

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



The South Central O.H.A. Junior "D" Hockey League opened its second season last night (Tuesday) with the two new entries Stayner and Grand Valley squaring off in Stayner.

At the risk of being called a "bloomin' idiot" again (I was dubbed that by many during the Canada-Soviet Union series), I've attempted to predict the final standings in this year's league, basing my prediction on excellent information I've received from representatives of seven of the teams for which I am most grateful.

Unfortunately, I have been unable to contact anyone in Grand Valley and must apologize for not starting my telephone poll sooner. However, the presses must roll and here I go crawling out on the proverbial "limb".

BRADFORD — Youngest team in the league last season, Vasey's lost only two players, goalie Ken Wyatt to Newmarket (Jr. "B") and Jim Masin, a 14 goal scorer to Aurora (Jr. "A"). In their place they've picked up goalie John Muzelaar and winger John Walker two proven Jr. "B" players. Tom Coffey (27 goals), Andy Furnals (29) and Les Kovacs (29) return along with a solid defence brigade, headed by rugged Don Stevens and Larry Maurino, a small but very effective two way player. Vasey's had to win their final six league games to make the playoffs last year. This year they should be a definite contender for first place. Bradford defeated Schomberg twice in exhibition games 4-3 and 5-1.

STAYNER — One of two new South Central league entries, the Siskins are already causing opposing coaches concern by merely releasing their pre-season roster. Siskins appear to be a first class junior club right from their coach Father Bill Scanlon, who still plays hockey with the famous "Flying Fathers" team of priests which makes appearances all across the province, down to goaltender Murray Lowe, who spent part of last season with Collingwood Blues (Jr. "B"). Throw in Greg Conn and Don Parker, who both have experience with the Owen Sound Greys (Jr. "B") and Terry Gowan, Alliston Hornets' second high scorer last season and you could have a dangerous offensive unit. Four graduates of the OMHA Midget "E" semi-finalist Creemore team and recruits from Stayner midgets are also looking strong in practice. Providing they don't underestimate the calibre of the league they're joining, Siskins almost certainly will be in the race for the pennant.

FERGUS — In spite of the graduation of 11 players from last year's group championship team, the "Green Machine" is ready to take another run at first place. Major reasons are the return of Randy and Sandy, the "Flying" Flemings, who bagged 34 and 37 goals respectively, defenceman Merv Griffin and goalie Tom Broderick who were the class of the league at their positions last year. Terry Bolger, a 27 goal scorer, Steve Schwint, a shifty centre and hard-working Dick Slater should also be top players. Promising newcomers include John Cunningham, a huge defenceman from Erin, Arthur juvenile Jim Woods and Gary Hawkins and Gary Kurtz and Rick London, a pair of Fergus midgets, who were high scorers in the Waterloo-Wellington league. Coach Paul Cook, however will sorely miss centre Kim Biernes (2nd in the league scoring race to Ray Evans) and Don Redman, Bruce Bolger and Mark Snider three big rearguards. Still the "Green Machine" will have plenty of speed and should finish no worse than third.

ACTON — Sabres have lost 39 per cent of last season's goals with the graduation of captain Ray Evans (34), the league scoring champ and Bill Field (35), who finished sixth in the scoring race. Also gone are regular goalies Craig Weldon and Nelson Barber, leaving co-coaches Bill Dawkins and John Goy Jr. to choose from juveniles Rick Bonnette, Ted Hagan and Steve Webster, unless an outside netminder can be recruited. All is not lost for the local club, however, as four of five defencemen return, including two of the circuit's best Ted Harmer and Randy Weldon, Brad Timbers and Brian Davey. Up front, Sabre fans can look to the line of Dale Fisher, Gary Turkosz and Pete Morrison for a big year. They bagged a total of 59 goals as rookies. Although his linemates, Evans and Field have graduated, George McPhail is still one of the league's best playmakers and should work well with any linemates. He had 34 assists last season. John Snow, a high scorer with Georgetown juveniles of the tough Tri-County league and 16 year old midget Bill McGilloway are newcomers and hard-working John Sheppard should improve after a year's junior experience. Sabres have the nucleus of a contender, but will need more player help, if they hope to finish higher than fourth.

SHELBURNE — There's only one way for the Bluebirds to go, after a disastrous 0-29 inaugural season. What may surprise a lot of fans is how quickly they climb. New coach Alan Roach has reason to be confident, after obtaining the releases of three players who played juvenile in Honeywood last year and picking up two more Durham juvenile grads. Holdovers who proved themselves in junior competition, in spite of a losing season include Delbert Scace (14 goals), Don Berry (15) and defenceman Dave Taggart. Goalie Ken Hume kicked out an average of 51 shots per game last year, earning the respect of every opponent in the league in the process. This year with four goalies in camp, including midget Murray White, officials feel he may have trouble making the team. Myles McCauley an outstanding midget prospect has been picked up by Collingwood (Jr. "B"), but Bluebirds have also added a rugged defenceman in Jim Jacklin. The financial support of the local Kinsmen Club, which has kicked in \$3000 can also be considered an omen of Bluebird success. Last year's "Bluebird" may well turn into the "Bluebird of happiness" with a playoff spot, probably fifth place.

SCHOMBERG — Even the most ardent Cougar supporters admit they aren't expecting miracles this year, after eight players from last year's squad went overage and three others joined higher category teams. Key vacancies are goal, where Turben Fredericksen was second in the league only to Tom Broderick of Fergus last year and up front, where the Cougars must go without Bruce O'Brien (45 points), Chet Couse (44), Bobby Roots and Frank Foran. What's worse, three of the best returnees, defencemen Boris Kaminsky and forwards Brent Webb and Paul Bedard have injuries that will keep them out of the lineup for periods of time ranging from two weeks up to two months. On the bright side, Cougars will have the use of six overage players from last year's Schomberg OMHA Midget "D" championship squad, plus two fine prospects from Nobleton, Don Armstrong and goalie Warren Sheardown. The young players are bound to be quick and may be enough to put Schomberg in the playoffs. Cougars could grab the final playoff spot.



THE ACTON RAMS Junior Lacrosse Club's president John McNabb handed over the hardware to Mike Marcoux for being the team's most valuable player for the 1972 season. (Photo by J. Jennings)



CRAIG WELDON, the most improved player on the Rams roster was presented his trophy at the club stag Friday night, by Del Cook, treasurer of the club. (Photo by J. Jennings)

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ALLISTON — Hornets face their season opener Sunday with just three practices under their belts, as a result of an ice machinery failure in the Alliston arena. Four players, classy defencemen Pat O'Leary, rough tough Jack Barber, wingers Paul Robinson (21 goals) and Mike McKay (17) are gone from last year's second place squad. A plus factor in the Hornet cause will likely be the return to action of goalie John Doane. Doane missed almost the entire season, after being injured in an auto accident and his absence, some speculated, cost Alliston first place. Backup goalie Paul Guchard is also back. Lanky Jim Lusk, a 12 goal scorer in 27 games heads the list of returning forwards. Although their goalkeeping should be strong, Hornets may not have enough firepower left to make the playoffs. One of their big guns Terry Gowan has joined the new Stayner club. Alliston should beat out Grand Valley for last place and may battle Schomberg for the final playoff spot.

GRAND VALLEY — The league's second new entry opened its schedule in Stayner last night (Tuesday), in spite of the fact only 10 players showed up for a practice Friday night. Little is known about the Grand Valley club, except that it is not expected to have many players with previous junior experience. Some coaches have even expressed the opinion the team may not last the season. That may be presumption and if the Grand Valley club possesses the desire last year's Shelburne entry showed, they'll definitely be around for the whole season and hope to put experience gained to good use the following year. But for now we can see nothing better than the league cellar for Grand Valley.

GIBBER'S GAMBLE

1. Bradford
2. Stayner
3. Fergus
4. Acton
5. Shelburne
6. Schomberg
7. Alliston
8. Grand Valley

W-W schedule opens next week

Acton's five OMHA minor hockey teams open their Waterloo-Wellington group schedules next week.

All teams have been working hard in practice and coaches are optimistic about the upcoming season, Acton's second in the W-W league.

CFAW midgets will be the first Acton team to see league action, when they travel to Kitchener, Monday November 6.

Firefighter bantams open at home against Fergus the next night, while Lions juveniles are opening up in Elmira. Y's Men's peewees take on Fergus in their lid-lifter here, Wednesday, November 8, following an exhibition game here against Erin tonight (Wednesday).

A-B novices will open defence of their Waterloo-Wellington league championship in Kitchener, Friday, November 10.

With a few exceptions, novices, peewees and bantams will be at home for a tripleheader on Saturday afternoons, while midgets and juveniles will play back to back games Tuesday nights.

Orangeville Raceway

- SUNDAY—Post Time 8 P.M.**
- FIRST RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 7 PERFECT TIME—M. Schaeffer
 2 EASTWOOD CIRCO—L. Moore
 1 MICHAEL KIRK—C. Lawson
 2 Edouard—D. Hepburn
 3 Verno Lee—J. Reilly
 4 Las Time—D. Wain
 5 Michael Wu—C. McKnight
 8 Northwood Gabe—G. Bond
 AE—Senator Mir—R. Warner
- SECOND RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 4 FIREY HANOVER—C. Lawson
 4 MISS JAMES MAC—J. McCulloch
 2 FISHING LADY—J. Hughes
 1 El Jay—W. Urquhart
 3 Space Mission—D. Wall
 3 Frisco Clem—T. Cowan
 7 Guy—R. Armstrong
 4 Lady Florence—L. Wilson
 AE—Mikler Star—L. Fisher
- THIRD RACE—1 mile trot—\$250**
 7 TOUGH STUFF—W. Oke
 8 BAR DAY—N. Cochrane
 4 SPEDIER SPENCER—R. Bovaired
 1 Cautious George—C. Lawson
 2 Lassie's Boy—H. McLean
 3 Special G.—W. Coke
 3 Glenmount Mini—W. Stead
 6 Jimmy Van—G. Moir
- FOURTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$400**
 4 COUNTRIDGE—B. Carroll
 1 MICHAEL BOY—W. Maxwell
 2 PARK TOWERS—A. Avery
 1 Lord Hunter—H. Young
 3 Senga Hal—M. Schaeffer
 6 Miss Choir Girl—C. Lawson
 7 Mr. W. C.—G. Wain
 8 Plus—T. Arntani
 AE—Printer's Ink—W. Troy
- FIFTH RACE—1 mile trot—\$300**
 3 KIMBO—W. Troy
 8 ROYAL PROTECTOR—N. Cochrane
 7 MARCH FLEMINGTON—B. Davies
 1 Brownie Kirk—W. Urquhart
 2 Dewliner—M. Pollard
 4 Feather Mir—W. Coke
 5 Frosty Linda—L. Smith
- SIXTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$400**
 2 GREAT PRETENDER—W. Hicks
 5 JEANNE CAPER—L. Wilson
 1 FROSTY CHECK—R. Hutton
 3 Sandy Que—L. Wagner
 4 Glenough—J. Pollard
 8 Hazel Creed—L. Bain
 7 Mike Trump—R. Lackey
 8 Bird's Cooke—T. Hughes
 AE—Little Chief—L. Fuller
- SEVENTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500**
 6 DAN'L DUE—J. Wray
 7 MARY BYNG—J. Cochrane
 4 MR. GOLDFIGURE—H. McLean
 1 Cal's Val—J. Thompson
 2 Baron Angus—R. Herrington
 3 Abigail Herbert—D. Given
 5 Truebrooke Rob—J. Brown
 8 Conroy Angus—J. Pollard
- EIGHTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$300**
 4 CASH DOMINION—C. Lawson
 8 MIGHTY FLEET—G. Galbraith
 5 WHEN'S PRIDE—B. Davies
 1 Crystal Bill—W. Stead
 2 Styretta Wick—W. Hicks
 3 Governorette—M. Schaeffer
 6 Colonial Boy—H. McLean
 7 Scott Meadow—E. Spurr
- NINTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$200**
 2 SUSIE ADIOS—B. Davies
 1 SHADY HILL SL—W. Troy
 4 JOE DALE LINE—E. Tuimstra
 3 Mike's Dominion—C. Lawson
 5 Carol Labell—S. Dubord
 6 Ron Parker—J. Thompson
- TENTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500**
 4 P. M. EAGLE—C. Archdekin
 1 SALLY GALBRAITH—G. Galbraith
 7 MORAL ROYAL—B. Davies
 2 Hugh's Pat—W. Oke
 3 Mudlily—G. Wain
 5 Bae State Jan—C. Lawson
 8 Oniokeet—W. Troy
 8 Steady Treppe—G. Quinlan
 SE—Charley's Papeos—H. Varcoe
- THURSDAY POST TIME 8 P.M.**
- FIRST RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 2 MAPLE TIME—W. Troy
 6 DEMON COUNTLESS—G. Zirnig
 1 KEITIS ATTORNEY—G. Crowe
 3 Sharky the Great—M. Brooks
 4 Ina Mite—D. Jewitt
 3 Geneva Gold—G. Mahon
 7 Jersey Dell—R. Gallant
 8 Happiness—E. Tuimstra
 AE Skaal June—E. Butler
- SECOND RACE—1 mile trot—\$250**
 3 LOY NIB—W. Carroll
 7 VAHANT GUY—D. Baxter
 8 HY TENSION JAMES—C. Lawson
 1 Sax Hanover—F. Rodwell
 2 Holaro Tag—E. Tuimstra
 4 Ulice Azam—J. Pollard
 3 Famous Earl—W. Troy
 6 Champlain Girl—T. MacKenzie
 AE Mr. Great—J. Lloyd
- THIRD RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 3 SWIFT HAND—D. Atchison
 8 RYDWIN—W. Troy
 7 BARN HOSS—A. Avery
 1 Lincoln Lavel Ben—N. Tropea
 2 Andy G.—A. Nicholls
 4 Donalds Chip—J. Moore
 5 Fleet Gallon—G. Wain
 6 Shering Bumber—J. C. Letter
 AE Worby Flemington—R. Given
- FOURTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 4 CAPTAIN BUD—C. Lawson
 6 SOKY'S POGCH—W. Carroll
 1 SCOTT CARROTTERS—W. Troy
 2 Muddy—W. Clement
 3 Hoaring Rickey—J. Brown
 5 Graham's Express—R. Lackey
 7 Dresden Prince—K. Nicholson
 8 Select Freight—A. Hoffman
 AE Mark Ten—K. Ellis
- FIFTH RACE—1 mile trot—\$400**
 1 NAT FROST—D. Heath
 3 MISS PROFIT—J. Wray
 7 ECHO TAG—B. Cummings
 2 Chancellor Atom—G. Galbraith
 4 Ash Song—F. Gillian
 5 Sherry's Gal—D. Meyers
 6 Wilbrook Frost—H. Young
 8 Saxon King—R. Gudman
 AE Cautious George—C. Lawson
- SIXTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 3 CLAYBROOK NOVA—D. Atchison
 1 ERIN DALE—C. Lawson
 6 BOSWORTH—C. Lawson
 2 Capetown Joe—R. Gallant
 4 Nishinobi Chief—W. Troy
 5 Penny Mar—W. Purdy
 7 Pearl Attorney—R. Geisel
 8 Mighty's Pride—J. Voltelt
 AE Lady Check—R. Hutton
- SEVENTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$250**
 6 JOSIE HETA—C. Lawson
 1 HARRIMAN'S ACE—L. Brown
 8 UP ALL DAY—L. Goodale
 2 Dolly Duffy—D. Devine
 3 Tourette—G. Mahon
 4 Bessie Hal—
 5 Mr. Cam—H. Weston
 7 Red Grain—T. MacKenzie
 AE Zackly Time—W. Troy
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