

Tri-County banquet

Leaf defenceman Pat Quinn scores hit with sharp wit



ACTON ROVER COACH Tony Van Dam talks over strategy with two of his stalwarts Larry Nolan (left) and Erwin Schandelmeyer (right), before last Thursday's Golden Horseshoe Soccer league game between Rovers and Georgetown Royals. The thrilling contest ended in a 2-2 draw.—(Staff Photo)

A humorous hockey talk delivered by Toronto Maple Leaf defenceman Pat Quinn highlighted the annual banquet and trophy presentation of the Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Association, held in the community centre, Saturday night.

The husky rearguard, renowned for his Irish wit, as well as his hard-hitting style of play behind the blue line, kept his youthful audience in stitches, as he related some of his most amusing experiences.

Quinn's defence partner Mike Pelyk came in for several cutting comments, all of the good-natured variety.

Recalling Pelyk's plan for drumming up plans to contain the NHL's most dangerous scorers, Pat told of a particularly profitable night Canadiens' Jean Beliveau was enjoying at Leafs' expense.

Pelyk's plan called for the use of verbal signals. If he shouted out the name of a fruit, when Beliveau came speeding in on the net, it meant big Jean was his responsibility. The name of a color would be a signal for Quinn to take him.

"When Beliveau came flying down the ice, Mike yelled 'orange' and he walked right between us and scored," Quinn reported with a smile.

For the obvious question of how to stop Bobby Orr, Quinn had this solution:

"Next year we're going to tie his skates together to slow him down to the same speed as the rest of the players!"

The guest speaker also had some serious advice for youngsters.

He described his job as "the best in the world", but reminded his listeners for every player reaching the NHL, there are 100 who don't.

"Don't forget your schooling or training of some sort," he advised.

Acton Tri-County vice-president Don Lindsay introduced the special guest and acted as MC for the trophy presentation.

Other head table guests included Rev. Harry Dawson, president Ron McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. George Hargrave representing the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and Joey Marshall, Charlie Green, Pete Vale and Cyril Swin, all of whom presented trophies.

Mr. McKnight thanked executive members, coaches and

Charlie Thomson presented the Grant's Motors trophy for pee wee MVP John Hansen.

Herb Doudd presented the Duddy-Townsend award to bantam MVP Ron Louttet.

Don Lindsay presented the A B Supermarket trophy to midget MVP Dale Fisher.

Guest speaker Pat Quinn presented the Sports Corner trophy to Bob Andrews, who accepted on behalf of juvenile MVP Craig Wehlon, unable to attend the banquet.

Andrews also received the John Kentner Memorial trophy as the most outstanding player in Acton minor hockey, from Joey Marshall.

Novice star Ricky Holmes walked off with two Tri-County league trophies. Ricky was awarded the John McLean trophy for leading the league in scoring and the Lloyd Mahey trophy as the league's MVP. Ron McKnight and Tri-County representative Denis Gibbons made the presentations.

Team captains Ricky Holmes (novice), Steve Brunelle (pee wee), Steve McIntyre (bantam), Randy Wehlon (midget) and Mike Cooper (juvenile) accepted Tri-County "B" championship trophies from Mr. Gibbons.

Charlie Green presented the George Green Memorial trophy to novice MVP Ford Alton.

Rick Bonnette accepted the Acton Free Press trophy for outstanding goalie from Denis Gibbons.

Pete Vale was in town from Galt to present the Doc Barkley Memorial trophy to the outstanding defenceman Steve Brunelle.

Steve also accepted the Leitch-Gain Insurance trophy, on behalf of the Y's Men's pee wee squad that was runner-up at the Delhi pee wee tournament.

Barry Inoue presented three trophies on behalf of the Acton Referees' Association. The first went to outstanding player Jim McNabb, most gentlemanly player in Tri-County, and the

others to Blair Skipp and Jeff Finlay who tied for the same award in Legion house league hockey.

A new award, the Wendy Legate Memorial trophy for the most improved player on the novice team was accepted by Jeff Shields. Novice coach Don Legate donated the trophy in memory of his daughter Wendy, who passed away last year.

Following the presentations, Pat Quinn very graciously remained to sign autographs for his excited admirers.

Softball election Sunday

The Acton Softball Association will hold its election of officers at the community centre, Sunday afternoon at 1.

Anyone interested in playing softball this year is asked to attend.

Four teams Pata's Barber Shop, Station Hotel, Erin and Hillsburgh will make up this year's league.

Erin and Hillsburgh will play home games on their own fields.

A schedule has not yet been drawn up, but play is expected to start Tuesday May 26.

Giants face Burlington

Georgetown Giants open their Halton County Baseball league schedule at home against Burlington Cardinals, tonight (Wednesday) at 6:35.

Local players Don Lindsay, Roy Shults, Jan Riddall, Jim James, Earl Burt and Denis Gibbons will join several new faces in Giant line-up this season.

Meanwhile Earl Cairns' Campbellville Merchants travel to Hamilton to face the always tough Rebels in their lid-lifter, also tonight.



ROCKET RICKY Holmes displays the hardware he collected at Saturday's Tri-County banquet. Ricky was named top scorer and most valuable player in the Tri-County league's novice division, a rare feat.—(Staff Photo)

Soccer schedule

ATOMS
 Tues. May 19 Georgetown at Acton Atoms.
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MOSQUITOES
 Tues. May 19 Acton Flyers at Oakville; Milton at Acton Comets.
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PEE-WEES
 Thurs. May 21 Acton Hawks at Oakville.
 Thurs. May 28 Georgetown at Acton Hawks.

Minor Soccer

By Charlie Thomson

MOSQUITOES
 Georgetown Dog and Sids edged Acton Flyers 3-2, here last Thursday night.

Kenny Diamond opened the scoring for the visitors at the 10 minute mark of the first half, after one of his team mates had missed a penalty kick earlier. The goal was the only scoring in the first half.

At the eight minute mark of the second half, Brad Buchanan tied the score for the locals, on a breakaway.

Seven minutes later, Dave Patterson gave Georgetown a 2-1 lead.

With only three minutes left in the game, B. J. Legate picked the ball up at centre field and evaded several Georgetown players to go in and score to tie the game up 2-2.

Dave Patterson then set up

Scott McLoughlin for the winning goal in the dying moments of the game.

MOSQUITOES
 Acton Flyers whitewashed Georgetown Cougars 14-0 on the weekend.

Acton scorers were Nathan Fields with six, Jim Gentles with four and Ford Alton, Fred Allen, Jamie Elerby and Gordie Bruce with one each.

Flyers blanked Acton Comets 6-0, Tuesday night, as Nathan Fields scored three times, Jim Gentles twice and Ron Turkosz once.

ATOMS
 Oakville and Acton atoms played to a 1-1 tie, Tuesday night.

Jeff Shields scored the lone Acton goal.

Atoms will be playing their home games at the park.

Soccer pitch

Soccer goalposts have been erected at the far end of the park in preparation for the minor soccer season.

Nets are expected to arrive very soon.

Mohawks squeak by Rams in regular season opener

Acton Rams managed to hold two of Elora Mohawks' big scoring guns John Lovell and Rick McKenna to one goal between them, Monday night, but two other Mohawk snipers John McKenzie and Brian Walker broke loose for seven markers, as the visitors claimed a close 13-11 decision in the O.L.A. Western division Junior "B" hoop opener.

McKenzie tallied four goals, while Walker bagged a hat trick to help gun down Rams in their first regular season junior "B" outing.

Acc. scorer Bob Turkosz

matched McKenzie's four goal output for Rams, with Mike Marcoux scoring twice and Craig Weldon, Fred Flisnik, George McPhail, Stu McCulloch and rookie Dave Cooksley adding once apiece. Cooksley's goal was his first ever in hoxta competition.

Bob Turkosz and Paul Cooper also contributed four assists to each Rams' attack, while goalie Gary Turkosz and Bob Walker earned one apiece.

Other Elora scorers were Randy Graham with two, and Al Black, John Lovell, Wayne Dow and John Readyhough with one each.

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Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



Long before Bobby Orr took Derek Sanderson's "give and go" pass and tucked it neatly behind Glen Hall to give Boston Bruins their first Stanley Cup since 1941, the Parry Sound golden boy had established himself as the NHL's premier super-star and the hero of millions of aspiring national leaguers.

Considering their on-the-ice relationship, it came as no great surprise, therefore, when towering Leaf defenceman Pat Quinn's opening remarks at Saturday's Tri-county Minor Hockey feast were greeted by wisps of "Boo Quinn, yeah Bobby Orr!"

Not to be outdone by his youthful listeners, the quick-witted rearguard was ready with an answer.

"Actually, Bobby was supposed to be here tonight, but he was tied up with playoffs and since we're such close friends he asked me to come!" Quinn replied with a smile.

The humorous response set the stage for close to 30 minutes of Pat's amusing hockey memoirs, interspersed with queries from the floor, to which he applied his renowned Irish wit.

King Clancy himself would have had to take a back seat.

On the subject of his tenure in the blue and white togery of the somewhat less than spectacular Leafs, Quinn had this jovial comment:

"One thing about playing for the Leafs, you get best pick of all the summer jobs!"

Praising the work of net-minder Bruce Gamble, he offered, "Without Bruce Gamble we would have finished seventh in a six-team league!"

Did he think Bobby Hull would be traded to the Leafs?

PAT QUINN

"I don't think so," came the joking reply. "Because, then it would just be Gamble and Hull against the rest of the league."

Still another lad wanted to know if it was true Leafs had been shellacked 10-0, by Boston in last year's Playoffs.

Quinn's answer?

"Could I have the next question, please!"

When questions of a more serious nature were asked, big Pat was more than frank.

The toughest fight he ever experienced was with former Guelph junior star Al Lebrun, when the two were on opposing sides in the Central Pro League.

And last but certainly not least, as to "who the toughest guy on the Leafs is?" came a not so surprising one word answer.

"ME!"

Acton Rams boxla schedule

All games start at 8:00 P.M. except Sunday vs. Bramalea 2:30 P.M.

Monday, May 11 Flora at ACTON
 Monday, May 18 Oakville at ACTON
 Saturday, May 23 ACTON at Niagara
 Monday, May 25 Bramalea at ACTON
 Monday, June 1 Niagara at ACTON
 Monday, June 8 Mississauga at ACTON
 Saturday, June 13 ACTON at Flora
 Monday, June 15 Niagara at ACTON
 Thursday, June 18 Bramalea at ACTON
 Sunday, June 21 ACTON at Mississauga
 Monday, June 22 ACTON at Bramalea

Saturday, June 27 ACTON at Flora
 Tuesday, June 30 ACTON at Oakville
 Monday, July 6 Kitchener at ACTON
 Wednesday, July 8 ACTON at Kitchener
 Sunday, July 12 ACTON at Bramalea (2:30 P.M.)
 Monday, July 13 Kitchener at ACTON
 Thursday, July 16 Mississauga at ACTON
 Sunday, July 19 ACTON at Mississauga
 Wednesday, July 22 ACTON at Kitchener
 Monday, July 27 Oakville at ACTON
 Saturday, Aug. 1 ACTON at Niagara
 Tuesday, Aug. 4 ACTON at Oakville



SHOWING OFF THE GLITTERING array of trophies they received at Saturday's Tri-County hockey banquet are front row l. to r. pee wee MVP John Hansen, novice MVP Ford Alton, bantam

MVP Ron Louttet. Back row l. to r. outstanding defenceman Steve Brunelle, outstanding all round player Bob Andrews and midget MVP Dale Fisher.—(Staff Photo)

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