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Merchants stave off elimination Rexway Towing playing tough

Acton Merchants finished their regular season in first place in the Georgetown Industrial League but after only one play-off game they face elimination.

Top spot in the league standings left the locals to toil with eighth placed Rexway Towing in the opening best of three playoff series but the Towing team is proving tough over the stretch as they pounded the ball off Acton pitchers Dick Spear and Joe DeForest

in the first game 9-1 and then hung tough one night later before allowing the Merchants to even the series with a come-from-behind 5-2 win.

The Merchants counted their lone run of the contest in the fourth inning as Terry Masales walked and scored on back to back singles by Dick Spear and Chris Tennant. They were the only two hits the Merchants managed in the contest.

Rexway counted five more times in the sixth inning to take control of the game and a lead in the series.

The next night facing elimination the merchants found themselves in trouble again. A first inning walk and a throwing error by catcher Don Richard

allowed Rexway an early lead that held up until the third inning when Richard evened the count with a run of his own.

After a scoreless fourth inning Rexway struck again as a second error, this one charged to first baseman Steve Marshall, set up the go ahead run for the Towing team.

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Charlebois aces Victoria's fifth

The first time on the Victoria Park West golf course proved no problem for Flo Charlebois on the holiday Monday as she ached the fifth hole.

Mrs. Charlebois used a seven iron on the 110 yard par three hole in Guelph.

It was the first time Flo had played the West course at Victoria. She carded identical 39-38 rounds for an 18 hole 76. Flo and husband Lou are members at the Victoria East course, also in Guelph.

Junior tennis player tops Hills' seniors

Acton Tennis Club Junior Dave McGilloway slashed his way to victory over several of the area's top players to win the Halton Hills men's singles Tennis Tournament at the Acton courts on the weekend.

McGilloway sidestepped Georgetown's Bob Houston 6-3, 6-2, to win the final match in straight sets. Earlier in the tournament McGilloway disposed of second seeded Bernie Kent 6-4, 5-7 and 6-3.

Houston recorded a win over top seeded and defending champion Doug Cairncross 6-1, 6-4 to

reach the finals. In other rounds Houston outlasted Don Gregg of Acton 6-4, 5-7 and 6-2, and topped Bernie Kovacs 6-2, 6-2.

McGilloway found trouble in his semi-final match-up with Peter Marks but a bad ankle sidelined Marks before the completion of round advancing McGilloway.

In the opening round McGilloway sidelined Acton's Gerry Veldman 6-1, 6-3. Veldman continued on in consolation play advancing to the consolation final before losing out to Don Gregg 4-6, 6-1 and 6-3.

In first round action Doug Cairncross topped Andre Quimet 6-4, 6-0. John Kavanagh outlasted

John Boyce 6-2, 3-6 and 7-6. Bernie Kovacs handled Gord Dolg 6-2, 6-3 and finalist Houston edged Don Gregg.

In the second side of the opening round draw Tony Hull surprised Gerry Peace while Peter Marks topped Walt Glassea 6-3, 6-3. McGilloway started his

title run with a straight set win over Veldman while second seeded Bernie Kent had little trouble scoring 6-2, 6-4 win over Peter Hughes.

In championship quarter-final action Cairncross ousted Kavanagh 6-0, 6-3. Houston handled Kovacs; Marks scored a 6-3, 6-1 win over Hull and McGilloway upset Kent in a three set thriller.

In consolation quarter-finals Boyce defeated Quimet 6-4, 6-1. Gregg topped Dolg, Peace outlasted Glassea and Hughes defaulted to Veldman.

In semi-finals Don Gregg ousted John Boyce while Gerry Veldman topped Gerry Peace before Gregg took the consolation crown coming back from a one set deficit to score a 4-6, 6-1 and 6-3 win.

Cleaners' team suffered a 5-4 setback at the hands of Glen Williams.

The local team came on strong over the last two innings, scoring three runs to even the count with the Glen but a single tally gave the Glen ladies the win and the upper hand on a play-off position.

Carol Paisley's two run triple in the sixth inning brought the Cleaners to within one after falling behind 4-1 in the early innings and then a Linda Corkum seventh inning homer gave the locals a new life as they evened the count.

The ladies for the Glen rebounded for one last tally to give them the win.

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Only ties in tourney for Acton entries

There were three Acton teams entered in the Milton Industrial League Fastball tournament on the long weekend and neither of the three were able to win a ball game.

The tourney was a round robin affair with

each team being guaranteed three games with the top placed team in each division advancing to the semi-finals.

The Georgetown Industrial League champion Merchants, who have been having their problems of late,

managed a tie with Bailey-River of Bradford in their final game for their only point. The final score of that contest was 0-0. In other games the Merchants dropped a 7-5 decision to Muffles of the Milton Industrial League and a 9-3 setback came at the hands of Color Your World of Brampton.

The other two Acton entries, the Acton Industrial league Reps, Acton Travel, and Freedom-Dominion (Freedom) of the Condominium League met in first round action that produced the lone points for the two clubs. Acton Travel came back over the later stages of the game to record an 8-8 tie with the Freedom contingent.

In their other matches Freedom went scoreless dropping decisions to Bronte Legion 6-0 and Mowbray Blue Flames of Milton 9-0.

Acton Travel hung close to Bronte Legion over the first six innings of their match but two unanswered seventh inning tallies gave the Legionaires a 10-6 win. Against Mowbray Blue Flames the Travel team fell by an 8-5 score.



It sometimes takes some hard knocks when trying to score a home run. Acton Tri-county squirt David Paul took a glove in the face and sudden death play-off game at Prospect Park last Wednesday evening. (Photo by Eric Elstone)

Family gets pennant fever Electric in play-off picture

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Acton Tennis Club junior Dave McGilloway displays some of the style that earned him the honor as top contender in last weekend's Halton Hills Men's Single Tournament at the Acton courts. McGilloway upset second seeded Bernie Kent in the second round and then went on to defeat Georgetown's Bob Houston in the tournament final. Houston had outlasted defending champion and top seeded Doug Cairncross in semi-final play. (Photo by Helen Murray)



Freedom-Dominion (Freedom), second baseman Bob Little puts the tag on a Bronte Legion base stealer during the Milton Industrial Fastball Tournament on the weekend as Mike McGregor looks on. Little and his Condo Sports league teammates managed a tie with Acton Travel 8-8 in their first game but were shut-out in their second and third games of the tourney. Bronte Legion, despite having their player thrown out on this play won 6-0.