

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



Watching Acton Legion bantams in action in Saturday's 4-town tournament, I couldn't help but be reminded of that old bug-a-bear that has plagued the Acton minor hockey scene for years.

Minor hockey in Acton is supervised by two separate organizations. Acton Tri-County Minor Hockey Association sponsors the town's five O.M.H.A. entries, while all house league hockey is under the jurisdiction of the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association. Both organizations are doing a reasonably good job in their own right, but there's an obvious lack of understanding between the two on some important points.

O.M.H.A. teams were established to give players with superior ability a more competitive brand of hockey than they can get in house leagues. The purpose of house leagues is to provide recreation for those who either don't have the ability to play O.M.H.A. hockey or for some reason or other prefer not to. They're not intended as a place for O.M.H.A. calibre players to dominate play and fatten up their points totals at the expense of other innocent players with less ability.

Anyone who saw Saturday's tournament could see that the Legion bantam team had at least six players who have the ability to play O.M.H.A. hockey. Of the 16 players on the team, 12 are second year bantams. Four of them have had previous O.M.H.A. hockey in a younger age bracket. The two teams they beat for the trophy were strictly house league calibre and made up of a mixture of first and second year bantams.

The paradox of the situation is that Acton's O.M.H.A. bantam entry suffered through a year in which they won only one league game out of 26, and were eliminated in straight games in the playoffs. Only one of that team's 13 players had previously played O.M.H.A. bantam hockey. One had played bantam house league hockey, two had played nothing but house league hockey previously and the remainder were graduates of last year's pee wee team, playing their first year of bantam hockey.

Players should not necessarily be forced to play for the O.M.H.A. team for the sole purpose of winning a provincial championship at all costs. Neither should good calibre players be loaded onto a house league team just to win a trophy in a one day tournament.

Good competition should be the goal of all minor hockey executives. Winning championships is nice but it's not everything. Players with superior ability who don't wish to play O.M.H.A. hockey should be asked to move up to the next age bracket in the house league, where they'll be playing against boys of their own calibre and not depriving house league calibre players in their age bracket of the same competitive brand of hockey.

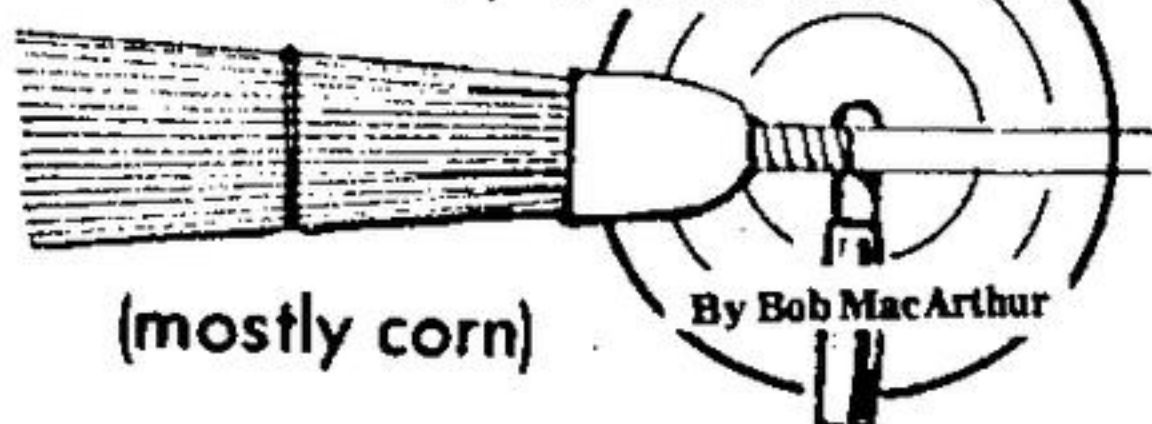
The 4-town tournament is a great thing if it's used for the right purpose, to give house league calibre players a chance to play against boys from other towns of the same calibre. Acton Legion bantams were not entirely a house league calibre team.

It appears the problem will never be solved until minor hockey in Acton is controlled by one governing body instead of two. Tri-County and Legion have co-operated by holding joint registrations the past two years, but there's a lot of work to be done yet.

There's plenty of fault on both sides, it's true. The O.M.H.A. bantam team was kept from having a more competitive brand of Tri-County hockey that they've been used to against triple "A" cities, by lack of action by their own executive.

Something has to be done in Acton to make minor hockey competition more balanced. If it's not, Acton can look forward to many more years of early elimination from O.M.H.A. playoffs, a 4-town trophy every two years (a real shellacking in the tournament in the off years) and what's most frightening of all, an increase in the rate of minor hockey dropouts.

Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur

Last Wednesday evening five teams from the local club visited the Erin club for a friendly game. The Erin club were almost the perfect hosts. They permitted the Acton mixed members to win four of the five games. After curling, the visitors were treated to lunch. Arrangements were made for the men to visit the Acton club on April 7 and a mixed membership to visit the local club on April 13.

Most of the leagues wound up their schedule last week. This week the playoffs started Monday evening with the mixed teams. Hopefully most of the playoffs in the mixed leagues will be run off this week and winners declared. The competitive league has another game to complete the schedule.

If you were on one of the teams that did not make the playoffs, it might be interesting to just sit behind the glass and watch how the top teams play. Of course you can always win while skipping from the arm chairs, but it is quite different to go out there and throw the rock where the skip wants it. And your weight has a lot to do with where the rock will eventually stop.

The ladies in the kitchen have had a busy few Saturdays lately. And the meals they serve are top notch.

Have you turned in your stubs for the TV draw yet? One of the teams will be liable for KP duty when all the results are tabulated. So better get the salesmanship polished up and sell

those tickets allotted to you. If you run out, I'm sure there are others available.

Here are the results of the various draws as tabulated by the bonspiel committee. In case of tied points, the ends count in the standing.

Monday Mixed 7 to 9 - R. Roszell 8; B. Armstrong 5; D. Manes 11; G. Williams 9; M. Jordan 11; A. Robinson 13; T. Tyler Jr. 12; A. McKenzie 11.

Monday Mixed - 7 to 11 - J. Buckman 10; G. Sargent 8; B. Mainprize 8; A. Irwin 9; S. Dubois 18; W. Dubois 11; B. Cargill 10; B. Dumars 10.

Tuesday Mixed 7 to 9 - B. Drinkwater 12; H. Dawson 12; B. Evalan 4; A. Ellerby 9; L. Lovell 8; R. Cookley 12; F. New 7; C. Cook 8.

Tuesday Mixed 7 to 11 - C. Anderson 10; D. Timmings 8; T. Tyler Sr. 8; B. Moore 8; M. Blow 8; B. Toth 8; H. Otterbein 6; V. Patrick 18.

Men's Competitive - C. Anderson 13; C. Davidson 7; W. Dubois 6; M. Jordan 5; A. McKenzie 12; B. Moore 8; H. Otterbein 6; W. Toth 7.

Ladies' Thursday - Marg Toth 4; Shirley Hunter 13; Gwen Tyler 5; Phyllis Patrick 5; Mae Dumars 5; Helen Otterbein 5; Ruth Leatherland 4; Kay Hansen 8; Wills Hewitt 7.

Sorry, no report for the Wednesday Draw of the men of the High School as the school did not play this past week.

Industrial league

FINAL PLAYOFF SCORING STATISTICS	G	A	P
Ron Melton, N	8	6	14
Jim Barden, L	7	6	13
Dave Ryder, L	6	5	11
Steve Townsley, N	5	4	9
Harry Phillips, L	4	5	9
John Cunningham, L	4	5	9



ACTON A-B novice captain Scott Malcolm (centre). Novices edged Fort Erie 3-2 in overtime to win the "B" series championship of the tournament. —(Staff Photo)

Upset Fort Erie

A-B's bring home cup from Port Colborne

After dropping their opening game to Niagara-on-the-Lake 3-1, Acton A-B novices bounced back to knock off Cayuga and Fort Erie, and capture the "B" series championship at the sixth annual Port Colborne-Humberstone novice hockey tournament on the weekend.

Dave McGilloway scored at 1:15 of sudden death overtime to provide the margin of victory in the 3-2 championship win against Fort Erie, an "A" team by O.M.H.A. standards. Bruce

McPhail tallied the first two Acton goals.

Rusty shines Outstanding netminding by Russell Lee helped the locals eliminate Cayuga in their semi-final game, which coach Barry Inscoc described as a real nip and tuck battle all the way. The teams were tied 3-3 at the end of regulation time.

Neither team was able to score in a 10 minute overtime period, but the locals outshot Cayuga 1-0

to earn the win. Bert Post bagged two of the Acton goals and Scott Malcolm tallied the other.

Bruce McPhail scored from Scott Malcolm for the lone Acton goal in the opening game loss to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Russell Lee and Gary Medland shared goaltending duties for Acton.

Defence strong Strong defensive play by the line of Bert Post, Dave McGilloway and Shane Withers and the defence brigade of Jeff Shields, Tom Ryan, Rick Gibson and Billy Manes played a large role in the Acton wins.

"It was a good all round team effort. The boys really started to click when they were playing for all the marbles Sunday afternoon," coach Inscoc commented.

The Port Colborne arena was packed for Sunday afternoon's championship games. Besides the Acton contingent that made the trip for the tournament, the locals received solid fan support from Port Colborne rooters with whom the boys were billeted Friday and Saturday nights. Port Colborne novices lost to Dunnville in the "A" series championship game.

Receive trophies Team captain Scott Malcolm accepted the "B" championship trophy and all Acton players received miniature individual trophies following the final game.

During their weekend stay, the Acton players were taken on a guided tour of a lake freighter, taken swimming in the Port Colborne indoor pool and in the words of coach Inscoc, "were treated like kings".

Novices will wind up their season with their annual father and son game at the community centre Sunday afternoon.

Team members include Russell Lee, Gary Medland, Billy Manes, Tom Ryan, Scott Malcolm, Jeff Shields, Rick Gibson, Bruce McPhail, Shane Withers, Dave McGilloway, Bert Post, Tom Rosenbersky, Wade Vickery, and Randy Van Fleet. Larry Brown was unable to play because of illness. Barry Inscoc is team coach, Gus Holmes is assistant coach and Don Van Fleet manager.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Hockey bouquet . . .

Eden Mill, Ont., March 28, 71.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to express sincere thanks to Messrs. Harold Townsley (coach), Jan Riddall (assistant coach) and manager Steve Goy of the Bantam Firefighter hockey team. These men gave many hours towards the betterment of the boys and hockey.

The boys who remained with the team deserve a lot of credit, although few in number and under great odds, they never quit till the final whistle (and sometimes after).

Acton should be proud of the men and boys who carried the double blue colors in Tri-County hockey action this past winter. It would be a shot in the arm if the remaining teams not in the "B" category could play in that series next season.

Special thanks to Denis Gibbons for covering the teams at home and away and reporting fairly.

I wish every success to the Tri-County organization and the hockey teams for next season.

Signed
A True Hockey Fan

North York Hydro holds Acton spiel

by Bob MacArthur

Members of the North York Hydro Recreation Club curled at the Acton club, Saturday. They played two games starting after dinner and wound up early in the evening. There were 58 members curling and the rest of the teams were filled in by Acton members who were allotted to various teams that did not have a full complement.

Ernie McKim, a member of the Acton club, was the means of getting the Acton club and the North York Club together. He claims he only introduced the principals and left it up to the

members to arrange the bonspiel. Ernie has quite a few years service with the North York Hydro. Ladies of Acton Curling Club served a supper in the evening to curlers.

Award prizes Trophies and prizes were awarded the winners in the two event affair.

Trophy winning team was skipped by Keith Hood with Myrtle Hood, Dave and Liz Beetle throwing the other rocks.

Second high was the team skipped by Allan Ellerby of the local club with Peter Newman, Sue Newman and Ken Ross as other members of the team.

Third prize winners had another skip from the local club. Chas. Davidson, Nick Robinson, Isobel Robinson and John Wright made up the team.

Fourth top team was composed of Ken Scott, Barry Scott, J. Webb and Miss Webb.

Each of the trophies and prizes were engraved with details of the event.

High start was Dell Page 126, high score Dave Dawson 157, and high finish Kevin Lumbers 115.

Playoffs On March 23 playoffs were held with Superior Construction winning. On the team are Julian Zajac, Ted Elliott, Jack Drysdale, Les Trevall, Jack Couture and Gil Malcolm.

Tanners will be back

Acton Tanners definitely plan to ice an intermediate hockey team next season, team president Jack Marshall told the Free Press this week.

Rumors circulating that Lucan Jets and Durham Huskies would play in another league next year and that Fergus Flyers would fold in favor of a junior "C" team in the thistle town, aroused speculation Tanners might be left with no league in which to play.

Preston may join Mr. Marshall mentioned the possibility of Lucan playing in the Southern Counties league next year and Preston, this year's Southern Counties playoff champs, switching to the Central O.H.A. Intermediate "B" league. Chances are also good Hespeler

will return to the league next season, he said. Hespeler has not iced an intermediate team since the 1967-68 season.

If Preston and Hespeler do join the Central group, a compact five team league made up of Acton, Elmira, Cheltenham, Preston and Hespeler could still result.

Six teams Delhi has already applied to enter a team in the Southern Counties league. If they're accepted, the southern league would then have six teams, Aylmer, Port Dover, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, Lucan and Delhi.

Durham could join one of two groups in their neck of the woods, the Western Ontario Intermediate "C" league or the Georgian Bay Intermediate "A" loop.

Preston, a fourth place finisher in the regular Southern Counties schedule, ousted Tillsonburg and Simcoe in the playoffs. They'll face either Napanee or Little Britain in one provincial semi-final. Survivor of the Durham-Lucan set (now 3-2-1 in favor of Durham) will take on Strathroy in the other semi-final.

Paul Daley's hat trick sparked Buffalo bantams to a 6-2 win over Hershey in Monday night's bantam game. Buffalo went undefeated in the round robin playoff series.

Ron Death, Charlie McRae and Mike Ferguson netted the other goals. Ferguson and Death collected two assists each while McRae, Daley and Ken Withers notched one apiece.

Wade Knight scored both Hershey goals. Assists went to Kevin Marcoux and Tim McIntyre.

Legion playoffs Dixie wins atom title Buffalo bantam champs

Dixie edged Weston 2-1 Sunday night, to wrap up the championship of the Legion House League's atom division. Dixie won the series two games to none with a game tied.

Rob Renshaw broke up a 1-1 tie with his second goal of the night at 4:39 of the third period.

Renshaw put Dixie in front on a pass from Murray McNabb at the first minute mark of the first period, but Brian Mulrhead tied the score with help from Gary Scoynea at 1:15 of the second stanza.

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Hespeler midgets win first game

Hespeler Legionnaires defeated Acton C.F.A.W. midgets 7-4 in the first game of a best of three series for the Tri-County Midget "A" championship last night (Tuesday) in Hespeler.

Second game of the series will be played at the community centre tomorrow (Thursday) night at 9:15.

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