

Legion town league hockey winds up with gala banquet Sat.

Toronto Maple Leaf fans outnumbered Montreal Canadiens fans almost 4-1 at Saturday's Legion minor hockey league banquet if you can gauge numbers by noise volume engendered for the Leafs when scores of the afternoon's Stanley Cup final were announced. Master of ceremonies Howard Pearce kept the banquet

and awards ceremonies lively with spot announcements of the score as the Legion league wrapped up the year at the legion hall. Almost 175 boys attended as well as coaches, managers and officials. Mothers of the boys served a hot dinner which was cooked by Mrs. Ted Pope and Station

Hotel employees and it was eaten with much enthusiasm with second and third helpings in some cases. The head table which included Mayor Duby, league officials and referees, was introduced by MC Pearce and the mayor spoke briefly to the boys about the value of sports in making good citizens. He

revealed Halton County spent more for recreation than any other county in Ontario. Presentation of team trophies, most valuable player awards and trophies to the top scorers in each league was made by Legion minor sports officials.

Team trophies went to Brampton of the Atom series, Niagara Falls in the Novice section, Cleveland in the Pee Wee and Hershey in the Bantam series. The John Kentner, Tom Watson, Acton Creamery and George Molozzi trophies went to each team respectively. Coaches accepting along with the captains were Barry Inscoc, Clarence Hill, Milt Ball and Ilio Marzo.

Team mates cheered as John Scoyne of the Weston Atom team, Bernie Taylor of Niagara Falls, Peter Morrison of Cleveland and Graham Fraser of Hershey received trophies for being the top scorers in their respective leagues. Johnny Scoyne ended up with 26 points, Bernie Taylor had 53, Peter Morrison 59 and Graham Fraser 23.

The most coveted awards presented were for the Most Valuable Players in each section of the league. These are kept deep, dark secrets until the closing banquet.

Winners were: Ricky Holmes of the Weston team in the Atom league. He was awarded the Alec Johnson trophy.

Kevin Marcoux of the Hamilton club in the Novice series. He received the Claude Popper trophy.

Jim McNabb of Baltimore in the Pee Wee series. He was awarded the Legion trophy.

Steve Garrett of Hershey in the Bantam series. Steve received the Gord James trophy.

The Acton Limestone trophy for the Most Valuable Goalkeeper in the entire town league was awarded to Ricky Bonnette who shone in goal for the four-town tournament Pee Wee All Stars as well as in league play.

Finally, the trophy donated by the referees' association, which is called a minor "Byng". It goes to the player considered to be the most valuable and improved, both on and off the ice, by the referees. Popular choice for this coveted award was Jeff Goy and he received it from referee-in-chief Murray Harrison.

Head table guests for the gala affair were his worship the mayor, Gord James representing the Legion, minor sports president Bob Louttet and his executive composed of Bill Buchanan, Ivan Kilby, Ted Pope and Charlie Thomson as well as head referee Murray Harrison.

All spoke briefly, congratulating the boys on another fine year of hockey.

Donations were received from Lovell Bros., Red and White, Acton Dairy, IGA, Dominion Hotel, Hotchen Bakery and Legion Dairy stores and acknowledged by Legion minor hockey officials. They also thanked all the ladies who helped make the banquet a success.



TOP SCORERS in their respective leagues at Saturday's Legion town league banquet were Peter Morrison, left, Graham Fraser and John Scoyne, who were presented with individual trophies. (Staff Photo)



LEGION HOCKEY LEAGUE president Bob Louttet presented the Novice high scoring award to Bernie Taylor of the Niagara Falls team at Saturday's minor hockey banquet. (Staff Photo)

Free Press Sports Page

Sam Brunelle president Acton minor baseball

At the first meeting, held at the community centre on Monday, April 24 the new Acton minor baseball league was born.

Election of officers resulted in Sam Brunelle being elected president with vice-president Roy Goodwin, secretary Roy Swann, treasurer Mrs. Hart and player executive member Barrie Elliott.

Registration dates for minor ball were set for tomorrow

Cribbage team in Listowel Sat. seek crown

Acton Legion Branch 197, Royal Canadian Legion, will be well represented Saturday at Listowel during the Provincial cribbage tournament. The local card sharks copped the Zoeg "B" championship recently and are now vying for a provincial championship. Wearing the local colors Saturday will be Mel Jordan, Norm Cunningham, Bill Nicolak and Jimmie Higgins. If the team wins at Listowel, the provincial competition will be in Acton next year.



It was the early minutes of this morning when Bob Fulford finally popped in that tie breaker for Toronto in the second period of overtime play to win 3-2 over Montreal. Toronto now leads the playoff series with a 2-1 edge over Montreal. The nerve racking game was certainly a tough game to lose for Montreal who had innumerable chances to score but just couldn't get past Bower's superb netminding, but on the other hand the win may just put Toronto on a three game winning spree. We'll see.

Vachon played a great game for Montreal, making several magnificent saves but he lacks the experience of a professional, especially in playoff action where experience really counts. One factor that does make up for Vachon's lack of experience is his ability to "keep cool". It looked to me as though Bower felt the strain of the tense overtime play more than Vachon, who "Punch" Imlach terms as a "Junior 'B' goalie".

Brian McCristall, sports writer and reporter for the Milton Champion who has lived here in Acton all his life is leaving our fair community May 1 to take up a similar position with a newspaper in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Brian or "Red" as a great many of his friends in Acton know him as, will be missed I'm sure by all the people with whom he has been associated with in the past years, business-wise and otherwise. Brian, an ardent sports enthusiast, has played on numerous and different sporting event teams, such as football, lacrosse, hockey and baseball in Acton over the past years. Congratulations and best wishes on your new position.

SPORTS SPOTS
— Harold Townsley, president of the softball league wishes to announce a pre-season meeting of all parties interested for the election of a new executive on Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. in the community centre.
— Minor lacrosse is to be introduced into Acton this year. Howard Pearce reports, although no solid plans or meetings have as yet been announced.
— An open meeting of the Industrial Hockey League will be held in the community centre on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. for the presentation of trophies and election of a new executive. Anyone interested is asked to attend.
— Saturday, April 29 is the opening day of the trout season as most of the ardent fishermen in the district know. Sleepy headed worm dippers will head out in the wee hours of Saturday morning in hopes of pulling in that big one or returning home to tell of the "one that got away".

STRIKES
At Youth Bowling Council
by Jackie Palmer

April 22: Bill Johnstone of the Major League and a graduate of our Junior bowling, donated six bowling bags to our Junior and Senior Division. They were won by Gary Turkosz, Christine Hiscocok, Gord Morris, Gary Price, John Churchill and Jackie Palmer. Many thanks, Bill.

The most consistent bowlers this week in the Junior and Senior Division were the Marshall brothers. Ken bowled games of 123-121-132; Joe bowled games of 54-55-52.

In the Bantam Division, this week, there was another total wipe-out. Top Cats, who seemed to be having difficulties, came up with a big two game win over Night Hawks. Alley Cats swept over Neptunes with a double win. Angels defeated Rolling Stones by also winning two games.

Top Ten bowlers were Kevin Perkins 156-134 (290), Debbie Storey 116-156 (272), Margot Matheson 124-136 (260), Roger McEachern 86-174 (260), Pat Sampson 97-162 (259), Bob O'Rourke 127-120 (247), Colin

Price 112-135 (247), Martin LaVoie 84-159 (243), Wade Knight 131-109 (240), Ron Turkosz 115-123 (238).

The Seven-Up, Coca-Cola pop winners were Gord McConnell, Bert Post, Patsy Storey and Cathy Norrie.

In the Junior and Senior Division, Flintstones took two games and totals from Idiots, Pinbusters won two games and totals from Jerks, and Hot Rods took two games and totals from Crouts.

Top Ten bowlers were Dave Pink 590 (223), Jackie Palmer 529 (195), Gary Turkosz 489 (185), Gord Morris 484 (199), Gary Price 477 (211), John Churchill 451 (154), Anne Watson 438 (186), Craig Perkins 435 (155), Linda Pierce 430 (187) and Pat Nicolak 425 (159).

LEAGUE STANDINGS
OYBC Bantams — Angels 111, Alley Cats 100, Night Hawks 83, Rolling Stones 55, Neptunes 47, Top Cats 26.
OYBC Juniors and Seniors — Hot Rods 132, Pinbusters 120, Idiots 100, Flintstones 89, Crouts 85, Jerks 62.



HOLDING THEIR AWARDS for the Free Press camera following Saturday's Legion town league banquet are Derrick Dixon of the Brampton team with the Atom league trophy; James McNabb, most valuable player in the pee wee league; Ricky Bonnette, judged the best goalkeeper in the league and Ricky Holmes, M.V.P. in the Atom series. Most Valuable Player in the bantam series was Steve Garrett, back left, while Jeff Goy won the coveted referees' trophy for the most valuable and well behaved player on and off the ice. Kevin Marcoux, right, was judged the Most Valuable Player in the novice series. (Staff Photo)

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Two competitions are coming up for the members of Maple Rock Trap Team. The first is at Appleby Gun Club, which is situated 1/2 mile north of No. 5 Highway on Walker's Line. The event takes place on Sunday, May 7. This competition is for a trophy for the best 10 man team with each member shooting at 50 birds. Each individual shooter can also compete in the Lewis Option for cash prizes. The scores from the team competition but anyone wanting to compete for cash prizes pays a larger entry fee. This is set up in such a manner so that a high score is not necessary to get in on the cash awards. The competition begins at 12 o'clock.

Recent regulations made under the Game and Fish Act (Continued on Page Five)

The best scores this week at Maple Rock Shooting Range were Gord Clow with 21 and P. John Shadbolt 19, Wayne Leadon 18 and Keith Mainprize 17.

Half a buffalo is arriving from the west for the outdoor sportsmen's show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce

See curling club operating at Ayr

Ayr — a village of 700 people — has a beautiful new curling club and on Sunday a busload of Acton curlers travelled there to inspect the facilities. Although the curling club has been in existence 50 years, the private building was just completed in December and since then membership has increased steadily, reaching 200. Acton curlers, who have been considering for years the possibility of separate curling facilities, were interested to see how the club cut costs. Lady members, for instance, have been doing all the cleaning.

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