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Whatever happened to...

A good reporter, my journalism instructor was telling us one day in journalism school, always follows up on his stories. So being the good journalist that I am, I have decided to let you know what has happened to everyone I've reported on in my column. Let's see now, the first masterpiece was back in May. I reported on racism in the Acton Minor Hockey Association. They didn't want parents to "coach, manage, direct etc. his son or daughter..." and I asked since when does the word parent mean male? The amendment didn't go through and we have to wait and see whether any girls try out for allstar hockey. I also reported on an upcoming CAHA meeting. Well that meeting took place, and as you all know, body-checking was banned for peewee level and below. Then I mentioned Terry Metcal's chocolate brown Targa. That's a Porsche. He still has it. I haven't got one, yet. Finally I asked the Acton Figure Skating Club to stop picking on me. I can't help it if there's a lot more hockey going on in the winter, than figure skating. Well, I can beat that. I got a complaint this summer that there was too much baseball and not enough soccer in the paper. Then I got a complaint (within hours of the soccer complaint), that the headlines in Tri-County and Halton Rural reports aren't big enough. Made my day. Back to follow ups. The next column was about the tennis club's unequivocal co-operation with the recreation department. This year. Well the rec department came through with flying colors. The tennis courts, a Christmas green and red are now resurfaced and everybody lived happily ever after. June 4 and Big Ethel is released into Kelso Lake, with a \$50 cheque waiting for the first person to hook her. But it wasn't collected until 18-year-old Rob Memme of Hamilton hooked Ethel on July 29 at 10 a.m. a sunny Tuesday. He and a friend had been fishing for three hours before they caught her. My profile on Gary DeBruyn I hope brought all the good work he's done into focus. He was up for Halton Hills sports builder of the year, but lost out to Georgetown's Herb Robinson. Ray Mueller is continuing his cycling career. We had a report on his progress last week. He was eligible for the Ontario Summer Games, held in Peterborough last weekend, but only in the 16-year-old-and-under category. Mueller turned 17 this summer, disqualifying him for the Games. The last column was about fitness and Participation's Fitness: The Facts program. They finally sent me their information kit, a week too late, naturally. But I got a nice poster out of it. Oh yeah. I'm still sitting.

Trojans love New York

by Paul Nolan  
The Acton Soccer Club returned from their weekend in Lockport Sunday sporting a couple of wins and couple of crutches. They spent the weekend embroiled in six soccer games with their American counterparts. Lockport is a city of about 25,000, north east of Buffalo, New York. At approximately six in the morning, Saturday, two buses loaded with soccer players and supporters left Acton. Three teams - the bantam boys, the Foxes girl team, and the Junior B Trojans as well as 45 parents, were on them. The action started soon after the Acton club arrived, with all three teams scheduled to play. Acton bantam boys, who have been struggling in their league this year, gave a definite indication of better play to come with a well-fought out opening match, ending in a 3-3 draw. Acton goals were scored by Tom (Pop) McDonough, his brother Scott and Simon Ager who tied the game in the final minutes. The Acton Foxes traded punches with Lockport for the entire second game, but were defeated on two second-half penalty kicks. The final game of the day proved to be the most exciting of the tournament. The Junior B Trojans, undefeated in regular-league play this year, took to the field against an intimidating squad, many of whom were well into their second decade. But the Trojans took a surprising 3-0 lead on goals by Dave Entwistle, Derek Hodgson and Paul Nolan. The Americans rallied with three of their own to tie the game. With the game winding down, Acton's

Entwistle netted his second goal of the game and the Trojans held on to win 4-3. On Sunday the bantams continued the hard-fought battle, with Acton dropping the game 4-3. The lost it off a late free kick. George Gidman picked up two goals for Acton with Ager booting home a penalty kick. The Acton Foxes out for revenge, played a tough game and had the contest within their grasp throughout the match. They tied it 2-2 after Laurie Biffis scored two goals. The Trojans, in the final match of the weekend, emerged unbeaten trouncing Lockport 3-0. Greg Maltby scored a pair of goals with Hoggson netting the third. The excellent play of the tournament was enhanced by the officiating of Acton's Alex Himeshazi, Collin Ager and Richard Kilpatrick. According to coaches Carole Saxon, John Wright, Cyril Nibbs and Brian Saxon, the exhibition games were an undeniable success. Funds for the expenses were raised by a recent garage and bake sale along with an extra \$180 donated by the Acton Soccer Club Executive. Halton Hills crests from councillor Ed Wood, pennants and team posters from the Toronto Blizzard as well as leather key cases from Beardmore were presented to the Lockport players. The trip was organized by all coaches and their wives. The Lockport club plans to travel to Acton for a return engagement sometime this fall. Ed. note: Paul Nolan is an Acton High School student and plays on both the Trojans and the bantam squads.



Safe or out? An unidentified Acton Restaurant/Chicken and Pizza Spot tournament team player tags an Elmira runner at third during the OASA playoff game last week at Prospect Park. The Acton team, made up of both Tri-County and Halton-Rural squads, won the game 9-8, coming back from a 5-0 deficit. The series is even now, one game apiece. The final game goes next Wednesday, September 3.

Tri-County report

Peewees tie series

The Acton Restaurant/Chicken-Pizza Spot peewee boys did it the hard way last Wednesday, August 20 at Prospect Park, when they overcame a 5-0 deficit after four innings of play, to down Elmira 9-8. The victory even's the series one game apiece, since they lost the first game 5-4 in Elmira. The peewee coaching staff of Ray Nowlan and Doug Lobsinger and the manager of the OASA entry Steve Ormsby, all agreed it was a team effort that led to the victory. Acton's runs were all scored in the last three innings as Heath Norton, Ted Morrisette, Mike Ormsby and Kevin Lobsinger crossed the plate twice. Jeff White had a single. Acton Restaurant/Chicken and Pizza Spot went to the bench on two different occasions, juggled the pitching duo of Norton, the eventual winner and Lobsinger, Ormsby and Raine were given a boost as White, Morrisette, Spencer Smith, Gord Mitchell and Chris Cooney reached base pads throughout the game. The winning run in the seventh inning came after Acton loaded the bases. Cooney drew the walk and Morrisette scored. Norton pitched well for six innings, holding Elmira to five runs. In the seventh, Lobsinger stepped in attempting to save the win for Norton. But Elmira came out swinging and had the game tied quickly. Norton returned to chucking duties, but got into trouble, walking the first two batters he faced. Lobsinger was called in again and stalled Elmira's drive by striking out one slugger while others grounded out and hit fly out. The series continues next week with the

final and deciding game Wednesday, Sept. 3, in Elmira. Acton Restaurant/Chicken and Pizza Spot peewees will be all out for this match, since the winner of the series will represent zone one in an OASA Tournament. That tournament is scheduled for the weekend of September 13 and 14, in Simcoe, Ontario. Ed's face Brookville Ed's In-N-Out Midgets return to tri-county playoffs tonight (Wednesday), after facing Ingersoll in the second round of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) playdowns. Ed's split the first two games with Ingersoll, a 14-11 victory for Acton on Thursday and a 9-8 defeat Monday night at Prospect Park. The final game was played last night (Tuesday) with results unavailable. In Monday's game, Denis Kirton started out on the mound for Acton, with Dave Wilson stepping in during the fifth inning. Ed's jumped into the lead scoring three runs in the first, second and third frames. Gord McArthur, Roy Spear and Kirton crossed the plate for the runs. Ingersoll came back with a run in the third. They took over the lead in the sixth, scoring two runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings each. Ed's meanwhile had added a pair of runs in the fourth by Rick Greenly and Paul Campbell and a single in the fifth by Mark Duval, making it 7-6 for Ingersoll. Duval touched home again in the seventh, with the final run coming from Tim Baker in the eighth. But Ingersoll clinched the game with a

couple of runs in the seventh and eighth. In Thursday's game, the story was reversed with Ingersoll taking a short-lived 6-3 lead by the bottom of the fifth. Kirton and Spear scored Acton's three runs between them. Ingersoll started losing ground when they failed to score in the sixth inning, while Tim Evans did. Then in the seventh, Ed's exploded in their usual style, scoring five runs and overtaking Ingersoll 9-7. Greenly, Kirton, Wilson, Tom Shannon and Evans all touched home. Ingersoll rallied in the eighth, scoring three runs momentarily taking the lead. But Ed's had the game all sewn up with five more runs in the ninth, making it a 14-11 finale. Greenly with his second run, Duval, Kirton with his third Spear with his third and Tim Baker tallied for Ed's. Wilson began the game on the mound with Kirton relieving him in the sixth. Tonight, back in tri-county action, Ed's meet Brookville. Eramosa ousts bants McKenzie-Buldall bantam boys suffered a serious setback last week, after being eliminated from the playoffs by Eramosa. They still get to play however, in the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) playdowns thanks to a 16-2 victory over Hespeler Thursday. First the bad news. McKenzie-Buldall won the first game of the series with a 6-3 score Friday in Rockwood, but Eramosa came back Saturday night with a 10-4 victory. In Friday's game, Acton took a three-run lead, with Paul Cargill, Ted Lindsay and Bruce Canary reaching home. Rick Dodds belted a homer in the top of the third, knocking in Paul Cargill and Brian Canary. Eramosa replied with a single run by Ian Duffield in the bottom of the third. But chucker Bruce Canary held Eramosa. They scored two more runs on only seven hits during the remaining four innings. Troy Prentice touched home after banging a single in the fourth and Alex Weir crossed the plate after taking his base. Other hits came from Drew Wheeler, Duffield, Randy Coverdale and Dave McKnight. Acton didn't score in the final four innings either, with Duffield allowing only two hits, a single by Canary in the fifth and a double by Gary White in the seventh. Eramosa commanded most of Saturday's game. They took a 3-0 lead by the bottom of the first. McKnight and Coverdale were driven in by a homer from Troy Prentice, before Wheeler made it four after belting a single. Coverdale's run in the second added to the total. Acton came back with White and Chris Lobsinger scoring in the third. Cargill touched home after batting a double in the fourth to make it 5-3 midway through the game. But Eramosa slipped away from McKenzie-Buldall scoring a run in the fourth, another in the fifth and three in the sixth. Wheeler rounded the bases in the fourth, Coverdale, Prentice and Lush scored the other runs. The bantam's final run came in the fifth when White batted a triple. A single by Brian Canary drove him in. The bantams ran away with Thursday's OASA match in Hespeler. A four-bagger by Dodds started things off in the second inning, knocking in Bruce Shannon. Lindsay and Bruce Canary also reached home batting a double and a single. Hespeler suffered a further setback when Acton burst with six runs in the fourth. White, Brian Canary, Cargill, Lindsay, Bruce Canary and Lobsinger all touched home. Hespeler finally got on the scoreboard with two runs in the fifth, but Acton only replied with six more runs in the sixth inning. The Canaries, Cargill, Shannon, Rhys Gibb and Chris Hicks all reached home before Shannon was tagged out at first. McKenzie-Buldall bantams' next game in OASA series is this week at Prospect Park.

Van's at the bat

by Diana Waltmann  
The clock ticked rhythmically. Game time was getting closer. Members of the Van's Welding ball club were going through their pre-game routine, tossing the ball back and forth, back and forth. Team captain Robln Inscow looked around him. The team looked loose, he thought. Good. They had a job to do, and do it well. Objective: get the !&1X?X out of last place and contrary to all reports, make the playoffs. Inscow spotted the dreaded enemy on the other side of the diamond at Prospect Park. Station Hotel (the team, not the establishment), which holds the coveted position for which Van's was drooling - fourth place—the final playoff spot—the last frontier. Sure, sure Freedom had tied up first place a long time ago. And Unisal jumped into second leaving Firestone Oldfolks in third. So what? Fourth is where it's at. Lonely Sure, sure. Van's wasn't alone in last place. They are tied with Halton Hills Electric, 12 points apiece. But it's lonely at the bottom. Then, it's time. The umpire called "play ball". Inscow hitched up his pants, straightened his cap and took his place at first base. So do the rest of the team. Dennis LeFavre is up to plate first and stares into the steel eyes of chucker Dennis Kirton. Kirton sent him walking. Dave Allen was the next victim. Whack! He batted a single. Whack! Mike Miller hit a single before Jamie Morris grounded out. Larry King met the same fate, but wait. Whoosh! LeFavre crossed the plate. Whoosh again! Allen touched home. Kirton sacked the next runner and it's Van's turn to bat, down 2-0. But Van's Welding has been in tighter spots before. And they'll be in more before this game is through. Shortstop Gary Pickles picked up the bat

and slowly, stealthily walked to home plate. He glanced out at the field, calculated where he was going to put the first hit. He walked. Ground out Karl Killingbeck was next. "Come on! Karl. Yeahhhhh Karl," yells the crowd. He grounded out. Kirton took his stance, swing and crack! He batted a single. But while teammate Dave Mills was busy swinging at strikes, Kirton was lagged trying to steal third. Crime doesn't pay, for Kirton at least, but Pickles did reach home. Mills is out. Inscow reached first but Dave Piehl is batting mosquitos back at home. End of the first inning with a 2-1 score. Shadows fell over the park. It was getting dark, but Van's didn't notice. Already the top of the sixth, and they were still down 5-3. Alright, so there was Killingbeck's memorable run in the third, and Kirton made it to third on stolen bases but was left on board after Mills and Piehl grounded out. And then in the fourth Bill Britton hammered a single and later reached home after a double by Dave Piper. That tied the game 3-3 after LeFavre belted a homer in the third. Station Ahead But didn't Station go ahead in the fifth with two more runs by Allen and King? "Come on guys. Let's hold them. Let's keep them off the board," yelled Van's as they took to the field in the sixth. But LeFavre stepped up to bat again and was sent walking. Allen slammed a double while Miller took his base. This brought LeFavre round to home for the sixth run. Van's was up and down in the sixth with only one single by Britton. They were still down by three, but they held Station in the seventh, with a couple of fly outs. Then Van's stepped up to bat in the seventh, ready to make their move. Killingbeck. (Continued on B7)

Freedom takes final Playoffs start tonight

The Oldtimers and Unisal take to the lighted diamond in the first round of Acton Industrial Fastball playoff action tonight. The series starts at 8:15. On Monday afternoon the Oldtimers and Unisal continue with their best of three game bout and the other semi-final contest, Freedom against Station Hotel gets underway. In the final game of regular season play first place Freedom shaded second finishers Unisal Construction 7-4 Sunday. Last Wednesday Freedom finished off celder dwellers Halton Hills Electric 8-3. Freedom jumped into a 4-1 lead early during Sunday's encounter with Unisal and never had to look back. Dave Boycott, Lloyd Smallwood, Dan Arbie and Randy Takeda each scored runs in the third frame. Arbie's was one of his three—including a homer—during the game. Boycott tallied for a single run in the fourth. In spite of the loan to Unisal of Smallwood from Freedom, in the fifth frame, Unisal failed to muster much offence. Just three

hits. Right fielder Bill McGrath parried a walk into a walk home in the second inning. Rick Coe and Smallwood managed to earn trips home for Unisal in the fifth and Ken Pilgrim stole home on an error to the third bagger. Al Campbell and Takeda shared the mound for Freedom while Pilgrim took the loss. Wednesday's action saw Freedom explode for six runs in the fifth inning. Doug Ford, Lloyd Smallwood, Dave Boycott, Bob Little, Al Hall, and Ken Paisley each inked runs for Freedom. Paisley and Rick McArthur brought home the bacon in earlier innings. Halton Hills Electric left 14 men on base during the encounter. Short stop Steve Townsley was the first Electrician to touch home plate. Ken Hurren and Ted Hagan finished off the scoring in the eighth frame. There is a 12-team tournament in the works for the weekend of September 27-28. The league's banquet is slated for October 4.

Halton-Rural report

Nellis upset in final

Nellis Construction atom boys fell behind in their best two of three championship series Thursday when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Glen Williams in Halton Rural action. Shawn Dryden took the loss for Acton, despite his excellent chugging efforts. Winning pitcher for Glen Williams was Charlie Hancock. Jeff Fuller scored the first run of the game in the opening frame belting a home run for Nellis, while on the mound Dryden kept the Glen off the scoreboard. Darryl Sproule struck out, Paul Glass grounded out and Jamie Lowrie was caught on the fly ball. It was the same story for Nellis in the second inning as Jamie Worthman fanned, Chris Lindsay grounded out and Danny McLean struck out. Glen also failed to score

in their half of the second, but Hancock did bat a single while Kyle Wheeler reached base on a ball. John Katsilleris was sent walking in the third frame and reached third with stolen bases, but he was left on board after Hancock fanned Jason Campbell and Paul Sankey. A single hit by Dryden in the fourth still wasn't enough and by the end of the fifth, Acton failed to score again. Glen Williams did get on the scoreboard however with two runs in the fifth inning. Glen Dean batted a single and was knocked in by a homer from Greg McEachern. The game ended 2-1. Nellis Construction was downed last night (Tuesday) by Glen Williams. The Glen picked up the OASA trophy as zone champions.



Can winter be far behind? The Acton Sabres junior B hockey team has started their dry land training, getting in shape for the upcoming 1980-81 season. Push-ups at Prospect Park last Wednesday is part of the training program. The Sabres are getting in gear for what coach Jules Russiani has predicted a fourth-place finish.