

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN McHAIR

Anyone who had ventured to the arena in the past week is well aware of the fact that the ice is once again ready for another season of winter ice sports.

Hockey action will be underway by this weekend with the majority of the leagues well underway during the following week. Industrial hockey will commence this Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m. Those who have yet to sign up for the "bush league" should be at the Community Centre by 6:30 p.m. All those who signed up to play this year are asked to be there at 7:00 p.m. for team division, schedules etc. Only those who have paid their registration fees will be allowed on the ice.

No definite starting date for minor hockey has been announced but it is hoped that the schedule will be underway in the coming weeks. A total of 181 boys have registered for the Legion sponsored sport and Bob Louflet reports there is still positions left for a good number of boys waiting to play hockey this year.

Milton Jr. "C"s will officially open their '67-68 schedule with a home game against Georgetown Friday, and a second game in Georgetown Sunday. They have slaked an exhibition game against Hamilton Red Wings from the O.H.A. Junior A division for January 7th as a special attraction. Milton will play all their home games on Friday night with the exception of three Sunday games. Game time is 8:30 p.m. Friday evenings.

Most of the hockey teams here in Canada are made up of the "all Canadian boys" but no so for the Milton Jr. "C" squad. In last Friday's exhibition game, Tsutomu Hansawa stunned the crowd of 350 with his skating and playing abilities. The young Japanese boy is one of three lads trying out with the Canadian junior hockey club in Ontario. Apparently the trio have been sent to Canada by a Japanese firm who have agreed to pay the expenses for a year if the boys return to Japan and represent them in the 1972 Olympics.

The Harlem Diplomats aftermaths of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters left their audience stunned last Thursday night at the high school, with their hilarious and skilled display of basketball tactics. Acton's Redmen were left to a definite disadvantage throughout the game as the Diplomats continually harassed the unsuspecting Acton squad.

A young Ottawa housewife, and mother of three children, has made one of the most unique contributions to Canadian Track and Field in the history of the sport. She has just completed her centennial project: a grant of \$44,300 to the Royal Canadian Legion for the training of young track and field athletes.

With Mrs. Henderson's grant, the Legion is expanding its training clinics for promising athletes. On December 27th it opens this country's first winter clinic, at the University of Alberta. For the past two years it conducted summer training camps in Edmonton.

the world of... **OUTDOORS** with ART HAWES

Only two shooters were present this week for trap shooting. Art Hawes got 23 & 17 and Ed Hawes got 22 & 20.

The Ontario Department of Lands & Forests has been conducting netting operations in the St. Lawrence River to determine the number and size of game fish in the river.

All catches point to record size "muskie", pike and smallmouth bass, sixty Muskinogee (Muskie), eight Walleye, 542 Northern pike, 582 smallmouth bass and 55 largemouth bass were caught, tagged, measured and released. The Muskies ranged from 30 to 54 inches and weighed up to 40 lbs.

tagged fish is asked to report to the nearest Department of Lands & Forests Office so they can better understand the movements and growth of the various species.

Many hunters were disappointed to hear there will be no moose season south of the French and Mattawa Rivers this year. Previous announcements by the Ontario Department of Lands & Forests indicated there would be an open season every second year.

However recent survey's have indicated the population has not recovered from past hunting seasons sufficiently to allow an open season this year.

Highest damage total near-record injuries in week's accidents

The week of October 15 to October 21, saw a sudden outbreak of accidents occur in the town, the local police report. In all, four motor vehicle accidents caused three persons to be injured, with one still in hospital, and a total of \$5,230. damage done to the cars involved. In each instance charges have been laid or are pending.

Our statistics indicate this to be the highest ever total of damage done and a near record for injuries sustained as well as number of accidents reported in a one week period, the weekly report states.

These records become more staggering when we consider our first quarter 1967 totals. The months of January, February and March, all winter months, produced but 19 accidents, three injuries and \$5,900. damage. Broken down into weekly periods the averages are 1.46 accidents per week, 0.23 persons injured per week and \$453.84 damage done per week - and it isn't winter yet!

Other traffic activities incurred during 192 work hours and 582 patrol miles saw nine erring motorists issued citations for their mistakes, while eight others were warned to conform to the existing traffic regulations.

Eleven general and criminal occurrences recorded during the week resulted in one man being located and advised of the death of a relative, while two other local men were charged with offences against the Criminal Code of Canada.

At Magistrate's Court in Milton, on October 16, 12 charges were heard with three remands being granted, one information was withdrawn and the eight convictions registered bringing fines totalling \$261.50 excluding court costs of \$72.50.

In the upcoming weeks, the Acton O.P.S. in anticipation of winter weather, intend to place emphasis on the condition of the local automobiles. Spot checks will be performed to remove faulty vehicles from the road.



Basketball highjinx

Diplomats invade high school gym

The Harlem Diplomats had their opposition as well as their audience baffled and bewildered as to what they would do next in Thursday night's exhibition of basketball in the Acton high school gym.

The group of five well experienced American basketball players warmed up with a display of ball handling abilities for the entertainment of the audience which was estimated at between 300 and 350. Acton's former basketball greats, champions last year in the C.O.W.A.S.A. "B" finals were at times left bewildered and red-faced as the "entertainers" left them in some pretty embarrassing positions.

"Goose" Tatum, Diplomat diverter, left the crowd awestruck when his "silent shot" consisting of an over the shoulder directly into the net, landed directly on target.

All in all, the Acton team consisting of Alan McNabb, George Wallace, John McGeachie, Fred

Filmsik, Bob Turkosz, Terry Churchhill, Larry Kelly, Bev Clark, phys. ed. instructor Ron McCalum and G.C.V.I. Import Bob Lucas fared quite well

against their opposition and are indeed a credit to their teacher and their high school.

The invasion of the Harlem Diplomats proved to be a great

success for the Girls' and Boys' Athletic Association if not for the Redmen. Proceeds from the venture will be put to good use in the form of new sports equipment.



THE HARLEM DIPLOMATS proved to be too much for the Acton Redmen last Thursday night. Acton's team members are awestruck at the height of this Diplomat player to the left. Above, the Diplomats move in for a rush on the Acton squad. Acton high school's "spiritual rejuvenators" were on hand to cheer up any of the down-hearted team-mates. (Staff Photos)



Public skating attracts many

First public skating sessions of the season Saturday and Sunday attracted large crowds to the community centre.

Arena manager Harold Townsley was pleased with the response and has booked three more sessions of skating for this weekend. First one is Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. with the public school children at home because of a teachers' convention.

In the event there is no intermediate hockey practice Friday night there could also be skating then also. Skating on Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. and Sunday afternoon from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Can your car pass muster? A car in good runner order and mechanically fit is a step in the proper direction, but is only one step towards safe driving. Just as we put on a heavy coat to protect us from the cold, we must too put on our winter driving thingie cap to carry us safely over icy and snowy roads. The operation of a motor vehicle on hazardous roads is far different and more difficult than during the fair weather seasons. Why not start practising now?

The first lesson to learn in the art of self-defence is when to keep your glasses on.

Free Press Sports Page

Erin edges Acton High win volleyball tourney

On Tuesday, October 24, District 4 Girls' Volleyball Tournament was held at Acton District High School. Teams were present from Erin, Arthur, Grand Valley, Elora, Milton O.S.D. and Acton.

Erin emerged as victors after a tough battle with Acton in the finals. All teams showed excellent sportsmanship and should be commended on their fine behavior.

The results of the double elimination tournament is as follows:

Match 1. Milton OSD, 6 - Elora, 15; Milton OSD, 14 - Elora, 10; Milton OSD, 8 - Elora, 15; Elora won best 2 out of 3.

Match 2. Acton, 13 - Erin, 10; Acton, 11 - Erin, 13; Acton, 3 - Erin, 15; Erin won best 2 out of 3.

Match 3. Arthur, 11 - Grand Valley, 9; Arthur, 6 - Grand Valley, 9; Arthur, 15 - Grand Valley, 9; Arthur won best 2 out of 3.

Match 4. Milton OSD, 2 - Acton 15; Milton OSD, 9 - Acton 15; Acton won 2 straight.

Match 5. Elora, 15 - Erin, 8; Elora, 8 - Erin, 12; Elora, 4 - Erin, 15; Erin won best 2 out of 3.

Match 6. Erin, 15 - Arthur, 7;

Erin, 13 - Arthur, 7; Match 7. Elora, 15 - Grand Valley 7; Elora, 15 - Grand Valley 1; Elora won 2 straight.

Match 8. Acton, 15 - Elora 6; Acton, 9 - Elora 11; Acton, 12 - Elora 10; Acton won best 2 out of 3.

Match 9. Acton, 13 - Arthur 11; Acton, 6 - Arthur 15; Acton, 15 - Arthur 4; Acton won best 2 out of 3.

Match 10 - finals. Acton, 4 - Erin, 15; Acton, 16 - Erin, 14; Acton, 12 - Erin, 14; Erin won best 2 out of 3.

Erin advances to the C.W.O.S.S.A. "B" playdowns in Guelph on Saturday.

Jim Slaven finishes second

Sixteen year old Jim Slaven ran second in the juvenile three mile race for Ontario cross-country champions at York University. Jim hit the tape in 16 minutes, 35 seconds, just 18 seconds behind Ken Hamilton of Toronto. There were 70 starters in the event.

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Coach cites reasons for team's losses

By Fred Bares

It appeared to several persons, including members of Acton District High School Soccer team, the student body and members of Bishop MacDonnell Soccer team that Acton High had a very good soccer team to go to Sheridan college in Brampton and thus there was a gap to be filled on the front line.

Considering the fact-Bishop MacDonnell is a Class A team and Acton is only Class B it looked very promising for Acton. Why the Failure?

In an interview with the coach of the team, Mr. Holmes gave these reasons why his team failed:

1. Over-confidence was one of the major reasons for losing the first game with Erin.
2. The fact few players came out for practice was another reason. He states if 22 players do not come out for practice, the practice is detrimental to the team because they do not learn to play their positions correctly.
3. Due to the fact that there were also other activities going on in the school some players who wanted to come out for practice just couldn't make it.
4. Due to the fact that the morale was not high and some of the players did not get very much

5. A few of the players had transportation problems. They could not stay after school to practice because they would miss buses.

6. One of the top forward players, namely Barrie Elliot, left High School to go to Sheridan college in Brampton and thus there was a gap to be filled on the front line.

Drawing a conclusion then, Acton needs a more devoted team. True, five or six were very devoted players but this is not enough. They have to be devoted as a team.

Coming games are as follows: Erin at Acton on Oct. 27; Acton at O.S.D. Oct. 30.

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ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

6-7 p.m. - Hockey School
7-8 p.m. - Pee Wee (Tri-City)
8-9 p.m. - Bentam (Tri-City)
9-10 p.m. - Midget (Tri-City)
10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6-8 p.m. - Figure Skating
8-9 p.m. - Legion Hockey
9-10 p.m. - Juvenile (Tri-City)
10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

2-4 p.m. - Public Skating
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:45-9:45 a.m. - Girls' Hockey
9:45-10:45 a.m. - Bentam (Tri-City)
10:45-12:45 - Figure Skating
1-6 p.m. - Legion Hockey
8-10 p.m. - Public Skating

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey
11-12 noon - Tanner Practice
1-2 p.m. - Novice (Tri-City)
2:15-4:15 p.m. - Public Skating
4:30-7 p.m. - Minor Hockey
7:15-10:15 p.m. - Industrial Hockey

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