

SPORTS spot

by John McNabb

Stanley Cup playoff hockey action seems to be on the tip of the tongue these days. With the Toronto Maple Leafs leading their series over the Chicago Black Hawks 2-1 and the Montreal Canadiens blanking the New York Rangers 3-0 it looks as though the most cherished trophy in hockey today will stay in Canada.

As far as trophy takers go, Montreal has had the winning edge on New York throughout the season and are showing it in the playoffs. Toronto has sparked from a slump suffered in the latter half of the season to develop into a real going concern and Tuesday night's game showed the team spirit and determination that is going to win for them the Stanley Cup.

Next year's National league should have a new twist to it with the introduction of new teams into the league. It will be interesting to see what effect, if any, these teams will have on the Stanley Cup playoff outcome.

With the official opening of the National and American baseball leagues last Monday I thought that maybe you readers would like to hear how it is possible for you to pick up your daily newspaper and read exactly how the game was played two or three thousand miles away the day before.

The pioneer organization, into which newspaper sports reporters were grouped, is the Baseball Writers' Association, which was created almost 60 years ago to protect writers, on assignment, from "crashers" of the press box gate.

In the era prior to 1908, not much attention was paid to baseball reporters by the club owners, and the men did the best they could in regard to finding suitable spots from which to send their reports of the games.

Only a few newspapers pirated more than the final score of the game, and others were content to supply brief detailed accounts.

However, the increasing interest in the sport caused some newspapers to send reporters to each game, whose reports were telegraphed to the newspaper shops.

Since the club owners wanted the writers to have a clear view of all the proceedings, the press boxes of the era, usually small, and sometimes made up merely of grandstand seats, were in spots just back of the plate.

The location was naturally sought out by people who were not newspaper writers, but who wanted to be close "in on the play".

As a consequence, the press boxes soon became so crowded with "crashers" that, in time, the reporters who arrived late, did not find seats.

A grand total of 14 reporters gathered together and resolved that an appeal should be made to the National Commission, the controlling world series play, to give the new organization full control over the press box.

The Commission agreed to the proposal and the Baseball Writers' Association, for the world series, allotted seats to all qualified writers and put a guard at the entrance to the press box gate to keep out the "crashers".

From the small beginning in 1909, the Baseball Writers' Association developed into a very elaborate and exclusive organization. For a long time membership was limited only to writers in the major league cities and writers now are eligible if they are regular reporters for ball games in the top notch minor league cities.

For world series games, the Writers apportion tickets to all qualified reporters, regardless of what city they represent, as long as their purpose is to report the game.

Intermediate O.H.A. hockey continues between Seaforth and Durham as the Beavers lead the series 2-1. Durham picked up their first win on Sunday afternoon and will attempt to tie it up tonight (April 12) in Seaforth at 8.30.

Don Lindsay presented the A-B Supermarket trophy for the Most Valuable Player on the Novice team to Billy McGilloway, who was presented with it by Herb Richardson. Grant Motors thoughtfully donated recordings of NHL hockey tips to the league this year besides the trophy.

Pete Marzot took home the Dodds-Townley trophy for the Most Valuable Player on the Midget Tri-County team.

Harold Townsley, Acton Tanner star and Herb Dodds, coach of the Midget team this year, presented their trophy to Pete.

Don Lindsay presented the A-B Supermarket trophy to Paul Cooper, "ace netminder" for the Midgets, for the Most Valuable Player on that team — a well deserved prize for Paul.

Most Valuable Player on the Juvenile team this year was Barry Elliott, captain of the squad. Roy Goodwin made the presentation.

The Acton Free Press trophy, this year for the Most Valuable Netminder went to young Ted Hagan for his superior goaltending abilities during the '66-67 season. John McNabb made the presentation for Dave Dills, who was unable to attend the banquet.

Murray Harrison, representing the referees' association, presented Juvenile defence man Kevin Hall with their trophy for the Most Gentlemanly Player, both on and off the ice.

Don Van Fleet and Barry Inscope presented Dave Manes with autographed pictures of the Tri-County teams he has thoughtfully sponsored in the past year.

Highlight of the evening was the big draw for a week at the Billy Harris Hockey School, sponsored by eight local merchants, allowing the youngster a full week of fine food and exercise, as well as spending money. William Richardson pulled the winning number out of a hat for Kent Kentner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kentner.

The eight merchants involved in the sponsorship thought this to be the best way to show their interest in Acton's future hockey stars and would welcome anyone interested for next year's student or maybe even students.

Roy Goodwin, master of ceremonies for the evening, thanked members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is made up of the wives of the executive and mothers of the players, for the wonderful turkey dinner prepared by them for the banquet.

Congratulations and many thanks were delivered to the coaches and managers of all the teams for their help and guidance through the year and for their interest in these hockey stars of the future.

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Banquet, awards night hears tips on hockey

An excellent speaker, a delicious turkey supper and a table of glittering gold trophies combined at Saturday night's annual Acton Minor Hockey Association banquet to make the evening more than a success.

Over 75 youngsters ranging from novice to juvenile age groupings attended the banquet held in the community centre, along with their coaches and managers.

Guest speaker Briggs Creighton, coach of the University of Guelph "Redmen" hockey team as well as the university girls' team, originates from Peterborough, where he played Junior and Intermediate A hockey and coached various teams.

Howard Pearce, recreation director for the town of Acton, and secretary of Acton Tri-County Hockey Association, introduced the speaker as "a man who had not come to tell us a great deal about himself, but had come to tell us about hockey" and so he did.

Mr. Creighton, who has been associated with the sport of hockey for over 20 years, passed on numerous tips and suggestions picked up by himself during those years.

During the address to his enthused audience, Mr. Creighton related the facts that Canada's losses in the National Hockey Games held in Vienna just recently could be attributed as far back as the players' coaching during their early years of hockey training.

In one instance, Mr. Creighton spoke of a player who had participated on many championship hockey teams and scored 44 goals during one season, but when he had joined up with the university team, he was fortunate scoring 11 goals over a four year period.

This emphasized the fact that during this lad's earlier years of hockey training, he had not been taught how to play the fundamental type of hockey required for a professional player.

Mr. Creighton's suggested remedy for the "situation" was for coaches and managers to attend the training school sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Association each year in Kingston but, as he stated, only those with a great deal of interest would attend.

Art Cooper, secretary of Acton parks and recreation committee, thanked Mr. Creighton for his helpful advice and tips offered in his most interesting address.

Boisterous rounds of applause followed each trophy award handed out during the program.

Barry Elliott received, for Acton Juveniles, the C consolation trophy copped at the annual juvenile tournament in Milton, presented by Herb Richardson, secretary of the Tri-County Hockey Association.

The only trophy received by Acton from the Tri-County Association went to the stalwart Midget netminder Paul Cooper for the Most Valuable Player in the Midget division.

Young Billy McGilloway received the George Green memorial trophy for the Most Valuable Player on the Novice

Girl softballers Elect executive coach, manager

The executive was also chosen with president Ivan Kilby, secretary Gail Fryer, treasurer Joanne Landsborough, publicity director Theresa Marzot, representatives, two (2) from both junior and senior teams: Juniors, Charlie Thomson, the other not known at the present; seniors, Frank Spielvogel and Sandra Slingerland.

Now the junior team has a slight difficulty, they haven't a coach yet!

Now come on, men, maybe we are girls but were not really that dangerous with a bat in our hands. We need a junior coach willing to trust girls! The junior manager this year will be dear Charlie Thomson.

The senior team has a coach who trusts us with a bat — Frank Spielvogel — and to assist Frank with his challenge is Bonnie MacDougall. Also managing the senior team will be Charlie Thomson who's going to have to keep hopping to keep up with the girls!

Also at the meeting different ideas were brought up for the A.L.S.A. to raise money, start getting the girls in shape and to help get the league started on the right foot.

If there were any girls who couldn't make it for registration Monday, look next week, here in the Acton Free Press, for our first practise and come if you're willing to play.

Well baseball fans, we'll see you at the ball diamond!



BIRDS STAY NORTH
A study at the Pennsylvania State University of 260 different kinds of birds that populate towns and cities in the state during the year shows that as many as 60 species may choose to spend the winter there. The university urged residents to provide extra food for birds during the winter, particularly after snow and ice storms.



A-B SUPERMARKET TROPHY for the Most Valuable Player on the Novice team was presented to goalkeeper Paul Cooper by store manager Don Lindsay.



GUEST SPEAKER Briggs Creighton spoke to the annual Acton Minor Hockey Association awards banquet on the fundamentals of hockey. He is flanked by recreation director Howard Pearce and Art Cooper, secretary of the recreation committee. (Staff Photo)

Micro Plastics bowlers lose to Hamilton B.P.

A team of 15 men from the Micro Plastics plant played Building Products in Hamilton on Saturday afternoon. The match was the first of what is expected to be an inter-company tournament. Although Acton did not fare too well at this meeting, another match is being scheduled for next weekend in Acton.

High aggregate honors for three games was taken by Hank Earle for the Micro team with a 684 total. Individual game honors were taken by Hank Earle and Bob Agnew, with 278 each.

Hamilton's champ, J. Lico, threw a third game total of 291 and an aggregate of 756.

Essentially the same team that went to Hamilton will be looking for revenge in Acton next week.

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OUTDOORS

with ART HAWES

Top scores at Maple Rock Shooting Range this week were recorded by John Shadbolt with 22, Wayne Leadston 21, Ed Hohenadel 19, Gord Clow 19, and Art Hawes 19.

Doug Norton of Cooksville, 1966 Canadian trap shooting champion is expected to be present for the Chamber of Commerce's sportsmen's show which is running in conjunction with the fall fair.

Among his achievements are the following: O.P.T.A. Singles Champ 1964 and 1965 with scores of 197 out of 200 on both occasions; North American Class A Champ in 1965 with 200 out of 200; North American Champ of Champs, runner-up in 1965 when he tied with 100 out of 100 with another contestant and went on to shoot 125 more birds before he lost the shoot-off; and Dominion Singles Champ with 196 out of 200 in both 1964 and 1966.

The local fishing seasons for this year are as follows:

Pike — May 12 to March 31;
Walleye — May 13 to March 31;
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass — June 24 to November 30;
Maskinonge — June 17 to November 30; Brook and

January 1 to October 10.
Limits of Catch: Brook Trout — 10 lbs plus one fish or 15 fish, whichever is lesser; Rainbow Trout — five in one day; Brown Trout — five in one day; Largemouth, Smallmouth Bass or any combination thereof — 6 in one day; Maskinonge — 2 in one day; Walleye, Blue Pickerel, or any combination thereof — 6 in one day; Pike — 6 in one day; Atlantic Salmon — 1 in one day; Sturgeon — 1 in one day.

Possession limits shall not exceed more than one day's legal limit.

Big game hunting seasons are:

Deer — All of north eastern Ontario south of the Albany River, November 6, 1967 to November 18, 1967; Kenora and Thunder Bay, September 30 to January 8, 1968; Rainy River, October 28 to December 5.

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