



Linda Whiffin takes a mighty leap in the girls long jump event during the Halton track and field finals Monday in Toronto. She didn't place, but 18 others did, with 13 members of the AHS track team advancing to the Peel-Halton Tuesday. They too will be held at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium.

Cold air doesn't stop Roadrunners' hot bats

It was soooo cold Thursday as the Acton Roadrunners stepped up to bat in their first home game of the Georgetown Industrial ball's new season, the umpire was dusting frost off the plate instead of dirt.

So the Roadrunners, being the intelligent fellows that they are, decided to get the game over with and get to the warmest bar for a hot cuppa as quickly as possible.

They disposed of the Georgetown Merchants 8-1 in five innings to record their first victory in three games. Earlier on Tuesday, May 6 they were edged 7-8 by Hornby followed by a 2-1 loss at the bats of C & S Plumbing last Wednesday.

They played again Monday night against R/S Muffer and won 7-5.

Hurler Joe Deforest was also the star slugger of the game. Not only did he bring home six of the seven runners, but hit a home run in the process.

In Thursday's match, the Roadrunners jumped ahead of the Merchants 4-0 in the first inning.

When Georgetown finally got to bat Dick Spear on the mound held them at bay.

Four innings later the mercy rule was put into effect as the Roadrunners had racked up four more runs to the Merchants' single.

Things weren't as rosy, but a lot warmer for the Roadrunners last Tuesday as they opened the season on a losing note, despite a fourth inning four-run explosion.

Hornby took a 2-0 lead in the second inning. The Roadrunners fought back in the third getting a single.

The Roadrunners brought home four more sluggers in the fourth inning to take a 5-2 lead, but Hornby rallied in the scoring two more runs and narrowing the margin to 5-4, still for Acton.

At the top of the sixth, Acton took a 6-4 lead on another run, but the Hornby Merchants, who are figured to be one of the top contenders in the league this

year, came back in the bottom of the seventh, nipping the Roadrunners 7-6.

Roadrunner's bats weren't cracking for Wednesday night's 2-1 loss to C & S Plumbing. Acton however did take an early 1-0 lead and with Joe Deforest hurling an excellent game, according to coach Ron Hachey, the Roadrunners might have pulled it off.

It was not to be though, as C & S Plumbing fought back in the bottom of the seventh with two runs.

The Roadrunners take to the diamond again tonight (Wednesday) against Norval. Tomorrow they are at home hosting Akers-Clark of Georgetown. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Industrial action:

FreaDom trounces Vans 16-0

Sunday was the day for big sluggers. FreaDom racked up their third victory in as many games by blasting Van's Welding out of the ballpark 16-0 Sunday during Acton Men's Industrial league action.

Firestone Oldtimers also had a field day with a 12-1 victory over Station Hotel, while Unisal and Halton Hills Electric kept things on par with Unisal coming out on top of a 15-11 score.

In the first fiasco, for Van's at least, FreaDom scored seven runs on nine hits in the first frame took a rest during the second inning, came back with a single run in the third on two hits, then waited until the sixth for three more runs. The final four scores came in the last two innings.

Vans did manage three hits, one in the fifth one in the sixth and one in the

eight.

Crossing the plate for FreaDom were Rick McArthur, Mike McGregor, Lloyd Smallwood, Randy Takeda, Ken Palsly, Ruddy Holmes, Dave Boycott, George Wallis and Bob Little.

A fourth-inning slugfest by Firestone led them to a 12-1 win over Unisal.

Doug Pratt, Ed Wood, Al Avery, Jim James, Bruce McArthur and Stan Clark crossed the plate for four runs.

They had already collected two runs by Jules Russiani in the second and Jim James in the third.

By this time Station Hotel, which won their game last week, had only scored on one hit by Bill "Woody" Fabian, bringing Jamie Morris across the plate in the fourth.

James scored in the sixth, and eight, for Firestone and Don Archibald

crossed home plate in the eighth to make the final score 12-1.

Big hits came from the bat of Terry O'Brien and Bill McGrath in Unisal's win. They started the ball rolling with O'Brien's first run in the second inning and McGrath scoring immediately after.

O'Brien scored again in the third stanza, along with McGrath, Charlie Harrison and Ken Pilgrim.

At the bottom of the third Jim McNabb of Halton Hills Electric, Dave Allen, Bob Jarrett and Scott Somerville crossed the plate along with McNabb's first-inning run, to close the gap 6-5 for Unisal.

But Unisal plodded on with two more runs coming from Campbell and Harrison in the fourth, another two from Larry Ciglen and Rick Coe in the

fifth and five from Pilgrim, Ron Bosch, Glen McKenzie, Campbell and Coe in the sixth.

Halton Hills Electric rallied in the fifth with five runs off of six hits. Somerville, Frank Oudesluys, Armand Steeves, Ken Hurren and Lyle Frueter made it home.

But that plus McNabb's fourth-inning score, wasn't enough to catch Unisal. Halton Hills Electric had one more hit in the bottom of the sixth but failed to score on it. The game ended 15-11.

Acton in Industrial league resumes tonight with the regular Wednesday night game, and continues on the holiday Monday with a 4:30 p.m. start.

Vans meet Halton Hills Electric, FreaDom faces Station Hotel, and Unisal comes up against Firestone Oldtimers.

Qualify for Peel Haltons

Midget boys lead way

Thanks to the strength of the midget boys squad, 13 members of the Acton High School track team will be travelling to the Peel-Halton finals next Tuesday, May 20.

That's the number of Acton students who qualified for the competition in the Halton Secondary School finals held Monday at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium. The Peel-Halton will also take place there.

The midget boys placed fifth overall with a total of 42 points. Although there was no one in the top spot, the midget boys did place in nine events.

George Gidman was not having a good day, though. He could only manage a fifth in the 100 metres with a finishing time of 12.1 and a fifth in 200 metres with 25.2.

Gord Springle did qualify in the 100 metre hurdles, with a time of 16.3. He finished third behind Queen Elizabeth Park and White Oaks.

Mike Smith also qualified in the shot put with a throw of 11.84, good enough for third spot. Paul Nolan qualified with a fourth place finish in the javelin, with a throw of 37.15.

Mike Mooney came sixth in long jump, hopping 5.13 to qualify. Rick Chapman and Greg Silcock tied for second in the pole vaulting event. Each had a jump of 2.44. Steve Demaid of Burlington Central took top honors.

Sandra Brundle however, of the midget girls

team, did finish first in the only event Acton entered, javelin. She tossed it 26.41 metres to take the top spot and qualify for the Peel-Halton.

The midget girls finished 13 out of 15 schools overall, with the 10 points from Brundle's victory.

The junior girls tied for 11th spot with Q.E. Park when Linda Osso finished fourth in the shot put. She threw 9.19 to qualify her for next week's meet.

The junior boys did a little better with 11 points and a ninth place finish. Don Weaver vaulted into second place in the pole vault, behind Joe Kostzewa of White Oaks and Denis Kirton finished sixth in javelin with a throw of 40.50. Both qualified.

Sharon Cook qualified for the long jump with a hop of 4.51 to finish third, but failed in her attempt at the 100 metre race. There she finished sixth.

The senior girls relay team also missed out of the 400 metre relay finishing fourth with a time of 54.1. Only the first three finishes are allowed to compete at the Peel-Halton because of track limitations.

The senior boys relay team missed out of the same event by one second. They finished fourth with a time of 47.2. Oakville Trafalgar crossed the finish line before them with a time of 46.2.

But Neville Porter does get to go Tuesday after finishing fourth in the 100 metres, with a time of 11.9. He missed out in the 200 metres, still finishing fourth with a time of 24.6, but only the top three placers will progress.

For complete results see Scoreboard.

Houston sets new records

Frank Houston, a local long-distance runner currently at Abilene Christian University in Texas, set two new records during the Lone Star Conference in San Angelo Texas April 28 and 29.

He won the 1500 metre race, for the second year in an row, breaking both the Conference meet record and the stadium record running 3:54.21.

Houston said he was especially pleased about the win because he only had the fourth best time going into the race and was considered the underdog.

The weather was a bit of a problem during the race. "It was windy," Houston said, "so I stayed in second place, using the leader as a windbreak, for the first 2 1/2 laps. I began my kick with a little over a lap to go."

Houston said he covered the last 400 metre in only 56 seconds to win by .25 seconds.

One hour later he was racing again, this time in the 5000 metre event. He finished second in 15:30.1. "I was very tired from the 1500 metres," he commented, "but we needed some points so I ran."

His university, Abilene Christian, pulled a surprise upset over the favored Angelo State in overall points. Eight universities from Texas competed in the Conference.

Houston said he will be competing in several more races in the United States before he returns to Acton at the end of the month.

A little heavier maybe, but Rams pack a wallop

It was just like old times at the Community Centre Monday night.

The Acton Rams, a little older, a little heavier, still packed the same kind of wallop that led them into the playoffs season after season when they played Junior C lacrosse... and even to the championship way back in 1971, as they blasted Toronto Beaches 19-4.

It was the first home game for the Rams which earlier in the week, had trounced the same club 17-2, in the first match of the new oldtimers league.

Almost everyone picked up a point in Monday's game. Mike Marcoux for instance, had four goals and one assist, Steve Wilson had three goals and five assists and Ron Turkosz scored four goals and one assist.

Toronto Beaches started things rolling with a goal a minute into the opening period by Jerry Mainville. He also scored their final marker.

Steve Wilson and Turkosz proceeded to pot two, before Tony Lazzarion of the Beaches connected to tie the game.

Marcoux put Acton ahead at 12:17 to end the first frame 3-2.

The Rams exploded in the second stanza with 10 unanswered goals.

A pair went to Turkosz, another pair to brother Bob Turkosz, with singles to George Artem, Mike McMahon, Ian Campbell, Mike Rippon, Wilson and Marcoux.

The Rams netted six more goals in the final period, although the Beaches did stage a rally late in the game.

They potted two goals by Gord McLaren at 12:47 and the final by Mainville at 16:06.

McMahon planted two of his own at 1:02 and 17:10, along with Marcoux at 13:05 and 12:23. Turkosz, Ron, and Wilson potted singles, the last goal coming with 50 seconds left in the game.

Acton assists went to Artem, Gord Scott, Rippon, Wilson, Craig Weldon, Bob Turkosz, Fred Allen, Marcoux, Ron Turkosz, and goalie Doug Taylor, who picked up three.

Rick Robinson, Freddie Mainville, and goalie Pat Watson earned aids for the Beaches.

The Rams will probably have a little more difficulty with their next game in Mississauga. They play the Beaches once more as well before returning home Monday, May 26th.

Next week's home game is postponed since it's a holiday.



The "Dummies" captured the Family Restaurant Bowling League regular season championship this season and team members were on hand at the annual banquet on Saturday to accept their awards. Front row l. to r. include Anne Greer, Cathy Forbes, Marilyn Briggs, back row, Debbie Greer and Donna Briggs. Missing is Doris Filtner.

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Disco Five topped the Family Restaurant Bowling play round. L. to r. Sally Smith, Irene Lazenby, and Shirley Hunter accepted their awards. Mae Gervais, June Markie and Mary Daley were missing from the festivities.



Acton Ladies individual trophy winners included front row l. to r. Marnie Clarke (high average), Sharon Henderson (high single), back row, Joanne Luck (high triple with handicap), Donna Jeffrey (high single with handicap), and Lois Warner (high triple flat). Lois also captured the house high triple with her 908 total.

Bowlers celebrate



Acton Ladies Bowling League held their wind-up Saturday with the Toronto Dominion Bank team earning trophies as league champions. Front row l. to r. include Belle Kitchen, Julie Heagle, Bea Anderson, back row, Diane Gibson, Joanne Luck and Linda Wilson.



Glen Lea Drugs rolled their way to the Acton Ladies play-off championship. Team members include front row l. to r. Susan Holbiski, Cheryl DaPonte, Marle Jordan, back row, Joan Nellis, Barb Wall, and Alma Braida.