

Local pair on championship Orangeville lacrosse club

For Steve Taillefer and Rob Porte, winning the 1983 Ontario Junior "C" lacrosse crown was especially meaningful. That's because both young men are well aware of how the very same championship jolted the town of Acton in 1971.

The pair were part of the Orangeville Junior Northmen this summer. The team defeated Kitchener in five games of the best-of-seven final to win the title.

Steve, 16, can remember being at one of the final games 12 seasons ago in the Community Centre. He can remember being on top of his father's shoulders, and was probably as impressed as any four-year-old in attendance.

Orangeville, interestingly, was one of the Acton Rams' most loathed opponents of the lacrosse loop, in 1971. Now they've adopted two of our town's lost lacrosse souls.

"The people there were really nice to us," says Steve. "And the coaches were just great."

Both Rob, also 16, and Steve played the sport in Acton until 1980. Then, when the local club disbanded, Rob went to play in Fergus, while Steve sat out a term. Last year, they tried to find a suitable squad to dress with, in vain. So, they're both visibly relieved to have found a home in Orangeville.

They both plan to return. "Once you play it for a year, you're hooked," confirms Rob. "It's really fun, and it keeps you in shape."

And just to refresh the memories of Acton fans: "It's really a pretty scientific game," explains Steve. "It's not as rough as people think."

"Yeah," agrees Rob. "There are a lot of misconceptions about lacrosse."

Both players agree that there are many players in Acton who would and could play lacrosse if there were teams to play for. They are working on getting some of their friends out to Orangeville for next season.



Steve Taillefer, left, and Rob Porte, both of Acton, played lacrosse with the Orangeville Junior B Northmen this summer.

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Gocha... Danny Allen of the Acton A's makes an unsuccessful bid to steal third. The Acton A's lost to the Eastern Triple A's 5-4.

A's oust Maryhill in play-off series

by Robin Inscow

When the Acton Junior "A" Fastball Club gets on a roll look out!

Maryhill found out all about the local squad recently dropping a pair to the locals at the Ontario Championships and then falling two straight in Ontario Junior Fastball League play-offs, the most recent a 5-2 decision last Wednesday evening.

The A's now advance to the league quarter-finals and will meet the winner of Waterloo and New Dundee. The two were tied at one game each in their best of three series at last report.

After dropping three straight league matches to Maryhill, the A's have found the right combination against their Nemesis.

After a 3-2 win in Maryhill last week the A's came home to Prospect Park and relied on four eighth inning tallies for a 5-2 win.

Acton got on the board first in the match as Gord McArthur singled and eventually scored as Kelly McArthur cracked a base hit.

Maryhill tied the count off Acton starter Roy Spear in the seventh and took the lead in the eighth, but the local side dug deep coming up with four runs in the home half of the eighth inning.

Dick Spear led off the inning getting hit by a pitch and scored as Rusty Elliott lashed out a single. Gord McArthur was then hit by a pitch and Tim Baker walked before Glenn Scott's single gave Acton the big lead.

Maryhill tried in vain to get back in the match in the ninth picking up a couple of base hits, but the A's prevailed to take the game 5-2 and the series two games straight.

Elliott carried the hot bat going two for two at the plate while Gord McArthur, Kelly McArthur, Baker and Scott adding single hits.

Roy Spear went the distance on the mound striking out 13 and allowing six hits.

A's coach Steve Marshall is hoping to get the next series started on Saturday night or possibly Monday to get the home game in before the Acton Fall Fair moves into the diamond.

Fread loses in tourney final

by Mark Holmes

Acton area residents were treated to an exciting weekend of industrial fastball that ended late Monday afternoon in a battle between Acton's Fread Construction team and Barlas.

It was an uneven match between the two as Barlas downed Fread 6-0.

Starting Friday evening with Harvey's Firestone shutting out the Huttonville Hawks 4-0, the battle between the 12 teams swayed back and forth, eliminating the weaker teams by late Saturday.

The second match between Halton Hills Furniture and Barlas saw the Bramalea team swamp the Acton team 8-0, late Friday evening.

Starting Saturday's agenda was Fread Construction nipping C and S Plumbing 1-0. Game four had Rexdale controlling the game against the Acton Royals. Rexdale blasted in four runs in the third inning and held on to their lead to beat the A's 7-5.

Starting the afternoon was game six between Canadian Tire and the Elmwood Eagles. It was a close game that ended with the Canadian Tire team blanking Elmwood 2-0.

Second round action followed with Huttonville squeaking by Halton Hills Furniture 3-2.

Winners from the first round, Harvey's Firestone and Barlas, fought through a scoreless first half, but a dominant Barlas finally got their offensive machine going to overrun the Harvey's team 7-2.

Game nine was one of the high scoring games on the weekend that saw the Acton Royals succumb for the second time in the tourney, this time to C and S Plumbing. The final score was C and S 10, Royals 7.

The Fread Construction bats were in full swing in game 10 as the Acton team beat Rexdale 5-3.

Kicking off Sunday's schedule the Acton A's slipped past Elmwood 6-5.

Game 12 saw a well disciplined Eastern A's defeat Canadian Tire 3-1.

Game 13 was unlucky only for the Huttonville Hawks who were eliminated by the Acton Oldtimers. The Oldtimers were playing a high caliber of ball, defeating Huttonville 6-4.

C and S Plumbing hung on by their teeth to remain contenders as they snuck by Rexdale 2-1 in game 14.

Fread Construction kept themselves on a roll defeating the solid playing Eastern Triple A's, 3-0.

Canadian Tire romped all over the Acton A's in game 16 frying the opposition 18-0. Game 17 saw the Acton Oldtimers go down

swinging against C and S Plumbing. C and S won the game 7-4.

The Eastern Triple A's eliminated Canadian Tire 10-4 after maintaining a healthy lead early in the game. The A's banged in 10 runs while Canadian Tire could only muster 4.

C and S Plumbing were strong contenders until game 19 when the apparently invincible Eastern Triple A's defeated them 6-4.

Game 20 saw the only two undefeated teams go at it in semi-final play that could very easily have gone either way. It was strong pitching from both teams that held the nearly scoreless game through nine innings. After putting up an incredible fight the Fread team finally lost out to Barlas 1-0.

Having lost only one game apiece the next two combatants were the Eastern Triple A's and Fread Construction. The Fread team proved to be stronger of the two, defeating the A's 6-5.

The final between Barlas and Fread was over before it even really began. Barlas' powerful hitting rocketed them into a 5-0 lead early in the game and Fread could do nothing to narrow the gap. The final score was Barlas 6, Fread 0.

All in all, it was a terrific weekend for baseball fans. Perfect weather and an abundance of good baseball made for a thoroughly enjoyable three days.

AMHA sells 713 tickets for hockey lottery

About 713 of the 1,000 AMHA lottery tickets have already been sold, passing the break-even point of 525. Since June the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) has been plugging the Lottery tickets in an effort to raise money to buy new sweaters and Cooperalls for the 150 novice to juvenile level hockey players.

Carol Robinson, secretary of the AMHA, commented, "We really have to sell all the tickets to achieve our objective."

"We (the AMHA) have already ordered the blue, orange and white sweaters, but we can't order the Cooperalls until we know how much money we're going to bring in."

Mrs. Robinson explained Cooperalls are one of the best protective suits available. Covering a player from the breastbone to the knees in a rigid, system of padding, Cooperalls are characterized by long pants

instead of the familiar shorts.

If all the tickets are sold the association will gross \$100,000. Of the \$100,000, \$52,000 will be given away in cash prizes leaving a net profit of \$48,000.

As well as paying for the new sweaters and Cooperalls, the money will also be used to keep registration fees the same as last year and to help pay for ice time.

The first draw, to be held on October 15, will be kicked off by Mayor Pete Pomeroy. There will be one draw each week for a \$1,000 prize to the ticket holder and a \$50 prize to the seller of the winning ticket. There will be one draw each week for 50 weeks.

Ron Robinson, president of the AMHA, is hoping that all parents of Minor Hockey players will support the lottery and its objectives.

Cassazar junior champ

It's been several years since a junior golf club has been organized at the Acton Meadows Golf Club, and until spring it didn't look like there was going to be one this year either.

But thanks to Ruth Soder a junior team has successfully established themselves.

Last week the juniors held their first tournament. "This year," said Soder, "we

had a fairly good turnout. Seventeen people played and next year should be even better."

Club Champion this year was Pete Cassazar with first low gross score of 77. Taking second place was Jamie Thatcher with a first low net score of 59.

Bud Kentner, of Bud's Hobbie Cellar, donated and presented the trophies.



Acton Royals' Ian Campbell misses the ball allowing a Rexdale Oldtimer to steal third base. But, the ump called the stealer out. Rexdale won the game 7-5.



The most valuable player trophy was given to Jerry Marshall on the Fread team.



The Most Home runs trophy went to Dan Arbis. He had two home runs.

Girls' soccer

Tourney this weekend

Over 300 girls will be competing in the second annual GIRLS play-off tournament to be held at several local schools on Saturday September 10 and 11.

The tournaments will be held on the McKenzie-Smith, M.Z. Bennett and Acton High School fields. The Acton teams will be playing at the following times: Squirts, (Red) Saturday at 1.30 and Sunday at 9.45

and 12: the Gold team at 9.45 and 12.45 Saturday and 1.30 on Sunday; Whites will play 10.30 and 2.15 Saturday and 12.45 Sunday; Atoms at 9 and 12.45 Saturday and 11.30 and 2 Sunday; Mosquitoes, 11.15 and 3 Saturday and 10.15 and 2 Sunday; Peewees at 9 and 2.15 Saturday and 12.45 on Sunday.

Last year the tournament drew over 2,000 people a day to Acton.

New reporter at Free Press

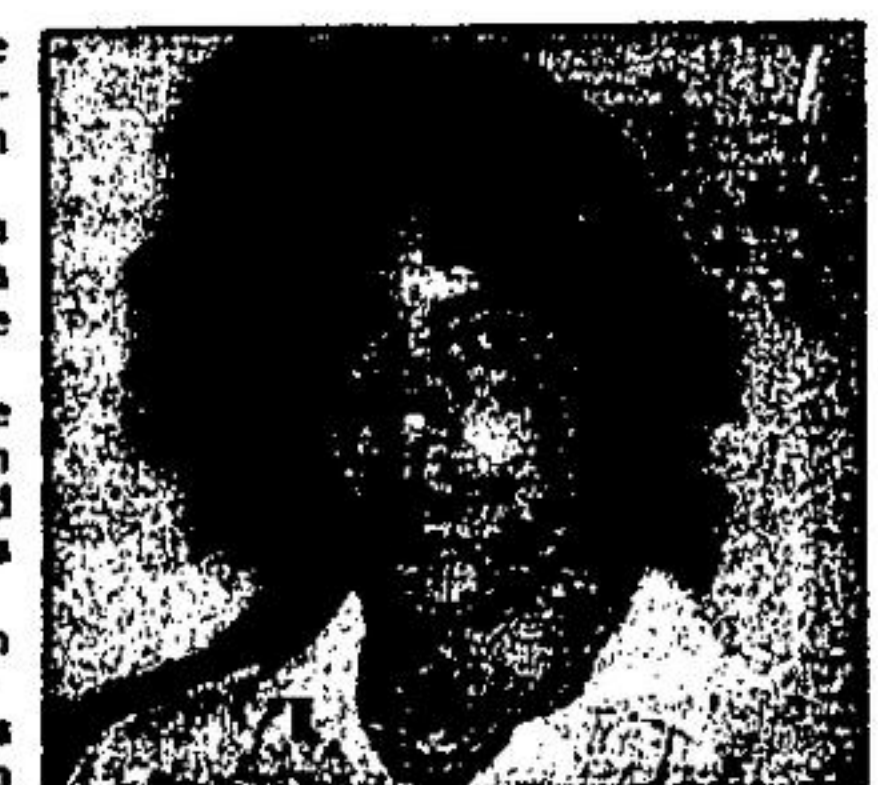
Mark Holmes, 21, has joined the Free Press as a general assignment reporter-photographer, working primarily in sports.

A graduate of the three year Conestoga College Journalism Program, Mark is a native of Kincardine and worked for a time with the Kincardine News.

Coming from a small town, he says he appreciates the importance residents in Acton place on sports. He is looking forward to meeting and getting to know local sports people.

Mark is planning to move to Acton from Kitchener in the near future.

An avid sportsman, Holmes says residents will see him jogging around town soon.



Mark Holmes