

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



The Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association will probably suggest that the OMHA executive may be jumping the gun a little by elevating Acton teams from the "B" (3000-5000) population category to the "A" (5000-10,000) classification as has been rumored.

At 5,004, Acton is barely over the "A" series minimum and the OMHA executive uses the figures as rule of thumb only anyway. It's no secret that a sign at the entrance to Fergus reported a population of 5,000 for two years before the OMHA decided to raise Fergus teams a category.

Another example of getting around the population figures rule was reported to me by Tri-County officer Erwin Nelson of Hespeler, whose midget team squared off against Essex in the OMHA midget "A" semi-finals last season.

According to Erwin, Essex officials openly admitted they were drawing players from a regional area with an approximate population of close to 40,000, even though the town of Essex itself claims a population of only between 3,000 and 4,000.

The admission quickly revealed one good reason why Essex sent three of its four teams at least as far as the provincial semi-finals in a field of over 30 teams in 1971 and produced two Ontario champions and one finalist from a similar field of teams in 1972.

On the positive side, a classification jump could work to Acton's advantage as far as the Waterloo-Wellington league is concerned. With a few exceptions, teams in Fergus, Orangeville and Elmira, the "A" centres were generally not as strong as those of New Hamburg whose "B" clubs swept four out of five playoff series against Acton, suffering their only loss in overtime of the deciding game of the bantam series.

Maybe we should get Erwin to check the regional population of New Hamburg!

It's hardly fair that Legion Minor Hockey executive members should be criticized by some parents who neglected to see that their boys registered on either of the two days already passed. Both registrations were well-advertised in this paper and it was made clear the expected increase in players would make it necessary for the line to be drawn on registrations somewhere.

While many of us were comfortably watching the World Series in color at Branch 197 last week, Kerwin McPhall, John Toebes and Ab Irwin, Legion minor hockey executive members were busy in another room drawing up teams, work which will now undoubtedly have to be altered, because they've been generous enough to allow boys who missed the two registrations to sign up at the arena this Saturday morning.



TWO TIME CHAMPIONS, Moffat 15 and under girls won both the Tri-County and ORSA softball championships this year, losing only one game in the process. Team members are front row l. to r., Joanne Popp, Valerie Wild, Holly Hurren, Corie Stone, Cathy McLeod, Sue Thomson, Debbie Rippon,

Laurie Pierce, Paula Kitching. Back row l. to r. are Michelle Sokolowski, manager Doug Thomson, Karen Smelle, Sandra Inglis, Darlene Snyder, Shelly Ismond, Kim Henderson, Nancy Reading, coach Shirley Thomson. —Photo by D. Gibbons

Honor three Moffat teams

Three Tri-County league and one ORSA softball championship team were honored Friday night, as the Moffat Minor Softball Association wound up a successful season with a banquet at Brookville School.



SMILING proudly Donna Dennis, a member of the Moffat 12 and under girls team receives her trophy from a happy coach Shirley Thomson. —Photo by D. Gibbons

Special presentations were also made to Shirley and Doug Thomson, who coached both the girls 15 and under and 12 and under championship teams, as well as the 19 and under girls.

Moffat atoms received the trophy they won for besting Eden Mills in the Tri-County league championship series.

The 15 and under girls' team won both the Tri-County league title and the ORSA crown, ousting Oneida, Sweaburg, Fisherville and Hillsburgh along the way. The 12 and under girls bounced back to defeat Hillsburgh in their final series after trailing two games to one.

Moffat Minor Softball Association president Jim Watson was emcee for the banquet. He was assisted by Nyle Iutzi.

Special guests included Nassagaweya Reeve Anna MacArthur who spoke on the history of baseball and Deputy-reve Don McMillan who recalled previous township efforts to win ORSA championships.

Players, coaches and managers from all eight Moffat teams attended. Moffat was represented this year by four boys' teams, squirt "A" and "B", atoms and peewees and four

girls' teams, 12 and under "A" and "B", 15 and under and 19 and under.

OMHA teams start practices

All five Acton OMHA teams, novice, peewee, bantam, midget and juvenile held their opening practices in the community centre on the weekend.

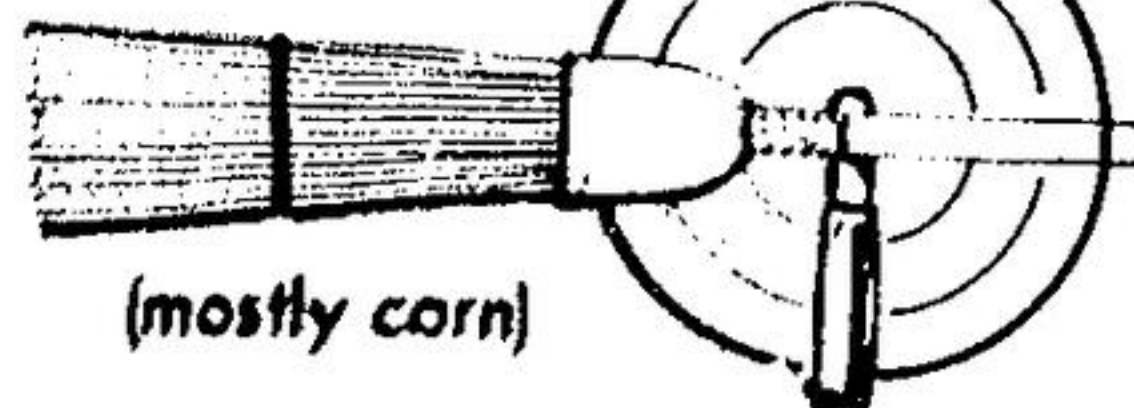
Midgets and juveniles will take to the ice again tonight (Wednesday) at 8 and 9 p.m. respectively.

Saturday afternoon, novices, peewees and bantams will practice again in that order. Starting times for the practices are 2.15, 3.30 and 4.35 respectively.

Coaches and managers remind parents that all boys who registered are eligible to try out with the OMHA teams if they wish and all will be given a fair opportunity to make the team.

OMHA rep Bill Knight reports Waterloo-Wellington league schedules will begin the following weekend. Dates and times of the opening games will appear in next week's Free Press.

Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur
When curling is the rule on Sunday the ice machine was humming away, cooling the curling stone, preparing to the start of a striking. Some curling was experienced in starting up the curling, and a curler had to be replaced. It was reported that the first curling was made on Monday and before week ends that the first curling was made available this Friday at Hespeler. Have you tried curling application in the curling community yet? It is reported that the curling committee will be working on a new curling night.



TED TYLER SR.

The ladies section organized a wine and cheese party last Thursday. A good crowd was present. Entertainment was up notch and enjoyed by many.

The work project of making tables has been finished. It is hoped that enough are now on hand to meet all demands. They were made by members of the club.

This week we will take a look at two members of the executive who have important jobs in the framework of the club:

Ted Tyler Sr. was born in Lucknow, Ontario, but came here at a very tender age. He has been associated with the curling club since 1941 and has held various jobs in the club. Ted also has helped to promote curling and the membership of the club throughout the years. This year his main interest is in the membership expansion. Ted started Tyler Transport service in 1970 and has guided the firm to a very stable transportation company. He has been assisted by wife Greta and son Ted Jr. The Tyler line on Montebay Place in Glenora subdivision.



GEORGE MALBY

George Malby is not a native of Acton, either, but close. He was born in the neighboring village of Rockwood and went to school in Guelph. George is married to Gail Dobbin and lives at R.R. 2, Acton, just north of the curling club. They have three sons. He is a salesman for Atlas Alloys in Toronto. George is chief steward of the club and looks after liquid refreshments. He started curling in 1969.

League schedules will consist of between 18 and 21 games depending upon the number of towns entered in each age group.

Hockey

Acton minor hockey officials have granted a registration for latecomers, even though the two advertised registration dates have passed.

House league teams have been selected, but there are a few openings on some teams and boys will be accepted as they register at the arena, Saturday, October 28.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, B. Kentner, A. Gervais, B. Nelles, C. Bradley and J. Cook.

AIHL expands to six teams

Acton Industrial Hockey League has expanded from four to six teams for the 1972-73 season following an unexpected increase in registration.

Sponsors have not yet been obtained for the two new teams, who have been designated Team "A" and Team "B" for the present.

The league will begin a 15 game schedule this Sunday night at the community centre. Games will be played at 7, 8.15 and 9.45 every Sunday night until February 18, with the exception of December 24 Christmas Eve and December 31, New Year's Eve. Only the top four teams in the final standings will make the playoffs. A list of team rosters and a schedule follow:

HELLER'S—Captain — Dave Ryder, Ed Hillier, Bill Cook, Ron Schmidt, Lorne Peavoy, Ron Heller, Wayne Beford, Charlie Harrison, Woody Fabian, Rob Townsend, Ray Hubbard, Jim Plehl.
TEAM "A"—Captain — Dave Papiilon, John Goy, Cyril Rees, Jim McDonald, Jim Kavanaugh, Les King, Butch Rees, Bob Fitzpatrick, Gord Allen, Jack MacKenzie, Larry McAfee, Roy Smith.
TEAM "B"—Captain — John Kavanaugh, Dave Sproston, Denis Gibbons, Gus Holmes, Cecil Stuckless, Kevin King, Jeff Goy, Eric Stone, Russ Marales, Jack Fignatelli, Brian Wilkinson, Derek Bell.

Acton Industrial Hockey League 1972-73 Schedule
Oct. 28 7:00 p.m. — Nielsen's vs. Heller's
8:15 — Lakeview vs. Team "A"
9:45 — Team "B" vs. Blow Press

Nov. 25 7:00 — Nielsen's vs. Team "A"
8:15 — Heller's vs. Team "B"
9:45 — Lakeview vs. Blow Press
Nov. 12 7:00 — Nielsen's vs. Lakeview
8:15 — Heller's vs. Blow Press
9:45 — Team "A" vs. Team "B"
Nov. 19 7:00 — Nielsen's vs. Team "B"
8:15 — Heller's vs. Lakeview
9:45 — Team "A" vs. Blow Press
Nov. 26 7:00 — Nielsen's vs. Blow Press
8:15 — Heller's vs. Team "A"
9:45 — Lakeview vs. Team "B"

Dec. 3 7:00 — Lakeview vs. Team "A"
8:15 — Team "B" vs. Blow Press
9:45 — Nielsen's vs. Heller's
Dec. 10 7:00 — Heller's vs. Team "B"
8:15 — Lakeview vs. Blow Press
9:45 — Nielsen's vs. Team "A"
Dec. 27 7:00 — Heller's vs. Blow Press
8:15 — Team "A" vs. Team "B"
9:45 — Nielsen's vs. Lakeview
Jan. 7 7:00 — Heller's vs. Lakeview
8:15 — Team "A" vs. Blow Press
9:45 — Team "B" vs. Nielsen's
Jan. 14 7:00 — Heller's vs. Team "A"
8:15 — Lakeview vs. Team "B"
9:45 — Nielsen's vs. Blow Press
Jan. 21 7:00 — Team "B" vs. Blow Press
8:15 — Nielsen's vs. Heller's
9:45 — Lakeview vs. Team "A"

Jan. 28 7:00 — Lakeview vs. Blow Press
8:15 — Nielsen's vs. Team "A"
9:45 — Heller's vs. Team "B"
Feb. 4 7:00 — Team "A" vs. Team "B"
8:15 — Lakeview vs. Lakeview
9:45 — Heller's vs. Blow Press
Feb. 11 7:00 — Team "A" vs. Blow Press
8:15 — Nielsen's vs. Team "B"
9:45 — Heller's vs. Lakeview
Feb. 18 7:00 — Lakeview vs. Team "B"
8:15 — Nielsen's vs. Blow Press
9:45 — Heller's vs. Team "A"

All games will start at the exact time scheduled. Any teams starting late will forfeit the wasted time. Only four teams will enter the playoffs.

Parents join kids at school

Parents are getting a first-hand look at school days this week at the M.Z. Bennett school. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon they're invited to come to the school and sit in on classes, seeing exactly how a normal classroom works these days. They will also be able to remain to discuss the program with the staff.

NOTICE
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Sun. Oct. 29th
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