

East beats West in all-star ball game



A big swing! Acton Junior A's catcher Tim Baker takes a cut at the ball during the Ontario Junior Football League All-star game pre-game festivities. Baker was Acton's representative in the home run hitting derby. A large crowd was on hand to watch the East (and Acton) outdo their West counterparts 5-4.

Acton and their East division peers defeated the four western division teams 5-4 Saturday as the best from both directions met in Prospect Park for the Ontario Junior Football League all-star game.

As the defending champions the East holds onto their title for one more year, thanks to Acton's Roy Spear.

Spear popped the team's lone home run with the score tied at 2-2 in the seventh inning. He brought in two other runs and won the game. He also pitched the last 3½ innings for the winners. Spear fanned 19 batters and allowed two runs, but no hits. He had one wild pitch, but the error did not result in a west run.

The East division consists of Acton, Guelph, Waterloo, Maryhill and Cambridge and the West is made up of New Hamburg, New Dundee, Baden and Innerkip.

Representing Acton shortstop Mark Symes, centre fielder Glen Scott, second baseman Kent McArthur and catcher Tim Baker did their part for the team.

The East gained the lead in the third after two runless innings. They fell even, but never behind, twice during the game.

Jim Schnarr put the East on the scoreboard first when he made home plate on a fielder's error.

Kevin Bearinger replied for the West with a home run at the top of the fourth, but a single and two stolen bases put the East's Greg Voison in a position to be batted in by Glen Scott. Scott himself was unable to get past third.

Once again the West showed their determination as Mark Weber tied it up 2-2 in the sixth.

The East finished off their rivals in the seventh inning with three runs. Mike Hedderson gained first with a walk and second on an error while Mike Alderson took first. Spear brought both in with his homer.

Steve Rock and Jeff Van Dorscholt brought the West within one in the eighth, but to no avail.

Gold Glove Competition

In the gold glove competition and the home run hitting contest held earlier in the day the West proved superior as New Hamburg's Steve Rock demonstrated he had the best catching glove and Kevin Bearinger of New Dundee batted the most home runs.

Paul Reinhart took honors as the East's most valuable player and Kevin Bearinger was elected MVP for the West.

Both teams enjoyed a chicken barbecue and dance after the dust had cleared.



Roy Spear made no mistakes on this ground ball during the gold glove competition prior to the All-star contest. Spear reached the final three before bowing out.

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Veteran netminder Dave Tataryn has turned his property in Hillsburgh into a hockey school of a different kind. The former Toronto Toro and New York Ranger teaches a goaltenders' hockey school through the summer months. He works with only six boys per week helping them



with style and physical training. Much of the instruction is taped for a video session later while a puck shooting machine helps Dave put the shots right where it is wanted.

'The puck stops here' is goal of Dave Tataryn

by Robin Inscoc

There was a time when goaltenders that attended summer schools were used primarily for shooting practise. Other than conditioning they learned little about their trade.

Dave Tataryn is trying to change that. The Hillsburgh resident and former NHL and WHA netminder opened the Dave Tataryn Hockey School last summer. There is one hitch! It is for goaltenders only.

Tataryn's back ground leads one to believe that his help might help a young netminder make the grade some time down the road. Tataryn has championship rings with the Niagara Falls Flyers as a Memorial Cup champion and a pair of Allan Cup rings as Canadian Senior 'A' hockey champs. He is currently a main force behind the success of the Cambridge Hornets, who toil against the Georgetown Raiders.

In between national titles at the junior and senior level Dave took time to play with Toronto Toros in the WHA, New Haven Nighthawks of the American League and suited up with the New York Rangers in the NHL.

A lecture Level Four at the National Coaches Certification just enhances his credentials of teaching the aspects of goaltending.

Tataryn currently owns a large piece of property just outside Hillsburgh and it is there that he puts goaltending prospects through their paces every day through the summer months.

"The goal of our school is straight forward," claims the veteran netminder, "to maximize every student's potential as a hockey player and a person."

The country setting and relaxed atmosphere seems to be an ideal setting and it is paying dividends to those who attend. Grads of the clinic have advanced to Major 'A' and even the pro ranks.

Another feature of the school is the number in attendance. Dave works with no more than six boys any one week, which keeps him in constant contact with all participants.

Those attending the school stay in modern, comfortable facilities. The basement area of Tataryn home has been converted into a school living area. The goaltenders at the camp enjoy their own living area and games room which includes a pool table, ping pong table and sauna.

Joe Balsom of Georgetown is at the camp for the second year. This time Joe is spending the entire summer helping with chores around the farm, painting, cutting wood, feeding the horses, which are available for riding during recreation hours, and cutting the six hole par three golf course which provides the boys with some away from the training fun.

"This school's going to be popular," claims Joe, "words getting around," addition to the great learning experience Balsom was raving about the food. True to the home atmosphere Tataryn's mother does all the cooking for the camp.

Balsom praises Tataryn and the school. "He doesn't try to change your style," claims Joe, "but works with you helping to improve your game." The netminder added that "he's open to talk about anything."

"On ice training is a daily and important feature of our goal tending school. The school instructors observe the students' goaltending style and work to perfect that style and maximize his skills. The student is

taught to understand the purpose of key goaltending movements. This knowledge will assist the student in identifying those areas needing improvement. We have carefully analysed the skills involved in goaltending and broken them down into their basic parts," states Dave, "in on-ice drills we then work on various skills until they become conditioned responses. Confidence is built through the use of the BONI puck machine. Fundamental saves are practiced and perfected. The combination of confidence, speed, reaction time and a complete understanding of goaltending movement will make a better goaltender."

Tataryn recently built a new covered facility the participants use for on ice practice. Plastic ice with a silicone coating acts as the surface. While it needs no cold temperatures or maintenance the netminders on the skates and can move as if it were real ice.

Following each day's work-outs Tataryn sits down with the netminders and views films taken during the sessions. He goes over the good and bad points of play to help them down the road.

While the camp hasn't really taken off as far as local participation is concerned Tataryn is busy with northern and southern visitors. Last week ten year old Tripp Tracey from Detroit was at the camp, along with others from Ancaster and Thunder Bay. The week before a netminder from Holland was at the camp. Tracey, at 10, will be the youngest at the camp while others in attendance will be Major 'A' prospects. One will be heading for the Philadelphia Flyers training camp.

"Whatever the student's goal," states Tataryn, "he will certainly leave the school a better player."

Junior A's ousted from OASA play

Acton, defending Ontario Junior 'C' champions, were knocked out of the first round of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association championships with two losses to Binbrook.

Acton was edged 5-4 in Binbrook last Wednesday despite a seventh-inning rally which brought them from behind 1-0 to a 4-1 lead.

Kent McArthur, Gord McArthur, Rob Vermulen and Scott Kennedy all found home in the seventh, but Binbrook scored once in the seventh to bring them within two. Three quick Acton strikeouts in the eighth gave Binbrook the encouragement they needed to score three times in the eighth and win the game.

In a must game on Monday night in Acton

the locals' luck was not running good as they were defeated 2-1 by Binbrook, giving the challengers their needed best two out of three.

Mark Symes scored Acton's only run in the sixth inning, but Binbrook had already scored twice in the fifth to give them the edge.

In regular league play Acton edged Cambridge 6-5 last Friday in Sheffield. Acton was playing catch-up again when they fell behind 3-2 in the fourth. It was a close game, but three Acton runs in the sixth gave Acton the edge.

Tim Baker (two), Kent McArthur, Scott Kennedy, Gord McArthur and Chris Hisaki earned the runs for Acton.

Bears dump Pioneer

The Bears were ousted 10-7 by Pioneer Gas Bar in Acton industrial league ball last Sunday.

The sixth inning was the deciding factor for Pioneer as they recovered from a one-run deficit to score four runs.

Jim McNabb found home plate first for Pioneer in the first and later in the fifth.

Ken Hurden (two), Ian Campbell, and Gary Pickles brought Pioneer within one of the Bears, 7-6, before Pickles, Don Casselman, Gord Williams and Len Allan brought the game out of the Bear's reach in the sixth.

Chris Rowsell (two), Mark Brill (two), Mike Petkoff, Gary Barends and Cliff Britton contributed one each for the Bears.

Canadian Tire 3-Fread 2
Canadian Tire came from behind to edge Fread 3-2 last Sunday.

Ray Williams put Canadian Tire up one in the first, but runs by Gord McArthur and Len Baker in the third put Fread ahead 2-1.

Jeff Savoie scored the winning run in the fifth and Ray Williams counted an insurance run in the sixth.

Canadian Tire 23-Bears 9
Canadian Tire trounced the Bears 23-9 last Thursday.

All but one Canadian Tire player crossed home plate at least twice.

Rick Dadds scored four times for the winners.

Ray Williams (three), Ian Paul (three), Mike Brittain (three), Jerry Paul (three), Dennis Champagne (two), Terry Clarfariani (three) and Jeff Savoie (two) also scored for Canadian Tire.

William Deforest (three), John Verbeck (two), Gord Robinson (two), Chris Rowsell and Nate Fields counted for the Bears.



A future Alex Baumann?

Jason Ockenden receives congratulations from a fellow competitor after winning the 11 and 12 year old boys 80 metre breast stroke during a meet between the Swimming Stars of Acton, Fergus, Kincardine and Elmira on Saturday at the Lions Pool. Ockenden claimed two firsts and a second to help Acton to a first place finish.