

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

A generous offer by team sponsors, Beardmore and Co. has encouraged the local intermediate hockey executive to go ahead with plans to keep Acton Tanners in the O.H.A. for at least another season.

The executive, consisting of a few energetic souls, interested in keeping intermediate hockey alive in Acton had encountered nothing but obstacles in their efforts, until last week.

In the first place a disappointing season at the gate last year, caused the team to finish "in the red" financially and left them no money with which to start this year.

A fund-raising dance in September had just cleared up last year's debts when the O.H.A. announced their decision to revert to the old system of using only referees and two lineups in intermediate games this year, thus raising the probable cost of officials to the home club from \$20 to approximately \$40 a game.

Perhaps the biggest financial obstacle presented itself, when Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee decided to charge the club a flat rate of \$12 an hour for ice rental this year instead of maintaining the 60-40 gate split arrangement that has existed in past years. The actual change in financial arrangements was not nearly as big a blow to the future of intermediate hockey in Acton as was the time at which it occurred.

The Board, in stating reasons for the change, pointed out the fact that on account of unusually low gates at intermediate games last winter, Tanners paid an average of about \$4 an hour for ice, on the 60-40 gate split agreement. Most members felt that the Tanners should be paying at least the same hourly rate as the Industrial Hockey League. The Industrial League paid \$12 an hour last year.

I agree that it seems a little ridiculous for the intermediate hockey club to be paying only \$4 an hour for ice, when some minor hockey teams, even though they are subsidized to some extent by the Board, are still paying \$7.50 and \$10 an hour, however I feel there are reasons why the 60-40 gate split agreement should have been maintained at least for this season.

Last winter the team experienced consistently low gates for the first time since intermediate hockey returned to town in the early sixties. Main reason for the low gates was the team's disappointing showing in their group, and their consequent failure to make the playoffs. Up until last season however, the Tanners always had a contending hockey team, a team that represented the town of Acton well in hockey circles around the province. Local interest in the team was high and good crowds attended the Friday night home games. In these years, on the basis of the 60-40 gate split agreement it is quite probable that they were paying an average of close to \$12 an hour for ice.

I am not prepared to say that the Board had no valid reasons for discontinuing the 60-40 gate split agreement, nor am I accusing them of a "kick them when they're down policy". I simply feel that prospects of Acton having a contending team and attracting reasonably good crowds are much better now than they were at this time last year, when Tanners lost nine players to the new Georgetown entry.

The executive have managed to sign Russ Bowman, who has had previous intermediate coaching experience with both the Milton Merchants and Georgetown Raiders. The play of several homebrew rookies who played with the team last year should improve and the executive reports that chances of lining up a few top notch imports are very good.

With a contending team on the ice this year gate receipts would be bound to increase and there's always the possibility that both the intermediate hockey club and the Board could benefit from an extremely good year.

The series of all series' begins Saturday in Baltimore, when the hometown Orioles host the "miracle" Mets of New York in the first game of baseball's world series.

For the city of Baltimore the series represents a chance to get even for what the Jets did to the Colts in the Super Bowl.

The Mets have been unbelievable so far, but I'm predicting their downfall and an Oriole victory in six games.

Acton Referees Association will hold their first meeting of the season in the Community Centre Thursday October 9 at 7.30. All members and any others interested in refereeing this winter are urged to attend.

Battle between O.H.A., O.M.H.A.

A battle for players' rights between the O.H.A. and O.M.H.A. could result from complaints voiced by several towns at Sunday's monthly meeting of the Tri-County Minor Hockey Association in Milton. Representatives from Hespeler, especially complained that seven players, who played with the town's O.M.H.A. Midget championship team last year and who are still eligible for midget or juvenile hockey are now playing exhibition games with various O.H.A. Junior teams, without releases from the Hespeler Minor Hockey Association.

A C.A.H.A. rule states that any boy coverage for Midget hockey must sign for the juvenile team in the same Minor Hockey Association, he played in last year, unless first released by the juvenile team. An average midget is free to sign with the Junior team in his locality, only if there is no juvenile team.

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Hope to have sheet of ice next week

If the weather co-operates a sheet of ice may be ready in the community centre sometime next week.

Arena manager Harold Townsley told the Free Press yesterday, that he will turn on ice making machinery Friday. Providing the weather is right it takes about three days to make ice, from the time the machine is turned on.

Acton Referees' Association

REFEREES' MEETING

THURSDAY, OCT. 9
7.30 p.m.

AT THE

Acton Community Centre

All members and any others interested in refereeing this season are asked to attend.



Royals dump Rovers cop championship

GEORGETOWN NETMINDER Ralph Beisel gave his team a 1-0 lead on a penalty kick in the opening minutes of the first half as well as frustrating Acton Rovers in the final game of the Golden Horseshoe Soccer League championship series. Georgetown won the game 4-1 to take the series. It was the only win of the play-off; the other two games resulted in ties. (Staff Photo)



ACTON WAS often tough and grueling in the final Acton Rovers-Georgetown Royals soccer final Sunday afternoon at the high school grounds. Two Royals slip through the Acton forwards in this shot of the action. (Staff Photo)

Georgetown Royals captured the Golden Horseshoe Soccer League championship, Sunday afternoon, downing Acton Rovers 4-1 in a contest that was once again marred by rough play. John Bonis of Royals and Jim McHugh of Rovers were both banished from the game for fighting in the second half.

A penalty kick by goalie Ralph Beisel gave Royals a 1-0 lead after eight minutes of play in the first half. Rovers tied the score at the 30 minute mark on a goal by Frank Volso.

John Kavanagh took advantage of loose play on the part of Rovers to score Georgetown's second goal at the 44 minute mark. The halftime score was Georgetown 2, Acton 1.

Royals increased their lead to 3-1 after eight minutes of play in the second half, when Ron Kent scored.

Ralph Beisel in goal for Royals was outstanding holding Rovers off the score sheet the rest of the game.

John Kavanagh completed the scoring with his second goal of the game, with just three minutes remaining.

Rovers, unfortunately had an "off" game at the wrong time, but local fans can still boast of their first place finish in the league standings and can look forward to another fine season next summer.

Skaters spin for 24 hours seven divide prize money

A blue-eyed Guelph blonde with a yen for reading pocket books while she spins on wheels took first place in the third



18-YEAR-OLD Betty Kocher spun to first place finish in the 24 hour roller marathon which drew 30 competitors to the starting gate at 8 p.m. Friday night. Seven winners staggered off the floor Saturday at approximately the same time. Betty filled in the hours on the rollers reading a book. (Staff Photo)

annual roller marathon at the community centre of the weekend but she split the prize with six other contestants by agreement.

Betty Kocher finished the grueling 24-hour wheel spin at 8 p.m. Saturday night—exactly 24 hours after a mob of 30 skaters left the starting gate. The Guelph roller never took a break through the round-the-clock exercise and she shaded Larry Feecey by a mere 58 seconds. Ron Sefried rolled in third a minute and six seconds earlier and Wayne Deforest quit a second earlier than that to finish in fourth spot.

Prize money was split up among the last seven in the endurance contest with Bob Turkosz, Bob Jackson and Robert Veidenheimer also sharing the loot, in that order—\$17.50 each.

Skaters were away off last year's 29 hour mighty muscle marathon but interest as well as enthusiasm wasn't as intense. They cut figures, skated backwards, waltzed, jiggled, bounced balls and consumed pop and sandwiches to break the monotony of the grind.

By noon hour Saturday there were 12 left on the wheels, some of them as fresh as the proverbial daisy, others so weary

they could scarcely drag themselves around.

Two rolls around the clock were enough. By 8 p.m. even the strongest legs were yelling "ouch" and the grind ground to a halt with the lady in front, providing more proof that maybe the female is the stronger of the species. Or could be there were too many gentlemen.

This year's winner was also first in the girls division in last year's marathon. Fuhrner, Keith Croskin, R. McCulloch, Terry Tyrer, Ray Stull, Kevin Perkins, Ron Louette, John Armistead, Janet Gibman, Dolores Jordan, Janet Soper, Len Cross, Ron Sefried, Wayne Deforest, Joe Tarr, Robert Veidenheimer, Tom Verdone, Larry Ferrey, John Fox, Jordan, Linda Soper, Len Cross, Ron Sefried, Wayne Deforest, Joe Tarr, Robert Veidenheimer, Tom Verdone, Larry Ferrey, John Fox, Bob Turkosz, Bob Jackson, Bonnie Jones, Linda Perry and Ken Hurren. McKnight who ran the contest on the graveyard shift and beyond.

NIGHT SCHOOL seems to be making a come back. Even more classes are expected this year than last. Don't miss the ad if you'd like to do something different this winter.

Acton Meadows

Members competed in an inter-club match with Georgetown Golf and Country Club the last two weekends. Terry Hay of Georgetown shot a 69 to take low gross honors in the first match in Acton September 27 and Allan Wheeler of Georgetown won low gross in the second match in Georgetown Saturday with a 71. A corn and wiener roast was held after that match in Acton, while members of both clubs enjoyed a small dance after Saturday's match in Georgetown.

Elise Whitham has won the ladies championship at Acton Meadows and Paul Elliot has been declared handicap champion.

Workers have started construction on four new tees on the course.



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Free Press Sports Page

Beardmore and Co. bail out Acton Tanners' hockey club

A demand from the Recreation Committee that the intermediate hockey club start to cough up \$12 an hour for ice time rather than the previous 60-40 split of the gate caused some gloomy moments for the Acton Tanners executive over the past few weeks.

Initial reaction was to tell the recreation committee that they had doomed intermediate hockey in Acton despite efforts by the executive of the Acton club to keep it alive. However, the executive approached Beardmore and Co. for their advice and the company has bailed the team out for this year at least.

Beardmore and Co. made an offer to the club which will make it possible for the team to stay alive, provided there is some public support, or the recreation committee tempers their demands.

"They really gave us a kick in the pants," declared Tanners secretary Roy Goodwin who readily agreed that intermediate hockey had a bad season last year. The gate split with the committee amounted to several dollars below the take in more prosperous seasons.

"We just don't feel that the advertising and publicity the Acton team promotes for the town all over the province can

be measured in dollars and cents," Mr. Goodwin said.

"However, what about the more prosperous seasons when the recreation committee received far more than the going rate on the split? Does the committee not take these into consideration?"

The executive of the Tanners started to plan the current season in August after several meetings devoted to discussing ways and means to carry the club on for another season. It was decided to try and build a new and better team from last year's nucleus of local players and to encourage others who have been reluctant to come out and play.

A coach from Toronto agreed to serve gratis for the good of hockey. The registration fee was paid using borrowed money.

Last year's operations left the team slightly in the red primarily because the team lost eight or nine players to Georgetown last year. There was no time to organize a competitive team and this reduced spectator interest. But it was about the only local winter attraction left in Acton.

The executive of the Tanners felt they could recoup their losses this season, under the old

arrangement which has been so satisfactory in the past, Mr. Goodwin said.

It was a shock, he admitted, to read in the newspaper that the Parks and Recreation Committee had decided to charge ice rental at the full rate.

"They never even consulted us," he charged. The executive held some hasty meetings and decided they could not take the task of running a club (cost around \$3,000) on themselves.

Beardmore and Co. agreed to back up the club to an undisciplined amount but the executive of the Tanners feels the club is a community enterprise and would like it to be self supporting.

They interpreted the committee's decision, as an attempt to kill intermediate hockey when it temporarily cannot meet its obligations.

Mosquitoes victorious

Acton Mosquitoes edged Streetville 2-1 in a Halton-Peel Minor Soccer contest in Streetville, Sunday.

Jim Gentles and Ron Turkosz scored goals for Acton.

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Balance Within 3 Weeks

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Phone Age

Parent's Signature
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Acton Curling Club

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE NO DATE 1969

MEMBERSHIP FEES
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BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE () BUSINESS WOMEN'S LEAGUE ()
(Monday Afternoon)

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ()
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PREVIOUS CURLING EXPERIENCE YES () NO ()
IF EXPERIENCE, PLEASE INDICATE LAST POSITION PLAYED -
LEAD () SECOND () THIRD () SKIP ()
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If possible, I would like to curl at the following times:
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