

Rain delays championship quest

Rain played havoc with the annual Acton Industrial ball tournament Sunday, wiping out the championship game between the B.P. Stags of Milton and Philips Publishing of Georgetown.

No one is sure when the title will be decided, because both teams are embroiled in their own league schedules. The game will be played when they find a time slot compatible to both teams.

The Stags and Philips got that far after two full days of baseball and 15 playoff and consolation games in the tourney, hosted by the Acton Roadrunners of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League (GIFL). C & P Pirates copped the consolation crown.

Competing in the tournament besides the Roadrunners, Stags, Pirates and Philips, was Acton Travel, Freedom of the Acton Industrial league, McDuffe Electrical from Milton, Color Your World and Three Phase Electric from Bramalea, Akers Clark and R/S Muffler from GIFL and the Omagh Juniors.

Roadrunners went far

The Roadrunners went the farthest of the Acton teams, all the way to the semi-finals where they lost to Milton Stags 4-0.

On the other end, Freedom travelled to the semi-finals of the consolation round only to fall to McDuffe 5-3.

The third Acton entry, Acton Travel lost two in a row to Akers Clark 9-7 in the first round and then to C & P 6-0.

The Roadrunners took care of Omagh Juniors in the first game, downing them 11-0 Saturday morning.

The game was close until the fifth inning,

when the Roadrunners jumped on Omagh with nine runs off 10 hits.

Williamson batted a double, Steve Marshall hit a single, Dave Spear batted a single, Gary Pickles slammed a triple, Chris Tennant took a base on balls, Gary Moore, Joe Deforest and Dave Black all hammered singles before Williamson rounded the bases on his second hit. Marshall finished with a double but was left on base at the end of the inning.

Deforest drove in Tennant in the second and Don Richard in the fourth for the other two runs.

Omagh batted a single, their only hit in the game in the bottom of the first.

Freedom battles heat

Game two Saturday morning saw Freedom battle R/S Muffler of Georgetown. And the heat.

R/S jumped into a three-run lead in the top of the first with Freedom scoring one hit. Dave Boycott crossed the plate after batting a single. Dan Arbic, Randy Takeda and Mike McGregor all hit singles.

R/S Muffler added three more runs with a single in the second and two in the fifth to make the score 6-1.

Three Phase Electric from Bramalea advanced to the quarterfinals after downing McDuffe 2-0.

Three Phase scored a run in the fourth and fifth to take the lead. McDuffe banged several hits in the seventh but couldn't score a run.

The B.P. Stags nipped Color Your World 4-3 in game four of the tournament, with the winning run a homer by Steve Gervais.

C & P Pirates fell to Philips Publishing 5-3 in game five. Philips took a two-run lead in the second inning. Larry Peterson knocked in a two-bagger and crossed the plate on a triple by Dan Engleby. Engleby reached home on a single by G. Williams.

In the fourth Peterson hammered a homer, knocking in Doug Anderson. Williams crossed the plate later in the inning.

C & P Pirates scored a run in the fifth and two in the sixth on a home run.

Travel over

Acton Travel went down fighting in game six to Akers-Clark. Akers-Clark had built a 5-0 lead until the top of the fourth when Acton Travel scored six runs. Glen McKenzie batted a double, Karl Killingbeck, Al Bousfield, Dave Allen, Dan Allen and Dave Piper all crossed the plate.

That gave Acton a short-lived, one-run lead until Akers-Clark tied in the bottom of the fourth.

Freedom eliminated Omagh Juniors from further competition in the first round of the consolation playoffs. They scored four runs in the first inning - Boycott, Bob Little, McGregor and Arbic crossed the plate.

Omagh had tied the game with a run in the first and fifth and two in the seventh, but Freedom clinched it when Arbic touched home in the seventh.

McDuffe tarnished Color Your World 5-4 in the second consolation game. C & P Pirates humped Acton Travel in the third match 6-0. Then Freedom met McDuffe in the second round of consolation play while the Pirates sat out a bye for having the least

amount of runs scored against them.

In the McDuffe-Freedom game, Milton took the lead with a run in the first and fifth innings, while Freedom was held to only four hits.

At the top of the sixth, McDuffe scored three more runs, but Freedom fought back with two of their own. Boycott and Ruddy Holmes crossed the plate. George Wallis touched home in the seventh for the third run.

That set up the consolation final with C & P Pirates coming out on top of McDuffe 5-1. Georgetown scored all five runs in the fifth inning to Milton's lone score in the sixth.

The Roadrunners disposed of R/S Muffler in the quarter finals of the championship round 6-4 Sunday. The game was tied 4-4 going into the top of the eighth. Roadrunners' Chris Tennant and Deforest touched home. R/S went down quickly in the bottom of the eighth on a fly and two strike-outs.

Other Roadrunners runs were scored by Tennant in the sixth, Steve Marshall and B.J. Legate in the seventh and Williamson in the fifth.

The Stags, enroute to the final, downed Three Phase 8-3, while Philips overpowered Akers Clark 8-0.

That gave Philips a bye in the semi-finals while the Roadrunners met their downfall, a 3-0 loss to the Milton.

Richards, Marshall, Mills and Moore all batted singles in the losing cause. The final game featuring Milton and Philips hardly got under way before a thunderstorm put a damper on things.



R/S Muffler runner makes it to third during the Acton Industrial ball tourney Saturday. Freedom of the Acton Industrial League lost the game to R/S Muffler 6-1. That's Dan Arbic making the catch. The Acton Roadrunners of the Georgetown Industrial league which hosted the tournament, travelled to the semi-finals where they were defeated by Milton. The final game featuring Milton Stags and Georgetown's Philips has been delayed by rain. C & P Pirates won the consolation crown.

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Dangers don't bother this girl

by Diana Waltmann

The recent and tragic death of jockey Alverino Gomez has shocked everyone remotely related to horse racing. It was almost as if the possibilities of death or injury are unheard of in the sport. But jockeys after all, wear very little in the way of protection and horses are left to their own.

"So," says 16-year-old Amanda Roxborough, "I don't really see danger." Strange thought for someone whose passion for horses has made her pursue a career as a jockey.

"I don't think about it. Just living is dangerous. Racing is as dangerous as everything else."

Roxborough had just completed a 10-week course at Humber College last week. She took jockey training at school - not your average academic curriculum. Now she's looking for employment with trainers at Woodbine Raceway in Toronto as an exerciser.

And after a year or so of that she says, maybe someone will offer her a ride. "It takes a little while of exercising before you get a good break - one that will put you up."

"Trainers are always offering a job, but it's just for grooming. I want to find one that will put me up."

It all started when Roxborough was 10-years-old. The family moved from Georgetown to Ballinacraig and Roxborough finally got what she had been asking from Santa Claus all those years - a pony, which she recently sold.

Rockwood holds regionals

The Rockwood Minor Ball Association is hosting the PWSA Juvenile regional tournament this weekend.

Teams from Rockwood, Brampton, Guelph, Glenfield, Courtright, Stratford, Riverside, Chingacousy, Barrie, Coruna and Malton are entered.

The first game features hometown Rockwood at 7 p.m. Friday.

The tournament organizers are using the Eden Mills diamond as well as the Rockwood field to accommodate all the games.

Championship games are scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

She took riding lessons at Mountainview Farms which got her into hunter shows. She did alright and decided to stick with horses for a career.

Her size is a bonus too. A towering 4 foot 11", Roxborough barely tips the scales at 99 pounds.

She read about the jockey training course in a trade paper, called Coreuthian in the spring of 1979. "I applied, was interviewed and accepted."

It is only the second time the course has run.

Roxborough said the instructors interviewed applicants about their riding experience, taking their height into consideration. Then during the 10 weeks, students take a life skills course - one that prepares them for the unstable world of jockeying and a physical education course. They learned about racing form, the backstretch

and racing as an industry. They galloped horses around the learning track at Woodbine and learned how to exercise. The final five days was a placement week. Students worked for trainers at Woodbine as they would if employed.

"It really takes a lot out of you," Roxborough says. "In physical education we lifted weights and were advised on diet. You have to be in shape. You have to keep your weight down. I don't have that problem because I don't eat much anyway."

Jockeying and horse racing is a male-dominated sport but that doesn't bother Roxborough, she says.

"It's a bit harder to get into; trainers aren't used to women jockeys. But there is a female jockey at Woodbine (Valerie Thompson), getting a lot of mounts."

And Roxborough adds, after her placement

ment week at the track, the trainer said he was pleased with her work.

Eight girls and seven boys enrolled in the course.

Roxborough has her own horse, Morning Maze, which she rode in hunter competition. "I had fun, but I prefer racing."

"Hunters are placid, but thoroughbreds are rangy. They squeal, nip rear, buck; you have to be on your toes all the time."

"They are also a lot faster." Roxborough wants to be where the action is. She said she has no plans to get in the other end of racing. "Maybe when I'm old and grey I'll train. But I'm not going to own a thoroughbred."

"Sure, it's not a secure profession. If you get hurt and you're out for awhile you have no income. Maybe you'll never ride again."

But Amanda Roxborough doesn't think about those things. Right?

Three Roadrunners are allstars

Three Acton Roadrunners have made team one of the Georgetown Industrial League allstars.

Steve Marshall, first baseman, centre fielder Chris Tennant and pitcher Joe Deforest will form the nucleus of the allstar squad.

As well shortstop B.J. Legate catcher Don Richards and Bruce MacPherson, outfielder have been named as alternates.

Team one of the allstar squad is comprised of players from teams in first, third, fifth and seventh place in league standings.

Team two is made up of players from the teams in second, fourth sixth and eighth place. The two will meet in an allstar battle Sunday.

The Roadrunners hold first place. Also on team one are five members of

Phil Publishing - Brad Edgar or second base, shortstop Bill Kirby, catcher Bob "Ike" Ingles, Doug Anderson in left field and Bob Marchand in right field.

Frank Robinson from Hornby will play third base.

Don Martin from Hornby, Bob Cunningham and Rick Cunningham of Norval, Gord Stanbridge of Philips and Robbie Freestone and Randy Coulson from Akers-Clark will be alternates.

On the replacement squad, in case someone can't play, are Al Dinsmore of Akers-Clark, Andy Trenches of Hornby and Jed Williams of Philip.

On team two - from C & S Plumbing are Art Budweiser on second base, Moe Leeking as Shortstop and from R & S Muffler are Al Moore on first base, Wally Williams in

centre field and Brent Telford in right field. Norm Topping and Bill Yakimshay from Peel Police are in the field and the catcher is Jim Parker from the Georgetown Merchants.

Ron Osborne from R/S Muffler, Gene Inglis and Tom Trevelyan from Peel Police, Paul Sargent, Bob Allison and Chuck Peavoy from the Merchants and Gary Bertasson, Don Peacock and Tim McChesney from C & S Plumbing will play as alternates.

M. Dougall of Peel Police, Arlie LeFavre of R/S Muffler and Dave Puckering of the Merchants are replacements.

Sunday's game will be played at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. An allstar team will be picked from the entire league to play the Milton allstars in an August 10th match in Milton.



Amanda Roxborough, a 16-year-old Ballinacraig girl has just completed a 10-week Jockey Training course at Humber College. Why? She wants to become a jockey. In the meantime Roxborough argues with her thoroughbred horse—Morning Maze. "Get your ears up!"

Tri County report

Transmissioners end undefeated

The Acton Transmissioners wound up their regular season Thursday with a 19-5 stomping over Maryhill.

That was the perfect ending to a perfect season. The Transmissioners have a remarkable undefeated record this season, partly due to the efforts of chuckers David Haynes and Mike Baker.

Haynes started things off Thursday with rounding the bases and knocking in Peter Cargill for the first two Acton runs.

Patty Johnston and Joe Marchment touched home in the third. Acton had big fourth and fifth innings, scoring six runs in each.

Baker, Johnston, Robbie Leopardi, Cargill, Haynes, Henderson and Marchment in the fourth and everyone but Marchment and Cargill plus a run from Sean Fitzgerald in the sixth added to the score.

Johnston, Leopardi and Haynes topped things off in the eighth to make 19-5.

In a game Thursday, July 10, Acton Transmissioners stomped over Ponsonby 15-4. They spread 15 runs over sixth innings. Haynes, Johnston, Cargill, Murray, Dave Paul, Leopoldi and Jason O'Neil all crossed the plate some several times.

Paul scored four runs, while Murray counted three. Ponsonby scored a single run in the opening frame, added two in the third and

another single in the seventh.

The Transmissioners had a little more trouble with Eramosa Tuesday July 8 in Ermoosa, having to come from behind for a 11-10 victory.

Johnston and Cargill reached home in the first, but Eramosa tied it up and went ahead in the second with a third run.

Fitzgerald evened the score in the third with a run but Eramosa came back with four runs to take the lead.

The Transmissioners had trouble until the sixth when they were finally able to score six runs. Baker, Johnston, Cargill, Paul, Haynes and Henderson crossed the plate.

That put the Transmissioners within one as Eramosa added a single run to their tally in the fifth. They came up with a big seventh inning, scoring the tying and winning runs. Jason O'Neil batted a single, followed by Johnston.

Cargill slammed a one-bagger bringing O'Neil home and Fitzgerald belted another single to drive Johnston in. Paul was sent walking, but the three were left on base. In the bottom of the seventh, Eramosa stroked a pair of singles but the Transmissioners tagged them while on base.

Ed's suffer first loss

Freelton spoiled Ed's unbeaten streak edging them by one run 12-11 Wednesday in

Freelton.

Ed's played a tight, defensive game until the bottom of the ninth, when Freelton exploded for seven runs to win the game.

Tim Shannon put Ed's in front in the first frame with a run. Gord McArthur and Bev Baker touched home in the second to make it 3-0.

Freelton replied with a run of their own in the second, but then didn't score again until the sixth.

Meanwhile Ed's counted two more runs by Tim Baker and Tim Evans in the fourth and two in the sixth by Evans and Bob Andrews. That made it 7-1.

Freelton rallied with three runs in the sixth narrowing the lead to 7-4.

Roy Spear crossed the plate in the seventh frame before Paul Campbell, Andrews and Dave Wilson touched home in the eighth for 11 runs.

But Freelton came up with seven runs in the ninth, plus a single run in the eighth to overtake Ed's.

Spear relieved Wilson midway through the ninth, but it didn't help. Ed's third chucker, Denis Kirton did not travel to Freelton.

Ed's eased the pain of their only loss of the season by whipping Eramosa Monday in Prospect Park 16-4.

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A battle for the ball during last Wednesday's Junior B soccer match at Acton High School field. The Acton Trojans (in dark shorts) won the game 7-1, over the Georgetown Meteors, extending their undefeated streak. But the Junior B team did suffer a

loss last week, when their team mascot, Lims, a border collie, collapsed after the game and died the following day. She belonged to coach Brian Saxon.