

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons



In an effort to attract some of the borealine hockey fans to the arena for their weekend O.H.A. Intermediate "B" championship series with Napanee, Durham Huskies included on their advertising posters a reminder games could now be watched in comfort, since overhead heaters had recently been installed in the arena. So what happens? Fans entering the arena for Saturday night's game were politely told there would be no heat. Difficulty holding ice with the warm May temperatures forced the arena management to forego turning on the heaters, for the sake of saving the ice!

Heat or no heat, there was scarcely an empty seat in the Durham ice palace for Saturday night's game which the Huskies won 4-3. After some first period rowdiness referee Frank Slota ruled with an iron hand, going as far as to help separate potential combatants himself.

Napanee won Saturday's game 6-4 to grab a 3-1 lead in games in the title series.

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Milton's Pete McDuffe was recently named first all-star goalie in the Central Professional Hockey League. McDuffe's fine netminding helped Omaha Knights to a first place finish and the playoff championship. McDuffe was particularly brilliant in the playoffs. Pete's older brothers Brian and Bruce played intermediate hockey for Acton Tanners this season.

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Righthander Bernie Dore, a veteran of over 10 seasons in the Halton County Baseball League with Georgetown Giants and Acton Merchants has signed for the 1971 season with Oakville Oaks. Dore was playing coach of the Giants last summer. The team folded at the end of the season because of lack of player interest.

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Lack of funds has forced Acton Rovers senior soccer club to suspend operations for this season. Most of the Acton players have been working out with Georgetown Royals, while others plan to join teams in Guelph.

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Tri-County hockey players, Don't forget your banquet and trophy presentation at the community centre Saturday night at 6.

Acton Speedway opens Sunday

By Vivian Shaw
More cars than were originally expected turned out for warm-ups Sunday at Acton Speedway, even though the weather was very cool.

This Sunday, May 9 is the official opening day, so we hope the weather will co-operate and be a little warmer.

The track surface is very good after a long cold winter and some of the boys were really moving. It looks like the six cylinder class is going to be a good one. There

were some sixes out today and more are promised.

An earth retaining wall has been put up around the third and fourth corners, which has given drivers a lot more confidence. We'll be seeing some pretty fast laps this year.

Last year's champion Murray Wallace and runner-up Chuck Lawlor were both out today. They'll both be worth keeping an eye on.

That's it for this time, lots more next time.

Swackhamer horse third

Grateful Eege, a five year old trotter owned by Don Swackhamer, R.R. 2, Acton placed third in the first race at Greenwood Raceway in Toronto Monday, April 28. It was the first start of the season for Grateful

Eege. Mr. Swackhamer purchased the trotter at the Old Glory Horse Sale in Yonkers, New York last November. Nelson White drove Grateful Eege to the third place finish.

Orangeville Raceway

- SUNDAY RACES**
- FIRST RACE**
First half daily double—\$200
1 HENRY WORTHY—G. Clock
2 HARRY A. SCOTT—J. Holmes
3 EASTWOOD J.C.—R. Waples
4 J. G. Dillon—L. Canfield
5 Dolly Duffy—D. Devine
6 Little Fidget—D. Graham
7 Gerry's Knight—J. Jenkins
8 Cindy's Flash—M. Schaefer
9 AE Northwood Hills—D. Cox
- SECOND RACE**
Second half daily double—\$250
1 ADIOS SUSIE—G. Walker
2 LISA TAR—R. Larabee
3 PAT P. PROLOGUE—M. Kerluke
4 Val Way—V. Goodale
5 Bobby Direct—J. Woodland
6 Mick's Girl—D. Graham
7 Judge Chief—J. Williams
8 Direct Paul—J. McClure
- THIRD RACE—\$250**
1 CAPTAIN BUTE—G. Wain
2 COMMAND GRATTON—T. Strauss
3 JAGLA—R. Larabee
4 Parked Out—T. MacKenzie
5 Quinte Lad—Stewart
6 Merrywood Atom—V. Goodale
7 Beyond Belief—M. Corbett
8 Mindy M.—G. Young
9 AE Lord Bunter—R. Given
- FOURTH RACE**
Quintels—\$250
1 BELWOOD BOY—M. Corbett
2 DEAC WORTHY—L. Mosher
3 VAN SONG R.—Wm. Megens
4 Avon Star—V. Goodale
5 Jefferson Jim—R. Irwin
6 Rootin Tootin—J. Somerville
7 Follow Way—R. DeGrow
8 Gola's G.—C. MacArthur
9 AE Pyramid Sue—W. Robillard
- FIFTH RACE—\$200**
1 CARBON PAT—C. Lawson
2 SANDRA STUART—M. Schaefer
3 MAE OREGON—Wm. Troy
4 Little Elsie—Goodale
5 Andy Counsel—W. Foggo
6 Pickle Lomar—L. Dixon
7 Breezeable—J. Woods
8 Betty Lee Castle—R. Scranage
9 AE Larry's Lad—B. Bannan
- SIXTH RACE—\$250**
1 RON RON CHIEF—R. Gasien
2 SOAP STONE—L. Nickle
3 ARAWANA ADIOS—J. Wilson
4 Jeanne Clay—T. MacKenzie
5 Barn Noas—L. Barrett
6 Barbara's Dream—D. Graham
7 War Porteous—A. Lee
8 Innocent Bob—R. Gemmill
9 AE Norral Gale—R. Warner
- SEVENTH RACE**
Quintels—\$300
1 KING GRATTAN—G. Wain
2 LADY DILLARD—M. Jorgenson

- 2 TEABERRY—G. Crowe
3 Phoebe Sue—R. Robinson
4 Mac Thoughts—R. Lindsay
5 Northwood Label—K. DeGrow
7 Mighty Happy—R. Gies
8 Sparky Ogden—D. Dawson
9 AE Canal View Way—A. Nickolls
- EIGHTH RACE—\$400**
1 MARK CHARM—C. Lockhart
2 MORELAND'S DUSTY—B. Moore
3 POMPOUS—C. MacArthur
4 Baron Angus—B. Duncan
5 Tony Battles—Wm. Megens
6 Eastwood Frih—R. Westgarth
7 Bradley Gilbert—M. Galbraith
8 Kawartha Cheeky—M. Schaefer
- NINTH RACE—\$400**
1 HARLAN MIKE—C. Lockhart
2 DR. HIGH—J. Fisher
3 ASH SOUV—G. Anderson
2 Press On—A. Hansen
3 Daper Lindsay—H. Young
4 Chester Harm Ace—L. Brown
5 Protector Donnie—R. Andrews
6 Cindy's Margaret—T. MacKenzie
- TENTH RACE—Exactor—\$1,000**
1 HI NOBLE—R. Waples
2 MIGHTY FLEET—M. Galbraith
3 MAGGIE'S COMET—L. Tolhurst
4 Frankie Tar—C. Lawson
5 Randy Bee Adios—D. Advies

- LAST SUNDAY'S RESULTS**
First Race—Omar Adios 2:13 3-5; Stanorma, Scrapper Bars
Second Race—Seal Spur 2:15 3-5; Libby Who; Cindy's Margaret.
Third Race—Dolly Chief 2:11 1-5; Napoleon Day, Armbro Jaunty.
Fourth Race—Pompous 2:12 2-5; Peter's Sister, Noral Royal.
Fifth Race—Adios Susie 2:14; Meadow Dino, Valuable Wick.
Sixth Race—Canadian Way 2:15 4-5; Lenawee Time, Key Performance.
Seventh Race—Garrison Pride 2:11 3-5; Gallen's Boy, Bradley Gilbert.
Eighth Race—High 2:12; Chester Harm Ace, Sharp Clark.
Ninth Race—Jeff Smith 2:11 2-5; C. B. Carruthers, Brother Noble.
Tenth Race—Mighty Fleet 2:11 3-5; Hi Noble, Randy Bee Adios.

Opener one week away Rams sign seven more

With only a week left before they open the regular season against Kitchener Braves in Kitchener Thursday May 13, Acton Rams have been scrimmaging regularly following stiff conditioning workouts under new coach Bruce Sears.

Team president Howard Dwyer has announced the signing of seven more holdovers from last year's team, bringing the total of signed players to 16. Goalle Gary Turkosz, George McPhail, Stu McCulloch, Mike Cooper, Dave Cooksey, Mike Marcoux and Bob Gowland signed this week.

Rams will take a bus to Kitchener for the opener and also

to Mississauga for a game Sunday, May 16. The bus will leave the community centre at 6 p.m. Charge for passengers is \$1. Besides Kitchener and Mississauga, Rams will come up against Brampton, Niagara, Elora, Oakville, Windsor and Hamilton the 24 game Western O.L.A. junior "B" schedule.

At the end of the regular season, Rams will enter the junior "C" playoffs along with Windsor, Midland and Brockville. Last year they ousted Midland in the semi-finals but lost to Scarborough in the finals.

A complete schedule of Ram games follows.

Thurs. May 13	— ACTON at Kitchener
Sun. May 16	— ACTON at Mississauga
Tues. May 18	— ACTON at Oakville
Sun. May 30	— ACTON at Brampton
Thur. June 3	— Brampton at ACTON
Sat. June 5	— ACTON at Windsor
Mon. June 7	— Niagara at ACTON
Thur. June 10	— Kitchener at ACTON
Sun. June 13	— Windsor at ACTON
Thur. June 17	— Oakville at ACTON
Mon. June 21	— Mississauga at ACTON
Tue. June 22	— ACTON at Niagara
Thur. June 24	— ACTON at Hamilton
Mon. June 28	— Hamilton at ACTON
Thur. July 1	— ACTON at Elora
Sat. July 3	— ACTON at Niagara
Mon. July 5	— Niagara at ACTON
Thur. July 8	— Elora at ACTON
Mon. July 12	— Mississauga at ACTON
Thur. July 15	— ACTON at Oakville
Thur. July 16	— Brampton at ACTON
Sun. July 18	— ACTON at Brampton
Thur. July 22	— Oakville at ACTON
Sun. July 25	— ACTON at Mississauga

All night games 8 p.m.
Windsor Sunday afternoons 2 p.m. June and away.
Brampton and Mississauga Sunday nights 8 p.m.



GUNNING for another big goal scoring season is Acton Ram forward Mike Marcoux, who scored 48 goals in the regular Western Ontario junior "B" season last year. Mike and his mates try for win number one when they travel to Kitchener to face the Braves Thursday May 13.—(Staff Photo)

Enter ladies' team in softball league

Acton will have an entry in the Halton County Ladies' Softball League this summer.

At a meeting in Glen Williams last week, Acton was accepted into the league along with Georgetown, Glen Williams, Onagh, Drumquin and Hornby all returns to the group.

Elsie Edmondson of Georgetown has agreed to coach

the Acton squad. Elsie played last season with the Glen Williams team. Chester Lewandowski and Dan Marzo will share managing duties.

Home nights for Acton will be Monday and Wednesday nights. A schedule has not yet been drawn but league play is expected to get underway the first week of June.

Rockwood softballers aim for more titles

Rockwood Seniors hold their first outdoor workout of the season tonight (Wednesday), at Rockwood Park, as they begin preparations for the upcoming

Tri-County softball schedule. Mel Sheppard, who guided Station Hotel to three consecutive Acton Industrial softball league titles, has taken over the reins of the Rockwood club from Dick Dupuis. The team has been working outdoors for the last month.

Rockwood has captured two O.H.S.A. championship and one Tri-County title in the last three years and this year promises to be another banner year for the team. Besides the regular contingent headed by hard throwing righthanders John Salmon and Bob Shaw, Dan Arbie, who spent last season with Kitchener Panthers of the Senior Intercounty Baseball League and Arlon Popkey, a standout with Guelph Co-ops of the Inter-City Pastball League, are expected to join the team.

Junior draft set May 19

The annual O.H.A. Junior "A" over-aged midget draft will be held in Peterborough, Wednesday, May 19.

Rumors are rife several midget players from the Tri-County league will be among the draftees.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Letters to the Editor,
Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Committee (House League), I would like to clarify some misconceptions voiced by "An Interested Hockey Mother" in last week's paper, regarding rules by which the House League is run.

Boys enrolling in the hockey program in Acton are not required to state their intentions as to whether they will play for a Tri-County team or a House League team. A joint registration program is currently being used to encourage boys to try out to play Tri-County hockey, but this is not mandatory. If a boy commits himself to a Tri-County team and signs an O.M.H.A. player's card, he is not eligible for House League play until he has a signed release from the head coach of Tri-County.

Some boys able to play Tri-County hockey prefer to play House League hockey, either of their own choice or that of their parents. Playing on the same team as their friends, combining academic endeavour and hockey involvement, and respecting parental views about travel and late hours, are some of the considerations to be made.

The statement made in last week's letter that any boy trying to qualify for the more competitive Tri-County team and returning to the House League must play in the next higher category is false. This ruling was attempted for one year but discarded as unsatisfactory, as it only resulted in several players quitting all hockey activities for that year. The House League is only interested in

balanced teams and fair competition. Team rosters are constantly revised at the start of the season in an attempt to accomplish this. Forcing a boy to play in the next higher category against older, more physically mature players, could result in his being injured. Your executive does not want this responsibility.

There is a rule that a boy may be moved up if it is highly obvious that this promotion is warranted, but this action is never taken without the knowledge of the parents. There are more cases in which a boy is playing in a lower category than his actual age would demand, so that he feels he is a contributing member of the team.

The "Glitterware" and banquet, referred to in the letter, involve only \$373.03 of a total expenditure of \$3,655.65 for the 1970-71 season. Since registrations accounted for only \$1,053.00 of this amount, one can see that the committee has been involved in fund-raising, as well as practice, games, and the many other details of running a hockey league. We need and welcome help and suggestions from any interested people in all phases of our program.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that our entire program is able to operate with a modest outlay because of the co-operative assessment for ice time of \$7.50 per hour by the Recreation Committee. This obvious underassessment is underwritten by all the taxpayers of Acton.

On behalf of our committee I wish to thank you for the press coverage of our activities in the past season.

Yours sincerely,
Kerwin McPhail,
Chairman, Acton Legion
Minor Hockey Committee.

Huskies face elimination

Durham Huskies must win their game in Napanee, tonight (Wednesday) to prolong their O.H.A. Intermediate "B" championship series.

Huskies edged the speedy Comets 4-3 in Durham Saturday night, but dropped a 6-4 decision, also on home ice, Sunday afternoon. Napanee now leads the best of seven series three games to one.

A Durham win, tonight (Wednesday), would force a sixth game in Durham, Friday night. Seventh game, if necessary goes in Napanee, Sunday.

Huskies eliminated Acton Tanners in the first round of this year's playoffs.

Minor ball practices

Minor baseball practice for boys in all age groups will be held at Prospect this Saturday morning and every Saturday morning between nine and 12 noon.

Any boys who have not registered may do so at that time.

Lacrosse night Tues.

A minor lacrosse night will be held in the community centre Tuesday night May 11, at 7 p.m.

All registered players or any who wish to register should attend along with parents and others interested in minor lacrosse.

Films on the game will be shown.

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