

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

POTPOURRI . . . When the National Hockey League plays its annual All Star game it usually indicates hockey has descended on us for another season. Activity increases in the semipro camps and amateurs eagerly await the summons to don their gear for the first practice.

Acton is no exception. Fans are beginning to ask about the personnel of the Tanners, when ice will be put in the arena and all the usual questions associated with the beginning of a season. Meanwhile Canadian football is getting into the interesting stage.

We know manager Ed Foster and coach Junior Beaumont are quietly lining up players for the Tanners this season. When the first practice session will be will depend largely on how soon ice is put in the community centre. Last information we had was this would be in the first week of November. However, the recreation committee has hired an ice maker in the meantime, which could mean the process will be speeded up.

Georgetown has ice in their arena now, Milton starts its plan Monday.

At this point most sports fans are so excited about the world series it's hard to concentrate on anything else. Today's seventh and final game will wind up what few expected wouldn't be much of a contest but what has turned out to be one of the real exciting endings for the baseball season.

BEAT BITS . . . Registration for Legion minor hockey will take place at the legion hall this Saturday morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The legion league is immensely popular for any boy who wants to play hockey because everyone gets equal time on the ice regardless of their ability. League convenor Gord James also is looking for coaches, managers, timekeepers, etc. to help with the teams which look after boys up to juvenile age. If you're interested call Gord or visit the legion hall Sat. with the boys and you'll get a post, pronto.

Industrial hockey league registration is set for Sunday evening 6:30 to 8 p.m. . . . Unusual is the only word to describe the Pro-Am hockey league in Milton. Composed of adult players from all walks of life, many of whom need help to lace up their skates, the league recently voted to return their trophies to the donors. Reason? The league wants to stress the recreation angle rather than playing to win. They play according to ordinary hockey rules except for body checking and slap shooting, which are both banned. Infractions are dealt with severely. Players who break the rules more than once are reprimanded and there have been cases where they've been asked to leave — and have.

Reports from Georgetown are indecisive regarding which league the intermediate Raiders will play in this season. O.H.A. or W.O.A. Milton intermediates, meanwhile, seem to have folded unless a last minute organizational meeting brings them to life. Ain't it a shame . . . W.O.A.A. convenor Bob Marshall has called a group meeting for the community centre here Sunday night to settle which teams will play in the southern division this season. Milton representative Murray Hood says he will be attending but Georgetown is still a question mark.

Not only did Bruce Andrews of Acton, Ont., run his unbeaten string to three in Senon Hall University's victory over West Chester State, but his counterpart, Tom Tushingham, indicated that he would again be a help. In the first home meet of the season at Cameron Field, Andrews turned in a 24 1/2 for the 4 and 1/2 mile course. He finished 32 seconds ahead of his mate, George Germain and a minute ahead of George's twin brother, Milton. For more news on the O.H.A. finals . . . Girls of the Acton Softball Association's minor league are having a social afternoon in the community centre from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Included in the program will be a lunch . . .

Register Sun. For Ind. Hockey

Industrial hockey league registration will be held this Sunday, October 18th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the community centre.

Anyone wishing to play industrial league hockey this season is welcome to register.

The league had four teams last season but a large registration may make more teams necessary.

Ice Maker

Bill Feltham of New Toronto has been engaged to make ice at the arena this winter. He begins his duties today (Thursday) but will not be starting to make ice until all ice making equipment has been checked over.

The new man is married and intends moving to Acton as soon as possible.

Jury Sees Films of Fatality Attach No Blame to Track

The death of 53-year-old harness racing driver Wilbert L. Hopkins of Milton in a four-horse pile-up at Mohawk Raceway September 19 was described as "an unfortunate accident" when the coroner's jury held an inquest into his death in Milton.

The jury found no fault with the track management, judges or fellow drivers in the ill-fated sixth race that evening, but did recommend the use of stronger safety helmets for all harness drivers.

Hopkins, who operated a public stable in Milton and drove for many standardbred owners, was driving Armbrus Eclipse for the Armstrong Bros. of Brampton in the fatal race. A horse driven by Almer Holmes broke stride and fell as the 12 sulkies rounded the first turn of the race, and Hopkins' horse, following behind, attempted to leap over the fallen horse.

Films of the fatality, shown at the inquest by Charles Norris who supervises the movies of each race at Mohawk, clearly indicated that Hopkins was air-thrown 20 feet through the air and landed on his head on the track. His helmet, displayed before the jury, was smashed through where he landed on it.

Guelph Students Could Staff Y

Activities at the Acton Y.M.C.A. should pick up next week. Y Board members are hopeful of hiring at least one part-time and perhaps two physical education scholars from Guelph University.

Board chairman G. W. McKenzie reported Wednesday he had been assured that at least two Guelph Students had shown interest in instructing at the Acton Y. A new program has been planned for the Y this year and board members are hoping younger members will receive complete instruction and have regular classes.

Mr. McKenzie also reported the board had received an offer of assistance on a part-time basis from some high school students who wish to pursue the recreation field.

Severe Injuries
The driver lived briefly following the spill, but was dead on arrival at Milton District Hospital. Coroner Dr. G. E. Sver conducted the inquest, and reported death was caused by multiple skull fractures and brain damage, and said several bones in Hopkins' face were also smashed.

Jurors James D. Kidd (foreman), Roy Woods, Charles McArthur, Grant McMillan and Chester Service, all residents of Nassagawaga Township, where Mohawk is located, recommended heavier safety helmets for drivers and suggested a new helmet be designed that meets with Workmen's Compensation Board standards.

Not Safest Type
Under questioning by Crown Attorney K. McWilliams, the raceway manager did agree the deceased's hat was not the safest type available.

Villagers Lose

Campbellville Bantams ended their season on a losing note on Saturday as they dropped the third and deciding game of an O.E.A. Bantam "D" final in Oshweken. Bill Dennis pitched a strong game for the losers and coach Tom Mitchell reports that Neil Robertson was outstanding defensively.

The Villagers captured the first game of the series but lost the second contest, setting the stage for the decisive contest on Saturday.



FUTURE HOCKEY STARS register Saturday for the Acton Minor Hockey league during enrollment at the Community Centre. Left to right are Ken Owen, David Lee, Garnet "Doc" Harkley, Dick Lee and Bob Waller. Teams will be formed and entries made in the town league. As soon as ice is installed at the arena practice sessions will be held and teams formed.

Softball League Winds Up Season With Everything Coming Up Roses

Players, executive and town officials found themselves in an unfamiliar role at the first annual banquet of Acton Softball Association Thursday evening in the Legion hall, marking the official end of the town league softball season.

Instead of trading wisecracks, slapping at jumbos and gobbling up loose balls, the entire complement of the league donned their best bib and tucker, traded compliments, slapped their knees in merriment and gobbled up a fine dinner prepared by master chefs George Cooper and Doug Mason.

Hinton Trophy
Highlight of the event was the presentation of the championship trophy by donor, Reeve H. H. (Bert) Hinton to Owen Masales, coach of the winning Legion team. Owen acknowledged the applause and noted there was from for two more years on the trophy which would look good with Legionnaires name on it.

He referred to the Legion Club as a great bunch of kids and a real fighting team. Sharing the spotlight was pitcher Frank Daley of the runner-up Firefighters who the Legion coach singled out as their nemesis through the final series.

Recreation committee chairman John Goy chaired the evening which had Mayor Duby, Reeve Hinton, Softball Association president Ted Pope, secretary Charles Thomson, banquet co-chairman Gord McCutcheon, recreation director Harris Roe, Legion coach Owen Masales, as well as Mr. Goy at the head table.

Lands Recreation
Mayor Duby, in his remarks, lauded the recreation committee in Acton. Experience has shown, he said, providing recreation is one thing but organizations like the softball association dig right in and provide it for themselves. He forecast future support for recreation from town council.

Chairman Goy described association president Ted Pope in his

introduction as the only bowler he ever knew who could lose the ball and still win.

Mr. Pope praised the work of hydro employees and community, Mel and Gilt Jordan, Ed Phillips and Doug Vickers, Bill Coon and Mick Holmes, the umpires, parks board, recreation commission, the press and the Bank of Montreal for the support given the executive in erecting floodlights and improve ments at the park this season.

"We expect to clear the debt on the lights this year," the president declared. Some of it has already been paid.

Mr. Pope had a special pat on the back for the umpires who performed a "very thankless job" capably.

Sponsors who included Lou Wasowicz of Dominion Hotel, Del Marners of Donmar, Mick Holmes of Firefighters, Jim McLennan of Station Hotel, Jim Gunn of the Legion and Dave Manes of the I.G.A. were asked to stand and were introduced.

The chairman closed the business part of the meeting by remarking the softball league had an enviable record. They never waited for the recreation committee or any other body but rolled up their sleeves and did the work themselves.

Assisting at the tables for the dinner were the Legion's No. 1 fan, Hector Lambert, Bill (Weep) Taylor, Ivan Harris, Ivan Kilby,

WINS TITLE
Ronald Filion of Angers, Quebec, 26-year-old sulky driver, won the driving championship for the 30 night meeting at Mohawk Raceway which ended on Saturday. Filion won victories on each of the last six nights to boost his winning percentage to .517 (15 wins, six seconds and three thirds in 36 drives). Attendance for the final night was 3,448. Parimutuel betting for the evening was \$157,248.

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THE EXECUTIVE OF ACTON Softball Association was headed by president Ted Pope, second from right, for the 1964 season. Charles Thomson, right, held down the secretary-treasurer's post while Norm Morton chaired the grievance committee, looked after umpires and schedule with the help of Dorson Frazzell, left. They were among nearly 100 attending the wind-up dinner at the legion hall Thursday.

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Girls' Team Plays In Galt, Defeated

On Tuesday of this week, the girls' inter-school volleyball team travelled to Galt to play Glenview Secondary School. Three games were played with Galt defeating the Acton team each time.

These were exhibition games only. The scores and the games in the order that they were played are as follows: 1st game, Acton 17, Glenview 27; second game, Acton 24, Glenview 27; third game, Acton 17, Glenview 18.

Playing for Acton were Ruth Ann Elliott, Bonnie MacDougall, Kay Chisholm, Martha Hoey, Vivian Smith, Donna Pendleton, Jill Hurst, Judy Duby, Betty Cook and Lois Kirkwood.

Timer and scorer were Karen Gervais and Sandra Slingerland.

Two Drivers Injured In Mohawk Accident

A three-horse spill at Mohawk Raceway on Friday evening resulted in the hospitalization of two sulky drivers. It was the second serious spill in the 30 night fall meet at the popular Nassagawaga harness track.

High Stewart of Peterborough and Jack Ried of Orono received multiple injuries as a result of the pile-up. Mr. Stewart suffered a dislocated left shoulder and a fractured left arm and Mr. Ried was treated at Milton District Hospital for a broken nose and cuts to the face. A third driver, John Millman of Port Perry was not injured.

On September 19 at Mohawk a spill resulted in the death of veteran sulky driver Wilbert Hopkins.

Bishop MacDonnell Squad Blanks Acton on Gridiron

By Dave Ryder
Last Thursday, October 8, the Acton high school junior football team suffered a 19-0 defeat at the hands of the Bishop MacDonnell team from Guelph.

During the first quarter, both teams appeared on a par. The only touchdown was scored by Guelph quarterback Lorne Piva on a dash around the end.

Fumbly Fingers
In the second quarter, Guelph drew first blood when Paul Yanchus pulled in an Acton fumble and pranced over for the T.D. This was the only touchdown to be converted in the game.

Again, the hard luck Acton team fumbled and again, the blue yard line, Kieran Ballah dove over, to bring the score to 19-0. It was a detected looking home team that left at half time for the usual pep talk. Coach Ron Halvors must have instilled new hope in his players for they were ready to fight the last half to the end.

Hold Guelph
Little excitement was aroused in the third quarter as the Red men turned back the Guelph at tack.

Finally in the fourth quarter, Terry Churchill intercepted a Guelph pass and raced for the score. Any spark of life that glowed for Acton soon ended when a clipping penalty nullified the six points. After this, the Acton team seemed to settle

back in their own end, content to hold Guelph at bay.

The Redmen have three remaining games, the first to be played at Ridley College on Saturday. They are hoping to get another victory.

Select Volleyball Squad at School

The Acton high school boys' volleyball team has been selected. Coach is Ron McCullum.

Following are the team members: Allan Hall, Gary Murr, Dan Arbo, Ralph Matthews, Neil Franklin, Gord Mason, Paul Van Kullmiz, Lloyd McIntyre, Ron Heller and Albert Vlietstra.

The team's first game will be in the tournament to be held at Acton next Tuesday, October 20.

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