

Rookie Redmen impress early in '95 softball season

GIRLS SOFTBALL PREVIEW

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

The future of the Acton High girls' softball team looks exciting, but this year's edition certainly isn't chopped liver.

Although five rookies have joined the squad and reliable third baseman Jackie Jahn has decided to ply her trade on the soccer field, Redmen coaches Al Scott and senior student Chris Cullen still feel they can compete for the title.

"We'll know after we play Milton (on May 15) of our overall talent and ability," said Scott after

a scheduling miscue resulted in Thursday's match here against Blakelock to be cancelled. "I can put any of the 13 girls in the lineup and we'll do well."

Scott expects first-year players Vicki White, 3B-catcher Chrissy Wygood, Melanie Varley, P-catcher-2B Kelly Holmes and OF Miranda Timbers to be an integral part of his team's title run. After a 17-7 season-opening win last Tuesday here against Oakville's Queen Elizabeth Park Eagles, he's already impressed.

The diminutive Timbers surprises some with her high level of intensity and packs with it an ex-

cellent bat and a strong desire to play the game.

And Cullen cites White as the fastest female he's seen play the game. "She also has a great glove and bat, and is intense, but not obnoxious. She stays to herself."

"One through nine in the batting order is not that weak," says skipper Scott, who, like Cullen, enters his second year coaching Redmen softball. "We can rely on every batter going to the plate and we're not afraid to use the bench."

Certainly not if veterans like Heather Ambrose, Lauren Furness, Lindsay Holmes or Amanda Garwood happen to be occupying

it at the time.

Scott also predicts the Redmen will be one of the elite teams in the field. Furness patrols centre, while Holmes and Garwood cover the middle infield at short and second base. Amanda Thompson and Mandy Bosch will share duties at first.

Taking over for Jahn at the hot corner is Shari Patenaude, who according to Scott "has an excellent bat, strong arm and good glove."

Relying on the strong play of the aforementioned athletes could be the best pitching troika the Redmen have fielded in the last

three years.

Heather Ambrose, who was effective on the mound last season, seems to have picked up some velocity on her fastball, while reliable hurler Sharon Kearsy is consistent and strong all around. Rounding out the threesome is Furness, a power pitcher who has already caught the eye of her coaches.

Andrea Lunau and Yvonne Hendry appear to have successfully made the transition from right field to catcher.

Hendry honed her skills playing boys' hardball in Acton last summer, while Lunau has shown grit early in the season and has improved 100 per cent from last year, says Scott. With the bases loaded against Q.E., she quickly pounced on a wild pitch and dove to the plate to prevent a run.

Scott and Cullen are both pleasantly surprised with an already explosive offence, considering poor weather limited the Redmen to a handful of practices — two of which were run inside the Acton High gym.

"I would be surprised if we don't score at least seven or eight runs a game," Scott offers.

Adds Cullen: "The girls just go out and know how to play the game. If they keep their heads in it, we'll do all right."

B & K WINDOWS & Aluminum Products
EXPERTS IN THE SALE & INSTALLATION OF:
■ ALUMINUM & VINYL WINDOWS
■ PATIO DOORS & SHUTTERS
■ STORM WINDOWS & DOORS
■ PORCH ENCLOSURES
■ SOLARIUMS
■ THERMAL REPLACEMENT
■ DOUBLE OR TRIPLE GLAZED
■ FASCIA, SOFFIT, EAVESTROUGH, SIDING
FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL TODAY: **877-3769**

LAWN MAINTENANCE
NEWMAN LANDSCAPING
Design and Construction
Interlocking Stone
Rockery Stone
Free Estimates
All Work Guaranteed
(519) 853-3838

Comfortmaker
SHARP HEATING
HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING
-High Efficiency Furnaces
-Electronic Air Cleaners
-Humidifiers
-Full Gas Service
-Electric to Gas Change-overs
CALL DEAN **856-9494** ROCKWOOD

Heritage Masonry
• FIREPLACES
• BRICK & STONEMWORK
• CHIMNEY REPAIRS
CALL: **853-3397**
"LET US BUILD YOUR DREAMS"

VAG
Vern's Masonry Construction
• Stone Work
• Fireplaces
• Restoration & Repair Work
• Marble & Ceramic Tile
(519) 853-3826

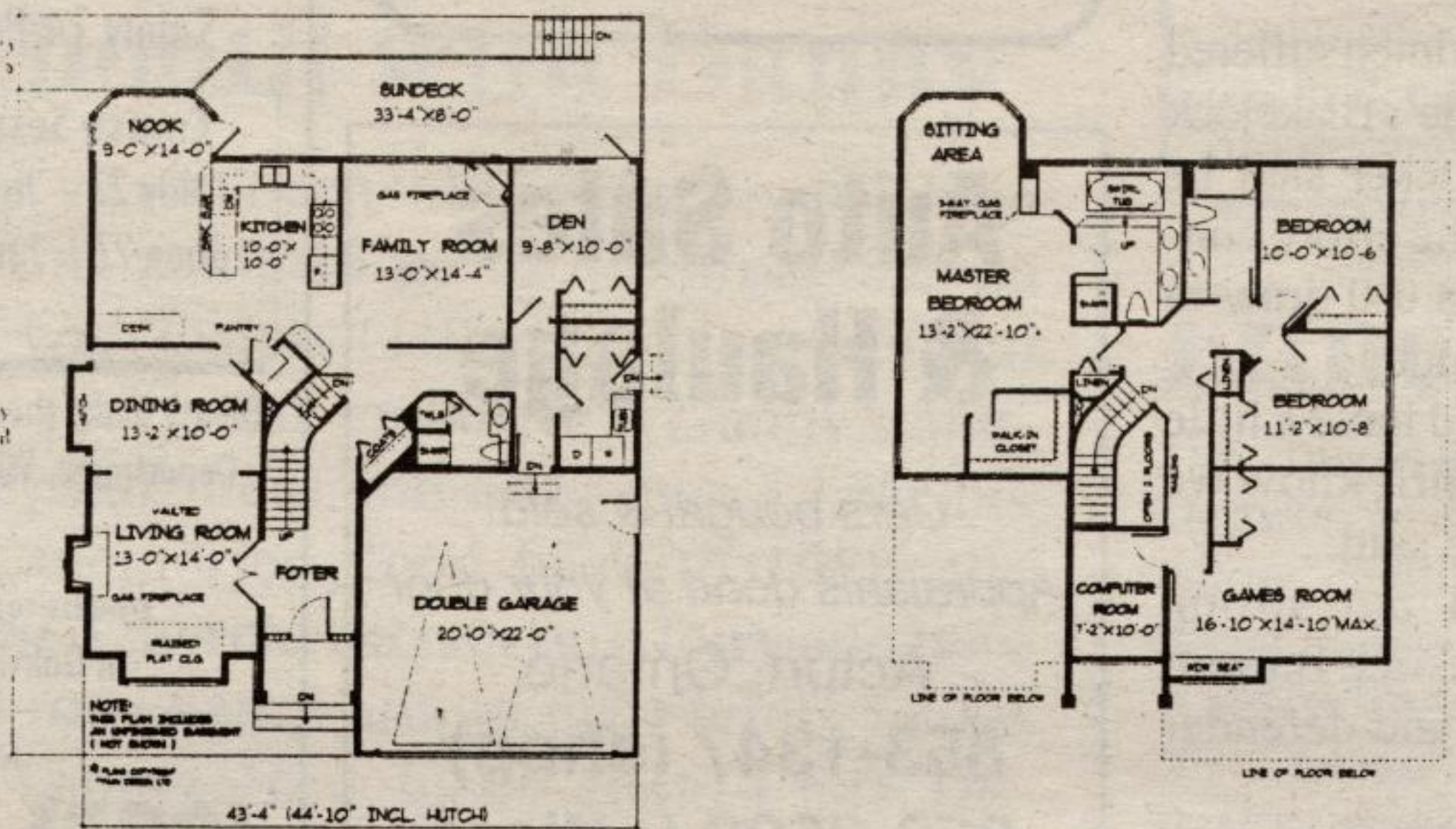
PETER ZIONS CONSTRUCTION LTD.
853-2464 • ACTON
"A Family Building Tradition for 28 Years"
◆ Home Improvements
◆ Licensed R-2000 Home Builder

Twiss Fuels
• Shell Fuels & Lubricants
• 24-Hour Burner Service
• Hot Water Heater Rentals
• Energy-Efficient Testing
• Installation
878-6380
Unit 15, 32 Steeles Ave. Milton

ROBERT NOBLE LTD. SEPTIC PUMPING
• High Pressure Drain Cleaner
• Septic should be pumped every 3 years
• 4 trucks, radio equipped to serve you
20 Years Experience
RR #1 Acton 853-0500
Fax 856-9860

DENNY'S INSURANCE
50 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Serving All Your Insurance Needs
Home • Auto • Business • Travel
Life • Mortgage Ins. • Group • RRSP
853-0150
15 Mill Street West

HOMEPLAN OF THE WEEK!



Five bedroom family home

The games room and downstairs den could easily be converted into a fourth and fifth bedroom, making this home a suitable choice for a large family.

French doors lead into an elegant living room featuring a vaulted ceiling, and a raised flat ceiling over a boxed out feature window. The dining room is partially open to the living room creating a spacious atmosphere for formal entertaining. The kitchen boasts an efficient U-shaped work area with an open counter and breakfast bar to service the nook. The nook provides access to a large sundeck — an ideal spot to set up the barbecue and patio furniture. The family room, set apart from the kitchen, provides a quiet area for relaxation.

Upstairs, a deluxe master bedroom features a three-way gas fireplace which can be enjoyed from the carousel

sitting area, the main bedroom area, or from the raised swirl tub in the ensuite.

An unfinished basement awaits your own creative touch.

Plans for V-903 may be obtained for \$495 for a package of five complete sets of working prints and \$45 for each additional set of the same plan. Allow \$15 extra to cover the cost of postage and handling (Canadian residents add 7 per cent GST to plan total plus postage and handling.)

This is one of our new designs. Many innovative plans are now available in our home plan catalogue for \$13.85 including postage, handling and 7 per cent GST.

Make cheques, money orders, Visa or MasterCard authorizations payable to Acton Tanner Home Plan of Week, P.O. Box 150, Acton, Ont. L7J 2M3.

Labombard heading to 5-pin nationals

Acton bowler and Acton Bowl co-proprietor Darlene Labombard will represent Ontario at the Master Bowler nationals in Saskatchewan from July 1 to 3.

She averaged 259 against 60 competitors in the last of eight Master Bowling tournaments in Toronto recently to grab the provincial spot.

To become a Master Bowler, Labombard had to carry a 220 average for a number of years.

Meanwhile, four Acton keglers brought home some money from the Young Adult Bowling Association (YABA) bowler of the year tourney held at North Park Bowlerama in Toronto on Saturday.

Graham White topped the local men, copping \$225 after a fourth-place finish.

He totalled 1,409 pins, including handicap, over five pins in the qualifier.

Dave Mills was right behind, copping \$175 after racking up 1,386 pins, while Cliff Britton was \$75 richer after rolling a 1,370 total.

Meanwhile in ladies' play, Mary Labombard was fourth, bringing home \$225.

"The provincial coach, Dave Roeder, has won the national title the last two years," reports Acton Bowl proprietor Gord Labombard.

For All Your Business & Home Rental Needs:
KC RENTALS
RENTALS • SALES • SERVICE
Rockwood
856-9571

APC ACTON PRECAST CONCRETE LIMITED SINCE 1963
■ SEPTIC TANKS & WATER CISTERNS
■ PVC SEWER PIPE
■ WELL TILES & CULVERTS
■ TRANSFORMER BASES
■ STEPS & PORCHES
■ YARD & PATIO PRODUCTS
ACTON
853-1529

Leathertown LUMBER
LUMBER, PANNELLING & PLYWOOD
PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL
HARDWARE, HAND-TOOLS
PAINTS, STAINS, WINDOWS, TILES
DOORS, TRIM & SIDING
"Everything you need to do the job right."
Leathertown Lumber Inc.
Main St. North • 853-1970