

# Brian Robertson wins Tournament of Champs

Fifty-seven former trophy winners teed off at Acton Meadows Saturday at the Acton Open Tournament of Champions.

When the scores were tallied, three-time Acton Open champion Brian Robertson, with a one under par on the back nine made up for some wayward shots on the front nine, and came away with an eighteen hole total of 76—good enough for low gross and the championship.

Second low gross went to George McPhail, who shot a very solid tourney, winding up just one shot back at 77. George also won the lawn furniture for being closest to the pin on the eighth hole.

Third low gross went to a former Acton Open junior champion, Dugald Dick, who shot a 78. A six on the par-three second hole might have cost Dugald a shot at the championship.

Two former junior champs wound up one-two in the low net division. Dave Johnson was first low net, and Bob McLure was second low net. Both these fellows are solid young golfers, and we expect each to be Acton Open winners in the years to come.

Third low net went to Gib Hay, who shoots a steady round of golf whenever he plays.

Senior trophy winners were: age 50-60, Don Grein with an 82; 60-65 Bill Nicolak with an 82; and 65-and-over, Mick Holmes with an 82. This 82 is the same score Mick shot to win the Acton Open twenty-five years ago.

Because of the near-perfect weather conditions, and the calibre of the golfers, scores were on the low side all day. The committee thanks all the participants, and

invites them all back to the 1984 Open.

Two multiple Open winners were unable to attend. Dwayne Hay, our current champion, was on vacation, and Rev. Andy McKenzie wound up in hospital just days before the event. We missed both of them, and wish Andy a speedy recovery.

Competing players who participated in the Open of 25 years ago were Holmes, Don Black, John Goy Sr., Julian Zajac, Ross Morton, and Grein.

Other participants were: John Lyons, Mac MacKenzie, Hugh Forbes, Stu McDonald, Don Robb, Keith Andrews, Harold Townsley, Bruce McPhail, John Krapek, Jim Graham, John Hoare, Bill Cook, Dave Thompson, Al Ecclestone, Barry Incoe, Jim Casburn, Mike Mallocks, Bob Loutett, Kal Lysholm, Lorne Norton, Ron McNaughton, Paul Murr, Ab Irwin, Reg Landriault, Bing Ramsden, Ted Quackenbush, Ivan Kilby, Steve Goy, Gus Jeffrey, Kevin Conroy, John Arnold, Dave Lewis, Bill Spielvogel, Bob Woodcock, Roy Weaver, Carl Timbers, Ron Jeffrey, Wilo Near, Peter Turkosz, John McNabb, George Marshall, Fred New, Jim Hagget, and Jack Pink.

by Gord Murray

Julian 'Ukie' Zajac teed-off Saturday morning for his 30th official and unofficial Acton Open golf tournament.

The only person who has played in all 25 official Acton Opens, and about 60 other past award-winners in the local tourney played in the Hall-of-Fame or day-of-champions tournament at Acton Meadows.

But Ukie and some other golfers on hand Saturday also played in the four unofficial Acton opens prior to 1958.

The Acton Open hasn't always been played at the Meadows. In fact Halton Heights has been the site of the most tournaments—seven. Erin's Hilltop was the scene of six Opens. Other host courses have included Orangeville, Fairview in Guelph, Georgetown, Birch Hills (now Halton Heights) and Hornby Towers.

Ukie said the last tournament held in Erin, he couldn't recall the year, (it actually

appears to have been the third last at Erin, in 1963) was his favorite and most memorable of the 25, because it was his best performance. He fired a 77, just one shot off the pace set by Rev. Andrew McKenzie.

Zajac and another veteran of many Acton Opens, John Goy Sr., remembered how it all started in 1954, when 16 local golfers got together for a tournament in Orangeville. Over the next three years the number of participants grew until it was decided the event should be made official and open to everyone.

They noted the Open has changed a lot over the years. Players used to pack a lunch for the day and bring along some beer. There weren't many trophies up for grabs in the early events either.

Today, lots of awards and prizes and a big banquet are features of the Open.

Goy and Zajac recalled some of the names of the early participants: Mick Holmes, Bill Coon, Rev. McKenzie, Dr. Brian Moore, Andy Nolan, Gord Beatty, Roy Butler, Roy Goodwin, Don Black, Jack Drysdale, Pat Dophin, Don Ryder.

Back when the Open started it was played in Orangeville because there was no course in Acton or Erin.

George Houston, brother of Hollywood director Walter Houston, ran the course and it didn't have a liquor licence.

Lack of a liquor licence wasn't a big obstacle though, Goy remembered, because George "bootlegged" some spirits to the players.

Past winners of the Open include Mick Holmes, Rev. McKenzie, Tuck Cochrane, Ted Force, Terry Staven, Andy Nolan, Dr. Moore, Ernie Parker, Wally Coe Jr., Jim Bullough, Brian Robertson, Stu McDonald, Dwyane Hay, Terry Hay and Bob Salter.

# 'Ukie' has never missed an Open



Don Grein

Julian 'Ukie' Zajac

# Free Press SPORTS

## Junior A's slay their goliath to win Ontario championship

by Robin Incoe

The Fastball season may not be over for the Acton Junior A's ball club, but it sure is complete.

The local squad qualified for the Provincial Championships last week and made no mistakes. They claimed the Ontario Junior C title going undefeated in the double knock-out tourney.

The A's are in their first year of existence as a Junior club, but have been terrorizing several area teams at the junior and industrial level for some time and most people knew it would only be a matter of time before the team cashed in with some big prize.

It turned out to be an Ontario Championship. "It's unbelievable for our first year," stated a weary coach Steve Marshall, "it didn't matter what we did, it worked. Pinch runners, hitters and defensive replacements all came through."

The A's made the trip to Jordan for the championship event with high aspirations, knowing that if they played their best they would be tough to beat and play they did.

After a poor performance in their opening game in which they made five errors and picked up but two hits in beating Carrying Place 2-1 the A's were near flawless making two fielding errors in the next three games behind pitcher Roy Spear.

After claiming the win over Carrying Place with a run in the bottom of the seventh the Acton squad took on Caledonia in a seesaw affair that could have gone either way. Fortunately for the blue, red and white it went their way as they scored a solo run in the bottom of the tenth, notching a 3-2 victory and setting up a meeting the local squad was awaiting.

All season long Maryhill had been Acton's goliath in Ontario Junior Fastball League play as the opposition won all three meetings, but the Ontario championships were different.

The A's were fired up and got by giants with their second straight extra inning win, defeating Maryhill 3-2.

It gave the A's the easy route to the crown, as they sat and waited while Maryhill battled with Port Perry for the right to play the A's. Maryhill scored a 9-1 win and it was Maryhill against Acton one more time, this time with the Ontario Championship Trophy at stake.

The A's made no mistake. Maryhill needed to win two in a row from Acton, but the locals weren't intending to give them any victories, scoring a 3-1 win to claim the 35-year-old Jim Tebworth Memorial Trophy, emblematic of being Ontario's Junior "C" Fastball Champions.

**Acton 2-Carrying Place 1**

The A's started slowly in the tourney playing "very poorly" in their opening game according to coach Marshall, but they managed to gain the much needed first win despite being outthrust nine to three.

Carrying Place's lead off batter claimed the lone run for his side and it wasn't until the fourth that the A's found the equalizer.

Kelly McArthur led off the inning with a triple and scored as Roy Spear sacrificed him to the plate.

The A's held their opposition at bay until they could manage the one more run they needed. Roy Spear's triple to lead off the final inning was the blow Acton needed. Tim Evans laid down a perfect bunt and Spear touched the plate with the winning tally.

Dick Spear started on the mound for the A's going the first five innings, before giving way to brother Roy who cleaned up.

"They had no pitching and we struck out right, left and centre," commented Marshall. Acton claimed three hits in the contest, but all were triples. Tim Baker had a first inning poke.

**Acton 3-Caledonia 2**

Caledonia was expected to be tough in the Ontario's and the A's found out how tough. It took the locals ten innings to claim their sec-

ond straight win, but they had to come from behind to do it.

The two teams split runs in the mandatory seven innings, each team scoring in the fourth. In the ninth it looked as if the A's would falter as they gave up a run, but the locals dug deep.

In the bottom of the inning Baker reached on an error, but was forced at second as Glenn Scott reached on a felder's choice.

A second error by the Caledonia infield allowed Scott to score on a unique play. According to Marshall he sent Scott around third toward the plate, but speedster was caught cold. As the catcher went down to make the tag Scott tried the high hurdles landing on the plate avoiding the tag and forcing the game to go into further extra innings. "Safe, time, I don't believe it," was the comment from the umpire according to Marshall as he smiled while visualizing the play again on Monday.

The hurdle paid off as the A's came back in the tenth as Mark Duval led off the inning with a single, scoring as Rusty Elliott put a ball in play.

Roy Spear went the distance for the A's allowing just five hits in ten innings and recording 12 strike-outs. Acton claimed only two hits with Gord McArthur and Duval picking up those.

"It was a super ball game," stated the coach, "and it was the start of our errorless ball."

**Acton 3-Maryhill 2**

All season long the A's have wanted to get even with Maryhill and Roy Spear was to be the giant killer. Spear allowed Maryhill just five hits over eight innings and struck out 14 to help the winning cause.

It didn't look good for the A's early as Spear allowed a pair of first inning walks and then a two run triple, but from there on he was nearly unbeatable.

The A's pulled to within one in the third as Rob Vermuelen reached base safely and scored on Gord McArthur's double. Acton tied the count an inning later as Glenn Scott did the damage, pounding a triple and scoring with Kelly McArthur's turn at bat.

Back to back singles from Scott and Kelly McArthur put Maryhill in a deep hole and a free pass to Roy Spear loaded the bases. Dick Spear's squeeze bunt sent Scott scooting home with the winning run.

**Acton 3-Maryhill 1**

The A's had several options open going into the first game of the final, but chose to stick with Roy Spear on the mound and it paid off once again as Spear allowed one run on eight hits, leading the way to the title.

For the first time in the tourney the A's had lost the toss and were the visitors. They made the most of their early opportunity as Scott singled and scored on Kelly McArthur's double for the first inning lead.

As the game progressed Maryhill did all their scoring in the first inning. Hurler Spear hit two batsmen and a single tied the score.

Vermuelen reached on an error in the third inning and it would be the error that eventually cost Maryhill the Ontario title. Vermuelen rounded the bases scoring as Gord McArthur put the ball in play, giving Acton the go ahead and eventual winning run.

The A's added insurance in the top of the seventh inning as Duval singled and scored. In the bottom of the inning Roy Spear bore down, fanning the first two hitters before two bunt singles threatened to prolong the game. Spear got the next batter to ground out and the A's celebration began.

A's coach Steve Marshall had praise for all his players after the tourney, feeling that each contributed and did their part in helping win the Ontario crown. He had special praise for catcher Tim Baker, who caught all but five innings in the four games, allowing but one passed ball. He was exceptionally pleased with Elliott and Vermuelen at

first and third. The pair played the corners without making an error.

Dick Spear moved to second and turned in a solid effort as did Kelly McArthur, who filled in for Rick Greenly at shortstop. Duval, who is normally a late game defensive replacement, came up big with the bat going three for four over the four games. Gord McArthur spent the weekend in left field and batting first in the order, reaching base five times. Dave Wilson started all the contests in right for his bat before Duval came on for defensive reasons. Scott played his usual

solid game in centrefield and carried a big bat while Evans showed his speed as a pinch runner. Don Casselman did his job as a defensive replacement in the weekend set, while Roy Spear claimed honors as the outstanding pitcher hurling 27 innings and allowing just five runs.

For their efforts the team earned the Tebworth Trophy which was first presented to Hastings in 1949, Labatt's Sportbags and a set of mugs.

Now, it's back to league play-offs where

the A's hope to do a little more goliath slaying. They expect to meet Maryhill in the first round of league play-offs.

Acton Junior A's Coaches Steve Marshall, Darryl Greenly, players Dick Spear, Roy Spear, Dave Wilson, Rusty Elliott, Rob Vermuelen, Gord McArthur, Tim Baker, Kelly McArthur, Don Casselman, Mark Duval, Glenn Scott, Tim Evans, Rick Greenly, Paul Cargill, and Dave Quinn. The later three were not available for the weekend series.

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## Villa 'A' finds going rough as Mariners take command

by Dave Dodds

For the second game in a row, Desmond's Acton Villa "A" coach Dave Lewis was forced into action, still leaving the team two men short in a game against the high flying Mariners in Georgetown Wednesday night.

Needless to say, Villa were at the mercy of the Georgetown team and were eventually hammered 5-1.

Acton came up with a spirited performance in the first half and came off the field at the break only trailing 2-1. Peter Comstive, playing his first game in a while, scored Villa's only goal, showing that his return will help Acton in their final playoff drive.

In the second half Villa again held their own until about the final 20 minutes when the Mariners, who were continually pressing, put the game out of reach. Barry Craddock, who has turned out to be a real find for Acton, was their outstanding player, although all nine players gave 100 per cent.

Villa play at home tonight (Wednesday) against Butcher in what really is a four point game, as it is the final regular season game

for Acton as well as the makeup of the abandoned game against Butcher from July 20. The winner of the game will receive four points, as in reality it is two games in one. This could prove to be a key game for Villa and hopefully the Kenji trio who have

missed the past two games show up for this one. This game promises to be a high spirited affair, with both teams trying to grab the glory. Come on out and urge Villa on and see some entertaining soccer at the same time.

## Villa 'B' finish with draw

Centre half Gordie Bruce was again Villa's outstanding player defensively, with Ted Nadhazi also playing well in a midfield role. Acton, who finished last in the seven team loop, start the playoffs this week, and if they play as well as they did in this game could pull off an upset in the first round. They must manage to hit the back of the net a few times though.

The homieside travel to Georgetown for the first game (Wednesday) tonight to face the Eagles at Trafalgar Rd. with a 6.45 kick-off. This is a two game total goals series, with the second game to be played at Acton the following week.