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IT'S MINE! Acton High first baseman Amanda Garwood makes the proverbial big stretch at first to snare a throw from second base as a Burlington Notre Dame Fightin' Irish player drives to the bag. Notre Dame drove in eight runs in an 8-0 victory over the locals at M.Z. Bennett Thursday in the last regular season Ladies softball game. Acton was knocked out of the playoffs Monday, losing 10-7 to Assumption. (Doug Harrison photo)

AHS Ladies victims of Murphy's Law

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Murphy's Law I: Whatever can go wrong, will.

Murphy's Law II: Whenever Burlington Notre Dame Fightin' Irish's Kellie and Jodie Murphy play ball against you, whatever can go wrong, won't be far behind.

The sister duo was instrumental in their team's 8-0 blasting of Acton High in the final regular season game of Ladies' softball action at M.Z. Bennett last Thursday.

The locals dropped their last two games to finish at 3-3-1 and faced Assumption, who they beat earlier in the year, on Monday in Burlington in first-round playoff action.

However, the season came to a halt as the locals pushed themselves too hard in the 10-7 loss and frequently hit routine pop-ups, easy for Assumption fielders.

"We played well, but we just couldn't put many innings together with hits and runs to score a lot," said Acton skipper Tom Wright.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, winning pitcher Kellie Murphy pitched a tidy three innings, scattered five hits, walked none and struck out two. She induced many Acton batters to either lunge fruitlessly at hard outside corner pitches or ground softly to the left side of the infield.

Lynn Goulet further stymied the home side for the latter four frames. She gave up one hit, didn't allow a run or walk and struck out four.

"Notre Dame's got real good pitching and is well-coached," said Acton coach Tom Wright. "Lunging at the ball shows our youth and lack of maturity. Most of the girls haven't faced this kind of pitching before."

Jodie Murphy would produce what would be more than enough

runs, drilling the ball to deep left field for an inside-the-park homer in the third inning off loser Kelly Ambrose.

"We haven't been out of a game this year," said Wright. "I'm quite pleased with a .500 season. I got more from the girls this year than I expected and I'm looking forward to the next couple of years."

Denny's wins three

The Denny's Insurance hardball club has bounced back with three wins following an opening loss to Waterdown III.

Denny's edged the Acton Lions Club Mosquitoes 15-13 on Monday evening; nipped Waterdown II 12-11 in their second game and won their first in a come-from-behind 7-3 match against Brookville.

On Monday, Peter Topolay had two triples, Craig Lockwood one, and Joey Thompson a single.

In their first win, Denny's exploded for six runs in the fifth to make it 6-3.

Jeffery Cole and Darren Selihar contributed triples in the 12-11 second game.

David Albano homered for Denny's in the 10-8 opening loss.

Tennis team winless at Bronte Park

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The Acton High Tennis team recorded a perfect record in recent Halton play at Bronte Provincial Park — a perfect 0-9 over the two-day event.

In Singles play on the second day, Michelle Blakey succumbed 8-2, while Steve Turkosz didn't travel with the team.

Dan King and Chris Cullen were ousted 8-0 in Men's play. Trish Denny and Tanya Filipek were doubled 8-4 in the Ladies' match.

In the Mixed encounter, Carroll Thorpe and Jean Paul Tamblyn were defeated 8-2.

Meanwhile, Devon Ambrose and Aimie Kamminga were beaten on the first day in Junior singles. Ambrose lost 8-5 and Kamminga was shut out 8-0.

Amanda Garwood and her partner Shelley Hand were handed an 8-2 defeat in Doubles action, while the tandem of Chuck Gair and Chris Muir were pummeled 8-0.

The duo of Mai Ngeuyen and Jamie Goy were crushed 8-0.

Mustangs persevere in Halton Relays

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M-S Reporter

The McKenzie-Smith Mustangs' relay teams travelled to Nelson Stadium in Burlington to compete in the Halton relays last week.

In the 4 x 100-metre, the Mustangs had a Junior Girls team competing. Baily Galimanas, Melissa Young, Emma Douglas and Kristin Finley posted a time of 1:44.22.

Also entered in the 4 x 100m event was the Senior foursome of Jenn Johnson, Megan McDowell, Melissa Ford and Jen Rigney. They finished in a time of 1:05.62.

Steve Protopapas, Sandy Chapman, Jeff Birrell and Andre Savard crossed the finish at 1:02.18 in the Junior Boys category.

For the Intermediate Boys,

McKenzie-Smith's Brad Foster, Jon Routledge, Derrick McIntyre and Brian McIntyre finished in 58.53.

In the Senior run, a time of 57.16 was attained by Tom Galimanas, Rob Turpin, Richie Dial and Mike Morrow.

The 4 x 400m events went much the same as the 4 x 100m.

The Junior Girls finished in an amazing 5:24.43. The Senior Girls were clocked in 5:41.66. The Junior Boys crossed the line in 5:16.40.

The Intermediate boys did an excellent job, almost catching the Seniors in 5:03.98. The Seniors' time was 5:03.40.

All the times were personal bests, but none were fast enough to reach the finals.



EYEING A HOMER: Acton's Krista Keir keeps her eyes glued to the ball in hopes of making solid contact during Halton high school Ladies' softball action Thursday at M.Z. Bennett. The home side had trouble putting hits together — getting just six in total — and fell 8-0 to Burlington's Notre Dame Fightin' Irish. (Doug Harrison photo)