

Halton-Rural report

Olympia upends Hornby

Olympia Drive-In squirts upended Hornby 23-13 in Halton Rural girls' ball Wednesday.

Karie Gudgeon was the winning pitcher for Acton and batted several hits plus a home run in the game.

Hornby took a 5-4 lead at the end of the first inning despite Acton singles from Francie Kolosvari, Kim Hagan and Gudgeon. But the big hit came from Acton's Carrie Gallant, who smashed a circuit blower, driving in three runners.

Acton took over the lead at the second. Gudgeon and Tammy Corkum belted home runs. Gudgeon was brought in for chucking duties, walking one player and whiffing three sluggers in a row.

Kolosvari, Gallant and Chrissy Howard batted singles.

But Hornby turned the tables in the third, whiffing three Acton sluggers in a row, and scoring a single run to make it 11-6, with Olympia still in the lead. Hornby continued to fight back in the fourth, adding six runs to their score, but Olympia answered with four. Hagan and Corkum slammed singles.

Lisa Sansom, Gallant and Hagan all stroked singles in the fifth inning, as Olympia scored eight runs, most of them walks, to make the final score 23-13.

Five homers

Nellis Construction blasted Limehouse 23-3 last Monday, July 29 in Halton-Rural action at Prospect Park.

Shawn Dryden went the distance on the mound.

In the first inning, Nellis jumped into a 7-2 lead. Jamie Worthman was batted in by a three-bagger belonging to Mike Williams.

Dryden, Paul Sankey, Ron Salmon, John Katsilieris and Todd Deforest also touched home.

Steve Bury, Cory Wilson, and Majie Dewsnap scored for Limehouse.

Jeff Fuller and Dryden scored in the second while Acton kept Limehouse off the boards.

Then in the third inning, Nellis exploded slugging five home runs.

Worthman belted a single and was knocked in by Williams homer. He was followed by circuit blowers from Fuller, Dryden and Salmon, who drove in Sankey.

Worthman slugged the fifth homer, bringing in Todd Deforest who slammed a single.

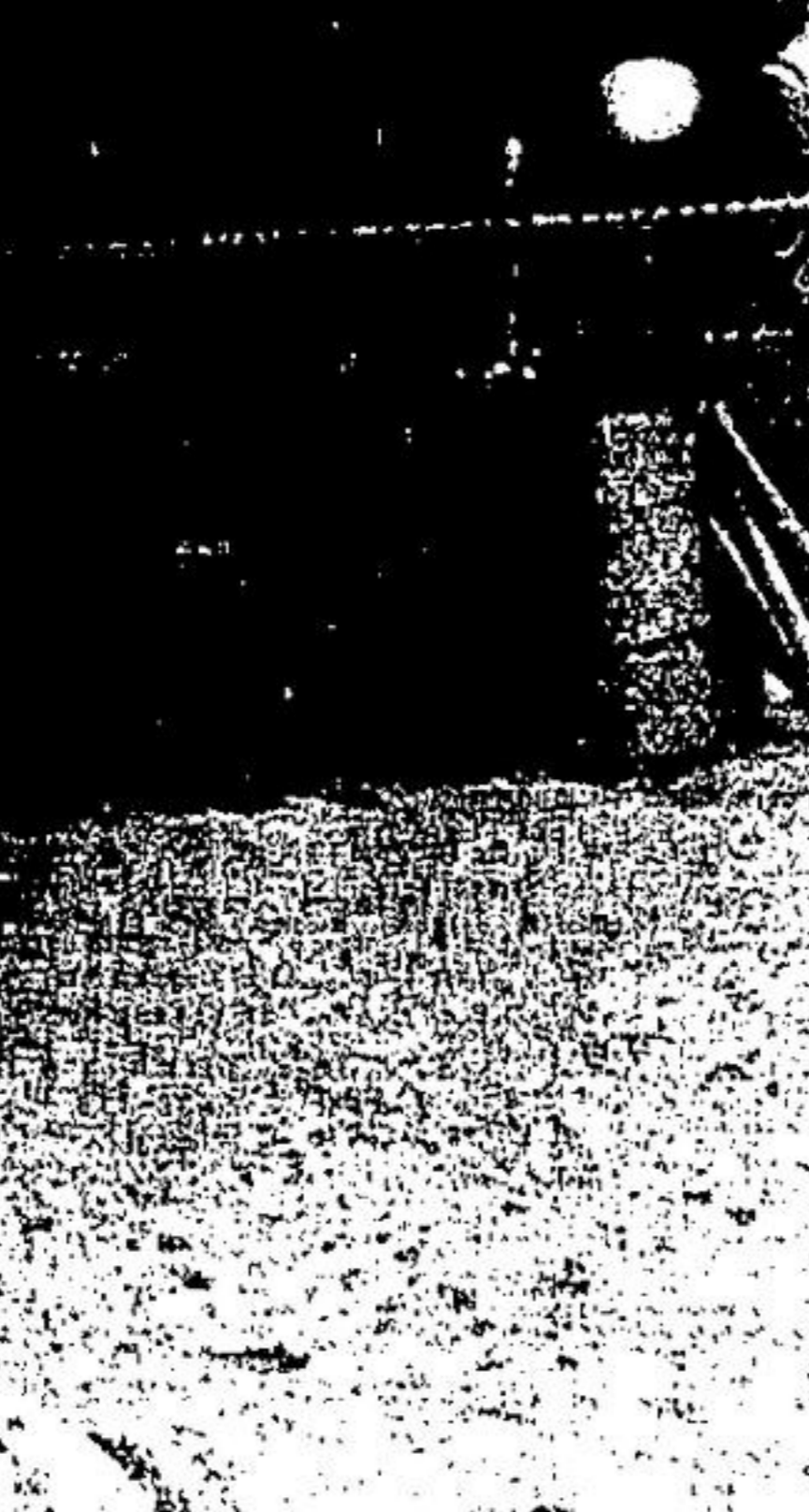
Nellis repeated their performance with seven runs in the fourth.

Williams was knocked in by a triple courtesy of Fuller. Dryden was sent walking before Sankey slammed a single, sending Fuller on his way.

Salmon slugged another single followed by a double from Deforest. Lindsay's double drove in Deforest before a single by Worthman brought him in. The inning ended with Worthman on board.

The bats weren't cracking for Limehouse though. Dryden allowed only four players to

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Terry Masales bunts during Monday's industrial league ball game. It was a losing effort though. Masales team Firestone, lost to Unisal. The win put Unisal closer to the coveted first place position.

Tri-County report

Big win puts bants third

An important victory in a four-point game put Halton Hills Furniture bantams in third place as girls' tri-county ball wound up their regular season last week.

They barely squeezed past Brookville in a 17-16 thriller Wednesday moving them from fifth to third. Earlier in the week they fell to Puslinch 10-4.

Last night (Tuesday) they started the playoffs in Prospect Park but results were unavailable by press time.

In Wednesday's match, the Acton girls were ahead 7-4 going into the fourth inning. They scored four runs in the first inning, with Susan Tufford, Kim White, Andrea Arbic and BettyLou Tufford crossing the plate. Susan Tufford, White and Arbic touched home in the second to make it 7-2 but Brookville held them scoreless in the third as they attempted to catch-up, scoring two runs.

White batted a single in the fourth, and touched home later on a single by Arbic, but the lead was narrowed again by two more Brookville runs.

Halton Hills Furniture exploded in the fifth though, creating a sizeable lead, scoring seven runs. Judy Vericek slammed a single followed by Colleen McKnight who walked. They were knocked in courtesy a triple by Nancy George. Susan Tufford batted a single, followed by singles from White, Diane Hancock, who plays on the peeewe team and Arbic. BettyLou Tufford and Anne Grien, two more peeewe members, struck out, but Vericek, slammed a single bringing Arbic across the plate, for the seventh run.

Brookville had already added a single run to their score making it 15-7.

George and White scored the final two runs for Acton. Then Halton Hills Furniture sat back and watched Brookville whittle away their lead.

Brookville scored two runs in the sixth and seven more in the seventh. The game came to an end when the bants tagged a Brookville runner on her way to second to get the third out.

In last Tuesday's contest Teresa Dunn started the game with a home run right off the top of the first inning.

White, McKnight, Dunn and Robin McClure batted hits in the second but scored no runs. Puslinch meanwhile had scored three runs by Laurie McMillen, Angie Mackie and Carla Wilkie.

Neither team scored in the third, but then Puslinch went ahead with four runs in the fourth, a single in the fifth and two in the sixth. McMillen, Mackie, Wilkie, Jenette Jones, Jayne Winer and Cheryl Brown with a homer counted the runs.

Grethen Cathrope slammed a single, the lone hit for Acton in the fourth, then McClure, Vericek and peeewe Gaynor Jenkinson belted hits in the fifth. White was on her way home after a hit, but was tagged out. McKnight was left on base after slugging a hit in the sixth.

In the seventh, Acton attempted their comeback with Dunn, McClure and Vericek reaching home. George also batted a single but was left on board as the next three batters struck out. The game ended 10-4.

Coach Ron Hagan said the team's success was largely due to Elmer Dunn and the peeewe team. Since many of the bantam team members were on vacation, Hagan had trouble fielding a squad. Without the peeewe team's assistance he added, Halton Hills Furniture bants would have folded. Instead, he said, they finished third.

Buildall tops

Mackenzie Build-all finished in top spot in bantam tri-county league with a record of 12 wins and only two losses.

They lost two games in a tournament in

Acton's Olympics

Who needs Moscow when you have the Recreation Department's mini-olympics? The "games" were held last week at Acton High School field and gymnasium, with playground groups from Acton and Georgetown participating. The events started off with the recreation department's version of ball, when each player must place balls in hoops, faster than the other team. Then it was on to the water-sports of a sort. Players had to fill a cup of water from a bucket without using their hands, and dump it into another bucket. The fullest bucket wins. Then the archery competition, where frisbee throwers attempt to get the frisbee into the net. The 100 yard dash, six times over and the long jump to wind things up were the other events.

Right, Ula Fisker is ready to run the 100 yard dash. Cheering him on are teammates, Mike McLenn, Wayne Bousefield, John Bousefield, Blair Krudwig and Leslie James, all of Acton. Below are brothers Ian and Desmond Ng of Georgetown, who enjoy a watermelon after the competition is over.



Unisal close to first . . .

Unisal has Freedom looking over their shoulders in the Acton men's industrial ball league, after their last two games.

There is only one game separating the two teams, a situation that could have been avoided if Freedom hadn't given up that four-point match Wednesday (see story below).

They received a further blow Monday night, despite squeezing past Station Hotel 9-8. Unfortunately for Freedom, Unisal also picked up two points in a 9-5 win over the Oldtimers.

The third game Monday, featuring a battle of the basement between Van's and Halton Hills Electric, was cancelled. The diamond was in use for the regular Monday night midget game.

As the standings are now, Freedom still has a slight lead on first, Unisal is right behind them, Firestone has been on a downward slide, but holding on to third, with Station Hotel in fourth.

Station's loss puts them in a precarious position too. Only four points separate them from last place. The fourth and final spot could go to Electric or even—gasp—Van's.

No one likes to blow an 8-0 lead, but Freedom heaved a sigh of relief when Station performed just that Monday night at Prospect Park.

Station scored seven runs in the second. Dennis LeFabvre, Sid Barnes, Larry King, Dave Allen, Wayne 'Hot dog' Deforest, George Carlton and Bill McCormick touched home.

Another run in the third by Deforest made it eight.

But Freedom bounced back with eight runs in the fourth. Rick McArthur, Dan Arbic, Mike McGregor, Lloyd Smallwood, George Wallis, Ruddy Holmes, Randy Takeda and Barry Buchanan reached home.

Takeda added one in the fifth to clinch the game.

The score was tied after the first complete inning in Monday's second game. Jules Russiani batted a double and Ray Graham a single enroute to Oldtimer's two runs.

Wally Ella and Rick Coe touched home for Unisal.

Unisal went ahead in the second inning, with a single run on a double by Charlie Harrison. Terry O'Brien, Bruce Cunningham and Ella each batted singles in the fourth. Singles by Ian Campbell and Coe drove them home.

That made it 6-2 at the top of the sixth, when the Oldtimers finally scored another run. Don Archibald crossed the plate on a

single by Doug Pratt.

But Unisal came back with three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Campbell belted a double, bringing home Ella. Al Bousefield smacked a triple driving home Campbell. Bousefield touched home for the third run.

The Oldtimers tried one more time, hoping to gain some ground in the standings. They went quickly in the seventh and then Terry Masales slugged a single in the eighth. Thornton was out on a fly ball, but Graham batted a single. Both touched home in the losing cause as Archibald grounded out and Pratt hit a fly. The game ended 9-5.

Sunday the Firestone Oldtimers face Van's at 4:30 p.m. Halton Hills Electric meets Freedom at 6:30. Then Station and Unisal do battle at 8:15.

The league will catch up on rained-out and postponed matches the week following the end of the schedule, August 24. The last scheduled games are August 17.

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It was probably one of the most defensive games played all season. And also the most important, as the two top teams in men's industrial league met in the Wednesday night match at Prospect Park.

Unisal won the four-point game 5-3. They scored five runs off of six hits.

Ian Campbell and Al Bousefield gave Unisal a two-run lead in the top of the first frame. Bill McGrath went walking and Roy Bosch reached first on an error in the second. A hit by Wally Ella and Campbell drove them home, making it 4-0.

Freedom rallied in the third. Ruddy Holmes belted a single, reaching base on an error. Mike McGregor batted a double, followed by a single from Rick McArthur. But McArthur was tagged on second, which gave Freedom only two runs.

They went out quickly in the third, with only Wallis reaching base, but Ken Paisley struck gold in the bottom of the fifth, as McGregor knocked him in.

Freedom was holding Unisal to scoreless innings. Terry O'Brien reached home in the third for what proved to be Unisal's final run. They only managed three hits since Randy Takeda relieved Holmes in the fourth on Freedom mound.

But Freedom couldn't drive in any runs. McGregor and Campbell were the only sluggers to get on board. The innings were short, with both teams out on fly balls. The game ended 5-3.

Tonight Van's has a shot at getting out of the cellar as they face Station Hotel at Prospect Park. Game time is 8.30 p.m.

Maryhill Saturday, July 26, a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Walton and a 5-0 shutout to Breslau.

Unless some exhibition games are pencilled in during the bants' regular Monday 6:30 time slot at Prospect Park, they will be idle until August 22 when they face Hespeler in playdowns. Time and place have not been finalized.

Ed's handed game

A few timely words by two Puslinch ball players midway through the eighth inning Thursday in Eden Mills, gave Ed's In-N-Out midgets a victory in tri-county action.

The two Puslinch players were ejected from the game and with only one substitute available they couldn't field a team.

Good thing too, since Ed's was down at that point 11-0.

Last week, as you will recall, Ed's lost their second game of the season when they forfeited to Eden Mills after a player was ejected. They were winning at the time.

Ed's had the lead earlier in Thursday's game, too, taking a 6-1 jump over Puslinch in the third. Gord McArthur, Mark Duval, Denis Kirton, Dave Wilson, Bob Andrews and Paul Campbell crossed the plate for the runs.

Two more runs by Rick Greenly and McArthur in the fourth built the lead to 8-1.

But Puslinch rallied with three runs in the fifth and six of their own in the sixth, tying the game 10-10. Greenly and Duval touched home for Ed's other two runs.

A single run by Puslinch in the seventh gave them the lead until their eighth inning mistake.

Wilson started off on the mound for Ed's with Kirton relieving him in the sixth.

Wednesday night in Brookville, Acton carried out a 17-5 conquest.

Wilson took it to the eighth inning for Ed's before Kirton replaced him.

Ed's started off slow with a single run by Greenly in the first frame.

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Mark Sawden, an AHS graduate, was voted outstanding goaltender of the annual National Soccer League's international tournament Monday. He plays for the Toronto Jets, which reached the finals of the tournament. They lost however, to another Toronto team from Downsview 2-1. Teams from Scotland, England and the United States competed in the tournament.

Youth wins best goalie in international soccer meet

Mark Sawden, 18-year-old resident of Acton and graduate of Acton High School, was chosen the outstanding goalkeeper of international youth soccer tournament Monday in Toronto.

Sawden is captain of the Toronto Jets, a soccer team in the 18-and-under division of the National Soccer League.

Monday at Lamport Stadium in Toronto, the Jets competed in the final of the annual tournament, involving teams from Scotland, England, United States and Canada; but they were defeated 2-1 by another Toronto team, Downsview.

The Jets reached the finals after scoring a 2-1 overtime win over Weston in the semis. They had an easy time in the preliminary rounds of the tournament, scoring 10 goals in three games.

They came out of the tournament with the runners-up trophy.

Sawden began his career with the Acton Soccer League, and attributes much of his skill to his first goalkeeper coach, Norman Merrin of Knox Avenue.

He was also coached by Kevin Lumbers while playing for Acton before he joined the Georgetown Reps under the tutelage of famed coach Stu Robbins.

This is his second season with the Jets. Sawden also starts university in the fall, after accepting a scholarship at McMaster's in Hamilton. But he will still be involved in sport. Sawden says his ambition is to become a doctor of sports medicine.