

SPORTS BEAT

UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES aren't the only ones exploited by moneyed interests. It happens in sport, too, objections to the contrary.

For a good example you might refer to the current all-Ontario junior final between Toronto's giant Marlies and the northern finalists, North Bay Trappers.

It's strictly a mis-match. The northern kids can't hope to cope with the big-bruising Toronto team which looks more like a polished professional outfit than an O.H.A. entry.

However, you might ask, aren't good hockey players one of the products of the northern mining towns and wilderness vista? The N.H.L. is full of talent grabbed from the gold, silver and nickel belt. Where are their successors?

You guessed it. Most of the best northern juniors are in the south of the province, lured by either better opportunity or placed there by parent N.H.L. clubs. Few of the pro teams are interested in allowing their chattels to play for the few northern teams.

Consequently, when the time comes for the playdown trail, the north is represented by players the pros have overlooked while the south invariably is a collection of hand-picked pro prospects, some of them ironically from the frozen wastes.

Naturally, businessmen in the north resent the export of their best talent to the prosperous, industrial south. Playoff these spots them in bad light. However, outside of a few exceptional northern hockey talent will likely continue to seek south unless something like the current Timmins mineral strike spreads all over the northern tundra.

FURTHERED BY THE UNPAID bills hanging over baseball teams in Acton, at least one person is getting out and trying to do something about it. Harold Townley is organizing a draw on the Memorial Cup final, proceeds of which will be directed to the "dunners" owing by the intermediate, midget, bantam and pee wee ball clubs.

Recently the Halton Baseball Association decreed no Acton teams would be accepted until entry fees of previous seasons were paid in full.

"I want the kids to have a chance to play," said Harold. One of the first bills paid will be the money we owe the Halton Association, he said.

Any chance of an intermediate baseball team in Acton this season? I asked. Harold shook his head. No money, no players, no sponsor. If we had a few hundred dollars — yes — but it's not likely anyone will step forward and sponsor a club.

So, if anyone steps up and asks you to take a chance, you'll know the proceeds are to wipe out the baseball deficit from other seasons. It's the first step before future activity can venture the planning boards.

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED in the news columns, the softball association is planning to ask each club in the town softball league to sponsor a minor team this season. It's part of the plan to develop good softball in the neck of the woods as well as incentive for the youngsters to take up the game.

Baseball, or hardball, its more familiar name, used to be the summer pastime for boys in these parts but the softball association feels interest is waning in the sport and softball is just the thing to fill the vacancy.

It's faster, needs less equipment and most boys can play the game, whereas hardball strikes fear in some youngsters when they see the hard sphere coming at them in twists and drops.

As far as concerns concerned they're both good sports. We don't feel a comparison is justified.

Over in Hespeler they're having the same problem as here, only it's turned around. They're switching to baseball because interest in softball is dropping out among the youngsters. Reasons of a similar nature to Acton are being advanced for the switch.

It's this common's contention there is room for both sports in Acton without any overlapping. The last time an intermediate baseball team from Acton won an Ontario title many of the champions played softball in addition to baseball and it seemed to help, rather than hinder.

BOB DORRIS' FIVE GOAL performance Friday night sparked Ferguson to a 13-5 victory over Port Elgin and the Flyers won in a game of retaining the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' major crown they won last season. Monday, however, the tables were turned as the Ports turned in a 2-3 home ice victory to deadlock the best-of-seven series at three games apiece.

Deciding game was set for last night (Wednesday) in Ferguson with the Flyers favored because of home ice, which both teams have favored.

It's been a high-scoring series with both teams showing little in the way of defence but plenty of scoring punch. Ferguson hasn't been holding a full team in Port Elgin, because of continuing difficulties and it's likely the Sunoco have the same trouble.

BEAT BITS . . . Softball officials received word from Newmarket that the bank of arc lights they bid on for the diamond here had been sold. A meeting last night in the legion hall pretty well settled that the association would now bid for a new set of vapor lights. Approximate cost is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$1,800 . . . Toronto Maple Leafs showed it isn't only amateurs who can exhibit atrocious shooting in a playoff Tuesday night as they lost to the Leafs in a new stadium in Halton were discouraged this week by the Leaf president . . . Bob Brattala is one of the player-executive forming Guelph's senior Royal baseball entry this season . . .

County Minor Divisions Expand Expect 10 New Entries at Least

The Halton County Minor Baseball Leagues will have expanded by at least 10 teams when the schedule begins sometime in the middle of May, chairman of the Bill Richardson of Georgetown reported this week. At present 34 teams have registered, 10 more than the 24 that competed in Halton County Minor play last year. The chairman stressed, however, that it was expected that several more teams would register before the final executive meeting on Monday evening in Milton. At present no entries have been received from Acton, Rockwood, Eden Mills or Campbellville, the chief noted.

New Tykes
This year at least three teams will be competing in the Tyke division, one more than played last year. Teams from Milton, Brampton and Oakville have already registered and league officials are hoping for a fourth entry. The teams will operate in the PeeWee division, seven in the Bantam grouping, eight in the Midget class, four in the Juvenile and two in the Junior. Milton will compete in Tyke, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget classes. Last year's winner, half was divided into two divisions, North and South, but this year the chairman is hopeful of an interlocking schedule between the divisions.

An umpire's school held in Georgetown on Sunday — turned out to be quite successful. Commented, with near-



WED DIVES copped two trophies in the Beardmore bowling league when they won the regular league and took the championship as well. Pictured left to right are Jim Bullough, Alf Roach, Bill Howell, captain Dennis Crooks, Bob Snyder, John Fabian and Lyle Cripps. The team won the Anglo Canadian Leather Co. trophy and the Beardmore Co. trophy.

Spilling Pins at Acton Bowling Lanes

by Ken Hultford

Tri-State
April 7: Mohawks beat the Alley Rockers for two games but the Mohawks took the singleton for totals by 24 pins. Edith Jennings 511 (194) was Alley Rockers' best with Jean Neave 505 (178) being ditto for Mohawks. Pin Dusters dusted off enough pins each game to make with a triple win from Alley Cats. Dot Jennings 611 (258) was the big duster for the winners with Phil Jurvis 533 (233) turning in Alley Cats' best effort.

League standing: Alley Rockers 85, Alley Cats 83, Mohawks 83, Pin Dusters 82.

Industrial-Commercial
April 15: Blow Press lived up to their reputation of being league spoilers and hit Canadian Tire for a two and totals win. They did it via the singles route — Ed Mokody 244, Bob Bruce 230, Gord Harding 210-241 and Paul Wilson 201 getting 'em. For Canadian Tire, Andy Williams 669, Al Roach 226, Dennis Crooks 200-211 and George Williamson 239 tripled and singled. Ledger's 1, G.A. regained top spot with a two and totals win from Masson Motors. Jim Bullough 641, "Robbie" Walters 607, Martin Oehlrich 211 and George Gidman 252-201 tripled and singled for I.G.A. Terry Masales with singles of 207-215 stood out for Masson Motors. Gilto Electric broke their third place tie with Ridders Carriage when Jersey Dairy were the Carriage crew for a two and totals win. Nino Gilto 600, Wilo Near 659 and Joe Gilto 239 scored for Gilto's. Ridley's best were Don Grein 623, Ken Hultford 616 and Don Lindsay 631.

League standing: Ledger's I.G.A. 122, Canadian Tire 120, Gilto Electric 120, Ridders Carriage 117, Blow Press 74, Masson Motors 56.

Acton Ladies
April 15: Cameos, after dropping the first to Masales Dairy, came back to win the next two and totals. Ina Mellon 244 and Shirley McKeown 206 singled for Cameos. Doreen McIntyre 619 was a standout for Masales Dairy. Action Jersey Dairy were on their way to a triple win at Lovell Bros' expense, but Lovell's rallied to win the finale. Marion Storey 655, Elsie Swift 226, Pat Casburn 210 and Arlene Bruce 232 tripled and singled for the Dairy. Doris Townsley 607, Joan Barr 201, Mary Storey 200 and Helen Otterbein 203 were likewise for Lovell Bros. Ledger's I.G.A. were not taking any chances of missing the playoff picture. They hit Acton Creamery for a two and totals win with Dianne Spielvogel 202-210, Verna Arbic 204, Anna Sojka 230 getting solos. The Creamery failed to get mentionables.

League standing: Cameos 119, Acton Jersey Dairy 108, Ledger's I.G.A. 107, Acton Creamery 104, Masales Dairy 91, Lovell Bros. 80.

Thursday Toppers
April 16: With a triple win from Rough Riders, Strikers did themselves a lot of good, point-wise. Rose Winters 519 (190) and Kate Turkosz 485 (178) were top duo for Strikers. In a like vein for Rough Riders—Eleanor Goy

with Joan Knight 560 (194) and Phyllis Winters 511 (217) being Mediums' tops.

League standing: Happy Mediums 119, Happy Gang 119, Rough Riders 98, Headpins 91, Bussy Bees 90, Strikers 90.

Major
April 19: In the semi-final, Acton Billiards pulled an upset when they defeated Paul's Men's Wear with a five game pinfall of 5433 to 5305. Paul's grabbed a 159 lead in the first, lost 45 of it in the second, picked up 49 in the third, lost 26 of it in the fourth, then hit the skids, and with Billiards coming up with their best effort of the night—1198—it was curtains for Paul's. Paul's top shooters were "Dee" De Forest 1063, Bill Williams 1101, Had De Forest 1236 and Don Grein 1066. For Billiards, it was Frank Morton 1118, Bill Shannon 1074, Andy Williams 1100.

The Gold Stripe — Dominion Hotel went to Gold Stripe by 84 pins. A big second game of 1371 for Gold Stripe piled up a lead that Dominion could not quite overcome. The final pinfall was—Gold Stripe 5522 and Dominion Hotel 5438. Top trio for Gold Stripe were "Mac" Johnson 1000, Jeff Fryer 1286 (4329) and Bob Agnew 1090 (343). For Dominion Hotel, it was Phil Lesueur 1204 (378), Ches Pevcha 1145 and "Tinnie" Masales 1033. This brings Gold Stripe and Acton Billiards to the finals and while the odds favor the Gold Stripe, Acton Billiards could once again provide the upset.

MICRO PLASTIC STANDINGS
League standing: Hot Shots 128, Screwballs 104, Pushovers 103, Underdogs 95, Hot Dogs 81, Moonshiners 77.

Hydroplane Regatta Probable for June
Plans for a hydroplane regatta at Fairy Lake are underway and Tuesday evening Acton Y's Men's Club discussed the project and completed some arrangements for a possible June project.

Arrangements have been completed with Beardmore and Co. for use of Fairy Lake. Oakville Hydroplane Club have consented to put on another show and to night (Thursday) club members will ask Parks Board for the use of the park for the June project.

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In Orchestra

Guelph Academy of String Arts orchestra — which just gives one concert a year — will be performing May 2 in War Memorial Hall, Guelph. Playing with the 43 musicians in the orchestra are Dorothy Ann O'Rourke, Karen O'Rourke and Roy Dennis of Acton. There are 15 violins, six cellos, one bass and a piano. Jennie E. Lamb conducts.

The Hobby Shop and Riemer's Electric are the latest stores to improve the main business section.



Carroll campaign canvassers are still going door-to-door and handing out literature as they accept donations. The response is good.

The high school year book is all prepared, getting a few final pats and polishes before it goes to the printer.

Ted Hansen and Paul Nielsen outlined Wednesday night's Careers Night at Milton high school, which many Acton students attended, at the Rotary meeting Tuesday. The club, which itself had hoped to hold a similar vocational guidance program here, underwrote the cost of sending the pupils by bus.

Ice in the arena is melting gradually and likely won't be disappearing until the end of next week. The machinery was turned off gradually.

Bridge club winners this week were: first, Mr. and Mrs. Art Norris; second, Mrs. Bess Hewson, Miss Olive Logan; third, Earl Emond, Jack Hooper.



EUCHRE WINNERS in the Legion zone tournament Saturday in Milton are shown with their trophies. Left to right are Earl Beerman, Charlie Shultz and captain Norm Morton. Missing when picture was taken is Henry Wedge. The team now enters the district tournament and if successful will continue into the provincial playdowns.

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