

'Round Robin

with Robin Inscow



This Sunday athletes from around the area will gather at Prospect Park for a rather grueling event, the Acton Y's Men's Biathlon.

The race is like very few others. The Mayor's Road Race is a five kilometre run. So is the biathlon. The only difference is that in the Y's Men's event you must cycle just as far as you run.

It sounds easy. You run 2.5 kilometres, ride 2.5 kilometres, run another 2.5 and ride the final 2.5. While you are doing that your teammate or partner is doing the opposite, riding while you're running and running while you ride.

Entry fee for the event runs at \$2 per participant now and begins at Prospect Park at 9 a.m. with 16 different categories.

In the Parent and Child class there is a father-son, father-daughter, mother-son, and mother-daughter. In the male, female and mixed classes there are four age groupings with a 12-16 year-old event, 17-24 age class, 25 to 34-year-old division and another for the over 35s.

The course itself runs the outskirts of town, through all the subdivisions with the check points at Frederick Street, on Acton Boulevard, at the School Lane and the Acton Community Centre.

With the race taking place this week it is urgent to get applications in as soon as possible. They can be picked up and returned to the Town Office.

If the talk at the Mayor's Road Race a few weeks ago is any indication there should be a fair number of participants this time out.

Several of those over heard talking about the event were from Georgetown and they were planning an attending. Let's show some old Acton group. Could be rather embarrassing if all those people from Georgetown show up and walk off with all the awards.

Every Wednesday you may notice a group of young men at Prospect Park umpiring the kids' ball.

If you don't know them you've never watched the Acton Junior A's.

Every week four of the young men take off their gloves and put on a umpire's mask to help the local ball organization calling the balls and strikes.

Maybe it's coach Steve Marshall's way of teaching them the rules of the game and what the strike zone really is.

Anyway, haven't seen many of the A's arguing with the ump's of late. Maybe they realize that calling the game isn't always as easy as it looks.

Good job guys, and good luck in the Canadian Eliminations.

Bears hotter than the weather

For the past couple of seasons the Bears have wallowed near the basement of the Acton Industrial Football League, but the past few weeks they have been hotter than the weather.

Chalk up two more victories for the green and gold as they disposed of the Royals in a 10-9 come from behind win and gained two points when Fread couldn't field a team.

The Royals avenged the loss to the Bears, defeating R.J.'s Roadrunners 5-2 while Fread topped Desmond's 9-6. All other reported games were Canadian Tire losses. The Royals topped the Tire team 6-5, the A's took them 10-1 and Halton Hills Furniture took a 20-2 triumph.

Ladies edge Georgettes

The Acton Ladies dropped a 12-5 decision to Erin at home June 14.

Natalie Russiani knocked in a pair of runs with a triple for the local side, while Teresa Dunn collected two ribbies with a couple of singles.

Rhonda Hall and Mardie Phillips shared mound duties in this one.

In the next night, the team was beaten 8-1 in Hillsburgh.

Shelley Young hurled five strong innings for Acton in her pitching debut. Susan Poulsen brought in Sally Briggs for the lone local score in the game.

The Ladies went on to down Georgetown 12-9 Monday evening to get back into the win column. The game was played in Georgetown.

Pitchers Janice Inglis and Phillips shared the victory.

Phillips and Russiani pounded out triples in the victory, while Suzie Tufford and Dunn also had productive nights at the plate.

Young took to the mound in the bottom of the seventh inning to get the save for Acton.

On Tuesday evening, the squad was beaten 21-3 by Orangeville at home.

Russiani, Briggs, and Young collected the Acton RBI's in this one. Inglis and Young shared the mound in the loss.

Squirts squashed

The Acton Tri-County Squirts dropped an 18-7 decision to Puslinch White Thursday evening.

Jeff Burton crossed the plate twice for the locals in the game, while Brydon Gillies, Sean Coleman, Paul Glass, Greg Auger, and Scott McKee scored lone runs for Acton.

Thomas' take title and gain revenge

The Acton Thomas' Video Bantams gained a "B" series championship and some revenge this past weekend as they competed with 15 other squads in the annual Fergus tournament.

The Acton team was tripped up in their opening match falling 4-1 to Kitchener, but rebounding with wins of 5-1 over Conestoga, 1-0 over Hillsburgh and 7-2 over Markham to claim the "B" series silverware. Markham marked revenge for the Thomas' squad as the opposition eliminated Acton from the Ontario playdowns last season.

Acton had trouble getting their bats going in the opening match with Kitchener, picking up only four hits. The lone Thomas' run came in the fourth inning as Jeff White and Kevin Lobsinger picked up base hits. Lobsinger scored on a David Haynes sacrifice giving Acton the lead.

Kitchener used four hits to claim four runs in the fifth to gain control of the match and the win. The other Acton hits came from Jon Hammer and Randy McIntyre in the sixth inning.

In their second match Acton rallied early against Conestoga scoring three first inning runs and a couple more in the third on their way to a 5-1 win.

Cyril Nibbs, Heath Norton and Hammer all reached safely in the opening inning rounding the bases while Randy McIntyre and Steve Wagner did the damage in the third.

Conestoga got their lone run off Acton starter McIntyre in the fifth inning. Lobsinger finished up the pitching chores, handling the final six outs.

In "B" series semi-final action the

Thomas' bats were non-existent as they picked up a 1-0 win over Hillsburgh.

It was a pitchers' duel with Hammer winning out, firing a two hitter, while Hillsburgh's Colbourn gave up four. The lone Acton tally came in the fourth inning when Hammer helped his own cause, leading off with a single and scoring on a base hit by Haynes.

The Thomas' squad felt the poor batting performance had to be rectified before the Sunday final and met at Prospect Park early Sunday for extra batting practise. It paid off.

Up against Markham in the final, the locals let loose with three runs in the first inning and two more in the second, before coasting to the win.

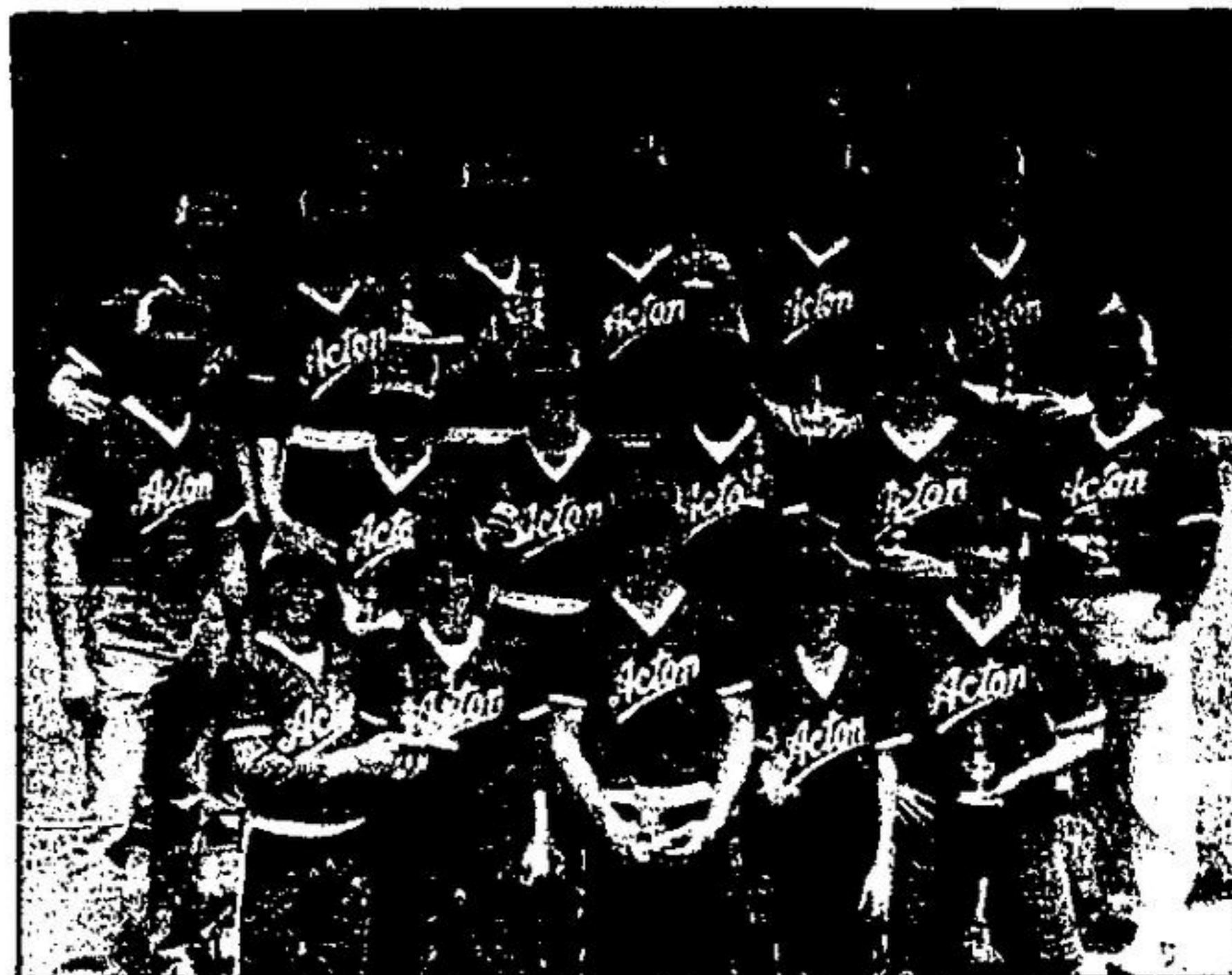
White led the game off with a walk for Acton, scoring as Nibbs tripled. Nibbs touched home on a Lobsinger base hit and Lobsinger reached the plate on a ground out later in the inning.

The second inning was just as productive as Haynes tripled and Mark Pries singled and scored, building the lead to 5-0.

Markham looked as if they might be coming back in the sixth with a solo run off Video pitcher Hammer, but Acton roared back shutting the door as Wagner and Peter Cargill touched home, building the lead to 7-1.

A triple brought Markham one more run in the seventh, but it wasn't enough as Acton claimed the "B" crown.

The Acton squad is idle this week in inter-county action, awaiting a rematch with league leading Woodstock next Wednesday on the road.



The Acton Thomas Video Bantams came home from Fergus as 'B' Champions this past weekend claiming a 7-2 win over Markham for the title. Members of the squad include front row l. to r. David Haynes, Kevin Lobsinger, Mark Pries, Mike Baker, Heath Norton, middle row, coach Fred Hammer, Jeff White, Peter Cargill, Cyril Nibbs, Jason Rogers, coach Doug Lobsinger, back row, coach Robin Inscow, Chris Cooney, Randy McIntyre, Steve Wagner, Jon Hammer and Mike Cunningham. Missing is Colin Lewis.

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Bantam Girls' first-sacker Jenny McDonald reaches for a throw in tournament action at Prospect Park on Saturday.

Acton teams in tourney finals

Both local entries in the weekend's annual Minor Baseball Girls' tourney made it to their division finals before bowing out to some tough competition.

The Acton Pee-Wee Girls took off in fine fashion, winning their opening game, 26-3 over Omagh.

Tammy Corkum, Barb Dunn, Karle Gudgeon, Carrie Gallant, Linda Bottero, Brenda MacMillan, and Kim Hagan all scored three runs for Acton in the win. Christa Lawson recorded a pair of scores, and Alex Thiet, Bev Dunn, and Pam De each grabbed single runs.

In the PeeWee final, the home side lost out to Milton 10-6.

Gudgeon and Kim Hachey each crossed the plate a couple of times for Acton in this one, while Corkum and MacMillan registered lone runs.

In the division Consolation contest, Omagh got by Glen Williams, 23-17.

In the bantam group, the Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances Girls also made it to the championship game.

The girls squeezed past Glen Williams White 20-19 in their opening game of the weekend.

Diana Dunn, Betty Tufford, and Jackie Roden all collected three runs in the game for the local side. Chris Grimes, Leanna Johnson, Diane Hancock, Leahann Jarrett and Shelly Mason each grabbed two runs, and Cheryl Roberts crossed the plates once in the victory.

The Bantam Girls then met Glen Williams Green in the final match-up, losing 24-21. Johnson and Dunn both collected four runs in the loss, while Hancock brought in three. Recording pairs of runs were Grimes, Tufford, Mason, Jarrett, and Gayne Jenkinson.

In the Bantam Consolation final, Glen White defeated Carlisle 19-6.

Squirts split league play fall in exhibition match

The Acton Halton Rural Squirt Boys defeated Omagh, 12-4, on June 13 in Omagh.

Mike Williams picked up three runs for the locals in the game, while Mike Brower crossed the plate twice and Shawn Dryden, Chris Lindsay, Paul Sankey, David Harrison, Greg Smith, Troy Winters, and Jason Campbell all collected singles.

On June 16, the squad was beaten 16-2 by Bramalea. Lindsay and Harrison were the lone Acton runners to cross the plate in this one. Dryden and Williams shared mound

duties in the loss.

IN exhibition action at home against Guelph on June 17, Acton dropped a 7-2 decision.

Dryden and Williams picked up the Acton runs in the contest.

On Friday evening the team couldn't hang on to a 4-0 lead and ended up losing 10-4 to Glen Williams at home.

Mike Annot, Brower, Williams, and Sankey scored first frame runs for Acton. Williams hurled the full game for the Squirts.

Atoms take 2 of 3

The Acton A-B Foodland Tri-County Atoms dropped a 28-5 decision to Eramosa Tuesday in Acton.

Acton runs were scored by Matthew Ginn with a pair, and Jason Dunn, Kenny Jaffray and Chad Rowsell with single scores.

The next night, the team travelled to Brookville and defeated their hosts, 33-4.

Sean Auger, Jaffray and Jason Piper all collected four runs each in the victory. Dunn, Rowsell, Adam Fabian, Jonathan Coe, Sheldon Stuckless, Chris Schick, Ginn

and Jeremy Burt each crossed the plate twice for the locals, and Danny Jennings, Jason Crawford, Eddie McCormick and Graham Ruse recorded lone runs for Acton.

Acton continued their run production on Friday when they beat Puslinch White, 28-12, at home.

Ginn, Piper, Auger, Jaffray and Dunn all had three runs each in the win. Schick, Coe, Ruse, McCormick, Jennings and Burt each crossed twice, and Fabian contributed a single run.

Two tourney titles for Margot Bollert

by Paul Nolan

For most tennis players, winning two different tournaments in the span of a lifetime would be something worth celebrating. However, Margot Bollert, of R.R. 4 Acton, recently managed the coup over the course of a single day.

Saturday, Mrs. Bollert took the Intermediate Ladies' crown of the Milton Tennis Club's annual event by outlasting a Milton player in a final that took over two hours in "gruelling" heat to play.

Later that day, she travelled to the Burlington Racquets Club to take the

Ladies' Singles championship there.

"It was the biggest highlight of my career, for sure," commented Mrs. Bollert. "I still can't believe it."

Earlier in the season, she took second-place in a club, tournament at Cobblestone Racquets in Mississauga.

She only started playing tennis five or six years ago, but since then has taken upgrading lessons throughout the season, both indoors and out. Mrs. Bollert credits her first tennis instructor, Don Steel, for her love of the game as well as her prize-winning technique. Steel is currently the executive director of Team Canada, according to his former pupil.

"When I was younger, I played handball from town-to-town in Germany," recalls Mrs. Bollert, "but never tennis."

Her husband ("My biggest supporter") and her five children are all involved in the game one way or another, and it is plain to see that this is important. "My husband is the one—telling me to go on," she explains.

For now, Mrs. Bollert is content to compete in area club tournaments, but if she keeps winning, there may be no stopping her. She hopes her stamina doesn't wear thin, but judging by her weekend accomplishments, she shouldn't have to worry.



Margot Bollert



Acton Leathertown midfielder Ron Gourlay, left, leaps for a header during league action Sunday at Clarkson. Leathertown drew 0-0 with the Oakville Strikers in the match.