

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR for hockey league wind-ups, which usually consist of trophy presentations, a banquet and in many cases a speaker of some renown in sporting circles. Saturday night the intermediate club started it off by tying on the food bag at their annual wind-up out at Ross Ballentine's in Limehouse.

Saturday afternoon at the legion hall the legion town league will wrap up the 1963-64 hockey season with their annual banquet. Bob Loustett informs us all the managers, coaches and timekeepers as well as players and referees are invited. It starts at 2 p.m.

Special guest for the town league banquet will be Vic Madfield of the New York Rangers. Vic will speak to the boys on hockey. This would be a good time for you fellows with questions, to have them answered by an expert.

The legion league had another successful season and the championship trophies will be awarded Saturday. Big surprises this year was in the Junior A or novice section of the league which saw the Niagara Falls team come through with the title after trailing the other three teams all season.

One thing this writer has always been impressed with in the Legion league has been the desire of coaches and managers to let all the boys get equal ice time regardless of their ability. Many young players, who wouldn't rate a second look early in the season improved tremendously through the season as a result of this policy.

All you have to have is the desire to play hockey and you can join the league. It doesn't matter whether you skate on your ankles, handle your stick like an ironing board and rate as a recruit for the awkward squad, you'll get just as much ice time as the fellow who sticks handles smoothly, can skate well and looks like a sure fire pro prospect.

So a tip of the old chapeau from this corner to the organizers, managers and coaches of the Legion town hockey leagues. May you be back next season stronger than ever.

DRY YOUR EYES. Break out the banners. Virtue has triumphed. Toronto Maple Leafs have won the Stanley Cup, their third straight and left a limp television audience in their wake.

Millions of Canadians and Americans can go back to their daily tasks without the impediment of twilight eyes, a disease picked up watching the boob tube for 14 playoff games involving the Leafs and several others twist Chicago and Detroit.

The Red Wings almost had it wrapped up right at home in the sixth game of the final series but they fell prey to the same weapon they'd been hitting Leafs with all through the series — over-confidence.

Because both the semifinals and finals went the full seven games some of the fans were out yelling "fix" before the series was over. According to their line of reasoning the cup went to the highest bidder. If this was the case then you'd expect Chicago would have decided to stick around for the finals. They can pack some thing like 20,000 fans into their emporium.

Hawks lost out to 40,000 fans who at a rough average would pay three dollars a seat. Multiplied, these figures come out to \$120,000 plus the TV rights. The players also stood to lose some thing like another \$5,000 apiece which is good pin money for cigarettes, beer and the like.

It looks to this corner as if the Toronto Maple Leafs won it fair and square. We'd have preferred Montreal to win but they were beaten by a stronger team. Same with Detroit. So, hail the conquering heroes!

BEAT BYTS . . . Campbellville Merchants will have most of their veterans and a sprinkling of rookies in the line-up when they open the 1964-65 Hamilton County baseball season. Among those trying out for a spot is Dave Heffernan of Rockwood. Dave has played most of his ball in Guelph, including a few innings with the senior Royals. He's a pitcher . . . The Yvets open at Mohawk next Monday night and you can bet your last dollar there'll be a good representation from Acton and district at the opener . . . Georgetown's inter- ingulate baseball Giants have again named Mike Lorusso as manager of the club. He broke in last season at the midway mark . . . Ferguson was the W.O.A.A. Int. 'C' champion in the final game of the final series with Port Elgin in pickleburg . . . Whazza matter with the girls in Acton? While the gals in most other places are forming softball teams, they're still chasing boys . . . Milton Red Sox had a sudden change of coaches that left a sour taste in a few mouths couple of weeks back. Cliff Houston, who has been at the helm for the past two seasons, was given his notice and replaced by Dick Clement and Archie Cairns, two veteran baseballers. Said Houston to the Milton weekly, "Two years ago I took the job because a group of fellows came out and coaxed me to. Now I feel I've been stabbed in the back." Club president Elmer Hornby explaining the switch, "I don't think the boys were playing ball for Cliff. They're capable of playing far better ball." New coach Dick Clement's comments: "I'd like to see a little more organization and pep. I want to try to get Milton's baseball image back" . . . Got your dew worms dug? Opening of the trout season tomorrow and many district anglers are heading for their favorite fishing stream for a rendezvous with that old lunger tonight at midnight . . .

Man Injured in Crash

A Farnham, Quebec man suffered a severely crushed left leg and facial lacerations and bruises when his late model car was in collision with a dump truck at the corner of Highway 25 and the Campbellville Sideroad late Wednesday morning. Reginald Hardy of Farnham, Quebec was proceeding south on Highway 25 when his car was in collision with a dump truck driven by Antonio Cluzuro of Toronto. The Cluzuro vehicle was proceeding north on the highway and was about to make a left turn onto the Sideroad at the time of the accident. Investigating officer Ron Hudd of the Milton O.P.P. reported.

It took nearly one half hour for O.P.P. officers, an ambulance driver and several spectators to free Mr. Hardy from his wrecked car. Police estimate the damage to his vehicle at approximately \$2,500. Damage to the truck was \$100 and the driver was unharmed.

Mr. Hardy is presently undergoing treatment at an Oakville Hospital after being moved from the Milton District Hospital early in the afternoon.

—The 24th of May observance falls a full six days early — on the 18th. That's the preceding Monday.

GOLD STRIPERS COP MAJOR TITLE



ADAMS GOLD STRIPE team copped the championship in the Major League bowling finals last week at Acton Bowling Lanes. The winners left to right are Ross Morton, Leo McGiloway, Bill Johnson, captain Jeff Fryer, Bob Agnew, Fred Kentner Sr., Ed McGiloway and Dennis Crooks.

JOKERS RUN WILD IN MIXED LEAGUE



THE JOKERS came out smiling in the regular league play in the Acton Mixed league to win the large trophy at Acton Bowling Lanes. The winners are shown above with their trophy. Left to right are Dot Thompson, Ivy Martin, Charlie Gough, captain Mae Curtiss, Ada Peal and Verna Arlic.

John McLean Elected Secretary At Annual Tri-County Meeting

Active in hockey for many seasons, Milton's John McLean was president of the Tri-County hockey association for 1964-65, at the annual meeting of the Association in Milton on Sunday afternoon. Mr. McLean replaces Bill Burrell of R. R. 1, Malton, who has held the position since the Association was formed in 1957.

McDuffie of Milton, second vice-president Joe O'Krafka of Hespenham, third vice-president Don Jarvis of Georgetown, treasurer Jim Brockie of Oakville and assistant secretary Bill Burrell of R. R. 1, Malton. Mr. Burrell announced earlier in the year that he would be unable to carry on as secretary of the Association, but said he would help the new secretary whenever he was available.

President Bob Patterson noted that '63-64 proved to be a very successful season for the Association, with two teams winning OMHA titles, two clubs reaching the OMHA finals and three teams reaching the OMHA semi-finals.

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Field Day Washed Out

Spring rains washed out the Acton district high school field day for the second day in a row Wednesday after one event had been started. Staff members are hopeful weather will clear up in time to proclaim champions to represent the school at the district meet at the O.A.C. next Tuesday.

Scheduled to be held Tuesday the field day was cancelled on account of rain and Wednesday's fall of rain caused a further postponement. Senior boys who spent most of Monday preparing the field for racing and pits for the field events worked in vain as Tuesday's rain washed their hard work away.

Hobby Shop Holds Two Opening Draws

Lucky draw winners in the grand opening of Acton Hobby and Sporting Goods store on Saturday were Eddie Paww and Teddy Curtis, both of Acton.

Proprietor of the store, Jack Hatch, was on hand to present prizes to both boys after Mayor Les Doby pulled their winning tickets at the 5 p.m. draw.

First prize of a Mitchell 500 fishing reel went to Eddie Paww and second prize of Cox PT 10 flight trainer went to Teddy Curtis.

—Mailed your income tax forms? Today is the deadline.

—Television viewing probably reached an all-time high here Saturday night for the final Toronto-Detroit hockey game. The streets were deserted.

—An enjoyable evening of culture and dancing was sponsored by Luxton Young People in the parish hall Friday evening. There were eight tables of cards. The young people danced to records.

CHAMPION DEFENDERS



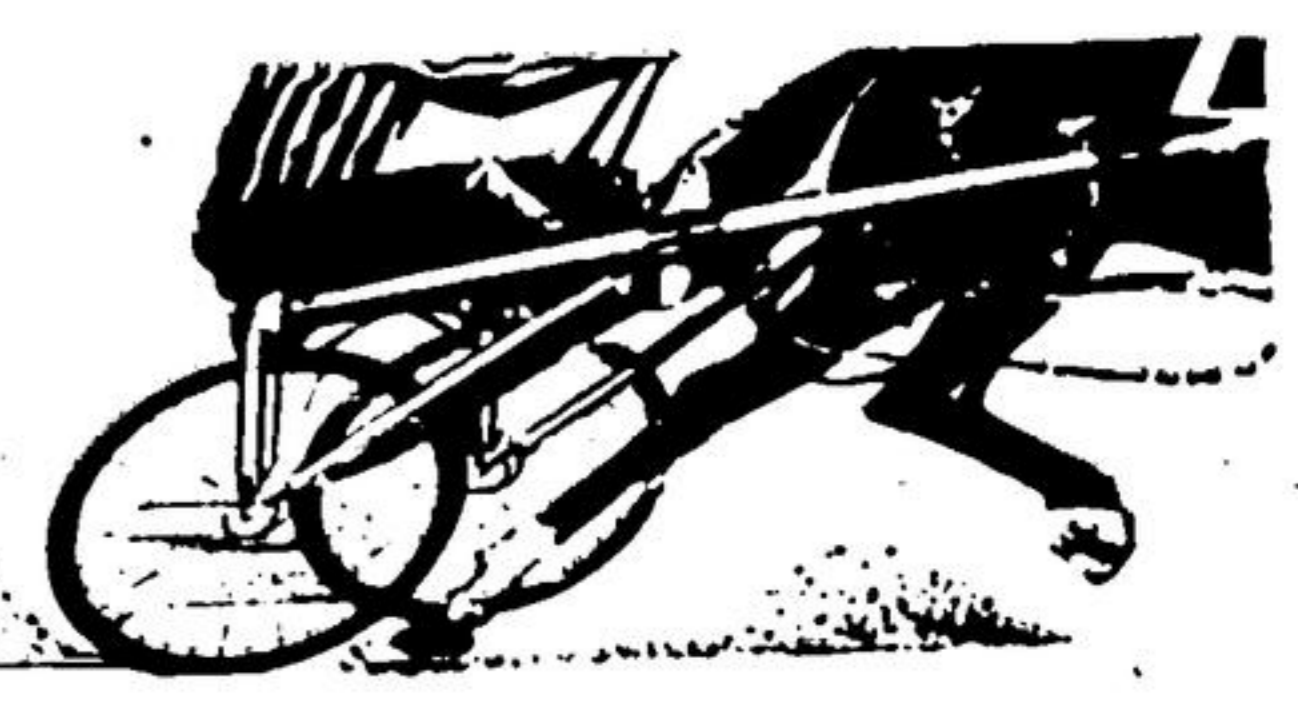
THE DEFENDERS copped the championship in Acton Friends bowling league Thursday evening of last week in a four-team round-robin series. Front row left to right are captain John Chapman, Barbara Smith and Mrs. Chris Britton, back row left to right are Hartley Coles and Harry Martin.

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