



By Bob MacArthur
 What is the matter with the Acton teams? They don't seem to be visiting other clubs as much this year. Is there too much going on that they just haven't the time to take in outside bonspiels?
 The ladies' section seems to be visiting more than the men — is it because of Women's Lib?
 Here is one ladies' team that has been visiting. Kae Hansen, Lucille Cooksley, June Girth and Ruth Leatherland visited the Erin Club on the 16th and came home with first prize in an open bonspiel. To win that prize they had to defeat a team from Orangeville and another from Grand Valley. Congratulations!
 If any teams are travelling to various bonspiels, we will be happy to record it. Just give me a buzz at 0713 and I'll include it in the next column. You don't have to be winners to get your name in the paper.

Number of people have asked me how I record the standings that are published weekly in this column. Well, some clubs and reporters credit two points for a win, one point for a tie. Others use the five point system. I use the five point system. It makes for a higher total points and was the system that I started out with in my first curling club. It's hard to teach an old dog new tricks, they say, and I'm not getting any younger.

Next Saturday is the Industrial Mixed Bonspiel. It is being sponsored by the Beardmore Company and should see some of the best mixed curling at the club for the season. Spectators are always welcome at these bonspiels. Who knows, it might give someone the itch to get out there and throw a few rocks.

Another remand

When Barry Stevens appeared again in court in Milton, Monday, he was remanded for another week. He is charged with non-capital murder following the death of Calvin Peddle in Acton.

Anyone interested in trying the game out should get in touch with any of the members and I'm sure they will be happy to arrange for a time to give instruction to any newcomer.

Last week we discussed part of rule 19 of the rules. They are on page 41 of the latest rule book. This week we will take the (a) section of rule 20:
 If, in sweeping or otherwise, the course of a running stone be affected by any of the party to which it belongs, it shall be removed from play by the playing side, but if by any of the adverse party, it shall be placed where the skip of the party to which it belongs shall direct. Should the position of any stones be altered by such affected stone the skip opposed to the party at fault shall have the sole right to replace them.

Sorry there will be no league standings this week. Sunday, when I should have gone out to the club to get the results of last week's games, I went to the big city and when I got back, the place was dark. Then after holding the copy for this column until Monday evening, the roads were skating rinks. Since the only pair of skates that I own are old 'auto D's' I felt they were a lot safer in the store room than on my feet. Will try to bring the standings up to date at the end of this week. It might give me an excuse to be a spectator at the mixed bonspiel on Saturday.

There are just two teams left in the Adams Trophy Marathon. On Sunday last Len Lovell's team defeated the team headed by Dr. Moore. It is expected that the final will be played this coming Sunday. Just the Lovell rink and the Steve Dubois rink are still in contention.

No charges

No Acton traffic charges were scheduled for court in Milton last Monday.

A new type of artificial leg with a hydraulic piston which activates the foot is available in Canada, thanks to War Amputations of Canada and funds from sale of key tags.



KEN MARSHALL helps prepare his dogs for the big race.



CLIFF JOHNSON'S team rounds the final turn in the dog sled race.

Ken Marshall captures dog-sled competition

Acton's Ken Marshall and his five dog team of Huskies headed by "Karu" raced over a five mile course in 15 minutes and 23 seconds, in heavy snow conditions to capture first place and possession of the Acton Lions Club trophy in Saturday's dog-sled races at Acton District High School. Races, held in connection

with the school's winter carnival, were poorly attended because of the damp weather.
 Cliff Johnson of Galt placed second in a time of 15:30. Al Davies of Galt, last year's winner grabbed third spot and Don Gimmer of St. George captured fourth. Six contestants entered. Charlie Marshall and Gary

Beckett placed fifth and sixth. Lions Club representatives Neil Miller and Art Gordon were on hand to present trophies to the first three finishers and a plaque to the fourth place man.
 Spotters for the race were Bob O'Rourke, Shane Crosken, Dave Braida, Dave Lee, and Donald Cunningham.

Robert Little cagers upset Fairview 25-12

Robert Little School boys' basketball team will carry a 13 point lead into the second game of their two game total points series with Fairview School, as a result of a 25-12 win they chalked up in the Robert Little gym, yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon.
 Winners of the semi-final series advances to the North Halton finals against either Milton Martin Street or Stewarttown.
 Good defence
 Defence played a big part in the

first half of yesterday's game, as Robert Little held only a 6-3 lead at the half. John Kavanaugh's crew came to life in the second half and completely outplayed the visitors from Burlington.
 High scorer for Robert Little was Kevin Jordan with eight points. Bernie Taylor and David Galbraith hooped six apiece, Barry Payne had three and Rick Baginski two. Rounding out the Robert Little lineup are Russ Van Fleet, Jim Hurley, Kent Kentner, Tim McIntyre, John McCutcheon

and Matt Spehar.
 Playing in the eastern division of the North Halton league, Robert Little won three and lost three. One of the losses was by one point to M. Z. Bennett. Fairview finished in first place in the western division.
 Second game of the semi-final set is slated for Fairview School, tomorrow (Thursday).
 Survivor of the North Halton league goes against teams from Oakville and Burlington for the Halton County title.

Organize minor lacrosse

Acton Rams' junior lacrosse club will be charged \$4 an hour for use of the community centre for games and practices this summer, it was decided at Thursday night's regular meeting of Acton Parks and Recreation Committee.
 The \$4 figure, which represents a one dollar charge decrease over last year, was suggested by committee member Barry Incoe and unanimously approved by all other members.

Minor teams
 Ram Howard Dwyer and team manager Alan Hall told the committee, they hope to enter a juvenile team in addition to a Jr. C. Club in the Ontario Minor Lacrosse Association for the first time this year. They will also organize three house league teams, one tyke, one peewee and one bantam which will likely play in an Oakville house league. Mr. Hall explained the junior team will act as a parent club for the juveniles and house league teams. He said he hopes the junior team will be able to support itself on gates.

"I'd like to see the hourly rate dropped to \$4, since they're starting a minor system at no cost to us," Mr. Incoe explained. It was Mr. Incoe's opinion \$4 an hour would more than compensate for any charges such as hydro incurred by the committee as a result of the team's use of arena facilities.
 He predicted gates for junior games will increase this year and the juniors would probably be able to partially subsidize minor teams.
 "They're a very responsible party," he said "They leave the arena neat and tidy. If we had

more parties as responsible our job would be a lot easier," he said.

Councillor Peter Marks suggested the committee work on a 50-50 gate split with the juveniles who will probably play home games Friday nights. "If we find the committee's receiving excessive revenue we can alter it," he said.
 All members backed Mr. Marks' suggestion that floor time for the house league teams be provided free of charge.
 Tentative arrangements have the junior team playing home games Monday night, and practicing Sunday mornings, the juvenile team playing Friday night and practicing Sunday mornings and house league teams playing either Tuesday nights or Saturday mornings.

Fees high
 With referees fees so high, Mr. Dwyer told the committee the

junior team was lucky to make a \$4 profit from a game that drew 200 people last year.

The committee also agreed to purchase new mesh for the lacrosse's goal nets at a cost not to exceed \$75 and granted the team permission to use dressing room number one with its additional storage room facilities and erect a team booster sign in the arena lobby.

Decision was reserved on a request that the committee sell lacrosse sticks from the arena booth. Mr. Marks felt the committee should first investigate to make sure they weren't competing against local merchants in the sale of sticks.

Hockey sticks are sold from the booth, but Mr. Marks explained that is done for the sake of convenience since hockey sticks are easily broken.

Will repair arena

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee hopes to have another \$13,000 worth of necessary repairs done on the arena this year.

At Thursday night's meeting, chairman Hugh Patterson reported the committee will go ahead with things specified in a Dalton Engineering report, namely repairs to the east and west walls (the ends of the building).

Another \$13,000 worth of repairs to the north wall will have to wait until next year.

"It's the real guts' issues we're dealing with," councillor Peter Marks commented.

"Basically we'll try to bring the roof back up so its straight" said councillor Orval Chapman.

Repairs to the south wall, done last summer, cost \$8,000 including engineering fees.



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