



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

The boys in the back shop are holding quite a few bull sessions lately on the subject of the Stanley Cup playoffs. There are two factions — those who think the Toronto Maple Leafs are the most and those who don't.

Then like in most other crowds, there are the fence sitters who don't give a hoot one way or the other who finally filches Lord Stanley's basin. They generally keep the conversation moving with snide remarks about Frank Mahovlich and pot shots at Gordie Howe. Only one player seems to escape their darts. He's Dave Keon. No matter where you go amongst the sporting fraternity there seems to be nothing but accolades for shy Davey. He's been called the "best little guy in hockey" by his own coach and praised even by his enemies of the moment. It's also appreciated by the average stiff that Keon still manages to wear his own hat despite all the ink thrown in his direction.

A teammate of Keon's, Red Kelly, was also the focal point of adulation by fans at one time. Then Red went into politics. How can you be a good Conservative, N.D.P., Social Creditor or Labor Progressive and still cheer for Liberal Red?

Ah well, fame is fleeting. For even the most idolized player there is a time when he must hang up his tack and look back on the days when he was the power that made young ladies shriek, gentlemen cough and old ladies wave their umbrellas. Some of the folks you see in the stands now may next season be down in the minors or even working for a living.

ACCOMPANIED Bob Marshall, Rae West and their better halves to the fourth game of the best-of-seven W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major final in Fergus Monday night and saw the Flyers led by Ozzie Harper just about gift wrap the series with a 5-1 victory, their third straight after dropping the first game of the set to Port Elgin.

Fergus was never in trouble after the visitors, a young and aggressive club, popped in the first goal and Bill Smith tied it up for Flyers. Bob Jenks put Fergus ahead midway through the first period and Bob Dobbie increased the lead to 3-1 before the chapter ended in front of the largest crowd in Fergus this season.

From that point the Fergus club played their checks and waited for the breaks, nothing too more in the second stanza both from the stick of Ozzie Harper, who played better than we ever saw him play against Acton.

A win last night (Wednesday) in Port Elgin would give Flyers their third straight W.O.A.A. championship. If a sixth game is necessary it will be played in Fergus Friday night.

Bob Dobbie was presented with the Most Valuable Player trophy between the second and third periods, an honor declined, we understand, by Paul Knox last season. It's the second straight season Dobbie has been picked for the honor by his teammates.

BEAT BITS — Len Andrews, Campbellville's I.B.M. machine came up with some interesting statistics during the village baseball club's annual banquet recently. He uncovered the fact that only 12 players who played in the Halton County intermediate circuit in 1952, were still around in 1962. Nine of them were from Campbellville. The others? — Harold Townsley and Bob Bruce of Acton, and Kenny Pollock of Oakville. — Len probably didn't realize it but he was disclosing the Campbellville club's weakness. — The players are getting old. They're a long way from being a second place club yet, however. — Gary Field is expected to rejoin Campbellville's pitching staff this season after a year with Guelph Royals of the senior inter-county. — Georgetown midget baseballers are holding their first practice of the season Sunday. All positions are open and they'll welcome any Acton boys interested in trying out for a spot on the team. — Yep, the midget hockeyists from Georgetown won the O.M.H.A. championship last week, defeating Orillia 7-3 in overtime in the fourth game of the best-of-five series. Mike Cummins was the hero, scoring the tying goal with only five seconds left to play in regulation time. The paperowners went on to wrap it up with four goals in overtime. — Gravenhurst Juniors who eliminated the Acton Lions from the Junior 'D' playoffs, were in turn wiped out of the title hunt by Uxbridge. — Spectators in the Detroit Olympia litter the ice almost as much as their Chicago brethren. It's annoying to TV viewers but think of the overworked rink attendants. — Port Elgin Succoea, wrapped with Fergus Flyers in the W.O.A.A. Int. C major final, have a new arena worth \$250,000 to play their home games in. Population of Port Elgin is 1,700 but it swells to several thousands in the summer months when the arena does much of its business. — Easter holiday week is a time of minor hockey tournaments all across Canada with three of them within a few miles of Acton at Milton, Brampton and Georgetown for juveniles, bantams and Squirts. — Anglers are busy tying flies, oiling reels and testing lines for the opening of the trout season Saturday, April 27. — A few of the district's enthusiastic duffers have already played a few rounds of golf this spring. They report the fairways are fine but most courses are playing winter-soft on the greens. — Executive of the Halton County Baseball Association anticipate the new Hamilton intermediate entry will strengthen the league this season. Only club to suffer will be Dundas who will lose some of their best players to the new entry.

Runners Place High in Toronto

Three Acton entrants in the High Park road race in Toronto, Saturday, April 6, placed well. Keith Ranney came seventh in the junior race in a field of about 50; Allan Hall placed 13th and Gary Murr 33rd in the juvenile race in a field of about 80.

These three, who are constantly in training, plan next to enter the "Lucky Stewart" memorial race in Hamilton on April 27.

Promote Halton At World Match

The Halton Industrial Committee plans to promote the county at this year's World Plowing Match, to be held near Caledon in October.

The Committee has asked that \$1,500 be set aside for rental of a space, a tent, display boards and other accoutrements of a display



FLYING LOW, two speedboats skim over Fairy Lake during a practice run as drivers prepare for the Acton Y's Men's Regatta June 15 at the Park. A large number of entries are expected and club members are looking forward to an interesting and varied program during the day. These out-of-town men were practising here on the weekend.

covering a 60 by 100 foot lot at the plowing match. The group is also considering using a show space, a tent, display boards and displays at local fairs.

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Opens April 26 Workmen Swarm Over Raceway Hurry to Finish Racing Plant

Workmen are swarming over Mohawk Raceway like ants over a picnic lunch as they rush to finish construction of the \$3,000,000 harness racing plant at Campbellville.

It won't be long before the din of squealing power saws and pounding hammers is replaced by the hoed beats of horses. In fact, the racing strip is in excellent condition and could accommodate horses and sulkies immediately.

With just one week remaining before the grand opening on April 26, construction crews are working overtime to have the grandstand completed. And it will be finished on schedule too, they vow.

Glass Goes In — Loosely hung tarpaulin, thrown up to protect the workers from

Winter's winds, is being replaced by sheets of glass which surround the ultra-modern seven-tiered Terrace Dining Room.

The dining room will be the largest of any now in operation at Jockey Club tracks. Mohawk's dining area is so arranged that 340 people will be comfortably seated and each table commands an excellent view of the five-eighths of a mile track.

Just steps away from the dining room, on the mezzanine floor, 13 selling and cashing windows will be available, as well as daily-doubble and quinella facilities.

Pouring Floors — On the main floor, under the seating area, installation of plumbing is almost complete and the concrete floors are being poured. Wagering facilities will be available in two sections in this area, and they have already been installed.

At the east end of the grandstand there will be 37 selling and cashing windows along with the usual daily-double and quinella sellers. In the west, 16 windows have been installed.

Mohawk Raceway will have 1,780 individual chairs and lawn benches which will accommodate 400, thus providing seats for 2,180 people. In all there will be seating and walking room for over 7,000.

The parking lots are stone-covered and will provide parking space for 3,000 cars. There will be no danger of cars becoming mired in mud since all the parking area has been rolled firmly. Stalls in barns constructed of corrugated steel will offer modern fireproof stabling for 520 "toughies".

The barns are completely enclosed, thus offering protection from all the elements. Fibreglass panels in the roof allow sunlight to shine through into the stalls which are constructed of Balsam wood.

The track kitchen and Racing Secretary's office will be housed in the same building, which is constructed of the same material as the barns.

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The fifth annual Tri-County Juvenile tournament, described by tournament director Bill Burrell as "the best yet," ended Saturday evening with Trenton, Milton and the Toronto Marlboros capturing the tournament Championships.

Nearly 2,000 attended the four-day affair, witnessing some of the best hockey in the tournament's history. The Milton Postface Juniors, hosts for the tourney, won the "C" Championship Saturday night, beating Alderwood 6-4. In earlier "C" division games, the Pontiacs, claimed victories over Preston 4-1 and Orangeville 5-0. Preston captured the "C" division consolation round, with a 3-1 victory over Newmarket on Saturday afternoon. In other "C" division action throughout the tournament, Orangeville downed Fergus with a shot on goal margin when the game ended in a 1-1 scoring deadlock. Alderwood downed Newmarket 2-1; Avlmer shut-out Port Dover 2-0 and Alderwood blanked Avlmer 1-0. In consolation action Preston edged Fergus 1-0 and Newmarket downed Port Dover 5-0.

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Expert Speaks Says Fairy Lake Fine For Hydroplane Regatta

The last meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club Thursday, April 11, was important insofar as it marked the beginning of a concentrated publicity campaign which is to precede a racing regatta planned for June 15.

Mayor Les Duby, councillor Bill Denny and Chamber of Commerce representatives, Chester Anderson and Bert Wood were guests at the dinner meeting. Sport provided by the Oakville Club Pre-regatta ticket sales and a draw for valuable prizes further help to stimulate interest.

There will be a parade featuring some of the racing boats which will take part in the regatta, while some racing drivers exhibit their boats at shopping plazas in the surrounding district. Some towns elect Regatta Queens from a number of girls who sell admission tickets. Banners and bunting at each entrance to the town also help to draw attention to the coming event.

However, Miss Barrie not only dwelt on the more pleasant aspects of preparing for a regatta, but also mentioned the amount of planning, committee work and budgeting which is necessary to make a regatta an all-round success.

Lake Perfect Spot — From films which were previously shown of regattas held in other localities it is obvious that a hydroplane regatta is an immensely exciting and thrilling event with some of the boats exceeding 70 mph. In the opinion of experienced racing drivers our Fairy Lake is ideally suited for such a regatta because there is a lot of spectator space available and the course would provide challenging opportunities for the drivers with fairly long straight-aways for speed and short sharp turns for showing off their skill. Since these racing boats do not draw any more than two or three inches of water, underwater obstacles would not represent hazards, the main prerequisite being smooth water, since choppy water is definitely a drawback in speedboat racing.

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