squeaker to second place Georgetown Chryslers.

There'll be plenty of exciting action tonight (Wednesday) when Fobert's Flyers play Way-Jay Sportsmen and Limehouse takes on DRG Stationery at 6.30 p.m.

At 8.30 p.m., under the lights, Georgetown Chryslers play Park Toyota and Harley Motors tangle with Rexway Towing.

Glen Williams travels to Acton for a game against the Merchants, tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8.30.

Dolls on top in Halton loop

Milton Mall Dolls are the leaders in the Halton Ladies' Softball League. They're undefeated.

Georgetown Armstrong Georgettes are tied for third place with Hillsburgh.

Hornby and Acton played to a tied, but that game is not included in the standings. The

STANDINGS

	G	W	L	P
Milton	12	12	0	24
Acton	11	7	4	14
Milton Jrs.	14	7	7	14
Hillsburgh	9	6	3	12
Georgetown	10	6	4	12
Glen Williams	11	2	9	4
Hornby	12	0	12	0

Nellis atoms take three more wins

Their opponents never had a chance as the Nellis Construction atom boys swept three more wins in their march through the Halton Rural softball league, taking Glen Williams, Hornby and Limehouse by landslide scores.

They whipped Glen Williams 22-3 in their closest game of the week. They were behind 2-1 after the first inning but jumped out with nine runs in the second to take command. Four runs in the

third, seven in the fourth and another single score in the fifth rounded out their scoring.

Chris Gervais and Adrian Greenwood belted homers for the winners in the game. David Haynes was the winning pitcher.

July 6 saw the atoms in Limehouse, where they overwhelmed their hosts 54-2. The winners belted 18 four baggers, led by David Haynes with five. Winning pitcher in

the game Sean Fitzgerald contributed four home runs.

In their most recent game, the atoms crushed Hornby 23-2 Monday. David Haynes was on the mound again.

The winners put six runs across in the first inning, five in the second, five in the third, four in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Cargill, Haynes, David Paul, Evan Hayter, and Fitzgerald hit home runs for the winners.

Scores of last week

Tuesday, July 4—D.R.G. 2 Limehouse 0
Hornby 3 Fobert's Flyers 2
Wed. July 5—Harley Motors 4 Acton Merchants 1
Way-Jay 14 Glen Williams 1
D.R.G. 1 Royal Trust 1
Park Toyota 14 Georgetown Chrysler 4
Limehouse 6 Acton Merchants 2
Rexway Towing 1
Thurs. July 6—Acton Merchants 3 Rexway Towing 1
Sunday, July 9—Rexway Towing 3 Park Toyota 0
Glen Williams 8 Limehouse 6
Georgetown Chrysler 5 D.R.G. 4

Loss of two coaches slows strong squirt start

The L & L Ford squirt boys rep team started well this year as they played "500" ball through first six games. The highlight was a sweep of a doubleheader in Limehouse. Pitcher Kevin Lobsinger showed good stuff in both games.

Loss of two second year regulars and two coaches the last month has had its effects during the last six games as the team managed only one win. A 1-0 loss to Glen Williams during tournament play in Acton, showed the new coaches that the boys were not ready to quit as they recorded one of the fastest games of the tournament: five innings in 23 minutes.

The team now expects to finish with three wins and go

into the playoffs with some momentum.

Pitchers Kevin Lobsinger and Eddy Wilson, and catchers Brent Connor and Brad Demone are the real leaders on the club to date. Strong performances by the infield led by Greg James, Scott McStravic and Scott Jeffrey make it about the best balanced in the league.

Randy McIntyre is the outfield leader while Ron Wooley, Chris Cooney, Craig Kri and Michael Cunningham fill the other positions.

Coaches Denzel Height and

Doug Lobsinger would like to thank the boys and their parents for the excellent cooperation that they received as they moved to assume responsibility for the team. They want to finish strong and they know the boys can do it.

Hole in one worth \$700

A hole in one at any golf course is a once-in-a-lifetime event, but golfers at Hornby Tower Golf Club will be trying extra hard to sink an ace at the 17th hole this weekend — there is a prize worth over \$700 waiting for the first one to accomplish the feat.

Bob Beatty, local field representative for Help the Aged, a worldwide agency working to comfort the aged of the world, said the Hole in One event is being staged at Hornby Tower for three days, to raise money for the charity work.

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, golfers reaching the 17th green will be asked to donate a dollar to the fund, then their tee shot will be observed by a Help the Aged official. If it reaches the cup in one stroke, the golfer cashes in on a set of Spalding clubs with bag and cart — a prize worth over \$700.

The course has to date recorded four holes in one on the 17th, the shortest hole on the course. So it's not an impossibility that someone could ace it this weekend.

All proceeds go to the Help the Aged organization, Beatty said, with 25 per cent of the funds to remain in this area for work with the elderly.

Similar Hole in One days are being held in Hamilton and Mississauga this year.

Acton girls lead league

Acton has a commanding lead in the Halton Rural Minor Softball League peewee girls standings.

Limehouse moved into second place when they defeated Omagh, Monday night.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
Acton	11	0	0	22
Limehouse	4	7	0	8
Hornby	3	7	1	7
Lowville	3	7	0	6
Omagh	2	7	1	5
Milton	2	9	0	4

Glen gals upset Acton

Cindy Stafford pitched Glen Williams to an 11-5 upset win over second place Acton in Halton Ladies' Softball League play at the Glen ballpark, Monday night.

Cheryl Webster played an outstanding game for the victorious Glen team.