



Round Robin

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Weekend weather . . .

The weekend of rainy weather had a great deal of affect on the people of Acton. Many organized events for Back to Acton Days went by the wayside as rain caused cancellation.

Sunday at Prospect Park the only events, to get off the ground were the fishing derby and the soccer games. A good number of participants put lines in the water looking for bass, pike and catfish.

Other events, like the firefighters' waterball, horseshoe pitching and baseball games were postponed.

One of the feature ball games was to be an oldtimers' match with some of Acton's top players of a few years ago going battle with the current Georgetown Industrial League leading, Acton Merchants. In another contest the Milton Correctional Institute Guards were to have played Van's Welding of the Acton Industrial League.

Sabres to improve?

In an effort to help improve his hockey club for next season Acton Sabres coach Fred Buchanan recently attended "A Hockey Weekend" in Muskoka.

Buchanan along with coaches from across Canada and the United States were on hand at the seminars to listen to former Toronto Maple Leaf coach Roger Neilson, Harry Neale, Tom Watt and Ron Smith.

Fred came back from the function with what he estimated as about 50 pages of notes on offensive and defensive maneuvers he hopes will help his recruits over the season.

One of the things that Fred said he learned at the clinic was "I didn't know as much about hockey as I thought".

Buchanan is hoping he can produce a playbook from the materials he received at the clinic and is hoping the midgets and juveniles of Acton minor hockey will follow the same steps thus making things easier for a minor player when needed on the Sabre roster.

Paddlecade . . .

Don't forget that Operation ACTION is sponsoring a canoe clinic or "Paddlecade" at Prospect Park today (Wednesday) from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All equipment will be supplied.

The event will take place at Fairy Lake Beach.

Revenge . . .

Acton Merchants will attempt to revenge a pair of earlier losses at Prospect Park Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. when they tangle with Crichton Brothers Sports in Georgetown Industrial League action.

The two teams have met on three previous occasions with the Merchants coming out on the losing end twice. The two sides have split in regular league play but Crichton Sports upset the locals in the fastball tourney here two weeks ago.

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Lacrosse teams winless against 'AAA' centres

Acton Minor Lacrosse teams have found that playing in the Central Ontario Lacrosse Association AAA division is not all roses.

To date the two Acton entries in the league, pee-wee and bantam, have yet to come up with a win.

In action in the past week the local pee-wees dropped a pair of decisions, 9-1 to Hamilton and a 11-3 setback at the hands of St. Catharines.

The bantam Ramblers have yet to come close to any league opposition and took it on the chin recently scoring twice in two games dropping a 17-1 match to St. Catharines and a 14-1 game to Hamilton.

The pee-wees got two goals from Steven Taillefer in their 11-3 loss to St. Catharines at home last Thursday while Bruce Raine fired the other.

Sandy Waltes was the only Acton marksman to connect against Hamilton in the 9-1 contest. Earlier in the year the Acton team lost a 13-1 decision to Hamilton. According to team coach Bob Turkosz, Acton goaltender Craig Kri played an outstanding game to keep the score at a minimum, the second time around.

Penalties seem to be the main cause for concern for the Acton

Bantam Ramblers. In the two games of the past week the locals counted 16 penalties, 11 high sticking offences. In each game the Ramblers have been victims of six powerplay efforts by the opposition.

Troy McNaught continued to hold the hot

scoring hand for Acton in a 14-1 loss to Hamilton. McNaught fired the only Acton counter unassisted. A week ago McNaught netted the twice five times as he led the Ramblers to a 5-2 exhibition win over Erin. Steve Raine was the only Acton goal scorer in

the 17-1 loss to St. Catharines as he broke the visitors' shut-out with help on the play from Lorenzo Civiero. Next lacrosse action for the pee-wee Ramblers is tomorrow night (Thursday) when the locals travel to Cawthra for a league encounter.

Restaurant pee-wees split with Eramosa

A split of a pair of games was all Acton Restaurant Tri-county pee-wees could manage with Eramosa recently. The local team dropped

an 8-7 decision to the Rockwood team in the first meeting but rallied two days later to score a 6-3 win.

Despite a 12 strike-out performance from pitcher Bruce Canary in the first meeting of the two sides, a three run Eramosa seventh inning was the difference. Acton got on the board early in the contest scoring two first inning counters as Rhys Gibb and Paul Cargill singled and scored.

Eramosa came back in the third inning scoring four times as Randy Coverdale, Mark Dupuis, Graham Leslie and Colin Brace crossed home plate.

In the fifth inning of the game Acton retaliated for four of their own as a pair of walks, singles to Stan Smith and Rhys Gibb and a Brad Youmans triple brought runs to the plate.

Eramosa counted a single in the bottom half of the inning as Mark Dupuis scored his second run of the game. The Restaurateurs extended their lead in the

top of the last inning on a Paul Cargill homer but failed to hold on, allowing Eramosa runs by Randy Coverdale, Mark Dupuis and Drew Wheeler in the bottom of the inning giving them the win.

In the rematch at Prospect Park, won 6-3 by Acton, the locals split runs in the first inning with Colin Brace singling and scoring for Eramosa while Rhys Gibb did the same for Acton.

The Restaurateurs took a lead they would never relinquish in the bottom of the second inning after Kevin McRae had restored the Eramosa lead. Three runs off of a walk and singles by Stan Smith and Terry Danagher gave the locals their runs.

A home run by Paul Cargill accounted for the only scoring in the third inning to give Acton a three run lead.

Eramosa pulled to within two in the top of the fourth as Drew Wheeler rounded the bases but some good defence and a run by Paul Cargill in the sixth preserved the Acton win.



Local soccer teams are not ones to discriminate against sexes. Acton met Rockwood in a Back to Acton Days special match at Prospect Park on Sunday. Here Acton forward Richard Kilpatrick beats Rockwood defender Marguerita Ball. Miss Ball was one of two young ladies in the Rockwood line-up. Acton topped the match 5-2.

Merchants nip DRG revenge loss to C & S

Acton Merchants kept a tight rein on the Georgetown Industrial Fastball lead last week coping a pair of victories to put them nine points ahead of their nearest rivals.

The Merchants needed a seventh inning run against last placed DRG Stationery to score a 3-2 win but revenge an earlier 4-3 extra inning setback by trouncing C and S Plumbing 10-3 in a game that lasted only five innings.

Against DRG, a team with only one win in 15 outings, the Merchants scored an early lead as Chris Tennant singled and scored in the second inning.

The local team ex-

tended their lead in the fourth inning as Tennant once again did the damage, rounding the bases with his second single of the night.

Acton counted their last run in the top of the last inning as Dick Spear singled, stole second, advanced to third on a Gary Pickles' sacrifice and then stole home.

DRG came back in the bottom of the final inning counting two runs on a homer before Spear put out the fire giving Acton the win.

The Merchants continued their assault of teams that have previously beaten them this season as they clobbered C and S Plumbing 10-3 in a mercy rule game after

falling to the same team less than a week earlier.

Earlier in the year after being downed by Crichton Brothers Sports, the Merchants turned things around the next time out scoring a five-inning win.

Acton dropped a run in the top of the first inning but rallied in the bottom half to count one of their own as Ed Hillier singled and scored.

The Merchants took a lead in the second as Bob Jarrett tripled to lead-off and scored on a Steve Townsley single.

A C and S Plumbing run in the third inning brought the score even before the Merchants' bats came to life.

Four straight fourth inning singles by Bob Jarrett, Gary Pickles, Dave Black, and Steve Townsley gave the league leaders a four run lead but that wasn't all the damage they were to do.

After allowing a C and S single run to score in the top of the fifth the Merchants came back as Don Richard, Jarrett, Pickles, Townsley and Hillier crossed the plate giving them a seven run lead and bringing the mercy rule into effect.

The Merchants will attempt to add to their Industrial League lead tomorrow night (Thursday) when they meet up with the only team to top them twice this season, Crichton Brothers Sports, in an 8:30 p.m. start.

J&T down Cleaners Van's takes top spot

For the second time in three meetings J and T Sports have subdued Family Cleaners in Acton Industrial League Fastball action.

The Sunday night loss, a 13-2 setback, was only the second defeat of the year for the Cleaners who slipped to second spot in the standings, a point behind Van's Welding.

In other Sunday night action Van's had to fight from behind to salvage a 9-9 tie with Unisal Construction while Halton Hills Electric subdued Station Hotel 8-5 in the battle for the basement.

Family Cleaners found themselves in trouble before the game had begun in their match with J and T. Neither of Family's pitchers were

available for the contest, leaving Cliff Britton to subdue Sportsmen bats.

J and T counted a pair of runs in the first inning as a Bruce MacPherson bunt, and singles to Ray Graham, Bruce Cunningham and Jim McNabb brought runs home.

After a scoreless second inning J and T pounded starter Britton from the mound scoring five times on singles to Graham, MacPherson, McNabb, and Ken Hurren and doubles to Ron Schmidt and Dave Mills.

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triple added to more runs to the Sportsmen's cause off reliever pitcher Al Avery in the bottom of the fifth inning.

A base on balls and a J and T throwing error accounted for Cleaners' last tally before J and T unloaded for four more runs to produce a 13-2 final.

While Family Cleaners had trouble with their pitchers absent, Unisal Construction reached back to tie first place

and scored on a Wally Ella base hit.

Unisal was determined to keep their four run lead and in the third inning counted a single score as Dave Piper rounded the bases. A Rick Coe walk in the fourth inning produced another run for Unisal to give them a five run margin before Van's came to life.

A pair of Van's runs crossed the plate in the

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Rockwood tops Glen Williams

A split of two games last week including a crucial 5-3 win over Glen Williams has lifted the Rockwood Drexler Construction team of the inter-county fastball league into a temporary first place tie with the Glen squad.

The win against the Glen, accompanied with a 5-0 setback at the hands of third placed Hespeler leaves Drexlers with an eight win four loss record on the season, even with Glen Williams. Hespeler holds an eight win, five loss and a tie record.

Jim Barden was the winning pitcher in the Rockwood 5-3 win over the Glen, while Jeff Haines was tagged with the loss.

Albert Kelly carried the big bat for Drexlers scoring a first run homer, and batting in a total of three runs, including the winner.

Peter Zess was tagged for the Rockwood team's fourth loss of the year as the construction workers could manage only five hits in suffering the 5-0 loss to Hespeler.

Jordoin tops at angler derby

Wet weather hampered the Acton Firefighters fishing derby at Prospect Park, Sunday, but not to the extent of the other events that were planned.

Despite the drizzling rain an estimated 70 fishermen showed up to try and land the biggest fish of the day. Last year in good weather organizers estimated 120 people were in attendance. Maurice Jordoin snared the biggest catch of the day registering a 20 1/2 inch, two pound pike.

With a one prize per person system in effect the largest pike award went to Rick Dwyer. Dwyer's catch of a 19

inch, two pound pike was not far behind Jordoin's overall championship catch.

The second largest pike caught was that on the line of Garry Milton. The fish weighed one and three-quarter pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches.

The largest bass in the derby went to Ken Pilgrim for his 16 inch, two pound catch. Doug Weaver took second prize in the bass competition with a 10 1/2 inch, one pounder.

The largest of the catfish caught in this year's derby was an 11 inch, four ounce snaggled by Gary White.



Angler Tom Shannon tries his fishing hand during the Acton Firefighters Fishing Derby on Sunday morning as part of Back to Acton Days. Approximately 70 people participated in the event with Maurice Jordoin landing the largest fish.



'If the fish won't come to the shore line you go to the fish.' Rick Dodds (rear) and Mark Daval tried their luck fishing the middle of the lake during the derby Sunday but found the fish were a little more active near the edge. The fish Daval displays was not caught while in the boat but on shore while the two took a rest from their paddling. It wasn't a winner.