

Acton Firestone Oldtimers catcher Ray Graham misses the tag on a C and P Landscaping runner coming home in action at the Back to Acton Days fastball tourney. Oldtimers lost the tourney title to C and P Landscaping, but Graham won the MVP honors. Photo by GORD MURRAY

## Graham MVP in fastball tourney

Ray Graham was voted most valuable player of the men's teams in the Back to Acton Days fastball tournament Saturday and Sunday, but his team, the Acton Oldtimers of the Industrial Softball Association, lost the championship game to C and P Landscaping from Milton.

Milton downed Acton 5-2 in the final game played Monday night in Georgetown. The two final games scheduled for Sunday, were postponed because of rain.

In the girls division, the Georgetown Royaltes walked off with the girls championship after defeating Hillsburgh 9-5.

Acton reached the finals by dumping the Georgetown Merchants on the Georgetown Industrial Fastball league 6-3 in the first game Saturday. Jim James, Don Archibald, Graham Terry Masales scored the runs. Vince Thornton scored two runs.

Then the Oldtimers met Limehouse Hustlers. Only two runs by Al Avery and Grant Usher were needed by Acton to win the game 2-0.

The C and P Pirates of Milton meanwhile were whipping the Georgetown Merchants 17-2.

The Merchants and the Hustlers battled to decide on a consolation champion, with the Merchants winning 10-8.

The Oldtimers lost their first game of the tournament in what proved to be a fore-runner of the final game, when Milton nipped them 3-2. The game itself meant little to the tournament standings, since the other teams had been already eliminated.

Doug Pratt and Hames scored Acton's two runs.

In Monday's final game, Milton had built an eight run lead by the fourth inning.

The Oldtimers came back in the fifth with their two runs. James batted a single and reached home on an error by Dave DeCaire of Milton. Ray Graham followed with a triple, and reached home when Paul McCann fumbled the ball.

Terry Masales slugged a single in the sixth inning, but was left on second base. It was the last hit of the game for Acton.

Milton scored one more run in the sixth to win the game.

The Georgetown Royaltes had to face Hillsburgh twice to win the championship. In the first game Hillsburgh dumped them 2-1. Earlter Milton had disposed of Hillsburgh 4-1.

Georgetown then blasted Mississauga 14-2.

Mississauga knicked Milton 5-4, then fell to Hillsburgh 9-7, setting up the final game. Janis Gagne of Hillsburgh was voted the most valuable girl player of the tournament.

## Van's Welding blow an 8-0 lead

All those watching WKRP in Cincinnati and MASH reruns Monday night were missing the hit comedy show of the season. It's called Van's Comedy Hour, or How to Blow an 8-0 lead in Short, Easy Errors.

In any case, Van's of the Acton Men's Industrial softball league attempts at base-

ball provided the evening entertainment, and nobody loved it better or laughed harder than Halton Hills Electric, who finally beat them 14-10.

It looked like Van's who had won two games in a row last week, had gotten drunk with victory. They scored six runs in the top

of the first alone, while Electric went down with three straight strikeouts.

Dave Piehl was first man across the plate for Van's soon followed by Karl Killingbeck, Denis Kirton, Gary Pickles, Guy Payne and Steve Kruk.

Killingbeck and Pickles scored in the second to make it 8-0. Electric meanwhile had only one hit, by Steve Townsley. He was left on first base at the end of the inning.

But then Van's secret weapon in the form of chucker Kirton, left. He had a game to play for Ed's In-N-Out midjets in tri-county ball. Things went downhill from there.

Electric scored four runs in the fourth. Armand Steeves, Dan Allen, Bob Jarrett and Gary Masters touched home.

Jarrett and Townsley crossed home plate again in the fifth to make it 8-7.

Now Van's was making short trips up to bat. They didn't even manage a hit in the fourth, and fifth innings.

Electric exploded in the sixth with seven runs, aided by a mass of errors on Van's part. Ken Hurren hit a double, Allen was sent walking, then Jarrett hammered them home after Killingbeck fumbled the ball.

Townsley hit a one-bagger, Canary walked and Masters hit a single. Frank Oudestays and Hagan scored the other Electric runs.

That made it 13-8. Van's scored two more runs in the seventh with Pickles and Inscoc touching home, but Piper and Kurck were left on base.

Hurren scored the final run for Electric in the bottom of the seventh.

In the other Industrial match Monday, Freedom scored eight runs in the bottom of the fourth to lead them to a 13-7 victory over Station.

Station touched home first in the opening frame. Bob Haslam crossed the plate for the run.

Bob Little was batted in on a two-bagger by Lloyd Smallwood for Freedom in the second.

Haslam and Sid Burns scored in the third for Station while Allan Hall touched home for Freedom giving the Hotel a 3-2 lead.

Then Freedom exploded with their eight runs. Mike McGregor, Allan Hall, Ruddy Holmes, Doug Ford, George Wallis, Little, Smallwood and Allan Campbell with a homer no less, scored the runs.

Haslam and Dave Allen touched home in the fifth for Station. McGregor, Holmes, and Ford replied for Freedom.

Station scored two more runs in the seventh to make it close with Barnes and Jamie Morris reaching home safely.

In the Wednesday night game, Unisal avenged their loss over Firestone, dumping them 11-7. Last Sunday, Firestone whipped Unisal 12-1.

Wally Ella, Larry Ciglen and Terry O'Brien scored runs in the first inning for Unisal. Ciglen and Bruce Cunningham crossed the plate in the second and Cunningham scored again in the fourth, giving Unisal a 6-3 lead.

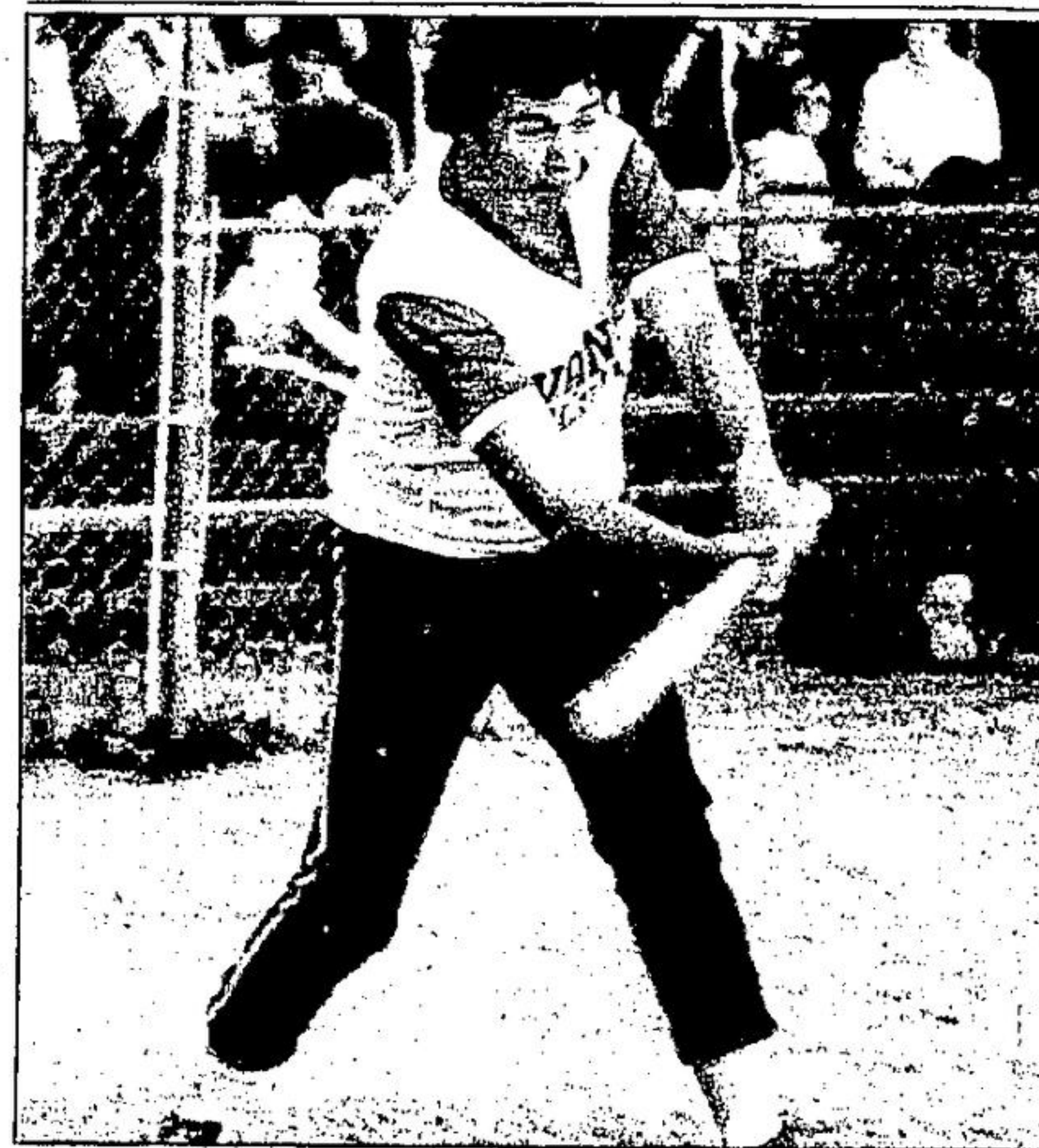
Don Archibald, Ray Graham and Jim James scored for the Oldtimers.

Vince Thornton, Archibald and Graham scored the other Firestone runs.

Unisal jumped on pitcher Grant Usher in the sixth inning with five big runs. Ella, Ciglen, O'Brien, Charlie Harrison and Al Bousfield scored for Unisal.

Tonight Station has a chance to redeem themselves when they and Freedom have a rematch. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, the schedule returns to normal, with Freedom and Halton Hills Electric up to bat, at 4:30 p.m., Unisal faces Station at 6:30 and Van's square off against Firestone at 8:15. All games are played under the lights at Prospect Park.



Terry Curlew swings for Van's in a losing cause. Van's Welding lost the game after blowing an 8-0 lead.

### Halton-Rural report

## Squirts up to standard

Acton Standard Products Ltd. squirts are playing .500 ball, with a four win, three loss record to date.

On Friday, Ormag handed Standard one of their losses a 7-4 defeat.

Alex Shean scored two runs and batted two more singles, in the game. Frank Katsilieris slugged two singles, scored a run and batted in two more runners.

Evan Hayter slugged one RBI and a single and Kevin Fabian hammered a single.

Mike Baker and Leatherland batted in the other Acton runs, with David Hinz picking up two walks scoring the final run.

On Thursday, Standard fell to Limehouse 3-1. Hayter, Leatherland and Katsilieris hammered singles. Katsilieris scored the only Acton run on a steal at home.

Last Wednesday, Standard edged Lowville, 9-8. Katsilieris belted a two-bagger, two singles and two batters home in the victory.

Hayter, Leatherland and Steve Shamaou slugged two singles each.

Hayter batted in two runs, Leatherland brought two more runners across the plate and Emanuel Kriticoc and Fabian gave Acton the other runs.

In an earlier match on June 13, Acton

dumped Lowville 4-2. Katsilieris belted out two singles bringing one runner across the plate.

Mike Baker scored two RBIs and belted a triple while Hayter and Chris Colyn slugged singles.

### Peewees lend players

When the Acton Chicken and Pizza Spot peewees travel all the way to Limehouse to play baseball, by gosh they're going to play baseball.

So when Limehouse defaulted the Halton-Rural league game because of lack of players, Acton peewees merely lent them two of theirs and continued with an exhibition match, which they won handily 23-8.

Craig Bottomly was the big hitter going five for five with two circuit blowers.

Heath Norton also batted five for five with a homer.

Norton and Kevin Lobsinger shared hurler's job, wiffing 11 batters between them. Lobsinger was no pushover at bat either, with two hits for three.

Don Swinamer slugged three hits, Grant Smith batted two, David Huse, Jeff Kocela, Scot Nowland, Roberto Luisetto, and Rick Cripps smacked other singles.

## Ram's rally stopped short by former pro goaltender

A late game rally by the Acton Rams was stopped short by a hot Mississauga goalie in Thursday's 12-11 defeat in oldtimer lacrosse.

It's only the second time the Rams lost, but they went down fighting. The Rams were behind 9-2 at one point, scoring the nine goals late in the match.

Rams might have won it too, if Craig Weldon had connected on any of his five breakaways in the dying minutes of the match.

He hit the crossbar, the ceiling, the post and the goalie on each attempt.

Mississauga Oldtimer goalie Karl Cribbs, a former professional player, returned to the Oldtimer's net, giving Mississauga more clout.

Rams coach and mentor Howard Dwyer said both teams played well, despite the intense heat. "It must have been 95 degrees (fahrenheit) in the arena."

Scoring for the Rams were Paul Wilson, Henrie Van Oort, Brian Davey, Harry Bares and Doug Taylor, with singles.

Taylor, normally a goaltender, played out of the nets for the game because the Rams were shorthanded.

Steve Wilson, George Artem and Ron Turkosz each netted a pair of markers to round out Rams scoring.

With Taylor scoring, the only two Rams who haven't gotten a marker are goalie John DeCourcy and Weldon, who missed on the break-ways.

The Rams and Mississauga are now tied in their series with winning two games apiece, with Mississauga returning to the Community Centre Monday.

Brooklyn, the third entry and newcomer to the league, found Mississauga a pushover though, downing them 16-6 in their match. The Rams trounced Brooklyn in the only game the two played this season.

Mississauga and Brooklyn have four games scheduled, leaving the Rams with a gap in theirs. After Mississauga visits here Monday, Dwyers said he hoped to get a few junior teams pencilled in for exhibition matches.

Thursday's match was not televised, and the previous telecast, of Rams 18-7 victory over Mississauga a few weeks

ago, also won't be shown on Halton Cable. It seems they erased the tape.

The next televised game won't be for a few weeks, when the Rams returned to Mississauga.

### Home celebrate

Home Hardware celebrated their first victory of the season with a 4-0 win over Indusmin Tuesday.

Tammy Hickey, Ryan Lofthouse, David Blashuk and Dwayne

Swartz scored runs for Home.

Todd Demone smacked the only hit for Indusmin.

Home Hardware's next match is tomorrow (Thursday) against J and T Sports.

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