



Acton Industries' Sean Fitzgerald gets tagged out at second base by a Hornby player in Halton Rural peewee baseball Monday night. Hornby beat Acton 11-6.

Halton-Rural report

Peewees geared for second place

Family Restaurant peewee girls captured an edge in the battle for second place in Halton Rural ball league, with a 27-24 victory over Lowville last Tuesday, July 7.

With only three games left in the regular schedule the peewees are battling it out with Lowville and Limehouse for second place.

Hornby is solid in first.

Tuesday's was especially gratifying for the Restaurant peewees, after losing to Lowville earlier this season 21-4, showing significant team improvement, despite fielding eight squirt-age players.

Kim Hagan was the hero of the game. With two out in the bottom of a tied seventh inning, and runners on second and third, Hagan belted a homer to deep centre field.

She also batted four singles earlier in the game.

Karie Gudgeon was on the mound for the win with 12 strikeouts. At bat she had two singles a double and a triple.

Margie Parker batted a double and a single and had three walks, while Tammy Corkum slammed two singles, a double and two walks. Marcia Parker hit a double and Pam de Montmorency, Susanne Mellon and Bonnie Watson batted a single each.

Carolyn Laver stroked a pair of singles while Carrie Gallant hit four one-baggers.

Tracey Wrigglesworth, Shannon Johnston and Mellon were sent walking.

Harrison belts homers

Acton Optimists split their Halton Rural minor ball games last week, blasting Hornby 21-13 Wednesday in Acton but falling to Limehouse Friday 17-12.

Jason Campbell was the starting pitcher in Wednesday's game, with Shawn Dryden taking over midway through the second inning to share the win.

David Harrison belted a three-run four bagger in the third inning. Paul Sankey banged off a single and a double.

Scoring runs were Chad Neil, Mike Brouwer, Chris Griggs, Charles Vanitem, Campbell, Chris Lindsay, Mike Arnott and Dryden.

Metros sole owner of first

Halton Hills Metros moved into sole possession of first place in industrial baseball with a 3-2 win over Gordon B. Dawe Roadrunners.

The game was scoreless right up until the top of the sixth inning. Runs by Charlie Payne, Dave Mills and Gary Pickles put Metros in the lead.

Roadrunners closed the gap with a pair of runs from Chris Tennant and Don Richards in the bottom of the frame but still couldn't catch Metros.

Joe DeForest was credited with the win, the loss was the first of this season for the Roadrunners' Keith McKinnon.

Metros jumped one game ahead of Roadrunners with the win. Metro's own 13-3 record but have a game in hand.

In other industrial action Metros humiliated Bears with a 13-0 win.

Metros were fired up from the start of the game. In the first inning and the Halton Hills club went through the batting order one and a half times, with Pickles, DeForest, Dick Spear, Dan Engley, Robin Incoe, Butch Jennings and Floyd Hillier all scoring.

Metros blasted three more runs in the second inning as Pickles, Incoe and Jennings all scored.

Bears shut-out Metros in the third frame, but weren't as fortunate in the fourth. Metros tallied three more runs, with Pickles peppering a triple and DeForest and Engley both scoring.

The mercy rule stopped the game after the end of the fourth inning.

Harrison repeated his performance in Friday's game, driving in Dryden and Arnott in the fourth inning, but Acton was already behind 10-5. Dryden, Arnott, Sankey and Harrison batted singles while Brower slugged a two-bagger in the game.

Limehouse took the lead in the third inning scoring seven runs, including two circuit blowers by

Soccer report

Caissie leads Lions

Lincoln Caissie booted three goals to lead the Lions to a 3-1 victory over Eramosa in squirt house league soccer action last week.

Playing an excellent game for the Lions beside Caissie, were Jason Dipesid and Kyle Thompson. Scoring for Eramosa was Michael Mazorka.

Bats crack for Trouble

Double Trouble continues to dominate the Acton Ladies' fastball league. They dumped the Marauders 20-4 and 11-2 in back-to-back games recently.

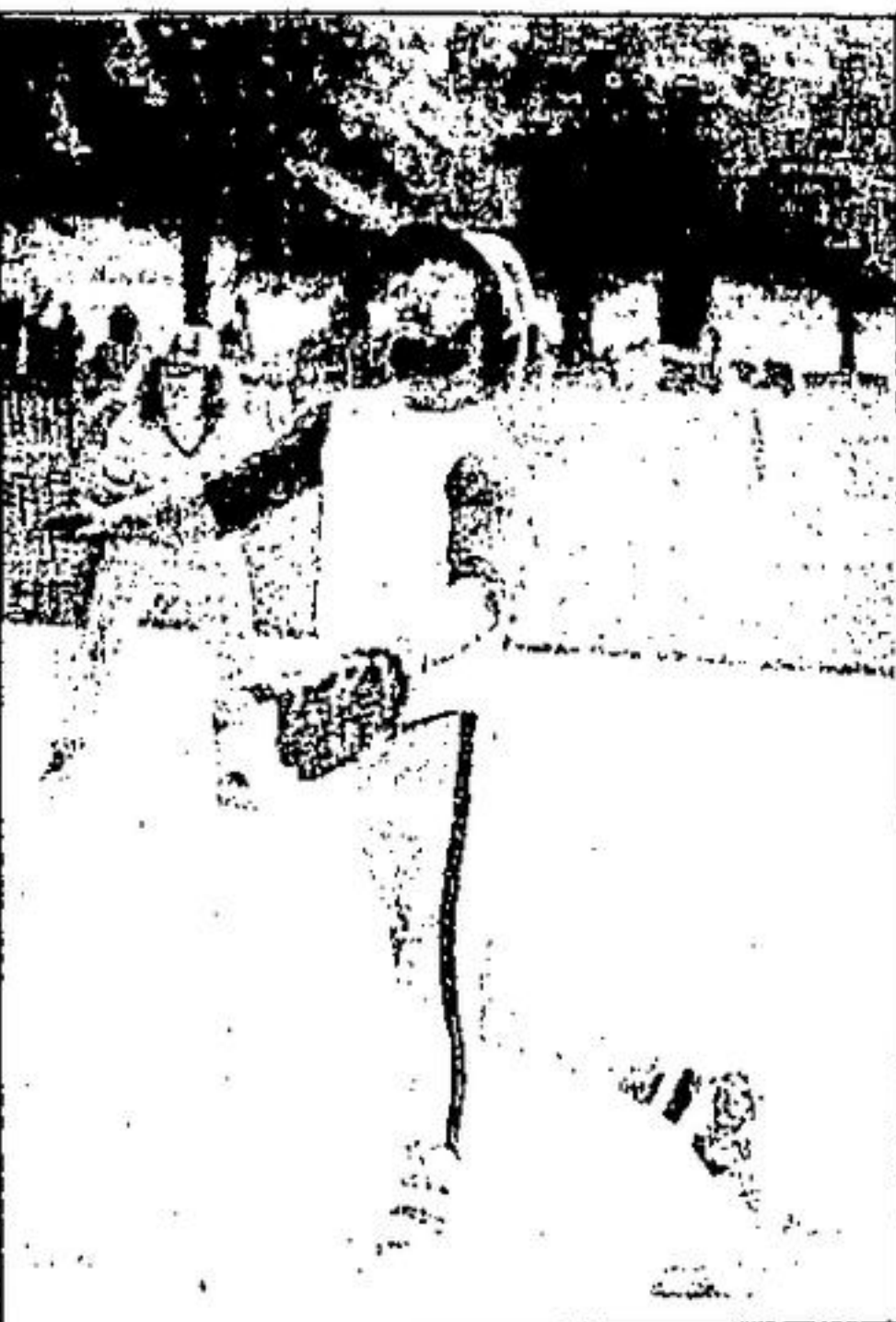
Bats were cracking for Double Trouble in their 11-4 win. Kathy McClure, Bonnie Hachey, Jo-Ann Miller, Kathy Newman, Doris Toebes, Janet McCutcheon, Judy Pink, Shelley Young and Ann Irwin all crossed the plates for the run.

Young and Toebes each slammed doubles.

Karen Smith batted a homer, one of her three runs for the Marauders. Wendy Ryan slammed a triple for the fourth.

Miller tapped a four-bagger in Double Trouble's 11-2 victory over the Marauders. Toebes, Irwin and Jo-Ann Berry crossed the plate in the third. Toebes, Kim Break and Irwin touched home in the fourth. Toebes again in the sixth while Hachey, Young and Newman scored in the seventh.

Sharon Hamilton and Ryan touched home for Marauders.



Chris Tennant of the Dawe Real Estate Roadrunners on the mound in industrial ball action Sunday.

Tri County report

Bants capture tourney title as defence has a field day

Some strong fielding led the Mackenzie-Buildall bantams to the championship of the Glen Williams tournament on the weekend.

Mackenzie-Buildall shutout two opponents and allowed only one run in the third match to win the championship.

They nipped Bramalea in the first game 1-0, thanks to a home run by Paul Cargill. Acton's Thompson Fuels of the Halton Rural League suffered a 5-0 loss at their hands in the second game before Buildall dropped their hosts Glen Williams 6-1 to win the championship.

Spencer Smith, Kevin Lobsinger and Brad Demone were stalwart in the fields. Peter Cargill was strong on first base while Paul Cargill was steady behind the bats.

Bruce Canary picked up the win on the mounds.

The tournament title capped off the bantams regular league schedule, which wound up Monday night with a 7-2 victory over Eramosa Red. Canary was on the mounds again, whiffing nine batters. Chris Cooney also played a good defensive game.

Paul Cargill belted a home run, bringing in Bruce Raine for the first two runs. Jeff White bunted the ball driving in Rhye Gibb, before crossing the plate himself. Steve Raine, Canary, and Paul Cargill scored the other runs.

Atom slugger strikes fear

When Paula de Montmorency steps up to bat, hearts in the pitchers of tri county atom girls start to flutter.

de Montmorency is the power house behind Tyler's Teddit's continued success in the league.

Tuesday she had Limehouse quivering in their cleats as Tyler's bombarded them 26-3, with de Montmorency banging no less than four home runs.

Not satisfied with her efforts, de Montmorency proceeded to slug another four home runs the following night as Tyler's demoralized Eramosa 19-8.

However, de Montmorency's victories were not singlehanded. Angela Dunn whipped three homers Tuesday in Limehouse while chucker Melissa Fabian slugged one four-bagger.

Fabian was pitching her first game of the season, allowing only one hit while on the mound.

Wednesday Sherry McFadden and Kelly Koellner duplicated de Montmorency's feat with four home runs, each, to call their own.

Fabian suffered an injury in between games and will be out for the season. She is recovering from a broken arm sustained in a skate boarding accident.

Rockwood drops peewees

Acton Restaurant tri-county peewees dropped a 6-2 decision to Rockwood last Wednesday night at Prospect Park, despite some alert infielding by Acton.

The score was not an indication of the play, with the peewees up against a strong Rockwood team.

Local runs were scored by Brad Demone in the third inning and Jeff White in the seventh.

Acton's strong infielding kept Rockwood off the scoreboard for the first three innings. Then Rockwood scored a single in the fourth and three in the fifth. They added two in the sixth for insurance.

Peewees played again Monday night at Prospect Park.

Transmissioners punchy

Lack of scoring punch lost the Acton Transmissioners a tournament title in Stratford recently.

Transmissioners were tied with Galt and Simcoe in first place after three tournament games, but lost on run difference, Saturday, July 4.

The Transmissioners defeated Simcoe 10-9 in the first game, but lost to Galt 9-5 in the second. They came back to take the third match 17-4 over Kitchener.

Hitting superstar was David Hinz, who banged a triple and a double in the bottom of the seventh of

the first contest. Scott Willims was the winning pitcher.

Hinz belted a double in the second match, a losing effort. John Van Dam slugged two singles while Craig Cadenhead stroked a triple.

Van Dam slammed a home run in the third match against Kitchener. Shawn McFadden and Cadenhead also held hot bats, each slugging triples. Frank Katsilieris was on the mounds for the win.

Back in regular squirt action, Transmissioners bombarded Brookville Thursday in Acton, winning 31-10.

Van Dam, Hinz and Rob Murray all belted home runs. Doug Wilson stroked a three-bagger. Cadenhead was the winning chucker.

Earlier in the month the Transmissioners handed Puslinch a 13-6 loss, July 2 in Prospect Park.

David Roden banged a triple with singles going to Hinz, Roden, Williams, Van Dam, Cadenhead, Paul Campbell, Doug Wilson and Carl Yaroschak. Williams and Katsilieris shared the pitching duties whiffing 15 batters between them.

Peewees nip Eramosa

Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances peewee girls nipped Eramosa 15-13 Friday in Rockwood, their second victory in a row after downing Puslinch 15-3 last Tuesday.

In Friday's game Gaynor Jenkinson was on the mound for the win.

Lee Ann Johnson made several spectacular grabs at shortstop while Leahann Jarrett at third picked up a third.

Acton was leading 11-7 at the end of the third when Jackie Roden, who got the only homer of the game, crossed the plate for the 12th run.

Eramosa was still unable to score and didn't come untracked until the final inning when they drove in six runs, all on Acton errors.

Jenny McDonald, Jenkinson and Roden scored the other Acton runs in the fifth inning.

By the end of the third inning in Tuesday's game, Acton was leading 6-0. Diane Hancock had a homer in the fourth and Diana Dunn belted two more homers in the fifth and sixth.

Dunn also went the distance on the mound.



A Cougar brings the ball around fallen Rockwood goaltender in Monday's atom house league soccer action. Rockwood won the game 3-1.

Farewell, Fairy Lake

Diana Waltmann

The natives are getting restless, bwana.

(Bawana is one of my favorite nicknames for my editor, Chief Gord Murray; along with Furor and Commandant.)

Anyways the natives are restless and so am I, so I know it's time to move on.

This week's issue of the Acton Free Press - now in their one hundred and seventh year - is my last. Stop cheering.

Therefore this is my last column, which should make my Furor breath much easier. Everytime he'd read my column his blood pressure would rise, he'd turn bright, bright red, his ulcers would act up and he'd start to moan. I don't know why.

I am being replaced by Dave Dorken, of Etobicoke and Mississauga. Take care of him, he's still young and impressive.

Many names come to mind when I think about who has helped me over the past year, and six months

(and two weeks, four hours and 23 minutes, but who's counting), but it would be impossible for me to thank everyone personally. I'd like to take this space to do so.

Thanks. Special thanks (I feel like I've won an Oscar), to Robin Incoe of Georgetown Independent and formerly the Acton Free Press, whose assistance and vast knowledge of local sports was invaluable.

Thanks to all my contacts - too numerous to mention, but I'd like to try.

Wally Eija, Dave Allen, Ron Hachey, Jim Richmond, Bert Venema, Richard VanderWal, Carol Saxon, John Toebes, Brian Cargill, Herb, Bob Heatly, Frank Allsup, Jules Russell, Howard Dwyer, The Morris-Vic, Joan and Mike, Bruce Andrews, Rick McArthur, Lyn McLaren and Anne Lepick at AHS, Ed Leatherland and Dave Boycott at McKenzie-Smith, Carol Campbell, Mona Petrillo, all the minor ball & hockey coaches (keep those score sheets coming in!), Harold Townsley and Joy at the rec department.

Of all the stories I wrote and photos I did, the profiles on area athletes stand uppermost in my mind. They were a lot of fun and I enjoyed each interview thoroughly. Alan and Dave Swanston, Mark Beaton, Gary De Bruyn, Mark and Peter Bray, Kevin Parker and Ray Mueller are only a few.

Outside of sports, I had a great time being paddled around Fairy Lake by Christine Arbie and Lena Larson; I enjoyed talking to Kym Lakin, Ricky Thiel, the Tultmans, Gloria Coats, and everyone involved with the Acton Cancer Society, and all the people I've met and friends I've made through my work. They made it seem like it wasn't work at all.

I've saved the best thanks for last. As I've mentioned, I have been in Acton for the past year and a half. That is some sort of a record for me, and I can attribute it to the staff of the Acton Free Press and Inland papers.

They are the ones who put up with my morning grouchedness, and tardiness, my afternoon panic ("Don't bug me, I'm trying to write Pulitzer prize stuff here"), my constant and chronic complaining ("That's the dumbest assignment I've ever heard of"), or "I can't go there, it's on a gravel road or "I have to take a picture at WHAT time in the morning?" and wrath my innocent outspokenness sometimes caused.

So thanks to Gord, Helen, Eric, Jennifer, Bill, Lynda, Ken, Don, Don, Hartley, Mike, all those in the office down stairs and all those in composing, who had to deal with my rather original layout ideas.

It's been a slice.