

# Gee Wiz, midgets need a heart too

**Come to the ball game**

You've got to have heart to win ball games. All this season Ed's In-and-out Midgets have played like the Tinman in the Wizard of Oz. They've been alive, but they just haven't played with any heart.

## Need transplant

Manager Dan Arbie is hoping the club can get a transplant and quick—Saturday and Sunday they host the Ontario Amateur Softball Association B championships at Prospect Park. If the club hopes to be a contender in the double knockout tourney then they have to show a little more drive than in recent games.

"They've got the potential, they just have no con-

trol over it," said Arbie. "Every game they just get worse."

Midgets play can best be described as sporadic. At times, the club looks capable of easily handling any top ranked club—they showed this last in the Acton Industrial Tournament as they upset two top ranked clubs before being dropped in the semi-final.

Recently, like Monday night, midgets play has been lethargic at best. At Prospect Park Monday night the club managed to get past hapless Galt 2-0 via a pair of unearned runs.

Gord McArthur was one of the few bright spots on the midgets, batting three for four with a base on balls. His triple scored Rusty Elliott, to give Acton the lead in the first frame.

The club's only other run came in the seventh, when Tom Shannon laced a double to score Brian Wong.

Arbie thinks the club has one advantage in the tourney.

"We're playing in town, that might make a difference, but I don't know," he said.

## Depressing

Arbie seems to be depressed by the club's lack of enthusiasm. Last weekend he called a practice—about half a dozen players showed up, but there were only two that waited to see if anyone else was going to show. The rest got to the park, saw nobody else was around and left.

The squad will have to show more drive than this if they want to get past the opening round of the tourney. Their first game is against the powerful Napanee club, last year's all-Ontario champions.

The first round games begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, with Acton meeting Napanee and Owen Sound playing Grimsby. Orleans Township plays either Uxbridge or Lindsay and St. Mary's meets Elliot Lake at 11 a.m.

Acton will play either Grimsby or Owen Sound at 1 p.m. Saturday. The championship game will be played Sunday at either 6 or 8 p.m.

All games are going to be played at the diamonds in Prospect Park.

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Beats the ball... There's no doubt Ridley's Fireman Brent Marshall got to second base before the ball. Ridley's beat Bovis in a close 2-0 Condo Ball league game.



Missed 'em... Fread Construction's catcher Mike McGregor looks back at a Unisal player who just barely evaded the tag to score. Unisal evaded quite a few tags and beat Fread 6-4 in the first game of their best of three A.I.F.L. quarter final series.

Has advantage...

... in quarter final

# Unisal constructs a play-off lead

Ken Pilgrim likes to be upsetting—at least when he's standing on the pitchers mound.

Last weekend Pilgrim allowed eight hits and two walks as he led his Unisal Construction club to a 6-4 upset win over Fread in their first game of the Acton Industrial Fastball League quarter-finals.

Pilgrim also led off with the hitting, as he poked a single in the first inning and scored. Dennis Kirton, Glen McKenzie and Terry O'Brien also scored in the first frame for Unisal.

In the second inning Wally Ella scored to put Unisal up 5-0.

Fread came back in the next inning as Dave Boycott, Brian Farrell and Bob Merrikin scored to close the gap to 5-3.

Dennis Kirton pounded a homer in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach for Fread.

Al Hall rounded out Fread's scoring with a run in the last frame.

In other playoff action Harvey's Firestone made quick work of Halton Hills Furniture, beating them 10-6 and 7-5 to take the best of three series.

Frank Daley was best on the mound in both games.

Chris Schuts scored in the top of the first inning with two out to give Halton Hills the early lead.

Jules Russiani evened things up in the bottom of the frame.

Terry Masales and Daley scored a run each to

give Harveys the lead in the second inning. Jim James and Ray Graham added another pair of runs in the next inning to put Oldies up 5-1.

A five run surge in the fourth put the game out of Halton's grasp. Al Avery, Don Archibald, Russiani, James and Graham scored for Harvey's.

Bob Andrews, John A'Hearn, Mike Morris, Al Campbell and Norm Carter scored for Halton.

In the second game of the series Russiani, Thornton, Don Archibald, Graham, James and Daley scored for the winners. Chris Schuts, had a pair of runs. Milt Ball, Bob Andrews, and Norm Carter scored one each for Halton.

Masales cracked a homer in the seventh inning for Harvey's.

Quarter-final play resumes tonight at 8:30 p.m. with Fread meeting Unisal for the second of the best of three series. If Fread wins the two teams will meet Thursday night at 8:30.

The semi-final series between Metros and Oldtimers start Thursday night at 8:30. The second game will be played Sunday 8:30 at Limehouse. Roadrunners will meet the winners of the Fread and Harvey's series Saturday night, 8:30 at Limehouse.

In the two final league games Harvey's Firestone was unbeaten. The Oldtimers dropped Fread 7-3 and blanked Desmonds Tack Shop 4-0.

Daley threw a three hitter and fanned six batters in the 4-0 win. James and Fred Archibald scored a

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pair of runs for Oldsters.

Grant Usher was the winner in the 7-3 win as he fanned nine batters, Graham and Masales scored twice. Masales scored one of his runs on a homer.

Earl Burt, Don Archibald and Avery scored the other Oldtimers runs. Rick McArthur, Dan Arbie and Rob Vermuelen score for Fread.

## It's consoling

Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances pee-wee girls have to settle for the consolation championship.

The girls won their first semi-final game against Maryhill, then dropped the next two of the best of three series.

Acton will meet Puslinch in the consolation round.

## Tranny's in gear

Acton Transmissions are finishing the softball season off in over-drive.

Last week the club annihilated Ponsoby 45-3 to win the best of three semi-final Tri-county squirt series two games to one.

Frank Katsilleris struck-out 14 batters and pounded three singles to lead Acton to the win. David Hinz cracked a homer and a triple. Shawn McFadden poked a homer, Greg Leatherland smacked a triple and a single. Frank Katsilleris, Evan Hayter, David Roden and Scott Williams were good with three singles each. Doug Wilson had a pair, Carl Yaroschak, John VanDam and Rob Murray singled.

Acton meets Puslinch in the three out of five final series. The Tranny boys beat Woodbridge 19-3 to capture the zone 3 championship and advance into the OASA finals in Lindsay September 5 and 6.

Scott Williams put down 16 batters to record the win, as well as hitting three singles. Hayter connected for a homer and a pair of singles, Carl Yaroschak and David Hinz each drove a homer and a single. Craig Cadenhead was good for a triple and a single. Rob Murray belted a double. Greg Leatherland and David Roden each scattered a pair of singles.

The club also added a consolation championship trophy to their winnings as Acton edged Smithville 7-6 in the Puslinch Tournament. Williams again had the win and hit a single. Yaroschak had a homer and a single, John Van Dam, Evan Hayter, Frank Katsilleris and Leatherland had singles.

Acton won two of their opening round games and tied a third. In the first game Acton tied Hickson 2-2, but Hickson got the point because they had more base runners.

Carol Yaroschak, John VanDam and Craig Cadenhead poked singles for the Acton cause.

Scott Williams was the winner on the mound as Acton blanked Elmira 1-0.

Frank Katsilleris was credited with the win as Acton trounced Bright 23-1. Craig Cadenhead had a double and a homer. John VanDam poked a triple and a home run. Shawn McFadden drove in a triple.

## Sticks to 'em

Desmonds Dave McGilloway may talk softly, but he carries a big stick.

McGilloway was four for five at the plate and scored four runs as he led his Desmond's Tack Shop to a 16-2 win over Foberts Real Estate in Acton Condo Ball.

Jim McBride registered the win and scored one run.

Jules Russiani and Tom Brain had three runs each. Stan Clarke was good for a pair, Joe Daponte, Mike Mattocks and Doug Luck chipped one each.

Bob Merrikin was the loser for Foberts. Steve Waring and Glen Creighton scored Foberts lone runs.

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## Help support Terry's run

Sports writers usually fall into two categories. They're either unfulfilled jocks or unrequited novelists.

I don't fall into either of these two categories, that is one reason you will seldom read words of wit and wisdom on these pages.

Enough with the dribble, the only reason why this sports-type hack would sit down behind a typewriter and sweat out a column is when the subject truly deserves it.

This one does.

It's the Terry Fox 10k Run, September 13 at Acton High School.

The organizers have hopes of raising a mere \$7,000 from the run. That's only a dollar from every Actonian.

You don't even have to run to help the cause, just sponsor someone who is running.

Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope gave Canada a feeling seldom felt within our borders—a feeling of pride. His determination enabled him to hobble a marathon of 26 miles every day.

If Terry Fox could cover 26 miles in a day then most people of Acton should be able to at least walk the six and some odd miles of the Terry Fox Run.

You don't have to be a jock or a marathon runner to enter the run, just someone who cares.

I'm not in the greatest of shape. I wake up every morning to the sounds of snap, crackle and pop, not Rice Krispies, just my bones creaking. I won't put anybody to shame with my athletic prowess, my great physique, speed or endurance—but I'll be out there stumbling around the track on the 13th.

I'm not out to break any speed records, the Terry Fox Run isn't a race. It starts at 8 a.m. and goes right until 5 so one could easily walk the 25 laps around the track.

The organizers are hoping to see 500 people out on the track that Sunday morning.

Each participant will receive a color picture of Terry Fox.

Anyone interested in joining the Run can pick up an entry form and sponsor sheets from L and L Ford, the Olde Hide House, Acton Home Furnishings or the Free Press.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a slightly over-weight and very out of shape sportswriter can call the Free Press at 853-2010 and ask for me.

All it takes is a buck.

# Sabres are on the run

The season hasn't yet started, but Acton Sabres are already on the road.

Training that is.

The Jr. B hockey club has started doing dry-land training in preparation of the start of try-outs September 5 and 6.

"We're using it mainly to get acquainted," said coach Jules Russiani.

According to the coach, about 25 or 30 players have been coming to the training at Prospect Park. Many are familiar faces to Acton Sabres hockey fans.

"We lost five kids who were over-age, but most of the club is six foot two inch and 190 pound Mike Corby. Last year Corby played with the New York Junior A Oyster Bay Gulls. He tallied 18 goals and 22 assists in 32 games.

Georgetown will also have the services of veteran Bobby Dean this season.

## Gemini dreams

Cross-town rival Georgetown Gemini have already started preparing for the OHA Jr. B season.

Friday Gemini held the first practice of the year at Gordon Alcott Arena. Saturday the club announced its first signing.

About 55 players were in attendance for the first practice. Coach Dave Switzer seems optimistic about the club's chances at success this season.

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"With the nucleus of Georgetown players and seven good imports we should be competitive," said the coach.

One import who should definitely be an asset to the club is six foot two inch and 190 pound Mike Corby. Last year Corby played with the New York Junior A Oyster Bay Gulls. He tallied 18 goals and 22 assists in 32 games.

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## Lousy weather

Most people love the warm sunny summertime weather.

Last weekend in Ottawa the weather was perfect—except if you happened to be one of the 600 marathon runner competing in the Avon International Marathon for Women.

Acton's Audrey McCabe and Joanne Castle both felt the strain of running in plus 30 C weather and had to withdraw from the 26 mile 385 yard race.

"I realized at 10K that I had started too fast. It

was something I thought I would try. I guess it just wasn't my day," said Castle.

Marathon runners like Britain's weather the best—cool, damp weather with just a little rain to cool them off. Running in the summer drains the runner faster and usually results in slower times.

"I think if they started earlier in the day it would have been alright," said Castle.

Competing in the summer may be difficult but it's still nice to train in the sun.

"It's easier to prepare in the summer," said Castle.

While dropping out of the race was depressing, Castle found the next day even more unbearable.

"The day after (Sunday) was a beautiful day for running. It was half raining, it was great for a marathon," she said.

The Avon International Marathon is considered to be the unofficial women's world championship for marathon runners, and draws runners from 25 countries.

Traveling to Ottawa to compete in an event of this calibre, then having to withdraw was hard for the two Acton runners.

"It was very disappointing, especially after preparing so hard then having to stop," said Castle. The finish still hasn't deterred her from running said Castle.

"I'll still be running some 10K races and maybe some cross-country. They're not so far and are a little different," she said.