

Bats sizzling at opener Metros, Roadrunners win

The sun came out just long enough over the weekend to brighten up the Industrial Fastball Association's season opener at Prospect Park.

Halton Hills Metros, a new entry this year, wearing uniforms similar to the Houston Astros (for inspirational purposes, no doubt), triumphed over the Bears in the first game 8-2.

Unisal returned to the league to spend their old opponents Halton Hills Electric 4-3, while Fread Construction douthed Desmond's Tack Shop 8-4.

But it looks as though Gordon B. Dawe Roadrunners will be the team to beat this year. They blasted the Firestone Oldtimers 9-1 in the third game Sunday.

Last year the Roadrunners, competing in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball league captured the league title, but failed in their bid for the playoff championship.

Metros scored three of their runs in the first inning of the first game. A three-base hit by Dick Spear sent Karl Killingbeck and Dan Engley across the plate.

Spear followed on a single by Charlie Payne.

Payne, Spear, Gary Pickles and Butch Jennings scored at the top of the third. Tim Evans rounded out the scoring in the fifth.

Both of the Bears' runs came in the bottom of the first. A three-base hit by

Sparky Copeland sent Mike Pethoff and Bill Britton scurrying across the plate.

Unisal jumped into a three-run lead in the first two frames, before Halton Hills Electric bounced back with three in the top of the fourth.

A two-bagger by Ian Campbell sent Denis Kirton and Al Bousfield home but Glen McKenzie and Campbell were left on board at the end of the inning.

Roy Hugh was sent walking in the second inning and reached home on singles by Rick Coe and Wally Ella.

Halton Hills Electric fought back, scoring three big runs in the fourth inning to tie the game, on runs from Brian Canary, Scott Sommerville and Lyle Prueter.

But Unisal captured the win when Willi Geeland was sent walking in the bottom of the fourth and eventually crossed the plate on Kirton's single.

Two runs by Rick McArthur, one of them a homer, paced Fread to their 8-4 win over Desmond's Tack Shop.

Desmond was leading 4-2 until the fifth, when McArthur went into gear.

Gus Holmes scored the first Fread run, sent across the plate by a double from McArthur in the third. Jack Foot was sent across home in the fourth by singles from Greg Wallis and Ron Davis, who walked after being hit by a wandering pitch.

A four-bagger by Brian Farrell sent Mike McGregor and McArthur cross the plate. Davis hit the second homer knocking in Wallis. That made it 7-4 at the top of the sixth, when McArthur slugged his homer for the final run.

Jonson crossed the plate on singles from Bill Fabian and McNabb in the first. George Garton and Jonson reached home in the third. Desmond's fourth run came from Kevin Archibald in the fourth.

Firestone's beating came to an end midway through the fifth inning when the mercy rule was put in effect. At that point Roadrunners were up 9-1 on runs from Mike Coffey, Bruce MacPherson, Terry Holmes, Lee Marchmont, Don Richards, and two each from Dave Black and Gary Moore.

Don Archibald scored the lone Firestone run.

Next league game is tonight (Wednesday) 8.30 p.m. at Prospect Park. The Oldtimers meet Fread Construction. Tomorrow (Thursday), 8.30 p.m. at the Park, the Metros square off against Halton Hills Furniture.

Saturday at 7 p.m. the Roadrunners meet the Bears and Sunday's lineup has Roadrunners against Desmond at 2 p.m., Bears facing Unisal at 4 p.m., Electric and Metros at 6 p.m., and Oldtimers and Furniture at 8 p.m.



He's safe. Lyle Prueter of Halton Hills Electric scored a run in the Industrial league season opener Sunday at Prospect Park. Despite

Prueter's efforts, Unisal won their game. Metros, Roadrunners and Fread Construction were also victorious.

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Second Section

Annual Club awards

Sabres, fans, honor their own



Glenn Murray, one of the Acton Sabres most popular players of all time, is leaving the Club. They not only honored him with two awards, but gave him his sweater (no. 21) to boot. He won both the William (Bill) Campbell Memorial Trophy for leading scorer, presented by Carol Campbell and the Molson Golden, three-star trophy as most valuable player, presented by coach Jules Russiani.

Acton fans were given a chance to say thanks to the junior B Sabres Friday night, as they held their annual awards night and dance at the Legion.

The event was open to the public and many showed to see Sabre executive single out nine players for trophies.

President Frank Allsop started the evening off with a recap of the season's events. He said, "We are proud of every player on the team and the dedication of our members," and added, "We scared the hell out of Burlington Cougars in the playoffs."

WON TWICE

Carol Campbell, wife of the late Bill Campbell, presented Glenn Murray with the William (Bill) Campbell Memorial trophy as the Sabres top scorer, for the second year in a row. Murray not only was the first recipient of the trophy last year, but was one of the top scorers in the league both years as well.

Because "11 teams can't be wrong," said Allsop, the club's MVP trophy went to Barry Trood, who also picked up the league's Most Improved player award. Allsop added Trood's leadership qualities were an asset to the Sabres. Ray Graham presented him with the award.

June Gerth, a former member of the Sabre executive and the first lady to attend an Ontario Hockey Association meeting, was on hand to present Pat Fung, captain of the Sabres, with the Lady Gerth trophy for sportsmanship.

GOOD ATTITUDE

Allsop said Fung has always shown a good mental attitude combined with skill and good sportsmanship. It's the second year in a row Fung won the award. He also won the league trophy for most gen-

uemanly player.

Allsop called upon Sabre life director Harold Townsley to award the Basil (Fuzzy) Mellon trophy for the best graduate of the Acton Minor Hockey Association system. This year the award went to Mark Duval, who stood out on Sabre defence and captured a spot on the league's allstar team.

Allsop said Duval will probably go a "long way" in hockey and the Sabres wished him good luck in a major A uniform.

TOUGH DECISION

Sabre executive had a tough time making a decision on the President's Cup, awarded annually to the best defenceman on the team, but said Allsop, decided on a tie. Son Bob Allsop and Denis Charbonneau shared the honors, presented by Allsop. Of his son Allsop said Bob "is a true gentleman in a hockey uniform, a hardworker who considers others before himself and possessor of a deadly shot from the point", while Charbonneau "is small in stature and big in heart with a huge desire to win". It was Bob's last year, but Charbonneau will be back and said the president, "and we look forward to it."

The McPhail-Marshall trophy for rookie of the year was awarded to a player, said Allsop, who "has done so much for the Sabres, it's sufficient to say he made us winner."

"He is rookie of the year, but from the start, played like a veteran."

Bill Dawkins presented goaltender Wayne McDougall with the trophy.

Steve Miller, another player who is leaving the Sabres, received the James Gordon trophy as best team player. Allsop said he is known as Crazy Legs to his teammates and Mr. Hustle to his coach and is also one of the best penalty killers in the league. Jim Gordon presented him with the trophy.

NEW MVP TROPHY

A new trophy, the Molson Golden three-star trophy for most valuable player was given to Murray. Coach Jules Russiani made the presentation, along with a glowing tribute to Murray, who is also leaving the Sabres.

Russiani said Murray has "a lot of ability and proved to the Junior B league and Acton just what his capabilities are."

Russiani added Murray had donated a lot behind the scenes, bringing up younger players. "He contributed to the team, to himself, to the coach and to the community. There was never a more deserving applicant."

Murray was also voted to the league allstar team and named the league's most valuable player.

HONORABLE MENTION

Russiani handed an honorable mention to goaltender Steve Kruk, who is leaving the team.

Before the dance resumed, players who are leaving the team were presented with their sweaters, while Sabres honored their coach Russiani with a gift.

Russiani will be returning, but Murray, Fung, Trood, Allsop, Miller, Kruk, Art Currie and Roy Dollman are over-aged.

Then for one last time, the 1980-81 Sabres, the first Sabres team to make it into the junior B playoffs and pose a threat to the top teams in the league, got together for their familiar pre-game chant: Sabres on the warpath.



Ray Graham presents Barry Trood with the most Improved player trophy. "Eleven teams can't be wrong."



Mark Duval won the award for best Acton Minor Hockey Association graduate. Harold Townsley presents the award.



Sabre executive couldn't make up their minds, so they awarded both Bob Allsop and Denis Charbonneau with the President's Cup, given to the best defenceman on the Sabres. Proud father and president Frank Allsop presents his son and Charbonneau with the honors.



The Bill Fisher trophy for "attitude, sportsmanship and ability" was awarded to Dave McGilloway. Sonny Townsley presents the award.



June Gerth presents Sabre Captain Pat Fung with the Lady Gerth trophy for best sportsmanship for the second year in a row.

Gidman tracks down two silvers

George Gidman kicked off the 1981 high school track and field season capturing a silver medal in the London meet last week. Gidman of AHS placed sixth overall out of 55 competitors in the 800 metre run with a time of 2:08.

Medals are awarded on placement in a heat. There were three for the 800 with Gidman running second in one.

Gidman was the highest finisher on the AHS team. But Clifford Nibbs, Tom McDonough, Mike Mooney and Les Dobisz all received bronze in the boys 100 metre, while Nibbs, Gord Marsh, Mooney, Dobisz took bronze in the 200 metre.

Gidman scored his second silver in the 200 metre event.

Norman Bourassa and Donald Weaver tied in sixth place in the pole vaulting. Other competitors were Karen McLean, Mike Soper, Kay Dues and Rick Dodds in the 1,500 metres.

There were more than 1,000 competitors at the meet, but not all track and field events were held, so some members of the AHS track team stayed home.

Today (Wednesday) three relay teams will compete in the Rebel Relays at Sheridan College in Oakville. Saturday coach

Lyn McLaren is taking a highly competitive team (those who qualified for OFSAA last year), to the Corneliouss meet in Hamilton.

The preliminaries of the Halton championships is next week, May 7 at Nelson High School in Burlington while the finals will be held May 12 at Etobicoke Olympia.



Four members of the championship team Family Cleaners were awarded their trophies Friday at the Industrial Men's Hockey League banquet. Left to right: Kent Kentner, Wayne Allen, Dave Morris and Chris Tennant. Ray Dunbar who received top goaltender trophy and Bruce MacPherson who won the most sportsman like trophy were not present to accept their awards. Henry Toebes was, however. Turn inside for photo.

Rugger Friday

Rugger season is starting Friday at AHS. For the first time in the school's history, AHS is entering a team in the Halton secondary school rugger league.

The team has played an exhibition game yesterday (Tuesday), with results unavailable at press time.

Other AHS sports news has the Athletic Society planning their annual awards night and banquet Thursday, May 28, at the Legion.