

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



SPORTS NEWS Did you notice where Bruce Kidd, the miler who has been blowing up the tracks in race meets in Ontario this year, won an important two mile event in Boston? Kidd, only a mere 17 years old, has a track scholarship from the Harvard University. Athletic talent can't only come from a salary but has an education as well. Bruce Andrews, Acton's public track star, has often competed with Kidd in regional meets. Kind of makes you wonder when players fail to show up for a scheduled game, especially when they've all been personally notified, that's what happened here on Friday. Only seven players and the goalkeeper appeared for a midweek game while Georgetown arrived with a full roster. Needless to say, the local club has been good in the presence of the St. John Ambulance unit at juvenile hockey games. It is indicative of the interest the Acton brigade displays in every type of event involving the community. Considering the weather, it has been good in the past this year. A tip of the cap in the direction of Bill Ross, who directs arena operations.

SUNDAY SKATING continues to attract large crowds, mostly children to the arena. Shows how attitudes change. Five years ago the Free Press reported several youths had the gall to skate and play hockey on Fairy Lake on Sunday. It urged citizens to frown on this and allow no repeat performances. Today the corporation encourages Sunday recreation by keeping the arena open for skating. Times change but this scribe hopes the day never comes when commercial sport is a part of Sunday in a small community. Recreation in every form is desirable, in my opinion, but to hand the day over to commercial interests for profit would be a step backward. The large city is a horse of a different color. Many people alone in the city have no other outlets of recreational activity or are unable to afford its high price. The Lord's Day Alliance is often the object of derision for its stand on Sunday observance, especially from sportsmen. However, a little reflection might lead to a more flexible and contradictory laws, there is a lot of common sense in their attitude.

THE WINNIPEG hockey club which recently returned from Czechoslovakia after losing only one game—their first—have set Canadians straight on hockey in Europe and the Chatham Maroons. Winnipeg players say Chatham was only a glimmer of the team which won the Allan Cup last year and they were not in condition to play the Russians. They declared that Trail Smoke Eaters, who will represent Canada in the world hockey championship, are a lot better hockey club than Winnipeg despite losing to Chatham in the finals last season. They've been strengthened by the addition of several players of high calibre as well as Jack Mahovlich must have believed Maurice Richard when the Rocket predicted the Big M would probably eclipse his 50 goal mark for a season. The big feat potted his 37th in Boston the other night and even if he scythes one more, he'll be the most prolific Toronto scorer in N.H.L. history.

MILTON MERCHANTS split a home-and-home series with Port Credit Sailors in the Central Ontario Intermediate hockey circuit last week, dropping the first contest to the Tars 4-2 but piling up a convincing 10-4 victory in Milton Friday. Coach Nick Lyri has again dominated the team and his play on the forward strings netted him a brace of goals in Port Credit. Nick has always been a great competitor. His play at the pivot position with Georgetown Raiders was a constant thorn in the flesh of opposing defencemen. But the guy must be getting old. Maybe you could call him a grizzled veteran. Georgetown took league-leading Bradford into camp last week, consolidating their second place position. Milton still holds on to fifth place in the seven team league. Georgetown Juveniles gained some measure of revenge for their defeat here last week by dropping the Lions 5-1 in an exhibition encounter. The Lions journey to Hespeler Saturday night for their next scheduled tri-county engagement.

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Lions Dropped 5-1 By Visitors When Preston Juveniles were unable to show up for a scheduled Tri-County hockey encounter here Monday night, Georgetown obligingly filled in for them by whipping the Lions 5-1 in an exhibition. Don Lindsay pulled the trigger for Acton's only goal of the contest. Norton and Marchment sniped a pair of goals each for the visitors with Dickson bagging a single. Referees Barry Inscow and Ed Owen handed out eight sentences in a hectic third period which included a bout of fistfights between Ron Mellon of the Lions and Ballingale of the visitors. Next scheduled game for the Acton club is Saturday in Hespeler.

One Goal Down In H.S. Match Acton high school hockey team jumped into a quick lead when they hosted Milton high school here Thursday of last week, but by the end of the game were down by just one goal. Final count was 5-4 for the visitors from M.H.S. It was a hard-fought game all the way and the score was indicative of the close play.

Acton, Norval Play 5-5 Tie Palermo Junior Farmers welcomed Milton 13-0 in the first game of Halton County Junior Farmer Hockey action played at Milton Arena Monday night. In the second game, a 5-5 tie resulted after Acton came from behind to score two goals when Norval had taken a lead. Norval led 4-2 midway through the third period in the second tilt and Acton came through to tie it up. They then took the lead when they held for 30 seconds until Norval popped one in, again.

Letich Has Two Ken Richardson scored a hat trick for Norval and Dunc Robinson and Ross Cunningham netted one goal apiece. Keith Letich had a hat trick for Acton while it was Doug Black and Doug McArthur who added the singles in this case. Norval kept Acton hemmed in their own end of the rink for most of the game but some tremendous saves by goalie Jack Marshall kept the tannery town squad in the tie. This Monday's games wind up the regular schedule in the league when the same clubs meet again.



REFRESHMENT TIME means a get-together and four of the high school students appear to be enjoying a good story during intermission Friday evening when they attended a dance in the school auditorium. Pictured, left to right, are Paul Elliott, Moira McKelvey, Syske Bessem, and Jim Lindsay. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the music of the Glenn Street Trio.

Twins Tally Three Times As Acton Pee Wees Win

Highlighted by a three-goal effort from the sticks of twin brothers, Doug and Dave Garrett the Acton club downed Erin 5-3 in an exhibition game Saturday night. Brother Doug netted two of the goals while Dave tallied once and they assisted each other on the scoring plays. The glittering goal of the game was potted by Phil Drysdale who supplied the tie-breaker in the second period that put Acton ahead 4-3. In spite of a nasty spill into the boards he came up stronger than ever. The Erin goalie was hit in the Adam's apple trying to stop Drysdale's shot. Defenceman Jeff Harkley fired a blistering drive from inside the blue line that fooled the Erin netminder completely for the fifth Acton goal. The Erin club tried hard but continuous checking slowed them down. Danny O'Connor potted two goals unassisted and Jim Head tallied once for Erin.

Water Y's Club Aids Guelph Swimmers

Three members of the Acton Water Y's Swimming Club swam for Guelph Y.M.C.A. last Saturday in the Guelph pool. Tony Hopper, Jim Blum and Bill Reed helped the Guelph team put up sturdy opposition against a strong visiting team from Stratford Y.M.C.A., and participated in nearly two hours of strenuous and exciting competitive swimming. Although the team success went to the visiting Stratford team, the following credits were gained by the Acton swimmers: two lengths senior flatter-kick; Tony Hopper, second; six lengths senior free style, Jim Blum, second; two lengths senior breast stroke, Jim Blum, third; 10 lengths senior free style, Jim Blum, second.

All three Acton boys swam in the Guelph senior relay team, which put up a game swim, but not quite good enough to hold the Stratford boys.

Three Wins, One Loss For Basketball Teams

Acton and Milton met in four basketball matches Tuesday. Acton girls jumped to Milton for two encounters, with the senior girls notching up a hoop victory and the juniors a loss. Milton boys came here to lose both their games in the Acton gym to the home teams. Towns represented in both midweek and juvenile.

SPILLING FIVE PINS AT ACTON BOWLING LANES

by KEN HULFORD

High School
January 9: A 205 from Jim Bullough in the first game Teddy Bears the edge for a first game win against the Yogis. In the second, Bullough with 286 and Wayne Mason with 208 headed up the Bears' second win. Mason repeated in the third with 229 and the Bears went back into hibernation with all games to their credit. Yogis apparently went into a trance, bowlupwise.

Supplies Take 7 Easy Points
Supplies had no opposition from the Rebels and stashed away seven easy points. For the color, John Foley had a neat 250 coin on the Supplies' score sheet.

Tie for Total Pins
El Ca Bongs and The Rocks believe in doing things by halves. The El Ca Bongs won one game, The Rocks won two and they wound up tied for total pins to halve the odd point. Don Price potted a 225 single for The Rocks and in a like vein for El Ca Bongs were Pete Homer 233, Don Harris 205 and 221.

League Standings
Teddy Bears 70, The Rocks 53, El Ca Bongs 50, Yogis 44, Sapphires 41, The Rebels 35.

Beardmore
January 9: Returning to the bowling scene after the festive season vacation, a couple of upsets took place with the lads and lassies of the Beardmore league. First, it was the Super Sables bringing down the Whirlybirds with a 24 pin win. The Supers took the first by 24 pins, romped away with the second, then edged out their third win by 14 pins. Super Sables were up for this go with Phil LeSueur 651 and Ed Parent 727 in the triples. The assisting singles came from Bill Jowell 290, Harry Wilson 219, and Millie Fabian 246. Whirlybirds were trying with Pat Wadlie 632 triple, Bob Brown 211, Sonny Townsley 200 and Harry Thompson 202 singles.

Muskoka's 'Upset' Devons
Muskoka's figured in the other upset. They handed their first place Devons a three game defeat. The three game win brings the Muskoka up into a contending position. Pacing the Muskoka win were Bill Buchanan 669 triple, Steve Flisnik 255, Bert Fowler 216 and Ermo Favo to 200 singles. Devons, with a triple of 701 from Timmie Masales and a single of 236 from Lloyd Masales, tried to hit the win scene but no dice.

Uppers Have Upper Hand
Uppers had much the upper hand over the Leatherettes in the first, but the Leatherettes got even in the second when they nosed out a win by six pins. Uppers cut loose with the power in the third for their second win and took the odd point for totals for good measure. Uppers' top triple was Harry Rogers' 654. Their top solo efforts were Ernie Lawson 216, Bob Snyder 245, Joyce Buchanan 205 and John Robson 219. Joyce Masales hit the triple bracket for Leatherettes with 745, Helen LeSueur trundled a pair of singles—203 and 214—while Helen Yatemann said goodnight with a 233 solo.

League Standings
Uppers 60, Devons 56, Whirlybirds 41, Leatherettes 41, Muskoka 40, Super Sables 35.

Legion Ladies
January 9: U.L.S. had hopes of overtaking the first place Wishful Thinkers when they met up with them but it was not to be. The U.L.S. started out all right. They won the first canto by 23 pins, but as far as the Thinkers were concerned, that was all. The Wishful Thinkers won the next two and with the aid of "Dot" Earle's 651 triple, which included a new league high single of 317 wrapped up the odd point for totals. Cory Nap caught U.L.S. napping in the third when she rolled up a 247 solo. Phyllis Angell was heard from for 144.5 with a 206 single.

Thinkers Take Over 2nd Place
"Hogie" may spring eternal with in the human breast" but bowled. (Continued on Next Page)

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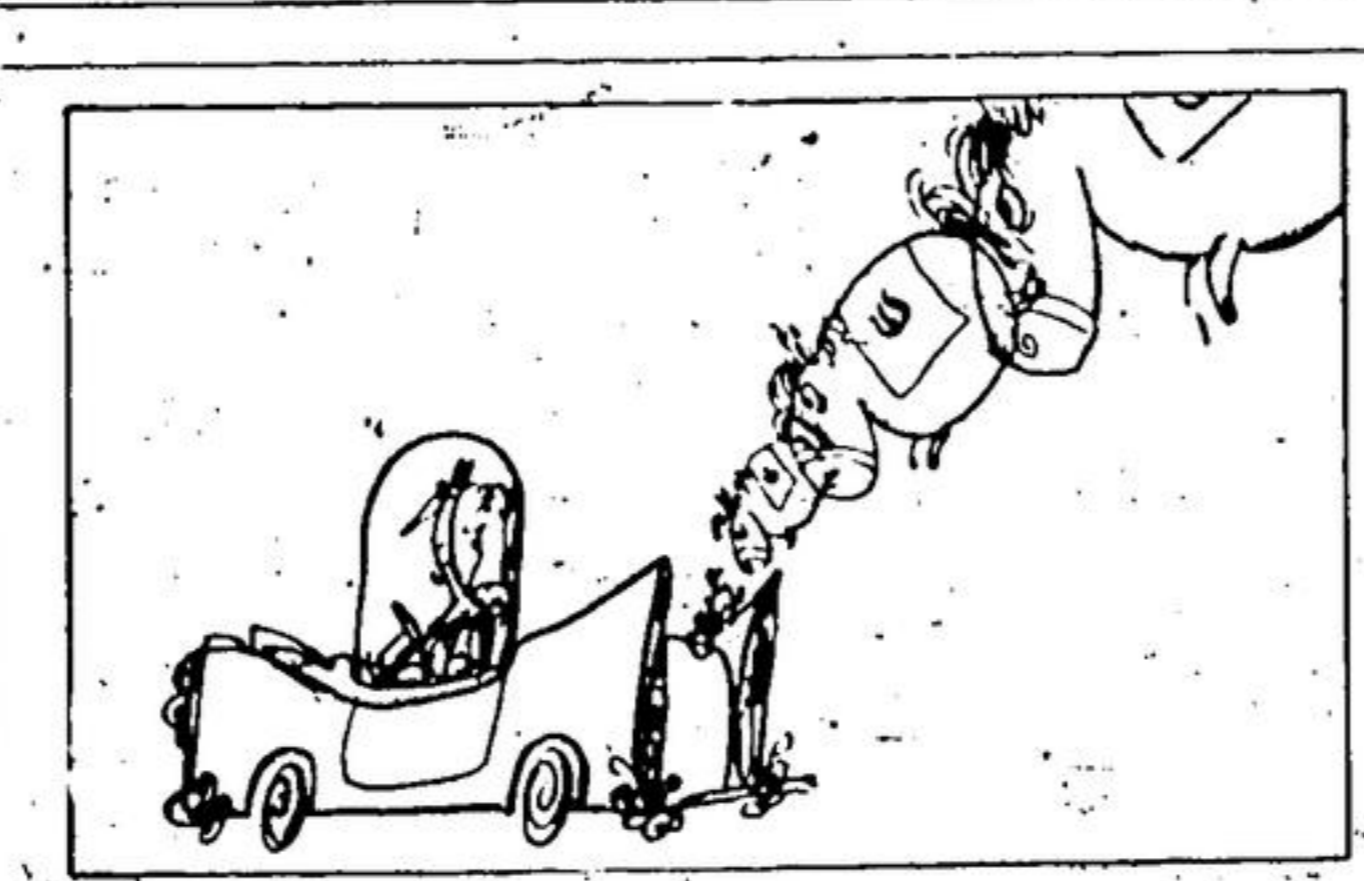
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