



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Charlie Thomson sportsmanlike player. Robin Inscow was judged best goalkeeper for the second year in a row, and George McPhail was picked as the outstanding Acton minor hockey player.—(Staff Photo)



ACCEPTING THE TRI-COUNTY "B" champion trophies for their team are Ricky Holmes of the Novices, Pete Marzo of the Juveniles, George McPhail of the Bantams and Tim McIntyre of the Pee Wees.—(Staff Photo)



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER awards presented at Saturday's Tri-County banquet went to Ricky Holmes, Charlie Gidden, Pete Marzo, Peter Morrison and Tim McIntyre. They were judged the most valuable on the Novice, Midget, Juvenile, Bantam and Pee Wee teams respectively.—(Staff Photo)

Dean Prentice talk highlights glittering Tri-County awards night

Detroit Red Wings hockey star Dean Prentice had some wise advice for weary members of Acton's Tri-County hockey teams at their annual awards banquet Saturday night at St. Alban's parish hall. Many of the players had trudged 32 miles in the O.S.D. walkathon but were still handy with a knife and fork.

For a successful hockey career and a guide to grow up, he recommended they pursue three main objectives besides actually playing the game.

Number one on his chart was religion. He said it was not too much for a player to get out to church and ask for God's favor on the ice. "Religion has a great deal to do with growing up whatever your occupation."

Number two was schooling. He told of his own misfortune, leaving school at 17 and the regret he has felt since.

"School and hockey can mix," he told the audience of 100 players, coaches, managers, referees and executive. "It takes the pressure off parents," the Red Wing star said, "and lots have done it successfully."

Number three was to avoid smoking. "I started smoking at 18," he said, "and smoked for eight or nine years. I tried to quit and I did but it was one of the hardest things I ever did."

"I put on 18 pounds after that and played the best hockey of my life."

A 16 year veteran in the N.H.L., Dean Prentice had been with the New York Rangers and the Boston Bruins before being traded to Detroit. He

recommended the boys concentrate on their skating ability, balance and carrying the puck up to age 12. Then there's time to learn the other fundamentals of the game.

"Hockey is one of the greatest things for growing up," he declared, "although like anything else you have bad nights." He recalled the Guelph Biltmores when he played junior under Alfie Pike and seven players who stepped up into the N.H.L. from that team.

"Go on with hockey, stick to school work and enjoy your game," he added but cautioned that not every player was going to go on to hockey. Some would be professionals in other fields and others would fill in various positions in life.

He asked the boys to heed advice from parents, coaches and managers who are giving freely of their time and patience to teach them to become good boys in the community.

He had one special word of advice: "Practice some part of the game you can't do well." In the summer months he recommended the players help out around the house.

A question and answer period followed in which Mr. Prentice gave these opinions:

Only five per cent of the players in the N.H.L. use a banana (curved) stick.

Ken Wharram was one of the hardest players in the N.H.L. to check.

He favored the idea of the N.H.L. players playing against

Russian teams because they are pros, too.

Hardest shot in hockey Bobby Hull, Dennis Hull, Frank Mahovlich and Kent Douglas.

Hardest goaltender to beat? Gleg Hall and Jacques Plante.

Best hockey player in N.H.L.? Gordie Howe, "my hero."

Best defenseman? Tim Horton and Bob Orr.

Best player on the Red Wings? The Howe, Delvecchio, Mahovlich line.

The event ran smoothly under the direction of chairman Don Lindsay and arrangements by Tri-County representative Don Jarvie.

Tri-County "B" championship trophies were presented by Tri-County president Don Jarvie of Georgetown to Ricky Holmes for the Novices, Tim McIntyre for the Pee Wees, George McPhail for the Bantams, Peter Marzo for the Juvenile club.

Most valuable player awards were presented to:

Ricky Holmes of the Novices by Mr. Green of Toronto.

Tim McIntyre of the Pee Wees by Citizen of the Year Charlie Thomson.

Peter Morrison of the Bantams by Harold Townsley.

Charlie Gidden of the Midgets by Don Lindsay.

Pete Marzo of the Juveniles by Roy Goodwin.

The coveted trophy for the player who combines sportsmanship and hockey ability, presented by the Acton Referees, was won by Randy Weldon who also won the "Doc"



DETROIT RED WINGS star Dean Prentice signs autographs for Acton minor hockey players at Saturday's awards banquet.—(Staff Photo)

Tie Brampton now in finals

Dominion Hotel tied the Brampton "A" team 6-6 last Thursday ending the United Shuffleboard schedule for the year.

The Acton team now plays in the "B" finals at the Masonic Hall, Milton, Saturday, May 24. The "A" and "B" finals start at 9:30 a.m. and play through to declare winners. They'll be awarded trophies.

Dominions figure they have a good chance of winning the "B" series which has three teams in it. The "A" series has five entries.

Mothers help

Hockey mothers cooking and serving the delicious turkey dinner under convener Jean McPhail were Barbara Weldon, Betty Ashley, Inez Luty, Dodie McGilloway, Bessie Fisher, Marj Louttet, Ev Barden, Marg Ware, Joanne Inscow, Wanda Finley, Sandra Marzo, Dorcen Lee, Janice Withers, Pat Oakley, Pat Kentner and Elma Timbers.

McGOWAN, IRVINE WIN 3-BALL TOURNEY

Acton Meadows golf course held its first membership function on Sunday, May 11 and despite bad weather the two ball foursome was a success. Winners of low gross in the tourney were George McGowan and Mary Irvine who carded a 47.

Low net prizes went to Norm Dickenson and Gwen Timleck with a net of 36.

Prize for low score on second hole went to Keith Ranney and Joan Pratt.

Highest hole score honors were won by Ed Leatherland and Marg Wilson.

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