Andy's scores 16 in routing Limehouse to open hardball season

Solid pitching from Adam Ahearn, Joey Thompson and Chris Scully gave the Andy's Restaurant Peewee hardball team the edge they needed on Friday for a welldeserved 16-5 win in Limehouse to open the 1994 season.

Andy's struck for four runs in their first at-bat. Ahearn, Sandy Chapman, Joe Field and Paul Kerins scored.

They followed with seven-run mercy inning in the second. Scoring were Thompson, Chapman, Travis Stewart, Sam Brunelle, Ronny McCaslin, Matthew Wilson and Steve Forbes.

Limehouse replied with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Scully, Kerins, Ahearn and Matt Bodin all crossed the plate in the third frame to open a 15-2 bulge for Acton.

The home team bit lightly into the Acton lead with three runs in the third. Acton pitching retired

the final six batters, while McCaslin ended the onslaught with a run in the fourth.

Atom Girls lose in the Glen

The Acton IGA Atom Girls' softball team started the 1994 season with a disappointing 20-13 loss to Glen Williams last Tuesday in the Glen.

Acton played well despite the loss. Catcher Kimberly Roberts, pitcher Carrolyn Chiasson and Ashley Killick, who made a nice defensive play, were noted for their outstanding effort.

The locals play Hornby tonight (Wednesday).

Holmes' errors forgotten after winning hit

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

From gloom to glory with one swing of the bat.

That was the story of Acton ... Redmen shortstop Lindsay Holmes on Thursday after she erased a horrific five-error outing with a gamewinning groundout in the sixth-inning for a 7-6 win over the visiting Milton Mustangs in high school girls' softball action.

After the Mustangs grabbed a 6-4 lead in the top of the inning, the Redmen jumped all over their shaky pitching arms in their at-bat at McKenzie-Smith before a crowd of about 20.

The home side answered with a three-spot to even their record at 2-2 on the year.

Lauren Furness ripped an RBI triple to score starting pitcher Heather Ambrose, who reached base on a double.

Sharon Kearsey's single then scored Furness before Holmes' groundout produced the winning run by Amanda Garwood, who had drilled her second triple of the windy contest, played in unseasonably cool temperatures.

"Lindsay has trouble when the ball is hit at her feet, but in all fairness she had an ailing back (on

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Thursday)," said Redmen coach Al Scott after the game. "She made four or five plays in the first game that she shouldn't have got to, so

"And Amanda Garwood saved us today with her back-to-back triples (in the fifth and sixth)."

The Redmen opened the scoring as Garwood singled, stole second and third and was driven home on a single up the middle by Yvonne Hendry.

A two-out rally in the second saw the Redmen put a pair of runs on the board.

Jackie Jahn walked, stole second and scored on Kearsey's safety. Furness then hit a two-out short, made it 6-4 Stangs. pop-up behind second base that swirled in the wind and dropped to put runners on first and second. Following a walk to Garwood that loaded the bases, Lindsay Holmes walked to make it 3-1.

Up 3-2 in the fourth frame, Kearsey spelled Ambrose after 3-1/3 hard-fought innings in which the latter relied on solid defence to get out of jams and had the ability to induce Mustang groundouts when called upon.

Kearsey ended the Mustang threat with a strikeout and helped her own cause, closing her glove

on a pop fly to the mound.

"She (Kearsey) pitched really well. The girls just booted the ball around her," said Scott. "If we play complete games of solid defence, we'll be all right."

After stranding runners at second and third to end the fifth inning, Kearsey ran into trouble in the sixth, allowing four runs.

It began when Holmes couldn't squeeze a grounder for her fourth faux pas. Then a ball dropped behind second base between Holmes and centre fielder Furness to score another run.

Later, a wild pitch and error by Jahn, who replaced Holmes at

"The girls just have to learn to get around on the ball," said Redmen assistant coach Chris Cullen. "We handled the fast pitchers better than the slow ones."

The Redmen played at Lord Elgin against the Lancers yesterday (Tuesday). They host Assumption at McKenzie-Smith tomorrow at 3:45 pm.

NOTES: After an 11-1 defeat to the Aldershot Lions two weeks ago, the Redmen fell 7-3 to Bishop Reding and edged Burlington Central 9-8 in extra innings in Burlington last Tuesday.



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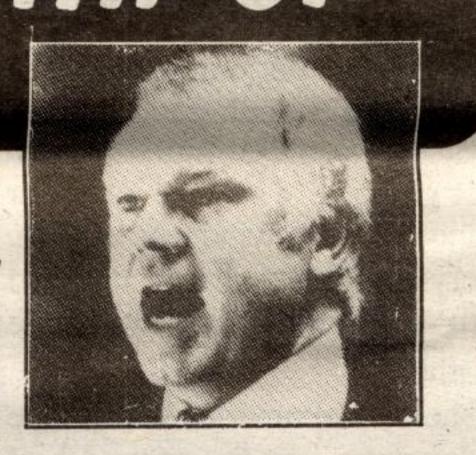


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When you break the law in Singapore, you get the cane and for everything from rape to vandalism.

The cane is laid on with a split rod that leaves its victims

bleeding and sometimes scarred. President Ong Tang Cheong says "You want to do the crime, you better be ready to do the time and I guess take the cane too."

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