



The Opeongo High School Cross-Country team placed fourth. Team members Stephanie Dick, Christina McNabb and Susan Enright relax after Friday afternoon at the Renfrew Golf Course. The Midget girls race was the first of the day and OHS Charlene Haley who ran in the senior girls event.

FHL begins season Monday

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The 1985-86 Forest Hockey League schedule will open on Monday evening with a doubleheader at the Astrolabe Arena in Cobden.

The league will begin the new campaign with eight teams, up from five that ended the season in March. Aside from expansion, the lone change in the line-up will be the absence of the Griffith Kougars which has folded.

The Kougars, once a championship calibre team, had fallen on hard times recently when they languished at the bottom of the standings with only one or two wins a year. Griffith is the first EFHL team to collapse since the demise of the Alice Oilers (also known as the Locksley Stingers) a few seasons ago.

Although the Kougars won't ice a squad, don't be surprised if some of their players don't show up somewhere in the league this fall and winter.

With eight teams answering the starting bell, the league has elected to play a 28-game regular schedule with each team playing the other on four occasions—two at home and two on the road.

This means that each club will be required to play two games at the Sherwood-Bay Arena in Barry's Bay.

Travelling was a secondary concern for at least one team when the Bay proposed getting into the league earlier this month, but all are in agreement with the schedule.

By the same token, Barry's Bay has to play 14 games on the road, 10 at the Eganville Arena, which is a good 45 minutes away, and four at the Astrolabe in Cobden, another 15 minutes from Eganville.

On Monday evening starting at 8 p.m. Team Stafford will travel to Cobden to face the Cougars while at 9:30 at the same rink, the Pembroke 76's and Ross Royals make their EFHL debut.

A week from today (Wednesday Oct. 30) Eganville fans get their first chance to take in Forest League action this season when Barry's Bay faces-off against Heideman Loggers.

The second half of the doubleheader at 9:30 p.m. features the renewal of the Golden Lake Thunderbird-Searson's Blazers rivalry. The Blazers are the defending league champions and the Thunderbirds held the Cup three years in a row before their string was broken last winter.

On Friday, November 1, Bay fans get a look at their team as well as

the Thunderbirds, which of course, has players from in and around Golden Lake and also a good contingent from the Killaloe area.

Several of these players played for the Killaloe Kings when they won the final Madawaska Valley Industrial Hockey League championship in 1982.

At the Eganville Arena that Friday evening, the customary double is scheduled with the 76's and Blazers squaring off in the first half and Team Stafford and the Loggers matched-up in the 'late' game. Stafford and the Loggers have had a good rivalry going of late as well.

On Monday, November 4, fans down the road in Cobden can look forward to a game between the Cougars and Ross Royals, and that should be a good one. Game time is again, 8 p.m.

Deer hunting is a popular sport around these parts, and recognizing this the EFHL will shut down during the first week of hunting season. Action is set to resume on November 13.

Admission prices at all three rinks is \$2 for adults and \$1 for fans under 12.