

Why was Cousins fired?

He doesn't know, Tiny won't say — but the township parks director vows he'll fight it

Township of Tiny Parks and Recreation Director Dan Cousins says he'll "fight for his job" and will "take it as far as I have to" after he was fired last week for reasons he still doesn't know about and which township officials refuse to disclose.

Township Council

passed a resolution during a meeting last Wednesday which declared that Cousins' employment "would be terminated Aug. 15."

Backing up their resolution, the township referred to a section of the Municipal Act which states that employees

"may be discharged for incompetence at any time" with two weeks' severance pay or simply "without cause", in which case the employee must be served with a month's notice.

Neither Reeve Morris Darby or township administrator Guy

Maurice would elaborate on the reasons for the firing when contacted yesterday.

Darby would only say that "the resolution should identify the action taken."

But Cousins wants more than that. He wants his job.

"They told me I didn't have to report for work the past month," said Cousins. "They just expected me to skip off into the night and run away from it. But I'm not leaving."

Cousins, 29, married and a father of two children, was hired by

the township last Nov. 25. There was a six-month probationary period, but that ended in late June.

He says he still doesn't know why he was fired, but calls the township's methods "improper and unjustified."

"We've got some

major projects going right now," he said, and I'm going to continue working on them until I'm forced to leave."

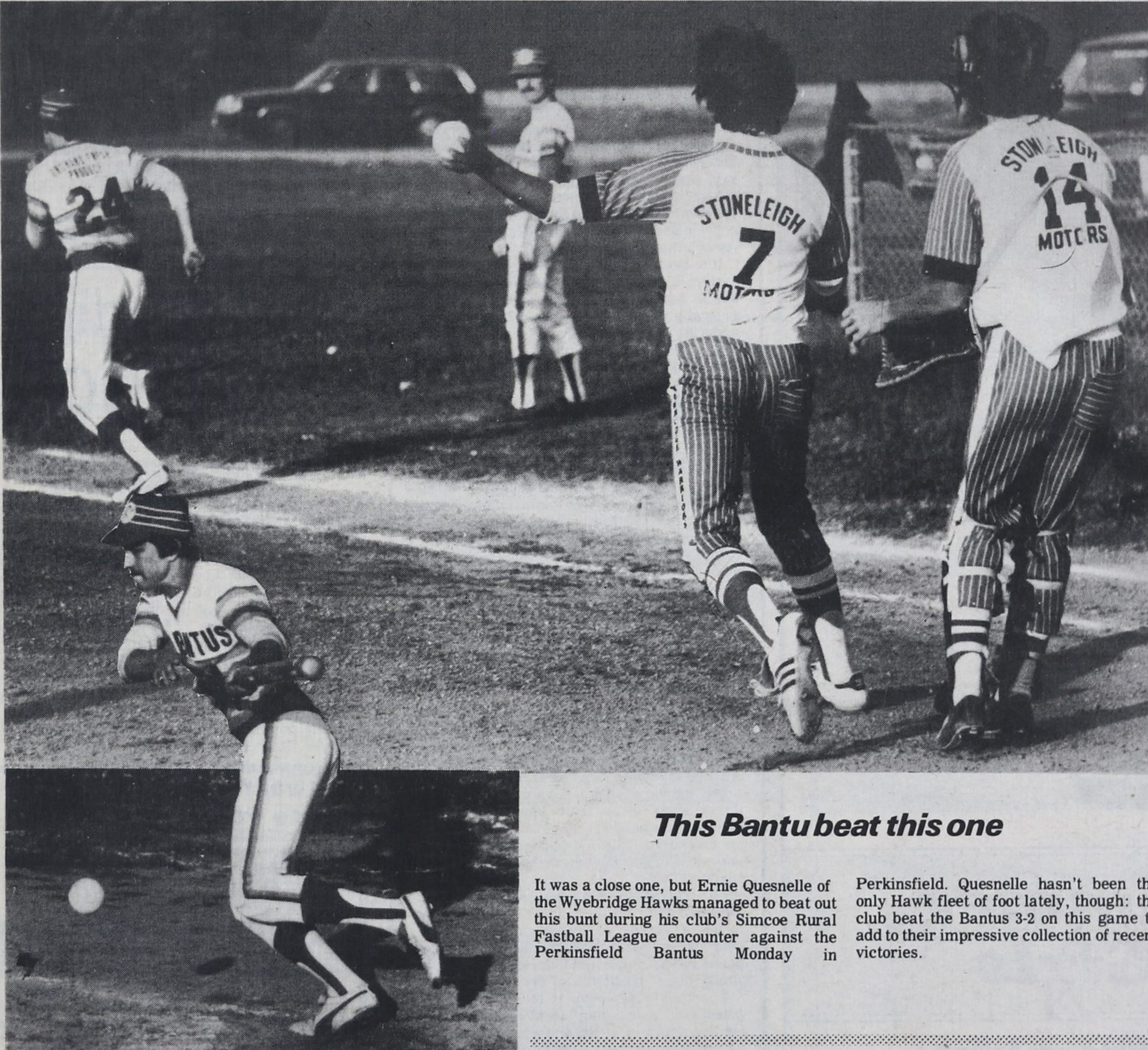
Even then, he says, he won't give up the fight.

"I've got a few channels I can take," he said. "And I'm taking this thing as far as I have to."

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This Bantu beat this one

It was a close one, but Ernie Quesnelle of the Wyebridge Hawks managed to beat out this bunt during his club's Simcoe Rural Fastball League encounter against the Perkinsfield Bantus Monday in

Perkinsfield. Quesnelle hasn't been the only Hawk fleet of foot lately, though; the club beat the Bantus 3-2 on this game to add to their impressive collection of recent victories.

Simcoe Rural League reps to pick all-star squads tonight

Representatives from all nine Simcoe Rural Fastball League squads will meet in Wyebridge tonight to choose their 1982 All-Star teams.

The game, slated for next Thursday in Midland (8 p.m.) will pit the North Division against the South.

The North, made up of players from the Midland Athenian Raiders, the Perkinsfield Warriors and the Vasey Royals, will be coached by veteran Gibb Ormiston of Midland.

Lionel Trew and Steve Watson from Hillsdale will co-coach the South side, made up of the best from the Phepston Hotel, the Hillsdale Hustlers, the Elmvale Mets and the Vasey Twin Lakers.

Tonight's selection meeting will get underway at 7 p.m.

184 take aim at 30,000 title

Winning the area's most prestigious golf tournament has never been an easy task for Mike Jackson, but he's managed to do it for the past three years.

This year, however, Jackson knows it's going to be tougher than ever to carry off the heavy hardware in the 30,000 Islands Tournament, slated for Aug. 6-8 at Midland Golf and Country Club.

Jackson's on top of his game right now and expects to be as sharp as ever when the 11th annual edition of the 30,000 Islands rolls around. Less than

two weeks ago he fired an impressive 71 over the tough Toronto Glen Eagles course to take second place in that club's annual classic. "I'm a little steadier this year," says Jackson, "more consistent. I'm always shooting par or pretty close to it."

Jackson won last year's 30,000 with a par 70 after the 36-hole event was cut in half by rain.

It'll take at least as good a round — only twice — to win it this time, Jackson figures.

"I think one or two over is pretty good. That could win it," he said this week. "But the

course is in excellent shape this year — probably as good as it's ever been. The greens are a lot faster and the out-of-town guys, the guys from some of the bigger clubs, are used to the speed and will play better."

It's not just that the out-of-town guys will play better — there are also a lot more of them to play better.

Organizers were forced to close their entry books June 20 (original deadline was July 12) when they received their limit of 184 golfers. Fifty-six of those will be from the Midland club, and the rest represent 40 other clubs from

across Central and Southern Ontario.

It's the biggest 30,000 Islands to date (last year 36 clubs were represented) and it should be the best. Seventy of the entries will be playing in the 30,000 for the first time; about a third of the total have handicaps of 10-14.

Jackson says that in his touring to other amateur events in recent weeks he's constantly been approached by top golfers bearing entry applications.

One reason for the heightened interest in the tournament could be the prizes.

Last year, Jackson took home a

suit and a pair of shoes; this year, if he tops 'em again, he'll collect a trip for two to Florida from Hay's Wardair Travel Service plus a gas barbecue from Jeffery's Pro Hardware.

That's a lot more attractive, and it's only the cream of a list of 75 other prizes offered to the three flights of competitors. Most of the prizes have been donated by Midland merchants and local suppliers, and proceeds from the tournament will go to assist MGCC Junior Golf programs plus local charities such as the Midland Adult Rehabilitation Centre.