



Yer out!

The umpire was right there. There was no arguing it. A Smiths Falls player made the tag at home plate, knocking off an Orleans batter during a game in the Pee Wee Division, part of a baseball tournament Aug. 2 at Russell Ball Park.

A's Lose at Kemptville

A lot of fastball was played at the Kemptville Lions Fastball Tournament held on the August holiday weekend. The Russell A's entered a team in the Junior Division and after playing 34 innings in three games managed to emerge with only one win and two heart-breaking losses. The regular A team, comprised mainly of Junior age players, was bolstered by a few out of town players. Despite their two losses the team played exceptionally well and whereas most other Junior teams in the Tournament appeared to be comprised of players at or near their last year of Junior eligibility, the Russell team was carrying only two players who were in their last year of Junior.

Their first game was against hometown Kemptville. With Russell ahead 2-1 in the sixth inning Russell pitcher Greg McLaren took over from Greg Ross. Kemptville fought back to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth. The next six innings went scoreless but in the top of the 13th, Kemptville took advantage of Russell miscues and 2 home runs to score 4 runs and finally win by a 6-2 count.

Russell then faced Domville in their second game and behind the strong pitching of Greg McLaren

they walked away with a 5-1 score. Paul Nooyen hit 2 timely homeruns in this game to lead all hitters.

This win put them into the Junior consolation final against Belleville. Both teams played well, particularly Belleville defensively

Minor Softball Tournaments

Russell Minor Softball Association chairman Don Empey reports that the Association has thus far held three successful softball tournaments with two more scheduled for the weekend of 23-24 August.

In the Junior Girls tournament, Orleans defeated Beacon Hill in the A finals and in the consolation side Metcalfe defeated Russell. The final game was Russell's third in a row without a rest period. This was followed last week by a Pee Wee Boys tournament. In the A finals Russell No. 1 lost out to Orleans and on the B side Parkwood Hills emerged as the winners over Russell No. 2.

On Saturday, 23 August the Bantam boys will play to be

or Russell could have taken a lead on 2 or 3 occasions. Again this turned into a marathon and with the score tied at 2 apiece, Belleville squeezed a run home in the 12th inning to win 3-2. This ended 34 innings of fastball for the Russell boys in just 3 games.

followed on Sunday, 24 August by a Midget boys tournament.

Play-offs in the Carleton-Russell Minor softball league are underway and results will be reported in the September issue of the Review.

Chairman Empey also reports that a Men's Lob Ball Tournament is planned for 6-7 September at the Lions Ball Park. All proceeds will be in support of Minor Ball and Russell Figure Skating Club activities.

Hammer tossing at Maxville

by Julie VanDusen

When Hamish Davidson, Scotland's champion caber tosser, approached the log, his bull-like body, all five-foot-nine-inches of it, all 280 pounds of it, flexed in preparation.

He grasped the mammoth branch. Then he tossed it. All 22 feet of it, all 110 pounds of it, high into the air. For Hamish Davidson, it might have been a weightless twig.

The crowd held it's breath. The log wavered in the air. Then it fell, not as it should on it's top, but on it's bottom, at the foot of the dejected Scot.

Hamish Davidson, who had travelled an ocean to throw a caber at the 33rd annual Glengarry Highland Games in this tiny eastern Ontario community, had to content himself with other wins, four out of five to be exact, in other less dramatic events.

Like the Sheaf Toss, a contest in which grown men take turns jabbing a three-fringed pitchfork under a 35-pound bale of hay and tossing it 20 or so feet into the air. The object is to clear a stationary rod at that height.

You figure out the attraction. Then there's the Hammer Toss. One by one, these same sweating and straining Scots grab a device that looks less like a hammer than a ball and chain. This, too, they hurl high in the air, attempting to clear the rod. But there's a difference, in that, unlike the Sheaf Toss, they have to have energy in

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With Gary Ris



After watching the Ottawa Rough Riders in their first five games, it's hard to predict how the team will finish the 1980 season.

Although the Riders have played better defensively, the loss of Mike Nelms and Larry Brune to the National Football League has hurt Ottawa tremendously. The defense is the only reason the Riders have won two of five games.

Offensively, the Riders aren't as strong as they were between 1975 and 1977. Quarterback Condredge Hollaway hasn't been up to par in the last two years with a recurring rib problem. Hollaway used to be a scrambler can't if he wants to last this season and maybe a few more. Tight end Tony Gabriel isn't catching the ball as much as he used to. Teams are double and triple teaming the Gabe, one of the biggest threats in Canadian football.

If the Rough Riders are to make the playoffs, and it seems doubtful at this time, the team will have to get some consistency from its offence.

Season hockey registration for the upcoming hockey season will take place Sept. 5-6 at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre.

Times for registration are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. The cost for the 1980-81 season is \$50. Half will be accepted at registration with the balance of \$25 payable before league play begins Nov. 15.

A used hockey equipment sale will be held at the same time. Anyone with equipment to sell may bring it to the arena Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

Russell Minor Hockey jackets will also be on sale.

Baseball euphoria is hitting Canadians again in 1980 as the Montreal Expos continue their torrid pace in the National League Eastern division.

At the Olympic Stadium the past two weekends, I watched the Expos play the Atlanta Braves and the Houston Astros.

If the Expos have any weaknesses that could hurt them in the pennant drive, it's their inability to hang onto big leads in the late innings.

In two recent games, Montreal blew five run leads in a way that would make you want to throw up.

The relief pitchers are finally getting some rest after a hectic few weeks when home of the starting pitchers finished their games.

The Second Annual Russell Open golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 17 at the Metcalfe Golf Club. About 100 golfers are expected to participate for the many prizes up for grabs including the Castor Review trophy to be presented to the winner of the local event. Claude Cousineau is expected to return to defend the title he won in last year.

The popularity is growing rapidly and the tournament is expected to get bigger every year. Jack Tyo, Gerry O'Reilly, Gord Saunders and company have done a great job organizing this event. A lot of time and effort are needed to make this a success.

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reserve — to escape should they be in the path of the deadly object as it descends.

These and other curious games have delighted the Scots for centuries. They have been taking place here in Maxville (pop. 853) since 1948, after growing out of Scottish-Canadian culture reaching back to 1783.

That's when Scots first settled the area, when MacDonnells who survived the 1746 battle of Culloden — the war that forced Bonnie Prince Charlie from his native land — left their homeland for the North American colonies.

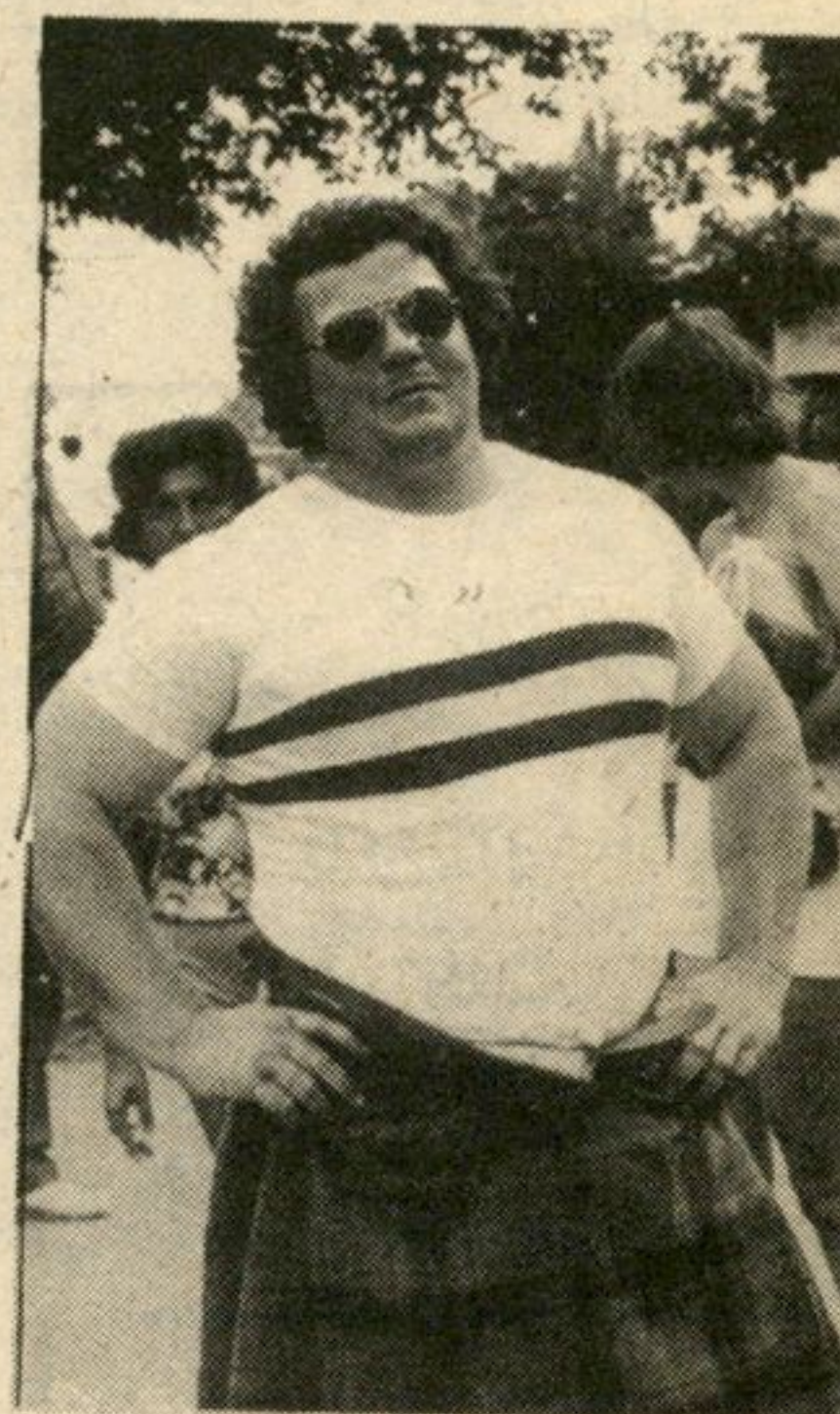
After the American revolution they filtered into Glengarry county, and their culture flourished. Bagpipes, drums and the Highland dancing have always been a part of the Glengarry fabric; for the last 32 years, so have Scottish games.

The most recent attracted Scots from all every corner of the country and beyond — some came from as far south as Texas. Don Gamble Jr., in charge of the sports event, estimates that the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville are the largest annual highland gathering in the world. Estimates vary, but they attracted between 20,000 and 30,000 this year.

Sylvia McPhee, chairman of Toronto's Cassoc society, an organization that provides infor-

mation to Scots wishing to know more about their clans, offers this explanation: "The Maxville games are popular because we Scots are proud of our culture and yearn to search out are roots. We feel we've made a unique cultural contribution, from our Gaelic language, which is still very much alive, in Cape Breton for example, to our distinctive clan system."

Put it this way, she added: "To come to Maxville, is like coming home."



Hamish Davidson, of Scotland — champion caber tosser.
(Julie Van Dusen photo)