

Recreation Scene



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The past few weeks have been very busy around McGuire Park. Indications show that until the end of August the park will be used almost every evening, and weekends included. With this amount of use on only two really playable ball fields in the municipality, we can see more than ever the need for expanding these facilities. The first step would be the installation of flood lights for McGuire Park. This would help relieve the pressure for the diamond during the daylight hours and also allow our teams to play in leagues outside our immediate area. We are hoping for this project to get off the ground next year with the town's support. I'm sure the lights would be an asset to us.

I am still waiting for calls from people who would be interested in assisting with at least one program during the fall and winter months. It will only take an hour or two a week and you will gain some satisfaction in knowing that you have helped others.

I am also interested in knowing what activities the people of the municipality would be interested in starting. A phone call is all it takes. You may find a group of people who have the same interests as you.

Parents who wish their children to play ringette this year should think very seriously about running for executive positions. Without an executive it is very likely that we may have problems getting this excellent girl's sport off the ground. Keep this in mind and please show up at the organizational meeting when it is called.

Six teams compete for championship

GBFL playoffs are starting

The top six teams in the Georgian Bay Fastball League enter the playoffs this week.

Participants in all but one of the three playoff series had been decided by press time.

The first place Penetanguishene Garrisons tackle fourth place Ken's Esso in a best four out of seven series. Meanwhile runnerup Lafontaine clashes with fifth place Olympia

Sports in a two out of three game series. The third place Penetanguishene Expos will be meeting either Thunderbay or the Ontario Provincial Police team in another two out of three game series. Both Thunderbay and the OPP ended up tied for sixth place and were to have played a sudden death game to determine who makes the playoffs on Monday night. (Details

were not available at press time).

GBFL Wrapup

The Garrisons ended their season on a winning note downing Olympia Sports 11-4 on August 5. The win was number 17 for the Garrisons to go against a record of only two losses and one tie for a total of 35 points.

Olympia wins two of the final two games of the season can be taken has any indication Olympia Sports has finally begun to hit on a consistent basis, something the team hasn't been most of the year. Seven of Olympia's 11 losses this season were by one run scores.

Olympia crushed the Penetanguishene Expos in back to back matches 7-2 on Wednesday and 11-3 on Thursday.

John Stamp was the winning pitcher in Wednesday's game while Bobby Rice picked up the victory on the mound for Olympia on Thursday.

Bobby Valentine had a big game for Olympia on Thursday coming up with two homers during Olympia's eight run third inning. Steve St. Amant also homered for Olympia in the third.

Despite the fact that Olympia lost both of its regular season games to Lafontaine 1-0 and 7-3 the series should be a close one. In a best two out of three game affair anything can happen.

OPP 5 LA 4
Lafontaine closed its season by dropping a close 5-4 decision to the OPP. Ted DeVillers was the losing pitcher.



Playing in the dirt

Penetanguishene Expos pitcher Larry Leroux kicks up dust to register his disgust as another Olympia runner makes it home on a passed ball last Thursday at McGuire Park. Leroux had control problems in the game which saw Olympia clobber the Expos. For details read the Georgian Bay Fastball League wrapup.

GBFL standings

The unofficial final standings for the GBFL are as follows:

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Garrisons	17	2	1	35
Lafontaine	14	5	1	29
Expos	12	7	1	25
Ken's Esso	11	7	1	23
Olympia	6	11	3	15

OPP and Thunderbay tied for sixth.



Frustrated at home plate

Gord Dusome's frustration is written on his face after he just failed to stretch a triple into an inside-the-park homerun last Thursday against Olympia. Dusome, the

slugging first baseman for the Penetanguishene Expos and his teammates were treated roughly by Olympia in last Thursday's loss.

Expos split with Kitchener City Hall

The Penetanguishene Expos came back from a humiliating 21-8 defeat at the hands of the Kitchener City Hall All-Stars on Saturday to down the out-of-town all-star team by a narrow 12-11 score Sunday.

The one run victory earned the Expos a split in what organizers hope will be an annual tournament.

Expos wasn't much to say about Sunday's game except that Kitchener pitcher Jeff Ontonovich threw the ball too fast and either the Penetanguishene hurler

threw the ball too slow or Kitchener's bats were too large and too fast.

Lloyd Leroux was the winning pitcher on Sunday. He also hammered a home run.

In Saturday's game Paul Dion scrambled home from third to stretch a triple into an inside the park homer when the relay from the outfield eluded the Kitchener catcher.

A corn roast, "Where a good time was had by all," according to the Expos' Bert Thompson topped off the exhibition tourney.



A Cardinal hits the ball

Undefeated throughout regular season

Cardinals maintain win streak

The Penetanguishene Cardinals carried their unbeaten regular season record into the playoffs by eliminating Oshawa in two straight games of the Midget Provincial Women's Softball Playoffs.

In back to back games Saturday and Sunday the red hot Cardinals downed the Oshawa girls 8-2 and 11-9.

Brenda Columbus and

Nancy Hamelin scored two runs each in Saturday's 8-2 triumph. In that game Penetanguishene scored four runs in the third inning and never really looked back, adding one more in the sixth and three in the seventh inning. Oshawa's only runs were scored in the fourth inning.

Down by five runs in the second inning the Cardinals appeared to be in

danger of losing their first game against a midget girls team this season on Sunday.

And things didn't look that much better when the Cardinals came to bat in the top of the ninth trailing 8-5.

However, the Penetanguishene Girls led by Anne Robillard and Nancy Hamelin came back. The Cardinals tied the game at 5-5 in the

fourth inning which was highlighted by a three run homer by Nancy Hamelin.

Oshawa scored two more runs in the fifth and added a single run in the sixth.

Trailing 8-5 and with one out the Cardinals managed to pull the game out of the fire in the final frame. Susan Dusome started the clutch rally going by hitting a single. Eva Charlebois followed her with another single putting runners on first and second.

With two out Marg Hook belted a triple to bring the Cardinals within a run of Oshawa. Jean Roi followed her with a single which tied the game.

Nancy Hamelin singled and stole second. With runners on second and third Anne Robillard homered to give Penetanguishene an 11-8 lead.

Oshawa added a single run in the ninth but it was too late against the Penetanguishene girls. The Cardinals will be playing in the finals of the PWSL. Dates have yet to be determined.

Chalet out early

A 10-6 loss to Minesing ended the Penetanguishene Juvenile Chalet Sports team's season almost as soon as it had begun last Wednesday. On the previous Sunday the Juveniles suffered a crushing 11-0 defeat at the hands of the same Minesing team.

And that folks - is all it takes to lose in a best two out of three game series in the all-Ontario playdowns. What makes it even harder to swallow for the juveniles then the fact that they're out of all-Ontario is that their two playoffs against Minesing were the first and league games of the season.

Officials for the team couldn't join an area Juvenile league - there isn't one - and they learned too late that the team could have entered the Senior Georgian Bay Fastball League.

Starting pitcher Rob Maracle took the loss in last Wednesday's game against Minesing. He was relieved by Ernie Quesnelle in the fifth, but by that time Minesing had already built up a 10-4 lead.

Major hitters in the game for Penetanguishene were Paul MacDonald, Ernie Quesnelle and Paul Duval. Steve Robillard sparkled in the field particularly on a fine double play.

Despite its loss in the all-Ontario playdowns Chalet Sports remains active. Lafontaine's Ted DeVillers smashed a two run homer in the fifth to break a 3-3 tie as LA downed the Juveniles 5-3 in an exhibition contest on Sunday.

Ernie Quesnelle drove in two runs on a pair of doubles for Chalet Sports.



Out for the season

Penetanguishene Red Sox ace Joanne McGuinnis hurls a ball towards the plate during a weekend game against Sudbury. The Red Sox lost to Sudbury and also lost the serves of Joanne for the remainder of the season. She recently entered hospital.

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