Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

MOST EVERY sports minded burgher of this town has at some time or other in past years, leaned over to the fellow next to him in the pub and asked, "Why don't they put artificial ice in the rink? Whazza matter with this town, anyway?"

A look at the town's debenture debt enough to scare you out of two years' growth, hasn't bothered him a bit. Every town for miles around has artificial ice and some with a new arena to boot. "They" should do something about it and pronto, before honest upright citizens leave this town for the haven of more up-to-date places.

Unfortunately, the "theys" our friend alluded to seemed to exist only in legend. If you asked who "they" might be your answer was apt to include everybody but the bailiff, who was excused.

Couple of years back a new service club was formed in Acton. These affable fellows, looking for a worthwhile project, decided "they" was them and so it was Acton Lions club started to put the bite on their fellow citizens for a few pesos to be directed for artificial ice.

Saturday night in the old ice palace the Lions are kicking off their best fund raising venture to date — a sparkling ice carnival that will conclude with a juvenile hockey game. This star studded ice revue features the Galt figure skating club with assistance from Hamilton and Acton members of the Guelph figure skating body.

Needless to say, all who have been waiting have now a chance to contribute to the fund simply by their attendance at the arena. Mild weather, with us at this writing, points up the need for permanent ice facilities more than ever. Let's hope it does not force a postponement of the event.

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ACCORDING TO word from Europe, Jack Roxburgh, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, is afraid Trail Smoke Eaters are not good enough to win the world amateur hockey championship.

Roxburgh is quoted as saying the Canadian team "will have to play over their heads" to beat the Russians. "The Smokies are not improving the way we hoped they would," he lamented.

There goes that song again. It happens every year about this time—an official with the Canadian team predicting its defeat.

The players have a little different angle. "Were tired and up against wierd officiating," declare their spokesmen. "Wait until Geneva. Then watch our smoke."

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ONLY IN intermediate hockey tourney by our standards these world hockey championships seem to generate more ill will than all the rest of the sports combined—specially in Canada.

Most Canadians know Trail is far from being the best club in Canada. Most Europeans do not know this. To them Canada has sent its best team and any attempt to tell them different after we've lost would simply be interpreted as that universal language, "sour grapes".

How can anyone explain the complicated hockey set-up here, where the best players are well paid pros. With exceptions the gang that represents Canada are usually (1) players who couldn't make the grade in pro hockey (2) over the hill pros and (3) perhaps a sprinkling of fellows who just play for the halibut.

The European might well ask, have we no national pride?

To the Russians it's a political philosophy. They think we're too busy chasing a buck. And maybe some of us are. Tass, the official Russian news agency, delights in carrying stories of capitalistic hockey teams folding up for lack of monetary support. It couldn't happen in Russia. They're state subsidized.

Winnipeg Maroons, just back from a Czechoslovakian tour, was the latest club to receive this treatment. They were forced to fold. Kitchener Dutchmen got the similar coverage when they gave way to the pros.

To the European, sport and politics must look like part of the same deal.

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IT GIVES A country prestige in the eyes of its neighbors when a championship in sports is won. As a result every effort is made to have a strong entry for tournaments, especially when the whole world is represented.

In any other sport Canadians would feel the same way. We send our best skaters, skiers and what have you to these affairs.

But hockey, the national game, and the one Canadians excel in the most—it's treated like a hot potato. For that, anyone can go to Europe and teach those biddies a lesson.

That's why sometimes we come back with our tail between our legs.

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BEAT NICKS . . . Milton Juniors, just a new club with a bye into the O.H.A. playdowns, shattered a 20-game winning streak piled up by New Hamburg with an 8-6 win. The Milton club leads the three team round robin which includes Nobleton, by virtue of three wins and no losses . . . Just to prove they can still give junior a lesson on the blades, fathers of the Squirt hockey team have challenged the Squirts to an exhibition game next Monday in the arena. Game time, 6.30 p.m. . . . Starting late in the season, Acton's industrial league All Stars have a few exhibition games lined up next week. They play Guelph here on Tuesday and journey to Erin for a return match with Erin Intermediates on Wednesday . . . 34 entries have been received for the George town bantam hockey tournament scheduled for Easter week, including entries from the United States . . .

– Staff Photo

ACTON PEE WEES sponsored by the businessmen have developed into a playmaking hockey team and at present are enjoying exhibition games with out-of-town teams. The team are pictured above following a recent game at the arena when they trimmed a Toronto team 1-0. Front row left to right are Dave Garrett, Steven Townsley, Barry Elliott, Mike Miller, Terry Coles, Allan McNabb and Glenn Holmes. Centre row, Jeff Hartley, John McGeachie, David Sproston, Jerry Ockenden, Phillip Drysdale, Doug Garrett, Kevin Hall and Garry Taillefer. Back row, Ken McKay, coach, Nick Hardley, trainer, Garry Ockenden, time keeper and Walter Kowall, manager.

Industrial All-Stars' Debut

Erin Ints. Drop Acton 10-4

Despite a stellar performance by Don Grein in the Acton nets, Erin Intermediates, toughened from the W.O.H.A. schedule, had little trouble dropping Acton Industrial league All Stars 10-4 in an exhibition contest, here, Tuesday night.

Their first game as a team, the All Stars went behind 5-0 in the first period as the Erin club bombarded Grein with rubber. The visitors were restricted to two goals in the second stanza with Acton scoring one. Improving as the game progressed, Acton netted three markers in the third period which were matched by the well organized Erinites.

One In Second

Barry Inscoe was the second period marksman for the All Stars, scoring on a play with Emerson Baxter.

John Cunningham opened the scoring for Acton in the third stanza coming from behind the net after accepting a pass from Fred Kentner, and tucking it between Jackie Marshall's pads. Marshall, an Acton boy playing with the Erin club, was victimized again by Harold Townsley a few minutes later on a pass from Stu McDonald.

Emerson (Beaver) Baxter rapped in the final goal for the All Stars with Barry Inscoe in the brackets.

Play Fast, Clean

Only four penalties were assessed throughout the game, both teams serving two. Play was fast and clean with the Acton club outskated in the first two chapters, showing lots of hustle in the last period.

The teams will play a return match in Erin on Wednesday, March 1, at nine o'clock. Providing ice is available the Acton club will also meet Guelph Industries in an exhibition in Acton on Tuesday, February 28 at 8.45 p.m.

Acton—Don Grein g, Paul Lawson, John Cunningham, Ben Bayless, Harold Townsley def., Phil McCristall, Fred Kentner, Bob Bruce, Emerson Baxter, Barry Inscoe, Ed Phillips, Grant Withers, Stu McDonald, Mary Hunter.

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Norval Takes Two Wins One Game From Trophy

The stage was set for Norval Junior Farmers to cop the Halton County J.F. Hockey Championship Tuesday when they captured a 6-3 verdict over Palermo. The win gives them two games in the best of five series and a win this Tuesday would give them the title and a trophy donated by Milton Milling Co.

Norval jumped in front 2-0 in the first period on goals by Earl Wilson and Ron Archer. In the second frame they again outscored their opponents as first Ken Richardson and then Ross Cunningham tallied for Norval. Bob Marshall fired one for Palermo when Don Vivian set him in there.

15 Penalties

Each club fired two goals in the final period. Jim Richardson got the first for Palermo and then Ross Cunningham notched his second of the night. Bob Marshall did the same for Palermo and David "Peanuts" Murray added the other. Norval drew ten minor penalties in the game to lead in this department also. Palermo had five minors.

The manufacturing industry accounts for 55 per cent of the total net value of Canadian production.

Power Play Nets Milton 3-2 Win

With the Lions a man short, Mike Pedulla pulled the string from the point for a Milton goal on a power play, to give Milton a 3-2 win over Acton Juveniles in an exhibition contest here Tuesday night.

Both teams are eliminated from the O.M.H.A. but will play in the Easter weekend Juvenile tournament in Milton, an event which attracts teams from all over Ontario. It is sponsored by the Tri-County hockey league.

Down Two Goals

Squirts' Dramatic Finish Gives Them 4-3 Victory

Spotting the visiting Keelsdale All Stars a two goal edge in the first period, Acton Squirts rammed in three goals in a third period outburst to shade the visitors 4-3 in an exhibition contest Friday night.

Allan McKenzie was the only Acton marksman in the first period, assisted by John Dowding. Keelsdale with three first period goals scored by Brian Horne, Doug Petit and Vic Herbert soon chalked up a 3-1 lead.

Neither team scored in the second period with the visitors holding Acton to a few scattered shots on goalie Jack Lindley.

Come the third chapter and it looked bleak for the locals until about the midway mark. Then Ron Johnston finished off a play with Allan McKenzie and Kenny Owens to shave the visitors lead to one—A few minutes later and John Dowding potted the equalizer.

With about five minutes left in the game Bobby Turkosz brought the house down with a neat goal that put Acton ahead for the first time. Mark Kowall, playing a stellar game in the Acton nets, kept the visitors from scoring any more and it was a fine finish for the Acton crew.

In the other half of the twin bill, Keelsdale Pee Wees overpowered the Acton club 6-0 in a game which saw some sensational netminding from Acton goalie Mike Mellon.

Acton—Mark Kowall g, Ron Johnston, John Dowding, Bobby Andrews, Brian Dunn, Kenny Owens, Casey Harkley, Danny Harkley, Kenny Marshall, Ramsay May, Peter Martingale, Allan McKenzie, Lawrence Gordon, Gord McKay, Brian Robinson, Bobby Turkosz.

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High School

February 13: Eli Ca Bongs were off the beam in the first game against the Teddy Bears then banged out a double win plus the odd point for totals. Best score in this go was Jim Bullough 643 triple for the Teddy Bears.

Rebels Too Good for Yogis

Rebels were much too good for the Yogis in the first and won the second by seven pins then lost out in the finale when "Big T" Masales rounded out a 660 tricount with a 264 to pace the Yogi win. Rebels took off with the odd point for totals. Mike Rogers with a 228 single was the best rumbling done by the Rebels.

Sapphires Stumble Over Rocks

Sapphires stumbled over the Rocks and fell with nary a win. Jill Hurst was the big boulder in the Rock seven pointer with a 616 tricount. (You reading this Nan? John Foley's 209 solo was the mentionable for Sapphires.

League Standing

Teddy Bears 88. The Rocks 73½. Eli Ca Bangs 69½. Yogis 64. The Rebels 55, Sapphires 52.

Beardmore

February 13: Uppers hit Super Soles with a two and totals win and closed the gap somewhat on the first place Devons. Ernie Lawson with 737 (329) and John Robson 614 paced Uppers in the triple field with good singles coming from John Dennis 234, Harry Rogers 228 and Bob Snyder 202. Phil LeSueur's 738 tricount was the big one for Super Soles. Singles were forthcoming from Bill Howell 250 and Millie Fabian 210.

Leatherettes Take Devons

While Uppers were on the upgrade, Devons were taking the short end of a 3-2 go from the Leatherettes. Eva Williams showed Leatherettes the way home with a 759 triple. Helen Yateman tumbled a couple of neat singles 206 and 207. Joyce Masales and Kay Eames were around with singles of 204 and 215 in that order. Devons' triple was Emme Meakes 674. Lloyd Masales 213, Denny Crooks 220 and Ben Bayless 251 had Devons' best singles.

Muskokas Solid In 3rd Place

Whirlybirds started out to halt the Muskokas' upward climb by winning the first stanza. Muskokas got even in the second with a 23 pin win, then turned on the power for their second win in the finale and snared the odd point for totals, to rest more solidly on the third rung. Urmo Lavro headed up Muskokas' triples with a 661, closely followed by Bert Fowler's 621. The singles came from Bill Buchan an 269, Ken Papillon 200, Al Roach 220 and 231. Whirling out the triples for Whirlybirds were Bob Brown 624 and Sonny Townsley 617. Checking in with the singles were Roger Murray 221 and Pat Waldie 205.

League Standing

Devons 79, Uppers 77, Muskokas 66, Whirlybirds 58, Leatherettes 54, Super Soles 44.

Legion Ladies

February 13: Cornhuskers broke the first place tie with Wishful Thinkers in a decisive manner by winning all three games from U.L.S. Mamie Allen paced the Cornhuskers' win in the first with a 237. In the second, it was Marilyn Hilts with 269 and Marg Coker with 210. In the third and final game when U.L.S. threatened to make with a win, Coker came up with another 210 to give Cornhuskers their third win by the narrow margin of 17 pins.

Hopefuls' Clutch Bowling Wins

Wishful Thinkers started out to keep pace with the Cornhuskers when, spurred by Dot Earle's 228, they latched onto the win by seven pins. Earle tried to head up the Thinkers' second win with a 208 but Sylvia Foley matched it with a 208 and Hopefuls had the equalizer by eight pins. It was clutch bowling which decided the issue in the third and final game with Hopefuls getting the nod for a final win of two and totals.

Leading ladies in the triple realm were Marilyn Hilts 634,

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