

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WHAT DO YOU DO when you can't sleep — Count sheep? Take a sleeping pill? Walk the floor?

These measures are designed to lull you back into dreamland so you can be fresh and eager to go the next day.

A friend of mine couldn't find a remedy so he sat down and wrote a letter in the dead of night to the people who were causing him the concern that wouldn't let him sleep. The subject was hockey. It concerned the perennially thorny issue of whether the large towns and cities should be playing small centres like Acton in the Tri-County hockey set-up.

This is something that's been bothering hockey circles here for some time. I think the minor hockey men felt the problem had been resolved this season. Apparently it hasn't.

It bothered Barry Inscow so much the other night he put his thoughts on paper, made copies for mailing to those interested and posted them before anyone could change his mind. The birds were still dozing.

Here's what he wrote:

Dear Sir:

I have just received the first part of my Tri-County Minor Hockey Association schedule, which includes games up to November 5, 1966. To my amazement I see the T.C.M.H.A. has again pitted the small populated 'B' towns against the powerful 'A' and 'major' teams of heavily populated areas.

To me gentlemen, this is a farce of the largest magnitude. I cannot possibly see what good it can do for hockey, and Tri-County Hockey in general, for a small populated area like Acton (4,300) to play Brampton (35,000), Oakville (25,000) or any other A or A-major team and be subjected to a one-sided drubbing.

We fail to see the value of this in making good sportsmen, citizens and competitive athletes.

I, personally, would get little or no jubilation or satisfaction in subjecting any team to humiliation by a large score, especially if I outpopulate my opponent by 25 to 30,000.

If we are to develop good hockey talent from our community we must keep the teams on a competitive level.

If they step out of their depth they become disheartened, morale becomes low and team spirit is soon non-existent.

So, gentlemen, I request that Acton (Novice) not be scheduled any games, home or away, against A or A-major teams, after my present schedule to November 5, 1966, has elapsed.

I do hope this letter is accepted in the manner in which it is written, in the interest of hockey in general.

B. Inscow,
Coach, Acton Novice.

That letter is precisely what most of the hockey coaches, managers and executive from Acton think about the present structure of the Tri-County. Why don't they switch over to another league then? There's nowhere else to go, ma'am. It's a closed shop.

FIRST WORK-OUTS by the Tanners under new coach Fred Kentner produced so many new faces trying out for places on the team it was difficult to pick out players from last season. There was a smattering from Acton, several from Milton, couple from Georgetown and several more from the Guelph district.

It's going to be a real job for coach Kentner to pick his crew. Ordinarily a coach has some idea of how a player responds in the heat of a game. In this instance he's unfamiliar with many of them.

Like most intermediate leagues the O.H.A. is having trouble getting the one in this area organized. A meeting Monday in Guelph drew representatives from four of the six teams involved, but neither Seaford or Milverton representatives showed up. Consequently nothing concrete was done and no schedule drawn up.

Convener Bob Marshall was disappointed but he called another meeting for Thursday in Acton to draw up a schedule. There's a possibility Milverton may not go through with their commitment. In that event it's likely another team will be entering the group to keep it at six teams.

According to O.H.A. past president Pat Patterson Clinton wanted an entry in this league but they were advised to enter the W.O.A.A. because of the distance most teams would have to travel.

BEAT BITS . . . Art Melanson, veteran slugger with the Milton Red Sox was chosen the Sox most valuable player this season . . . Bruce Hood, Milton's gift to the refereeing profession will likely be handling somewhere in the neighborhood of 25 N.H.L. games this season . . . Barrie Senders have been trying to entice centre Blake Inglis into their camp this year. Blake was to have made up his mind between the seniors and intermediate with the Tanners yesterday (Wednesday). He's been practising with the Tanners . . . Trots started at Mohawk Raceway Monday. Accommodation has been doubled to handle the overflows common at the spring meeting . . . Ross Ballentine has been selected as statistician for the O.H.A.'s intermediate hockey group. A member of the Tanager executive, Ross handled the duties last year . . . You'll notice line-ups and schedule for the industrial hockey league on this page. Starting games Sunday night will no doubt require a bottle of liniment per player except for the fellows who keep in shape all year round . . . At a baseball meeting recently, of all places, a discussion ensued about the relative sizes of the Georgetown and Acton arenas. Jim James from Georgetown claimed the ice surface there was much larger than Acton's. As the argument grew in intensity, several others chimed in. George Burt, who lives in Esqueping near Georgetown, ended it by saying "Acton built their rink a foot longer so they could say it was bigger" . . .

3,000 racing buffs welcome horses back

The "new" Mohawk Raceway greeted 3,017 harness racing buffs when the Campbellville track kicked off a 36-night autumn season on Monday.

Mohawk Raceway's grandstand has been doubled in size to accommodate patrons and Terrace Dining Room which now accommodates 530 has been increased by 50 per cent. The glass-enclosed, air-conditioned grandstand seats 2,785.

Former Detroit Red Wing defence star Black Jack Stewart made his debut as presiding judge on an Ontario track on Monday and was kept busy handling disqualifications in the second and fifth races.

Teaching skating with Guelph club

Miss Linda Braida is on the teaching staff of Guelph College Figure Skating Club for the 1966-1967 season.

Skating began last weekend with over 400 members. Linda is a gold medalist in figure skating.

She is a graduate of Acton District High School and is attending Lakeshore Teachers' College in Toronto.

Most of the top drivers in Ontario returned to the picturesque Nassagaweya betting spot, including Ronnie Feagan, the 24-year-old sulky artist from Goderich.

Betting at the parimutuels totalled \$170,219 for the opening night.

Of special interest to the ladies is the new and colorful decor. Striking greens, reds, golds and blacks have replaced the dull greys which usually prevail at racetracks across the nation. Dr. Deborah Sharpe, a psychologist from Columbia University authored the new decor.



TANNER MANAGER Ed Footitt discusses the new crop of players with coach Fred Kentner at Tuesday's work-out in the community centre. The pair have their work cut out for them picking an O.H.A. Int. B squad from the hopefuls who've shown up to date. The club has held three practices — a three-hour opening session Friday, a two-hour work-out Sunday and another one Tuesday night. Several of last year's team haven't appeared and they leave some large holes to plug.

Tanners first practice sessions attract good looking prospects

A grueling three hour work-out Friday night attracted several new prospects for the 1966-67 edition of Acton Tanners but by Tuesday night's third practice sophomore coach Fred Kentner had pared down the crop of hopefuls to about 20. He'll probably have to cut down further before the season starts in November.

The tanners will play in an O.H.A. Int. B. league this year with Orangeville, Fergus, Hespele, Seaford and possibly Milverton.

Players from last year's team who appeared for practices were goalie Jim Sweeney, defencemen Jim Cunningham and Mur-

ray Marchmont, forwards Blake Inglis, Jim Farrelly, Emmerson (Beaver) Baxter, Harold Townsley, Danny Arbie and sub-goalie Frank Anthony.

Although Tim Haines, the wingman from the Glen who made a big hit here last season hasn't shown up for a practice yet, manager Ed Footitt says Tim has assured him he'll be out.

New faces trying out for the club include Glen Hillcock, a goalkeeper who has looked good in his initial appearances, Dennis Snider, a rib-rocking defenceman who teaches school at the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton, recreation director How-

ard Pearce and Jan Riddall from Acton.

Bob Heron and Paul Bodendistel both former Jr. A players with Hamilton and Guelph respectively are trying for a spot. Both have impressed rail birds.

From Milton, diminutive Gordie Bell has been a going concern while Bob Sales made one appearance and hasn't shown up again.

There are other new faces in the work-outs including John Farrelly. He's a brother to hard-working Jim, a fixture with the Tanners for the past two seasons.

Neither Doug nor Howie Evans of last year's team have

shown up yet and hard working Don McKenzie hasn't indicated he'll try another fling either. Gerry Inglis is confining his hockey to coaching Georgetown juniors while Glenn Cooper has moved to Brampton, Don Crane back home to Newfoundland.

Bob Marshall Jr., injured in the early part of the season last year, has just had his cast removed from his leg. He's eager to get back on skates but is unlikely to hazard a recurrence of the injury.

Rumors are rife that Smokey Richardson, the Georgetown product with the blistering shot would be out but so far he hasn't shown off. Smokey started the season off with the Tanners last year but quit over a disagreement on policy. There's no doubt he'd help the team but Tanager officials are not prepared to change team policy to accommodate one individual.

Big problem for coach Fred Kentner and manager Ed Footitt is going to be picking personnel without disturbing the important waiver balance. The O.H.A. allows only four imports or waivers. An import is classed as someone who moves into your town or area before November 1.

The coach and manager have until the week of November 15 to assemble a squad from the current crop of players. That's when the league is due to start.

Free Press Sports Page

Industrial hockey lifts lid Sunday

Four teams, as evenly balanced as officials could make them, will lift the industrial hockey league lid this Sunday night in the community centre.

First of regular sabbath doubleheaders, the opening game kicks off at 7 p.m., followed by an 8:30 nightcap.

Fifty-two players have been signed to round out the four team league. It's expected the calibre of play will be an improvement over last season, which in turn was a notch above the year before.

Personnel of the teams is as follows:

- TEAM NO. 1**
Tom Oakley, Capt., Doug Vickery, Bob Doyle, Phil Drysdale, John Cunningham, Wayne Sheppard, Ian Johnson, Grant Withers, Ed Smith, Frank Morton, Bruce Barber, Don Franklin, Farmer Sheppard.
- TEAM NO. 2**
Jim McDonald, capt., Ken McIsaac, Jack Mackenzie, Ruddy Holmes, Lorne Peavoy, Ron Heller, Stu McDonald, Gord Mason, John McNabb, Rick Gordon, John Lockie, Al McNabb, Andy Williams.
- TEAM NO. 3**
Brian McCristall, capt., Barry Inscow, Mel Sheppard, Fred Currie, Denis Gibbons, Ken Tuck, Ron Schmidt, Ron Bastell, Doug Sheppard, Glen Bouchard, Ron Sheppard, John Leatherland, John Dunn.
- TEAM NO. 4**
Ron Mellon, capt., Muff Hunter, Ed Hillier, Wayne Wilson, Larry Porte, Red Phillips, Gary Ritchie, Fred Andrews, Harvey Hillier, Noah Roszell, Jim Kay, Hector Dawe, Bob Sheppard.

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PROGRAM BEGINS THURSDAY, NOV. 3 AT Y.M.C.A.

Would-be officials attend refs school

Twenty-nine prospective O.M.H.A. officials attended a day-long "referees school" in Milton Arena on Sunday.

The school, sponsored by the O.M.H.A. attracted candidates from Milton, Fergus, Preston, Georgetown, Acton Chinguacousy, Orangeville, Brampton, Oakville and Burlington.

Attending from Acton were Harold Townsley, Dan Arbie and Gary Sales.

Schedule

Oct. 30, 7 p.m., 1 vs 3, 8:30 p.m., 2 vs 4.
Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m. — 2 vs 3, 8:30 1 vs 4.
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., 1 vs 2; 8:30 3 vs 4.
Nov. 20, 7 p.m. 4 vs 2; 8:30, 3 vs 1.
Nov. 27, 1 p.m. 4 vs 1; 8:30, 2 vs 3.
Dec. 4, 7 p.m., 4 vs 3; 8:30, 2 vs 1.
Dec. 11, 7 p.m., 1 vs 3; 8:30, 2 vs 4.
Dec. 18, 7 p.m., 2 vs 3; 8:30, 1 vs 4.
No games on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.
Jan. 8, 7 p.m., 1 vs 2; 8:30, 3 vs 4.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	Acton Tanners try-outs
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	2-4 p.m. — Public Skating 8-10 p.m. — Public Skating
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	11 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Tanner Try-outs 2-4 p.m. — Public Skating
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Curling
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Curling
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	2-3 p.m. — Mothers and pre-school Children Public Skating Tri-County Hockey — Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget vs. Oakville — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	7-9 p.m. — Legion Minor Hockey 9-10 p.m. — Tri-County Juv-eniles vs. Oakville

Dundas upset could leave Halton league

Dundas Merchant officials are considering pulling out of the Halton County Baseball Association in protest of a league ruling in August disqualifying them from the O.B.A. Int. A play-downs. The ruling gave Georgetown Giants the right to play Midland in the playdowns.

Meanwhile rumors are circulating both Erindale and Acton will be coming into the senior circuit.

Dundas pitcher Terry Litzen admits the team is still up in arms but he says they'll probably end up in the Halton circuit again. One of the most solvent franchises in the league, Dundas crowds averaged 400 to 600 a game last season.

According to the Oakville daily Campbellville manager Len Andrews says the league might consider changing its ruling which barred Dundas from using players from its minor set-up who play in the Hamilton baseball association. Merchants used players from the Hamilton loop for some league games despite a ruling from the Halton circuit they couldn't. Result was disqualification.

The Oakville paper also says the possible entry of Acton could jeopardize the future of the Georgetown team. Erindale, a possible new entry, like Acton has made no formal application.

Acton last had a team in the circuit in 1961.

Dear Sir:

In the October 20 issue of your paper, there were an article under the heading "No deer hunt on Halton land". I would like to make a few comments.

Reeve H. Merry opposed the open season because of the damage that had resulted in Halton County. If this gentleman would take the time to go back and check, he would find (in one of the November issues) in your paper that the damage in Halton last year reported was nil.

Deputy Reeve W. Hoey suggests the hunters were not proficient enough to deplete the deer population. How may I ask are we going to deplete it without a deer season, or does he suggest that we in Halton become poachers?

Regulatory control of the deer by whom? It seems the County Council has last say, but the Department of Lands and Forests control what? Maybe Mr. Hoey is suggesting "family planning" for Halton's deer herd. If so, by what method — birth control pills or by one of the other methods available today?

With Halton and Peel not opening this year, we are gaining by the fact that the pressure in the neighboring counties will add to our deer population.

G. F. CLOW.

Curling dance
A dance at the new band hall Friday evening opened the curling season. A small crowd attended.

DEER ACCIDENTS
Deer were involved in two accidents Thursday evening, and one was killed while the other escaped. One deer died when it tangled with a car driven by a Moffat man on 10 Sideroad, but the other deer got away after colliding with a car on 22 Sideroad.

ACTON Figure Skating Club

Registration to be held at the Community Centre SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

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