

## 'Round Robin

with Robb Inscor



Spent some time at Erin Heights Golf Club last week talking about the course and Chili North (which took place in Milton this past weekend).

I hadn't been to the northern course in a couple of years and was surprised on my first visit in some time. The layout has been changed slightly, the traps are large and full of sand and the greens a lush full color.

Last Monday, I was at the Peter Norton Golf Tourney. Thursday I was back again for a wet press conference discussing The First Ever Fifth Annual Carling O'Keefe Canadian Championship Chili Cookoff with organizer Bob Murie and the course renovations with general manager Jim Holmes.

The Chili Cookoff sounded fascinating. Murie expected some 2,000 people in Milton last weekend and some 40 teams cooking up chili in the old fashioned country way. It's becoming a big thing and teams were expected from Texas and New York to compete in the event.

Things got under way around 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. While the chili cookers showed some of their wizardry, guests enjoyed Beer Can Flattening Contests, Pie Eating events, and lots of games and rides for kids.

The event isn't just a local thing or hoax. Some people take the cook-off seriously and why not. First prize in the Canadian Championship is the right to compete in the Championships in Texas in November and U.S. Air will fly them there.

The only thing I couldn't understand about the talk with Bob was why he wasn't entering. He supplied the small group of us that attended with lunch. What else but chili. And damn good I might add. I'm not a chili lover but this stuff was good enough to win the Canadian championships in my book. It would look a little funny though, if Murie entered. He's one of the judges. Now, that's a job I wouldn't envy.

And neither does he at times. He told us of one competition he judged. Seems the chili not only looked like dog food it smelled like it too. The Lone Star (that's what they call him) took the easy way out giving the lowest marks in the competition and passing on the tasting. Judging is done on several things and this particular batch failed miserably on color (it was grey instead of red) and aroma.

After talking with Bob and a few other media people who took the opportunity to visit Erin I chatted briefly with Jim Holmes, the GM of the club.

Jim and his family took over the course last spring purchasing it from Colossus Developments and have worked hard to change things. The Holmes are no strangers to the golf business running a successful operation. Derrydale, for the past 13 years.

Since taking over the Derrydale group have renovated the club house and done much work on the course itself. The greens were a major priority according to Holmes and they are in super shape right now. The addition of several traps have also enhanced the lay-out making it a tougher course to play. They have added rough along the fairways and making the course complete.

Now, there is once again talk of turning Erin into an 18 hole operation and Holmes stated that it is a long range plan of the new owners. "When financing is available," The back nine has already been laid out and Jim feels that the other half of the course should be ready in about five years.

The course GM is finding that working closely with Derrydale has several advantages to the new addition to the family. Machinery for major projects can be transported from one course to the other with relative ease and they can use the experience of building Derrydale in the redevelopment of Erin Heights.

They have imported Ron Burgess of Derrydale to act as greenskeeper and Jim feels that's an important reason that Erin is in such good shape. Ron started working at Derrydale when he was 12. Now 25, he knows what it takes to keep a course in top shape.

Another key figure in the project is Bob Breen, the pro at Derrydale and now Erin. After six years at Glen Abbey and ten Canadian Open appearances, he is now employed by Derrydale and spends a couple of days a week at the Erin layout.

Membership at the club has increased drastically since the takeover with some 150 members to date compared to only 20 two years ago. Right now memberships are being sold at half price. Regular fees are \$275 for a senior male, \$220 for a senior female and \$130 for a junior. Daily tickets are \$8 for 18 on a weekday and \$5 for nine. Prices rise to \$10 and \$8 on weekends.

According to Holmes weekend tournaments will keep the place busy through 1984 but small weekday events are more than welcome.

In the winter Erin Heights will be used as a cross country ski area by the Holmes family. The club house and bar facilities have been renovated to include winter use and they will be issuing daily tickets and memberships for cross country nuts.

"I'm really excited and pleased with the acquisition," says Jim, who spends his time between the two clubs. His sister, Honey Baldwin, is the acting manager.

Despite Thursday's drizzle a couple of us decided to try out the facility that Jim Holmes had raved about. He had good reason too.

While things were a bit damp the course was still in fine shape. His large traps came in to play on three holes (at least my shots landed in them) and the greens were true and the fairways full and short.

It's been a while since I had played Erin Heights but I'll be back there in the near future trying my luck again.

Good luck, also to the Holmes family, and may this venture turn out as well as the one at Derrydale.

## Girls' soccer

# Stingers undefeated

SQUIRT

The Acton Stingers remain the only undefeated Acton girls' squad, as they drew 1-1 with Pineview in action last week.

Anne Marie Kinnon came through with the local goal late in a very close match. Kathryn Thomson and Becky Boycott played their best games of the season.

The team's record stands at 6 wins, 3 ties, and no losses.

PEE-WEE

Acton JT's Pee-Wees defeated Bolton 3-1 in action last week.

This win avenged earlier 6-0 and 7-0 losses to the same club.

Pamela Jane Stewart did an excellent job of net-minding, losing her shutout late in the match.

Sue Nadhazy netted a pair of markers for Acton in this one, while a lone goal was boot-ed home by Annette Krozen.

Shelley Graham and Johna Ofsenka played well on the forward line.

AYOM

The Acton Flyers dropped a hard-fought 3-0 decision to John's Mobile Truck of Milton in Ayom action Thursday evening.

The locals stayed close throughout the match, despite being three players short at one point.

Brandy Strelec, Monica Biffis, and Kelly McGeragle were outstanding in the field, while Milka Gavic had a strong outing in net.

In action from July 14, the Flyers were beaten 3-1 by Ontario Palmetto of Milton.

Strelec had the local score of the match.

LADIES

The Acton Sit 'N Bull Ladies drew 1-1 in Milton last Monday evening, amid heavy downpours.

Carole Saxon booted the Acton goal in a well-fought contest.

Lynn McCord and Yvonne Van Der Akker played strong games.



As one can see, crowds gathered for a recent soccer match between Tullman's Squirts girls' and Pineview, at M.Z. Bennett field.

# Free Press SPORTS



Andrea Gudgeon, of the Acton Pee-Wee Girls finds the shadiest spot on the diamond as she crosses the plate in recent action. Umpire Rick Coe's seen it all before.

## Bramalea takes title locals ousted early

Bramalea came out on top at the Halton Rural Squirts Boys' Play-off Tournament in town over the weekend. The Champions defeated Glen Williams 17-4 in the final contest to take home the silverware.

In the quarter-finals on Saturday, the Acton Squirts dropped a close 9-8 decision to Limehouse, and then were beaten 10-2 by a

tough Glen Williams. In the Limehouse game, Shawn Dryden scored a pair of runs. Single scores went to David Harrison, Mike Williams, Mike Brouwer, Greg Smith, Chris Lindsay and Jason Campbell.

In their final match against the Glen, Harrison and Brouwer were the lone locals to cross the plate.

## Bant bats burned out, Jordan take OASA set

The Acton Thomas Video Bantam bats took a holiday at a rather inopportune time for the local fastballers. The result was quick elimination from the Ontario play-downs.

The Thomas squad met Jordan in a best of three series and lost in straight games, falling 1-0 in Jordan on Friday night and fading away with a 4-0 loss at home Saturday.

In the Friday night opener it was a pitcher's duel with Jordan's Jamie Wiley winning out over Acton's Jon Hammer. Jordan claimed a solo first inning run that stood up in the final outcome.

Hammer allowed Jordan four base hits in the contest but the Acton squad managed only three off Wiley.

Jordan stuck with the early run as the

local squad showed some jitters and from then on it was easy sailing for both sides.

Steve Wagner picked up Acton's first hit of the contest in the second inning but was caught trying to steal second. Randy McIntyre led off the fifth with a single for the Video team but was left standing at third, thwarting the biggest scoring threat. Jeff White's two-out single in the sixth provided the only other Thomas runner.

Over the contest Hammer struck out ten, zalking none while Wiley fanned nine without giving up a walk. The game took one hour and two minutes to complete.

The first inning was again costly for Acton on Saturday as two first inning runs were enough to advance Jordan to the provincial tournament.

Acton's bats were not much better in their second look at Wiley as this day they managed four hits while Jordan racked up seven against Acton's pitching combination of Jon Hammer and Kevin Lobinger. Hammer threw the opening three innings for Acton before giving way to Lobinger because of a bruised hip and a blister on his pitching hand.

Jordan added their final two runs off Lobinger, putting a couple of hits together with two out in the seventh.

Things started off well for Acton as they looked to prolong the series as Jeff White led off with a single but he was stranded there.

Mark Pries, Heath Norton and Steve Wagner added the other Acton hits in the losing effort. Hammer and Lobinger combined for seven strikeouts, walking three while Wiley fanned five and walked one.

It's back to league play for the Thomas Video Club as they look for an inter-county title. This weekend they are in Woodstock competing for tourney honors.

## Sabres try-outs

The Acton Sabres Junior B Hockey Club has extended an open invitation to all boys 13 and over to try out for the team at upcoming workouts.

The first tryout will be next Tuesday, August 23, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown. The next tryout will be Thursday, August 25, same time and location. There will be a practice Wednesday, September 7 at Memorial Gardens in Guelph. This workout will run from 7-9 p.m.

Further try-outs will be announced. Players are expected to arrive with their own equipment one hour before ice time. There will be charge of \$2 per session.

## Juniors advance to Ontario finals

At least one Acton fastball team is still in the hunt for an Ontario championship and they will get their chance at the title this weekend in Jordan.

The Acton Junior A's knocked off New Hamburg in two straight games this week to advance to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association finals against six other teams in their class.

The A's scored an easy 4-0 win in the opening game of the series played in Brookville last Wednesday and then wrapped things up sweeping the best of three affair with an 11-4 14 inning victory.

Roy Spear manhandled the opposition in the opening game of the series allowing the Blues just three hits, striking out 17 in the complete game shut-out.

Spear also provided half the scoring punch in the contest for the A's crossing the plate twice. The second time was in the fourth inning with a solo shot that enhanced the Acton lead to 2-0.

The A's took the lead in the second inning as Roy Spear walked and moved to second as Dave Wilson reached on a pass. Rusty Elliott's sacrifice fly brought home what would be the eventual winning run.

After Spear's sixth inning homer the A's added another as Wilson singled and scored as the A's left the bases loaded.

Dick Spear cashed in for the other Acton run reaching on an error in the eighth inning and scoring on a double by Gord McArthur.

The A's only picked up five hits in the match with Wilson claiming a pair. Gord McArthur, Kelly McArthur and Roy Spear had the others.

The A's jumped out in front early in the second game of the series and it looked as if they would walk away with things holding a 4-0 lead in the fourth, but New Hamburg

wouldn't die, fighting back with singles in the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth to tie the match and send it into extra innings.

For four innings the teams battled even with no sign of wavering, but an uprising by the A's in the 14th brought seven runs across the plate giving them the sweep they wanted.

Dick Spear picked up the win in relief of starter Wilson. Wilson hurled the first ten innings, with Spear cleaning up.

Roy Spear again showed his power leading off the second with a homer and driving in four RBI's over the game.

The A's have the week off as they prepare for the championship tourney in Jordan this weekend. The A's meet up with Charing Place in their opening match at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Their second game in the seven team double knock-out event will be at 3 p.m. that afternoon against Maryhill, Stittsville, Port Perry or Caledonia.

## A's stars show stuff

Last weekend the Ontario Junior Fastball League held its annual all-star confrontation with two local players taking part.

Dick Spear and Glenn Scott were among the Junior East All-stars that scored an 8-1 win over their Western Division counterparts.

Spear paced the East scoring the game's first two runs and picking up a total of three base hits on the day. In addition Spear came on in relief and allowed just one base hit over the final three innings to secure the win.

Scott was just as strong at the plate counting a couple of hits and scoring once.

## Outstanding effort gives Villa 'A' a draw

Playing with only nine men, Desmond's Acton Villa "A" came up with an outstanding effort in holding Bracken's to a 2-2 tie in Georgetown Wednesday night.

When only eight players showed up, coach Dave Lewis was forced into action to play on the right wing. This move still left Villa two men short.

The home side took an early lead in the first half only to have Acton battle back to tie it up before the break. Acton's goal came off an indirect free kick taken by Rod Leech to Carl Fisker, who put the ball in the net.

In the second half Bracken's took the lead again. Five minutes later, Leech scored a beautiful goal from about 20 yards out to give Villa the draw.

Bracken's pressed, but solid goalkeeping by Acton's Ken Hilditch prevented them from scoring again. This was an outstanding performance by the Villa as all players gave 100 percent effort. It was their sixth tie of the season.

This week Acton travels to Georgetown for an 8.30 kick-off against the Mariners at Cedarvale. This should be a very entertaining game.

## Villa 'B' fall prey to Eagles in disappointing performance

After three successive draws against the stronger teams in the league, Acton Villa "B" came up with a very disappointing showing at home losing 2-0 to Georgetown Eagles, last Wednesday.

Eagles dominated the first half and scored the opening goal of the game in the second minute of play, on a deflection which goalkeeper Gary Woods nearly directed past the post.

The score stayed that way until the last couple of minutes of the game when Eagles scored again this time on a breakaway

leaving Woods little chance.

Eagles were well deserving the victory as Villa showed little enthusiasm and were never really in the game. Acton's top players were Garry Woods in goal, he made several key saves, and Gordie Bruce who played his usual solid game.

Coach Bernie Fryers was disappointed with the way Villa played and hopes for a more spirited performance this week against Ajax. This is another home game for the local lads and is the last regular game of the season.

## Leathertown in semis

The Leathertown Men's Soccer Club got through to the semi-finals of the Lakeshore League Cup, by way of a 2-2 victory over Port Credit Legion Saturday.

Throughout the game, Leathertown goalie Mike Masson turned away closerange shots, keeping the locals in front of the first-division Legion squad.

Tony Wright booted home a pair of goals for Acton in the game. Bob Little, Dave Entwistle, and Jamie Taras on a headed ball rounded out the winning total.

The Legion, being a first-division club, were favoured going into the match, but

they didn't count on the net minding of Masson, nor the non-stop running style of the Acton team.

Peter Wright played well on the local defence, while Mitch Jeffreys, John Semenek, and Ron Gourlay showed their experience in mid-field.

The win places Leathertown in the final four out of an initial 18 clubs in the League Cup. The semi's will be played the weekend of September 10-11.

The team's next contest is scheduled for this Sunday at Clarkson, when they play the Etobicoke Volcanoes.