

SPORTS

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by john mcNabb

It's becoming more evident every day now that spring has finally arrived and this calls for some of the warm weather sporting events to commence for the season.

Registration for girls' and ladies' softball take place at the Community Centre at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10. This year's schedule calls for two teams — a junior girls' team with a 19 and under age limit and a senior ladies' team for open age limit.

Practices will start as soon as the ground dries up and the weather gets a little warmer.

While on the subject of summer sports, Winnipeg is about to break into spring with a loud hurrah in preparation for the fifth Pan-American games, held in that city July 22 to August 7 with all the pomp and ceremony the city's citizenry can muster.

For years Canada's sports enthusiasts have been trying to sell Canada as an ideal location for the Olympics. It took a young man named Jim Daly and a contingent of Manitoba's provincial and civic officials to make a successful pitch for the Pan-Am Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil, back in 1963.

At that time, delegates were impressed with the group's description of the facilities offered in Winnipeg. They offered a first class arena and stadium to match, excellent quarters for athletes, and waterways for aquatic events.

A full Pan-Am program calls for more than 400 events in such activities as track and field, baseball, basketball, boxing, judo, field hockey, weight lifting and wrestling.

Winnipeg stands to benefit not only from the influx of contestants and spectators, but the legacy of the Pan-Am games is a two million dollar swimming pool, two new stadiums and improved facilities for tennis, shooting and rowing.

Thirty-three countries are eligible for the Pan-American games and it is said Winnipeg is already anticipating the invasion of more than 3,500 athletes.

Frank Sota, the O.H.A. senior official was present at the recent exhibition game between the Acton Juniors and the Caledonia Junior "D" team in order to observe nine referees for possible jobs with the O.H.A.

Danny Arbie, Barry Inscow and Howard Pearce controlled the first period of play; Harold Townsley, Murray Harrison and Gary Masales took over in the second while Ed Owen, Wayne Marshall and Paul Robinson of Georgetown looked after the final period.

Acton Midget All-Stars trounced Paris in their opener in the Hesper Midget tournament 5-0 but fell short to Fergus 3-1 on Saturday. Fergus eventually edged out all competition to reign as the Midget champs for 1967.

Paul Cooper, the outstanding Acton netminder played a great game to earn his shut-out in the tourney opener.

Professional boxing seems to be one of the more talked about sports these days with Cassius Clay as the "centre shot" and undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. Clay, incidentally will meet Floyd Patterson in the latter part of this month in Las Vegas for another widely publicised display of his boxing abilities.

Revisiting has been made in the Athletic Control Act of Ontario for Professional Boxing and to mention a few which may or may not be of interest:

— The minimum weight of gloves is increased from five to eight ounces.

— Ring floor padding is increased from one inch to one and a half inches.

— A boxer who has been knocked out during a bout shall be automatically suspended for 30 days.

It appears as though the controversy over fighting being far too dangerous a sport has finally been looked on and something, even though it doesn't appear to be too significant, is being done.

IT SHRANK

Exasperated with the shrinking his clothes were subjected to at the laundry, a bachelor inserted a large spike in his laundry bag one week. Attached to the spike was a tag carrying the challenge, "Try and shrink this!"

When the laundry was returned, the bachelor found a carpet tack among his clothes. Tied to it was a tag reading, "We did."

Season's end

Marg Toth has been compiling the curling news from records at the arena regularly this season for publication. Her task is done and has been appreciated. It took a lot of time and she never missed Thanks, Marg.

Acton Open on June 10

Date for the Acton Open Golf tournament, has been set for Saturday, June 10, and locale is again the Georgetown Golf and Country Club near Glen Williams. The tourney was held there three and four years ago.

Committee in charge are Dr. Brian Moore, Andy Nolan, Rev. A. H. McKenzie and Jack Pink.

The annual day-long event ends with the presentation of trophies and prizes.

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Out of the cellar

Orioles win Industrial league cup

By John McNabb

Sunday night's Industrial League hockey finale saw the Orioles fly away with the I.H.L. championship trophy in a game which was termed a "farce" and "disgrace to the sport itself" by many.

Orioles triumphed over the Raiders in the opening minutes of the sudden death overtime period with a 7-6 tally—the "decider" netted by Bill Dawkins. Ray Still assisted.

Dense fog hampered the action throughout the game and often became too dense to play in.

Only solution to lift the fog from the ice surface was to circulate the air by parading the players around the circumference of the ice. It remedied the situation but had to be repeated several times, resulting in a three-and-a-half hour game.

The opening two periods were carried out in a haphazard manner as both teams came back at each other to finally tie it up 4-4.

Then the fun began early in the third period as a third "team" seemed to enter on the scene. A third team in a play-off hockey or any hockey game for that matter seems impossible but this is what more or less happened.

Not that Raiders had enough trouble with the Orioles onslaught, the fact that the whole of the third period was played with only three Raider players and the dense fog and soft ice slowed the action to a near standstill, BUT this third "group" of opposition came from within the Raider team.



IT WAS STRICTLY a victory for "the Birds" when the Orioles captured the Acton Industrial League Hockey championship on Sunday night. In one of the wildest affairs in Acton Community Centre in years, the Orioles edged the Raiders 7-6 in overtime. Shown in the front row are Denis Gibbons, Gary Masales, John Leatherland, John Dunn, captain Brian McCristall and Bill Dawkins. In the back row are Ron (Turk) Sheppard, Ray Stull, Doug Sheppard, Pete Marks, Doug Sheppard, Harold Watson, Ron Schmidt and Fred Currie.

(Staff Photo)

Visitors Minor hockey association win tilt winds up year in the black

Although there was little difference between the two teams, Caledonia's Junior 'D' Corvairs took a 7-4 exhibition win from the bolstered-Acton Lions Juniors Sunday afternoon.

Played to satisfy junior hockey ambitions envisioned by enthusiasts here the game was also a forum for nine prospective O.H.A. referees who were under the scrutiny of Frank Sota, a senior O.H.A. official.

The Acton club had Phil Marzo, Murray Winger, Brent Marshall and Jan Riddall to assist them in the exhibition. With a little luck around the net they would have at least gained a tie.

Coach Howie Leader used three goalkeepers, starting with Steve Gov and alternating Paul Cooper and Murray Winger.

Caledonia's outstanding young goaltender, Rick Bender, slated for a spot with Niagara Falls Flyers next season, was easily the star, kicking out labelled pucks from point-blank range.

Corvairs took a 3-1 lead in the first period, but the Lions, reduced it to 4-3 by the end of the second. The last period saw the visitors outscore Acton 3-1.

Steve Townsley, Kevin Hall, Gary Taillefer and Jan Riddall bagged the Acton goals. Assistants went to Ken Owen (2), Riddall (2), Allan McKenzie and Taillefer.

It was decided to investigate a possible northern group being formed at a meeting in Hillsburg on Thursday and also to send representatives to the Tri-County meeting Sunday.

Alf Moore of Guelph, an O.M.H.A. official is heading up the proposed northern group.

Don Lindsay and John Weldon were named as Tri-County representatives. A tournament investigation committee of Harold Townsley, Herb Dodds and Barry Inscow was also named.

It was decided to discontinue the Old-Timers game.

The meeting was chaired by recreation director Howard Pearce. Attending were H. Townsley, H. Dodds, "Pop" Schuts, Roy Goodwin, L. McIntyre, D. Lindsay, B. Morrison, E. Norton, D. Ford, P. McCristall and B. Inscow.

Register gals

Registration for two softball teams — one for ladies' senior and another for junior girls — will take place at the community centre on Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

The age limit for junior girls is 19 and under, while the senior team is open to any age.

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