

## Walkerton Hawks Host All Stars and NHL Trophies

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Above: Hawk President Ray Wright and Vice President Dennis Fry with NHL trophies in the Hawks Nest at the Walkerton Arena

The Walkerton Hawks hosted an All Star Game and NHL trophy display on Saturday, January 5 at the Walkerton Arena. Congenial Ray Wright, Dennis Fry, Dennis O'Hagan, Brian "Willie" Dales, Mike Wagner and other Hawk's executives were on hand to meet and mingle with fans and "Joe Q. Public" as well. Many of the Hawk players, such as Scott and Ryan Amyot also acted as affable hosts on this momentous occasion.

Many area youngsters and their elders took time out to pose with five of the NHL trophies that were displayed in the Hawks Nest.

On this day the trophies on display were the Conn Smythe, representative of the most valuable player in the playoffs; the Art Ross Trophy, emblematic of the leagues leading scorer each year; the Maurice Richard Trophy which is presented annually to the NHL player scoring the most goals in the season; the Vezina which goes to the goaltender with the best goals against average each season. Also on Hand was the Hart Memorial Trophy inscribed annually to the league's MVP. Keeper of the trophies, Walt Neubrand, told your humble reporter that it is unusual to have this many of the NHL's trophies gathered in one place. He said that normally only two or three trophies are brought to an event such as the one hosted by the Hawks.

Walt chatted about the trophies present this day. The Vezina and Hart are the oldest. The youngest are the Maurice Richard and Conn

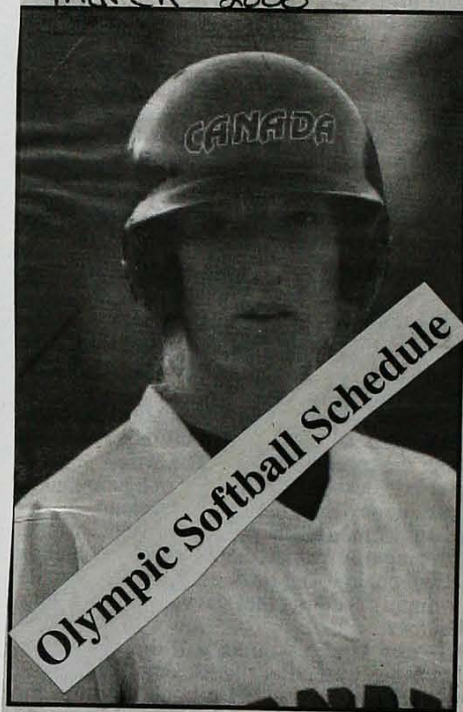
Smythe. The Art Ross was donated in 1946. Elmer Lach of the Canadiens won it that year. Gordie Howe owned it from 1950-1954. Sid the Kid won it last season. Prominent trophies not on hand on this day were the Norris and the Calder. I think they were preparing Calder nameplates for Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane who will share rookie honours this year.

As an aside, I found out that Walt lives in the Steel City (Hamilton). You could have knocked me over with a feather when he told me he was an Argo fan. Before I knocked him over in the name of Hal Patterson, John Michaluk and Angie Mosca, he told me he was born and raised in Mississauga. That explained his warped priorities in cheering as far as the Canadian Football League is concerned. He is also a Leaf fan.

Your humble scribbler arrived at the Hawks Nest early in order to get a good and close up look at the five trophies. As many of you know I am a bit of a Chicago Blackhawks fan. I wanted to relive my memories of the days when some of my favourite Hawks were awarded these prestigious trophies.

Unfortunately, no Hawk player was ever the recipient of the Conn Smythe Trophy. This was not the case with the Art Ross. Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita controlled it in the 60's. Bobby won it in 1959-60, 1961-62, 1965-66. Stan copped this trophy in 1963-64. (See Hawks on P. 3)

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Above: Alison Bradley preps for the Olympics.

## March/08 Domm Construction to Build Health Clinic

### April Building Start

The Council of the Municipality of Arran - Elderslie accepted the January 03/08 recommendation of the Paisley Health Clinic Building Committee to hire Domm Construction from Ayton to construct the new health clinic. The Domm tender of \$249,816 was the lowest of seven bids received. Construction is scheduled to begin in early April. Domm Construction is a well established local contractor with extensive experience in municipal, institutional and commercial projects.

Fundraising efforts are

continuing to cover items which are not part of the Domm bid. It is estimated that once parking lot construction, landscaping, furnishings and signage are completed, the final cost of the project will be \$320,000.

The Health Clinic Committee has two major fundraisers in the works - a 'Giggles Comedy Night' on April 12th at the Paisley Community Centre and a golf tournament on Saturday May 24th at Saugeen Golf Club. Strong community support for these events will make the final goal more achievable.

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