

Denny's drops Consolation match to Wheatly

MINOR BASEBALL

HARDBALL

The good news is the **Acton Foodland** Peewee Boys' hardball team went 3-1 at a Central Ontario Baseball Association house league tourney in **Limehouse** over the weekend.

The bad news is the one loss is a glaring one. It's the one that prevented the locals from snatching the championship from **Brookville**.

The final will definitely not rank as one of the better pitching performances by Foodland, which surrendered 11 runs to a team they handled 8-6 in their second game of the tourney.

And the offence sputtered, amassing only two runs, their lowest output by far on the weekend.

Mike Rowsell, who walked, scored on a Jason Mercer hit, while Joey Thompson, who was also given a free pass, stole home.

Other hits were turned in by Chris Gibson and Steve Le Sarge with singles and a Michael Kentner double.

Thompson pitched the first two innings, allowing four runs on four hits, striking out four and walking four.

Darren Selihar took over to go two innings, giving up five runs on six hits, fanning three and not walking a batter.

Finishing up on the hill was Mike Rowsell, who yielded one run on a pair of hits and walking three.

Acton knocked off **Carlisle** 8-5 to advance to the final.

Gibson had two hits and two RBIs, while Rowsell added a double and RBI.

Other hits were posted by Selihar (double), singles to Mercer and Thompson and David Wells, who bunted and reached based on an overthrow by the Carlisle catcher.

Thompson and Selihar shared the mound duties.

Acton was staked to a 7-0 lead in their first meeting against Brookville before the latter club stepped to the plate.

Wildness by the home side starting pitcher resulted in seven walks and two hit batters for seven runs.

Selihar on a single and an out by Rowsell had the RBIs.

On the hill, Thompson started and threw two innings, giving up a run on four hits, walking two and striking out five.

Selihar pitched two scoreless frames in the second and third before getting into trouble in the fifth.

His line read three innings, six hits, five runs, two walks and two strikeouts.

Selihar led the attack for Acton to open the event, hitting a two-run double. Gibson (run-scoring double), Wells (RBI-single), Mercer (RBI-single) and Wells (bunt, RBI) brought across the remain-

ing runs.

Thompson held Brookville to no runs over three innings, while Selihar was hit for all opposition runs. Brookville knocked him around with five hits, struck out three times and was given two free passes.

In league action, Shane Haslam singled, doubled and drove in three runs as Acton doubled Brookville 12-6.

Thompson chipped in with two RBIs, while two singles each by Mercer and Rowsell also brought home runners.

Michael Varanelli and Robbie Price supplied other safeties.

Last Monday, Selihar's two hits for an RBI topped Foodland in a 7-5 victory in Acton over Carlisle.

Mercer, Thompson and Daniel Banks counted the other RBIs.

Wells and Randy McPherson scored off walks.

Not even a triple play could bring a smile to **Denny's Insurance** Mosquito players at a recent tourney in **Mitchell**, because **Wheatly** scored a run before the third out in the Consolation round for a narrow 5-4 squeaker.

Neal Dawkins scored three runs, all off Jason Wells RBIs. Chris Schiller plated Wells with the fourth Acton run in the fifth inning.

In Acton's other games, they were whaloped 14-6 by **Corruna**, 11-3 by **Goderich**, but routed **Exeter** 9-4 in between.

Acton coach Bill Clark noted special mentions to Brock Spear, Greg Cole and Jason Wells for their pitching performances.

Peter Finnie made a nice grab in right field and doubled off a runner on first. And Mark Finnie did an admirable job behind the plate.

Waterdown I took a pair of Bantam Boys' games against **Marzo Glove** last week.

The hosts clubbed Acton 14-9 on Wednesday and 7-4 Tuesday.

Scoring twice on Wednesday were Bryan Boyko and Jason McConnell. Bryan Coles, Chris Ashley, Matt Wilson, Blair Ferguson and Ryan Schmidt all touched home once.

The game marked the pitching debut of Corey Brock.

Last Tuesday, Boyko, Ashley, Matt Wilson and Brett Timukas scored runs.

Ryan Stroud posted a team-high five RBIs and helped **Acton Auto Tech** overcome a 15-9 deficit, but in the end **Waterdown** hung on for a 15-14 win last Tuesday at Prospect Park.

The Shibley Bros., Pat and Matt, earned two RBIs each. Steve Boychuk and Chris Moriarty had singles.

Fine pitching showings by Stroud, Pat Shibley, Adam Burgess and Greg Voisin.

T-BALL

The **St. Alban's Saints** battled **Daniel Varanelli** recently at Sir Donald Mann.

Noteworthy players for St. Alban's were Bryan McLellan, Joelle Galda and Laura Dawkins.

For Varanelli, Stephen Bennett, Taylor Begg and Kayla VanDenEnden stood out.



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Emerald Gaiety's deep green silver-edged leaves, at their best in full sun or partial shade, acquire a pinkish hue in winter. At maturity it grows 3' to 5'. **Emerald Gold & Gold Tip**, similar in character and appearance (green and yellow foliage), differ in that Gold Tip's larger leaves are more subtle in colour. **Sun Spot** with yellow and green leaves is a lower growing variety whose yellow blotch is more prominent in full sun.

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Andy's ties Rockwood

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Joey Field, with two, and Adrian Dolloway scored.

Rockwood pulled keeper Mike Wooley, who then scored three goals.

Acton keeper Greg Barends played with a broken toe.

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