

GBA playoffs

Squirts battle on

Squirt baseball playoffs continued last week with the Glendale Fishing Charters Yankees meeting the Thomson Moving Indians and the Cross Way Donuts Cubs playing the McEachern Steering Specialties Giants.

Homeruns for the Indians were hit by Adam Jackson and Matthew McMullen. Steve Collins had a triple and Derek Lanthier a double. Extra RBIs by Matthew McCarthy, Jason Campbell, Dean Ellis and Tanya Little. Playing well in the field for the Indians were Steve Collins, Jason Campbell, Dean Ellis, Matthew McMullen and Tanya Little.

Robert MacLeod slammed a homerun and a triple for the Yankees. Teammate Mike Madill had a triple as did Geoff Bahr who also hit a double and a single. David Pegg and Bryan Foster each added a triple and a single for the Yankees. Andrew Terrell hit a double and a single for his team. In the field David Pegg made an unassisted force out at second base.

In the Giant victory over the Cubs, Steve Gibbons slammed a homerun while triples came off the bats of

Robert LaRose, Travis Dares, Mike Kitchen, Jason Van Meijel, Ilya Wolloshyn and Ryan Aubin. Doubles were hit by Darren Mansfield, Ryan Aubin, David Zeni and Craig Anderson. Brendon Smithson added extra RBIs for the Giants. Fly ball catches made by Mike Kitchen and Robert LaRose while Darren Mansfield made two good outs at first base.

For the Cubs, Chad Gemmill hit a homerun with triples from Johnathan Howell and Garrett Norman. Doubles by Erin Snook, Victor Capota and Shawn Weatherall. Garrett Norman and Matt Turnaway each made great live drive catches and touched first for an out.

Wednesday night playoff action saw the Shaw Trophies Padres play the Thomson Moving Indians and the McEachern Steering Specialties Giants play the Glendale Fishing Charters Yankees.

Stuart Scotland had a great game, hitting a grand slam for the Padres, adding a double and throwing to first for an out. Wesley Blight hit a triple and Adam McDonald and Darryl Johnston each had doubles. Extra RBIs added by Shane Copland.

Peter Finlay made a nice play in the infield for an out.

Indian homeruns hit by Tanya Little and Adam Jackson. Triples by Steve Collins and Ryan Penny (plus a double). Tanya Little hit a double for the Indians and RBIs by Matthew McCarthy, Brian Normore, Derek Lanthier and Andrea Pollock. Good fielding for the Indians by Brian Normore, Dean Ellis, Trevor McBain, Derek Lanthier, Steve Collins, Ryan Penny, Tanya Little and Adam Jackson.

The Giants were led by Steve Gibbons with a homerun and two triples, Travis Dares, Ilya Wolloshyn and Jason Van Meijel each with triples and doubles by Craig Anderson, Ryan Aubin, Renee Kitchen, Brendon Smithson and Mike Armstrong. Extra RBIs by Darren Mansfield and Robert LaRose (4). Mike Kitchen made good plays at second, Renee Kitchen played well in the field and Robert LaRose made two good outs at first base.

For the Yankees, Robert MacLeod hit a triple, a double and a single. David Pegg had two doubles and a single, Paul Farmer and Andrew Terrell each hit a double and a single and Ken Thomson had two doubles. Singles and extra RBIs by Geoff Bahr (3), Brad Denamore (3), Mike Madill (2) and Lesley Moss (2). Paul Farmer made a good fly ball catch, made an unassisted force out at first and caught a David Pegg throw to first for an out. Robert MacLeod threw to home and Geoff Bahr for two outs.



Committee to discuss handicapped programs

A new committee has been formed recently to help meet the recreational needs of the disabled in North Halton. Consisting of representatives from the community who have a handicap, agency representatives and members of both Halton Hills and Milton Recreation Departments, the group have been meeting regularly for the past few months to try and locate premises for a program, plan activities and address the financial obligations related to such an undertaking.

Executive members include: Shirley Raszevski, Chairman; Mary Burak, Vice Chairman; Jeff Bliton, Secretary and Bonnie Ward, Treasurer.

The Recreational Committee for Special Needs in North Halton are targeting for a one day a week drop in to commence in the fall. A survey conducted by the Physically Handicapped Citizens Affiliation identified the greatest need in Acton. Currently the group is appealing to the community and service groups to assist in obtaining the equipment and funds required. Many respondents to the questionnaire expressed a desire to socialize, play cards, board games, bingo, crockinole, darts, shuffleboard and few even want to weight lift. Others have the desire to go for after field and plan day or evening outings. At present the Committee is investigating a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. Recreational items, donations or financial contributions can be directed to the North Halton Recreation Committee for Special Needs, c/o The Recreation and Parks Department, P.O. Box 128, Halton Hills (Georgetown), L7G 4T1. For more information call Bonnie Ward at 878-7211 ext. 281 or Jeff Bliton at 877-5185 ext. 282.

Lady Luck helps land the big one



LOON TUNES and OUTDOOR NOTES by Len Landry

Conclusion of: "The bass that jumped for the sun."

"Eat your breakfast, Leonard. It'll get cold," my mother said. "Are you feeling all right? Is there something wrong?"

I must have been quite a sight at that particular moment in time, a sullen, serious-faced six-year-old, staring out at the sparkling water of Balsam Lake, staring at a spot, that spot where a big bass had leapt earlier, during dawn, while I stood on the end of our dock.

That bass was no ordinary fish. I remember thinking, its sole purpose in life had seemed to be the plucking of the morning sun from the horizon... and I had marked the spot where it had jumped, and I stared intently out at the water at that location now.

"I'm fine, Mom. Is Dad up yet? We've got to get a fish... I saw it this morning..." And isn't it wonderful how memory puts everyone "on cue" for, as I remember it, my father promptly appeared at the breakfast table, and as he passed his hands through his thinning hair (I now know exactly how that feels), he yawned noisily and wondered aloud what all the commotion was about... he lit a cigarette, and looked at me with his tired eyes, and he listened... That's important. He listened to me.

Well, God bless him, it didn't take me very long to convince him that we should be out on the water, in pursuit of the bass that had jumped for the sun.

We readied ourselves for the challenge in our own rooms, behind the coarse curtains that served as doors and provided privacy in my grandfather's cottage back there on Balsam Lake... back then in the 1960s... Then, we walked through the darkened living room, the one with the comfortable couches and the old oil stove, that always mysteriously came to life with the inhalation of a single, lit wooden match. We went on into the dining room at the front of the cottage where wide windows faced the beautiful sparkling water of Balsam.

Ah yes, many plans were hatched (only a few were scratched) in that dining room made of bright, golden logs covered with a varnish that always gave rise to the neatest little bubbles a kid could imagine, things that we couldn't resist pressing and flattening... when Grandma wasn't looking... Mounted on the north wall of the cozy eating place was my grandfather's trophy buck, which oversaw all proceedings with a regal air; I can't remember how many points there were to its antlers, but there were lots. Another point became clear over the years, though: I never inherited any love for deer-hunting.

My father and I bolted through the dining room, patting that trophy buck for luck and the old screen door closed with its consistent creak and crack. Down the steps we trotted, past the ancient cedar tree with the impossible number of trunks, amid which younger children could have been hiding and playing but I was oblivious to everything now except that spot on the water.

"You know, Leonard, that fish probably moved on after it

jumped..." my father cautioned.

We marched on along the neatly mowed grass of which my grandfather was so proud, past the embedded wagon-wheels through whose spokes I couldn't resist clucking-clacking my fingers. We passed the perfectly trimmed cedars and pines, and, with the maroon boat house on the left, and the old brick barbecue on the right, we headed directly for my old friend, the dock.

Grandpa's aluminum fishing boat was waiting.

And before he struck up the two-horsepower, green Johnson motor, my father advised, "Fish that jump often don't bite. We may not get him today... but we'll try... we'll try..." and the Ace and I were off.

We travelled about fifty yards from our departure point when I looked back one last time at our cottage of maroon-painted logs, shingled blue roof and, of course, the friendly dock. I remember that it was a brilliant morning, and the water reflections created by the light breeze and bright sunshine were almost blinding.

"Right here! Stop! That fish is right here!" I yelled.

As I readied my worm harness, my father was still being cautious: "If we don't get him today, we'll try again tomorrow. Maybe we'll try the river mouth... You always like it there..."

Now, you all know what happens next, don't you? I mean, really, it wouldn't be much of a story if we had been skunked that day, and I doubt that I would have remembered it so vividly.

As I recall, it took just one cast...

Perhaps it was the hypnotic spin of the flashing blades as the baited harness descended slowly into the crystalline water, perhaps the enticing squirm of the worm; or perhaps it was that pat of the trophy buck; perhaps it was all the work of Lady Luck... but even though I had truly expected a quick strike, I was shocked by the force and the suddenness of it.

"Bang!" went my fishing rod against the side of the boat...

"Screech!" as it was dragged along the unforgiving aluminum. I had lost control of the pole, and my father urged me to swing it around the front of the boat, and then he relented and offered assistance.

"I told you! I told you!" I roared, half-happy, half-hysterical.

"Big fish... holy smoke! Mmmmm!" Dad said, as he helped with the rod... and the rest is a happy blur. I know that together, somehow, we netted that big bass, a beautiful, bronze smallmouth.

And, you know, I really identify with the people out there who never doubted that we had indeed caught the bass that had jumped for the sun. There is no question in my mind that this was so, because, like you, I believe in Lady Luck, and guardian angels... Heck, I believe in Santa Claus; He's truly there; just believe strongly in Him.

And yes, John Sebastian and the rest of the Lovin' Spoonful. I do believe in Magic, but this was before your time in the sun, after all... The only thing that mattered now was getting that fish back to the cottage... back there on Balsam Lake... back then in the 1960s...

I could hardly wait to tell Grandpa all about it...

Taggart, Benwell take tennis titles

The Gordon Alcott Tennis Club held the Ladies and Men's Singles tournament Aug. 19 and 20 with Joanne Benwell and Jim Taggart emerging as the big winners.

In the Ladies first round: Sue Dunning won against Judy Payne, Sue Deeley defeated Walburga Bomball, Deb Koster won against Chris Remes and Joanne Benwell defeated Yvonne Henderson. The finalist in the main event were Sue Dunning and Joanne Benwell with the ladies singles title going to Joanne Benwell. In the consolation round Judy Payne won against Chris Remes.

In the Men's first round: Jim Taggart won against John Lemay, Bill Kent defeated Peter Skafved and Ed Rieger won against Jim White. Al Robitaille defeated John Dallison, Don Henderson won against Ken Milne, Dave Harris defeated Bruce Payne, Frank Bray won against Frank Abular and Ed Van Den Hoek defeated Jim Hamilton. The finalists in the main event were Jim Taggart and Frank Bray with Jim Taggart taking the men's singles winner.

In the consolation round Frank Abular won against John Lemay.

The G.A.T.C. men's and ladies doubles and mixed tournament will be held Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

Rolling along

The balls were rolling at the Georgetown Log Cabin Lawn Bowling club last Saturday as the club hosted a mixed competition with other teams from Milton and Ki-

chenor. A Georgetown contingent took top honors in the day-long bowling club as fine weather made for some enjoyable lawn bowling. (Herald photo)

Mosquitos swatted in semi-finals

The Georgetown Girls Mosquito Select Soccer team played in a four-nation in Oakville on the weekend.

In their first game against Ancaster it was a goal scored in the first half by Dione Benito and great defensive play from Deanna Gulgnard, Amy Sykes, Stephanie O'Brien and Becky Devries which gave the Georgetown team a 1-0 win.

The second game started the same way with Dione Benito scoring in the first half. The Ajax team battled back at the end of the first half and tied it up at 1-1. Georgetown came out strong in the second half and were all over the Ajax goalkeeper. No luck came Georgetown's way and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

After two games all the scores were in and Georgetown needed a win over the favorite Oakville club to advance to the semi-finals the next day.

Oakville applied pressure early in the first half of the ensuing match, but on a pass from Dione Benito, right winger Joy Walraven broke in all alone and scored on the Oakville keeper. Oakville, however, maintained the pressure and at the end of the first half tied it up at one goal a piece.

All through the second half the momentum swung back and forth between the two teams, with both the Oakville goalie and Georgetown goalie, Shannon Morris, making some excellent saves. With under five minutes left in the game Georgetown moved into the Oakville zone and on a pass from Erin Gogan, Stephanie O'Brien scored what proved to be the winner.

The strong play of the Georgetown halfbacks Sarah Williamson, Sharon Shapcott, Julie Dugas and Katie Blyth played a major role in the outcome of the game. Georgetown ad-

vanced to the semi-finals against a very strong Niagara Falls team, who had defeated Scarborough, Brims United and Streetsville by scores of 7-0, 4-0 and 6-0 respectively.

Niagara Falls opened the scoring very quickly and held a 4-0 lead at the half. The Georgetown girls played an excellent second half allowing only one goal by the Niagara team. Marcia Roy, Melissa Watts, Deanna Gulgnard and Sarah Williamson all played a strong game.

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