

E.C. girls softball squad annihilates Acton

E.C. Drury softball players couldn't have caused any more damage if they'd actually had a wrecking ball and vacant building to destroy.

Giving new meaning to the word annihilation, the local ladies scored the maximum allotted seven runs in three of five innings on the way to dismantling the thoroughly outclassed Acton Redmen 27-1 Monday.

The Spartans' win — the most lopsided in several years — pushed their unbeaten record to 3-0. Acton actually held the lead at one point, before coming to grips with the sheer superiority of their guests.

Lindsay Harrold and Melissa Park split the pitching duties for Drury. Collectively, they struck out six batters and gave up just a couple of hits.

Offensive contributions came from up and down the lineup, with everyone exploiting the hapless Redmen. "Winning by that much, it's really hard to pick out your stars," quipped coach Sally Gray.

Be that as it may, a few team members were especially productive in Monday's massacre. Marion Jamieson had four hits, a pair of home runs and four RBI while sister Anne — arguably

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the top defensive player on the day — drove in three runs and was a perfect 4-for-4.

Amee May also had four RBI on four hits — one of which was a dinger. Also taking their hosts downtown with long balls were Park and Tasha Leslie.

Drury's biggest test of the year comes Thursday, May 25 at Thompson Park against the powerhouse Georgetown Rebels, who've eliminated them in the playoffs the last two seasons.

Before that they'll face cross-town rivals Bishop Reding Tuesday at Thompson. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Streak snapped

There's nothing like throwing a big league pitching prospect at the competition to end a lengthy losing skid.

The Bishop Reding boys baseball team did just that against Burlington's Lord Elgin

Monday.

Shawn Hill — who's been throwing for major league scouts this spring and hasn't been able to aid the high school team much through the first half of the regular season — fanned nine batters and gave up just one hit in his first full length outing for the Royals. His four-inning gem of a performance helped the previously winless club shut out the Lancers 7-0.

Solid in relief were Mike Grabauskas and Andrew Coe — one of five players who had at least two hits in a balanced offensive attack. Chris Dumencu, Taylor Lawton, Conan O'Brien and Niko Zentil were the others.

Now 1-4, BR will likely need to split their final four games in order to earn a playoff berth.

Following Corbett Tournament play this weekend, they'll take on the E.C. Drury Spartans — also struggling lately — Monday at Maplehurst Ball Park. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Royals on a tear

Soccer is generally considered a low scoring sport, but try telling that to Bishop Reding's junior boys.

The Royals — looking a lot like the team who captured regional gold two years ago — have dented the twine on 19 occasions in four games, while allowing a measly one goal against over this stretch.

The only blemish on their record was a season-opening scoreless stalemate with Notre Dame. Since then, they've delivered victories over Acton (11-0), Nelson (6-0) and Lord Elgin (2-1).

Alan Lorenzo has been sensational between the pipes while leading offensively with five goals is David Wynne. Close behind with three apiece are Mark Borrelli and Jeff Thomas — who had all of his goals against Nelson.

BR looked to extend its undefeated run yesterday afternoon at home versus M.M. Robinson. Results weren't available at press time.

Meanwhile, Reding's senior boys are 2-0-3 after tying Burlington's Aldershot Lions 1-1 Monday at home.

Mohawk to host top trotting colts in OSS May 19

North America's top sires stakes program will begin next Friday when Mohawk Raceway will welcome the three-year-old trotting colts for Gold Series Elimination action.

This group was impressive last season, setting track records at both Mohawk and Woodbine, and this year the incentives for speed are even greater. For the first time the Ontario Sires Stakes Gold competitors have a shot at a season finale and the purse and the purse rings in at \$250,000 for each of the three-year-old divisions, the richest events ever offered in the Ontario Sires Stakes program.

Entry based on points

To earn a ticket into the lucrative Super Final the colts must tally points in Gold Series Eliminations and Finals all season, 50 points for a win, 25 points for second, 12 points for third, eight points for fourth and five points for fifth spot.

At the end of the season the top 10 point earners qualify for the November 4 Super Final.

Of the three colts who earned more than \$100,000 in O.S.S. action last year, only Botany Bay has seen competition this season — but there are some impressive newcomers that look poised to secure a berth in the May 26 Gold Final and start accumulating Super Final points.

Topping the list of early season favourites is Elegant Supreme, who set a stakes record winning the Tie Silk Series at Mohawk on April 25. The son of Balanced Image, who made just one start in the Sires Stakes at two, stopped the clock in 1:58 to capture his second victory in four starts.

John Bax trains Elegant Supreme for Parkhill Stud Farm of Peterborough, Brian Parkinson of Sharon, Aline James of Lindsay and Brian Grant of Whitby.

Might have double shot

Bax could have a couple of entries in Friday's Gold Eliminations if Elegant Supreme's stablemate Armbro Thomas makes the trip to Mohawk. Another son of Balanced Image, Armbro Thomas won a leg of the Tie Silk, missed the board in the final, but rebounded to finish second in a May 9 contest. Parkhill Stud and Liberty North of Peterborough own Armbro Thomas.

A Grass Roots regular last season, Dell Ridge Riley may make the transition to the Gold Series after a 1:58.3 victory at Mohawk on April 27. The son of King Conch and driver Tom Strauss went from eighth at the three-quarter pole to first at the wire by virtue of a snappy :28.3 last quarter. Pete Gillies trains the trotter for Hornby's John Grant.

Next Friday's Gold Elimination will be the first of 20 O.S.S. events Mohawk will host this season, including the Super Final Night November 4, when a total of \$1.6 million will be up for grabs. This season is the richest ever, with \$15 million available to the province's top two and three-year-olds.

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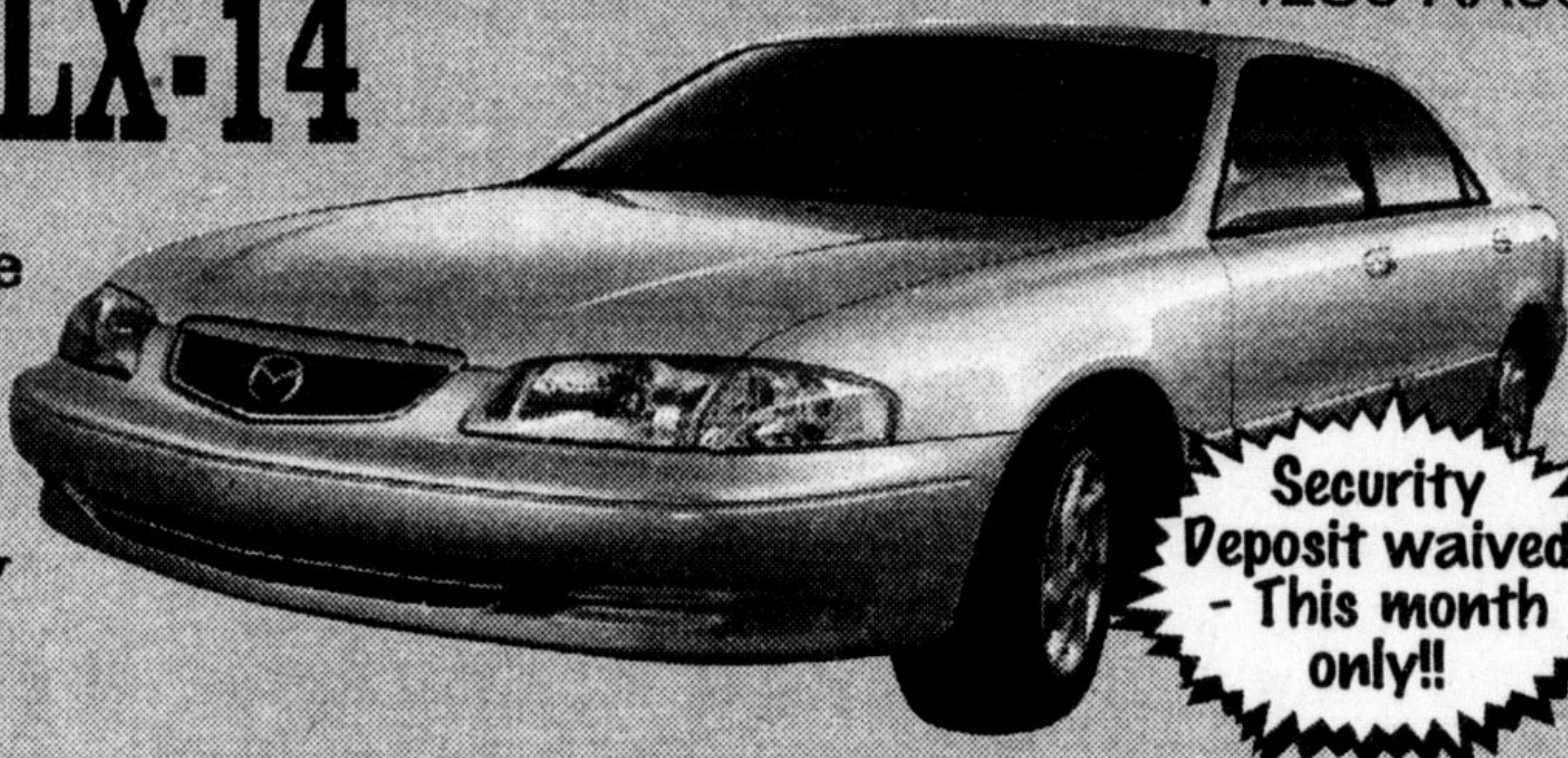


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