

Padres beat Indians

Five RBI's for Copeland

The Georgetown squirt baseball house league continues to run strongly as the schedule moves into August.

Monday, Aug. 1 the Shaw Trophies Padres met the Thomson Moving Indians. Batting for the Indians Steve Collins nailed a home run and Tanya Little, Andrea Pollock (two R.B.I.'s) and Trevor McBain hit doubles. Additional R.B.I.'s for the Indians were by Ryan Penny and Jason Campbell. In the field both Steve Collins and Adam Jackson gloved fly balls. Outstanding plays in the field by Tanya Little, Matthew McMullen, Andrea Pollock at first base, Jason Campbell, Adam Jackson and Ryan Penny were game highlights.

The Padres worked hard to win the game with doubles off the bats of Shane Copeland (five R.B.I.'s) and Andrew Nelissen. Wesley Blight added a triple and extra R.B.I.'s credited to Peter Finlay, Tom Fisher, Michael Simon and Stuart Scottford. Fly ball catches were handled by Michael Simon and Stuart Scottford. Adam McDonald played great in the infield.

Due to the holiday the Glendale Fishing Charters Yankees and McEachern Steering Specialties Giants played a practice game. Wednesday, Aug. 3 the Cross Way

Donuts Cubs lost to the Yankees. Victor Capata hit a triple for the Cubs and doubles were hit by Matt Turnaway and Garrett Norman. Adam Stoyles added R.B.I.'s for the Cubs. Fly ball catch by Mark Fedchysyn made for the third out. Matt Turnaway made a great line drive catch.

Yankee doubles were hit by Mike Madill, Glen Wood and Brad Densmore with each batter adding three singles. David Pegg slammed a triple and three singles. Robert MacLeod gave the Yankees a home run, two doubles and two singles and Thomas Arnold hit a home run and a single. Lesley Moss added R.B.I.'s to her team's score with a pair of singles. In the field Glen Wood threw out to catcher Robert MacLeod for an out at the plate. Thomas Arnold made two unassisted force outs at third base and Brad Densmore an unassisted out at first.

On diamond II, the Padres won against the Giants. Doubles for the Giants hit by Craig Anderson, Ilya Woloshyn, Ryan Aubin, David Zemi and Darren Mansfield. Robert LaRose slammed a triple for the Giants. Brendon Smithson was outstanding in the field with a fly ball catch and three outs in one inning.

Batting for the Padres, Wesley Blight hit a home run and two doubles. Andrew Nelissen had a triple and five R.B.I.'s for the night. Peter Finlay and Nathan Martin added doubles with additional R.B.I.'s

from Michael Simon and Tom Fisher's great hits. Peter Finlay made a super stop in left field, threw to shortstop Wesley Blight who relayed to catcher Andrew Nelissen for an out at the plate.

Top Guns burst Hawks bubble

Game one in the Georgetown Senior Ball Hockey League last week saw the Pontiac Fiers take a 2-0 lead into the second period but they then ran into a rash of penalties that allowed The Kentners to run the score up as they got untracked.

Grant Bodnar scored both Fiero goals with helpers going to Chris Milne (2) and Doug Anderson. The Kentners' point getters were Don Parker (two goals, one assist), Geoff Parker (one goal, one assist), Dale Augry (one goal, one assist), George Coyle (one goal, three assists), George Riddler (one

goal) with assist to Ken Thorne, Ken Whitteread and Dale Augry (2).

The 8 p.m. game had plenty of scoring as Dave's Service Station scored two late goals to tie Choice Air 5-5. Choice Air marksmen were Ken Hurran (two goals), Ron McKelvey, Martin Thissen and Eddy Dale with assists to Mike Green, Gary Morris (2) and Bruce McPherson (2).

Dave's Service got their five goals on two each from Neil McDonald and Don Gady with a single to Gary Bovair. Marty

Loritos win tennis crowns

The Gordon Alcott Junior Tennis tournament was held last Friday evening (Aug. 5) and Saturday Aug. 6.

It was held in two divisions: Under 15 and Under 17 for the boys and a round robin for girls.

In the first round Mark Lorito defeated Pat Mlodzenac 6-2, 6-2. Dan Korosell defeated Darren

Lang in three sets 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Bill McDonald defeated John Wilson 6-3, 6-3. David Thorpe defeated Bill McDonald and went on to the finals against Mark Lorito in the Under 17 with Mark Lorito defeating him 6-4, 6-1.

The Consolation winner was John Wilson defeating Darren Lang 6-2, 6-4.

In the first round of the Under 15 section, Shaun Curry defeated Dusty Chandler 6-3, 6-1. Rob Lang defeated Brady Chandler 6-4, 6-1. Shaun Curry defeated Gord Buchan in three sets 6-1, 6-7, 6-2. Todd McGivern defeated Rob Lang 6-3, 6-4 and went on to the finals where Shaun Curry defeated him 6-1, 6-0. Consolation winner in Under 15 was Phillip Williamson who defeated Dusty Chandler 6-0, 6-3.

In doubles play Darren Lang and Bill McDonald defeated Todd McGivern and Rob Lang 6-3, 6-1. Dan Korosell and Pat Mlodzenac defeated Shaun Curry and Gord Buchan 6-4, 6-4 and went on to finals to defeat Bill McDonald and Darren Lang in three sets 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. In three sets Shaun Curry and Gord Buchan defeated Rob Lang and Todd McGivern 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

The Junior girls played a round robin with Jenny Lorito placing first, Lia Van Den Hoek second and Jennifer Koster third.

Things I learned from an old dock



LOON TINES and OIL TENDER NOTES by Len Landry

Part II of: "The bass that jumped for the sun."

"There it is! Balsam Lake! We're here... we're really here!"

Back in the 1950's when our family arrived for our annual summer vacation at my grandfather's cottage, I could hardly wait to renew acquaintances with my grandparents, and with a certain old friend that occupied a little chunk of Balsam Lake's shoreline.

But first, there was always the business end of things to tidy up, things like that mandatory kiss for my grandmother. No, no, "mandatory" is too harsh a word. I truly loved my grandmother, who was a fine French Canadian lady. It's just that I never liked to kiss anyone very much (although, as in all young boys, this stance softened in later years). And besides, no one could better prepare a catch of fresh fish for dinner fare... Yep, I always opted to stay on Grandma's good side and give her that kiss, because I always planned to catch lots of fish for her to cook.

My old friend along the shoreline would jut have to wait a few more minutes.

"I've got to get my fishing rod... got to hurry!"

Grandpa? Well, everyone knew him as Pappy and no one ever commanded more respect from a family. I believe that I inherited that abhorrence for smooching from him. I never saw him kiss anyone or anything, but there was sentiment there all right; he just expressed it differently, that's all and he understood more than anyone how excited I was to go down to see my old friend again.

Grandpa would usually be relaxing at the front of the cottage, and as I raced down toward the lake, I would slow down a step... as I approached him... mustn't appear too anxious... even a six-year-old had to appear "cool", you know.

"Hi, Grandpa, you know."

"Is the fishing good this year?"

He would nod again, and smile, and that golden-tooth filling would glisten in the sunshine, and he would puff slowly on his ever-present cigarette and he would point the way, silently, encouragingly, toward my old friend, a friend that spoke even less than my grandfather, for this friend was fashioned from sturdy wooden planks, and strong logs, and it extended about thirty feet into the sparkling Balsam water.

Yes, our old dock was always a reassuring sight for me, and yes, I considered it to be a friend. I was forever afraid that they would change it somehow, remove some of those ancient car tires that provided a cushioned landing for our boats and harboured some of the biggest spiders one could imagine... or perhaps they would fix that familiar creak the se cond board from the end. To do anything to our old dock would possibly serve to take away some of its' mystical power and believe me, it was truly a magical spot.

Thankfully, Grandpa liked the old dock just the way it was, so thankfully, that's the way it remained over the years.

I learned a lot from that dock, my old friend.

I learned that you didn't need a boat or lots of fancy equipment to catch fish, especially those VORACIOUS bass that lived around the wooden structure. My first fishing rod, after all, was a shaft of bamboo, onto which was stapled a coarse line and at the end of the line was my lure, a tiny blue-green fuzzy feather fashioned in the form of a fly... Now, I've yet to see a turquoise fly in real life, but the smallmouth bass and rock bass that passed by didn't seem to care too much; they attacked that little gnat with great gusto, and when I hooked a fish, I would work as fast as my hands would allow, twirling the line around the bamboo tip in order to withdraw the fish from the water. I would hold up my catch for all to see; then, nu-

udly, I would release it back into the water.

Yes, and after a few painful jabs, I quickly learned that the proper way to hold a bass was with the palm of one hand, working from the head of the fish, pressing down firmly on the dorsal fin. I certainly didn't know the technical name for these prickly little spines; I only knew that they hurt if you held the fish incorrectly.

I learned to be patient, that there would be times during the day when nothing was happening, and then, suddenly a huge school of bass would move in and I would wish that rules and economics could allow me to have a hundred bamboo poles working at once.

I learned to cheer for dull, over-cast days, with light drizzle, and a slight ripple on the water. Winds from the west meant fishing was best; winds from the east... well, you know... "fishing was least." A special time was when a full moon and the early or late day sun occupied the sky at the same time. And I hated those clear, calm, dry days that the swimmers and water skiers loved so much.

I felt surprise and, yes, a little fear, when a muskrat swam by my little bait one day. Always expect the unexpected, as they say. And after I graduated to my first bait-casting reel and Shakespeare rod, I gradually realized the importance of using lighter line and smaller hooks for bigger fish.

There was one day though, that I remember better than the rest, because on this day, I was to meet Lady Luck.

It began as one of those dreaded, clear, calm mornings and the sun appeared as a brilliant, orange ball on the Balsam horizon. The water was like a smooth, gleaming tabletop.

"Beautiful..." I thought. "But probably rotten for fishing," and while I was preparing a lure, I happened to look up. About fifty yards from the end of our dock, a big, big bass had the audacity to break the morning silence... "Swoosh!" as it tore through the glassy water surface, then "Crash!"... back into the water... and gone...

"What... what was he after? I asked, a little shaken, and the only answer I could muster was staring back at me; that orange ball, on the quiet horizon. That's what he must have wanted. Surely a simple bug on the water, or a minnow couldn't be responsible for such a display, such a great leap!

I set my equipment down on my old friend, the dock, and carefully marked the spot where the ripples were now shrinking away. I headed back to the cottage where everyone else was, or pretended to be, sleeping.

I would have to be patient, because I would need some help now. I couldn't cast that far... and I wanted that fish.

I wanted the bass that had jumped for the sun...

ON THE HORIZON

The Conclusion of "The Bass That Jumped for The Sun".

SHORELINES:

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Playoffs continued in the GBA's T-ball League last week as several teams competed in some exciting action. On Aug. 3 Continental Services Mariners scored 26 runs to win out over 23 runs scored by Halton Credit Union's Mets.

Mariner's Mandy Forbes played great defensive ball while teammate Jeremy Hodnett was the offensive star. Playing for the Mets, Jodie Hutzal scored two home runs and Michael Mathews was a super back catcher.

Centennial School ball diamond saw some great T-ball as Shoppers' Drug Mart Orioles edged out Mac's Mountainview Plaza Angels 28 to 23.

Thomas Palchuk, Orioles, got some great outs as catcher and had a good hit himself. Scott Belford made super stops as he played second and then third base. Andrea Peacock, a tremendously improved player, had good hits and scored three runs.

Special mention is made of Angels' players Ryan Carter and Paul Dimarco who played great ball and are valued members of the team.

The final score was 24-20 as Star Fuels Expos won over Apple Auto Glass Reds.

The Expos had some strong players; David Assenheim forced two outs at second base. David Van Houten racked up two triples and then two forced outs as short stop.

Ryan Van Blitterswegh got two outs as first baseman and, when pitching, stopped three runs on a fast bat. Little Patrick Downes proved that great size isn't necessary for great ball. Patrick got a double in the 1st inning, drove in two runs on a forced sacrifice fly in the second and got another double in the third inning.

All of the Reds put forth a great team effort and deserve a pat on the back.

Halton Hills Trout Farm Blue Jays won their third play-off game. They won 18-13 over Elliott Custom Brokers Rangers.

The Blue Jays want to thank Sara Pegg and Greg Tales for their tremendous effort. Ranger's Clayton Brown played great offensive ball and David Townsend had an unassisted triple play.

On Wednesday July 27 there was plenty of high scoring action.

The Apple Auto Glass "Reds" won a close victory over the Shoppers' Drug Mart Orioles - final score 28 to 24. The Orioles did play a great defensive. Heidi Brander, playing second base and then third base, made excellent attempts to stop the ball. Nila Varga got some outs as he played 1st base and then pitcher. Edward Van Klink got a 1st base out. Starring for the Reds were Darren Seilthar whogot a last bat home run and Christopher Near playing excellent third base defense.

It was anybody's game right up to the final plays. The Star Fuels "Expos" won 23 to 22 over Mac's Mountainview Plaza Angels. Robert Patiec (Expos) is a versatile player. He scored three runs for the Expos and also as first basemen got three outs. Laura Willis and Ryan Field added to Expos score with three runs each.

Playing for the Angels, Jennifer McMullen had a great game in spite of recent stitches. Corey Latimer performed good base running. Jason Donaldson had some good hits and really worked hard.

Halton Hills Trout Farm Blue Jays defeated Halton Credit Union Mets 27-20. Starring for the Mets were Cheryl Mastalerz, a super little girl with a big home run and Scott

Allison a wonderful short stop with great throws to home plate. Heroes for the Blue Jays were Don Smith with a couple of home runs and Matt Walker a great defensive t-ball player.

Continental Services Mariners played a super offensive game scoring 28 to 15 over Elliott Custom Brokers Rangers. Special mention should be made of Mariner's Ronny Laroque, who played great defense and Bart Balanowski with a stupendous offensive. Rangers' Sean Ashbee and Cameron Sissett show tremendous effort and are an asset to their team.

On Monday July 25 the Apple Auto Glass Reds played a close game against the Mac's Mountainview Plaza Angels. The final score was Angels 23, Reds 21. Playing for the Reds Daniel Harris had a last bat three run homer. Gregory Bidwell played excellent first base defense.

Angels star performers, playing strong b-ball, were Paul Dimarco, Kyle Hotham and Matthew Hotham. Thanks Matthew for the two home runs!

The Shopper's Drug Mart Orioles won over the Star Fuel Expos 28 to 24. For the Orioles, Brent McClung first base and Eddie Alcorn, pitcher, got eight outs in the first inning. Eddie and Brent both had a home run during the game. Robbie Alcorn stopped a fastball at third base. The Expos stars were Jason Estevan with a four outs on first base and two home runs and Alana Perkin and Amy Willis scoring three runs each. Halton Hills Trout Farm Blue

Explosive hitting in T-ball playoffs

Jays came up with flying colours in their 28-19 victory over Continental Services' Mariners. Blue Jays Gordon Everett played great offensive ball while Matt Walling worked hard to keep the Mariners from scoring.

Kenny Vidler, Mariners, had a super offensive game and Scott Graham played spectacular defense.

The Halton Credit Union Mets won a victory over the Elliott Custom Brokers Rangers with a final score of 27-21. Playing for the Mets, Heather Pollock had a home run and a triple. Andrew McGourty played great defensive ball at second base. Rangers, Patrick Donaghee and Becky Thomson played great ball and put forth a valiant effort to stop the Mets.

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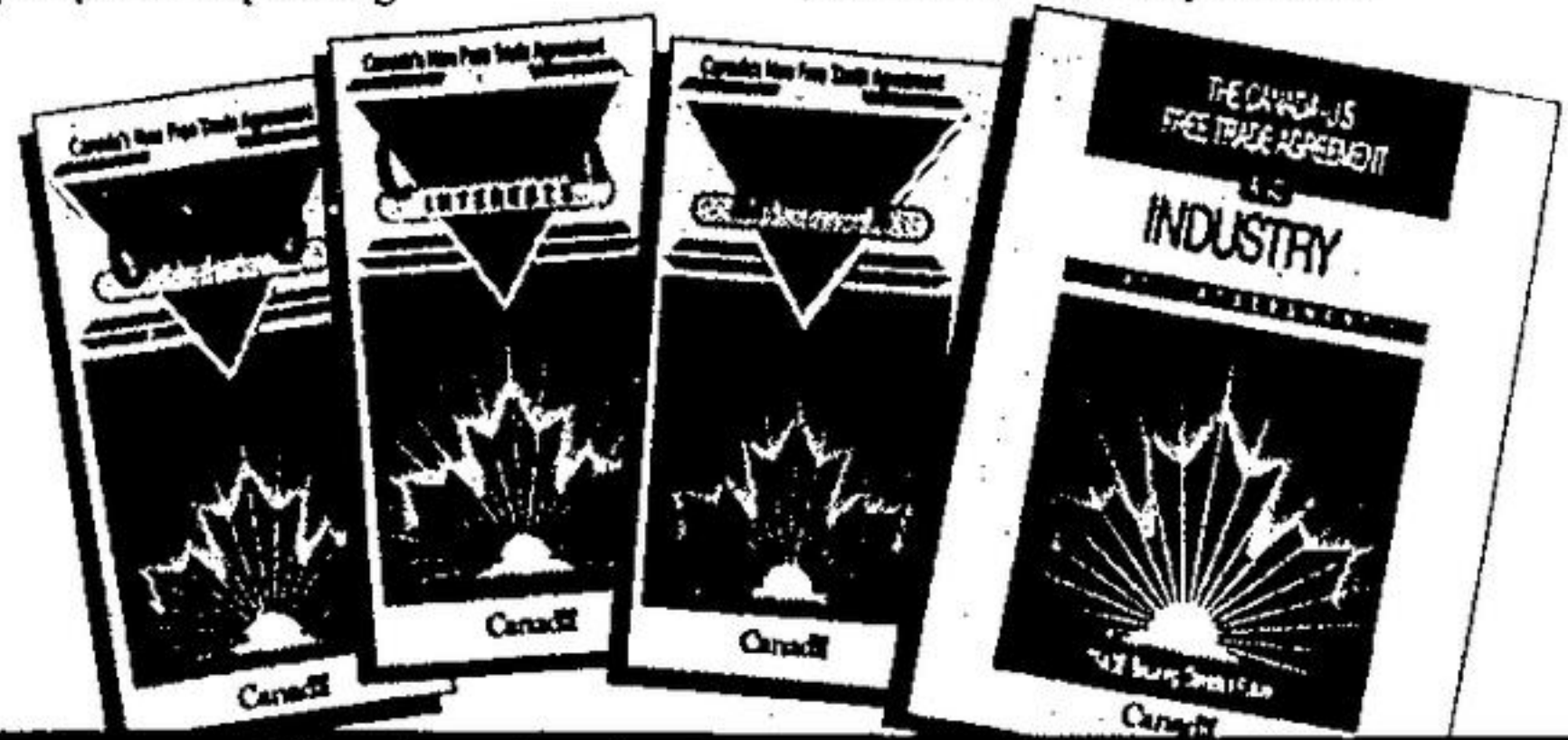
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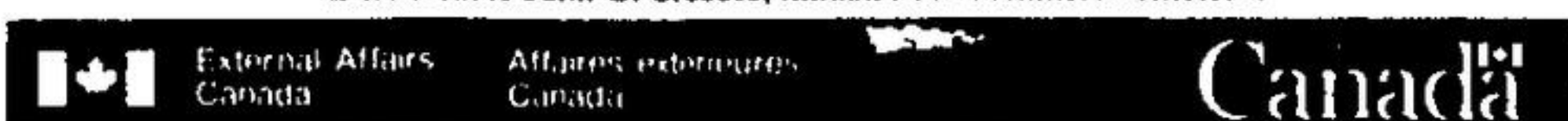
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