Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons

Many arguments can be advanced in support of the selection of Howard Dwyer and Alan Hall as first recipients of the Charlie Thomson Memorial Plaque. But if there's anything that made their recreation contribution to the town of Acton outstanding, it has to be the consideration that they started with nothing and in the space of four short years created the town's most popular summer sports attraction.

The progress of other local organizations, although every bit as important seems small in comparison, when you look back to the summer of '67 when the only place young boxla players had to try out their shots was the brick wall at the north end of the high school and the Acton arena was attracting only a few stray mosquitoes on Monday nights.

By 1971 there was a Bobby Turkosz and a Mike Marcoux. Instead of pounding the north wall of the high school, they were filling lacrosse nets with goals and putting Acton back in the provincial sports limelight as O.L.A. Junior "C" champions. And the mosquitoes no longer had any fear of losing their way. They couldn't get into the arena for people, when the Rams tangled with Brockville in the championship series.

There were many obstacles to hurdle in between, most of which would have caused men with even an ounce less love for the game to say "What's the use?".

Lack of financial backing sports organizations are used to starting the season with necessitated an annual blitz of merchants and businesses, one which was carried out largely on the soles of Howard's and Alan's shoes. There was equipment to buy, floor time to be rented, promotion to be arranged, players to be transported. Then there was the frustration of trying to sort out instructions from the O.L.A. which sometimes changed two and three times a week and that of counting the empty seats on the players' bus when the team travelled out of town to play powerful Junior "B" opponents like Niagara.

It's all history now and the Rams are here to stay. Howard and Alan have made sure of that too by laying the foundation for a promising minor lacrosse program, which flourished this summer under the generous sponsorship of the Acton Rotary Club.

But without Howard Dwyer and Alan Hall there probably would be no Rams, let alone a provincial championship. "West of Georgetown" and "near Guelph" would have increased in popularity as expressions to describe the location of a town that deserves better, a group of teenage boys might have turned their pounding from the high school wall to more sensitive targets and it's certain 500 people would be sitting around wondering what to do on a summer Monday night.

In W-W league

Peewees post even record

Acton Y's Men's peewees have an even .500 record after the first three games of their Waterloo-Wellington league schedule.

Y's Men blew a 3-0 lead and had to settle for a 3-3 tie in the league opener with Fergus here last Wednesday night, but edged the same club 4-3 in Fergus Saturday. Monday night the locals travelled to Elora and came out on the short end of a 5-2 score.

A first period goal by Dave McGilloway and second period markers by Scott Malcolm and Randy McIntyre gave Acton a 3-0 3-0 lead in Wednesday's game. Wolfe, Gear and Eastin scored for Fergus in the third period.

Strong goaltending by Mike Mitchell and Gary Medland was an important factor in Saturday's victory. Scott Malcolm netted his second goal of the game on a power play with five minutes left to play, breaking a 3-3 tie.

Dave McGilloway and Jeff Shields were the other Acton marksmen. McGilloway earned two assists and Malcolm, Shields and McIntyre picked up one each.

"We were outlucked," was all coach Barry Inscoe could say about the loss to Elora.

Y's Men had the puck in the Elora end of the rink for most of the game, but came up with only two goals, both on blistering shots from the point by Shane Withers.

Coach Inscoe is confident his squad can reverse the verdict when Elora plays here.

Stayner Siskins here Sunday

Father Bill Scanlon brings his Stayner Siskins to town to meet Acton Sabres for the first time Sunday afternoon at 1.30.

ALLISTON goalie Elliott smothers a loose puck, as Sabre winger Pete Morrison comes from behind the Hornet cage during Sunday afternoon's game. Waiting in front for a possible shot is Gary Turkosz. (H. Coles Photo)

Alliston wins 5-1

Sabres trapped in Hornets' nest

Alliston Hornets moved into a *first place tie with Bradford in* the South Central Junior 'D' hockey league when they stung Acton Sabres 5-1 at the community centre Sunday afternoon.

A last minute replacement for *the Grand Valley club*, which folded last, Hornets took charge of the game with two first period goals and continued to outplay Sabres for all but the early part of the second period.

Following first period Hornet *tallies by Prentice and Cowan*, Gary Turkosz netted the lone Acton goal on a pass from Pete Morrison at the two minute mark of the second frame.

Apply pressure

Sabres applied the pressure for four minutes and missed two excellent scoring opportunities, before Alliston broke out and increased their lead to 3-1 on a goal by Pursianen.

MacIsaac, a recruit from Camp Borden juveniles made it 4-1 before the period ended and Owens added the fifth Hornet goal in the third period.

Rugged rookie defenceman Bert Osborne and DePlancke of Alliston traded punches in front of the Acton net in the first period. Both received fighting majors.

Goalie victim

Sabre goalie Ted Hagan was victimized on two of the Alliston goals by sloppy clearing by the defence. The absence of captain Ted Harmer from the lineup weakened Acton defensively.

Number "3" unlucky for Firefighter bants

Acton Firefighter bantams are only three goals away from three points, yet after their first three Waterloo-Wellington league games all they have to show in the points column is a goose egg.

Firefighters dropped their first two games to Fergus by the same 4-3 score, then were edged 3-2 in a rugged contest in Elora Monday night.

In spite of the losses, Steve Buchanan has been enjoying a fine season start. He's collected four goals and one assist in the first three games.

Two of Steve's goals came in last Tuesday night's loss to Fergus. B.J. Legate scored the other goal and Joe Gardin assisted on all three goals.

Buchanan, Fred Allen and John McCutcheon scored for Acton in Saturday's game in Fergus. Legate had two assists and Gardin and Joe Kentner notched one apiece.

Goal getters in the Elora game were Buchanan and Gord Toth. Assists went to Legate, Gardin and Jamie Vickery.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, C. Bradley, S. Goy, J. Turkosz, E. Parker and D. Gibb.

Flemings fill Sabre cage

The Fleming brothers supplied the entire Fergus offensive punch, as the "Green Machine" whipped Acton Sabres 8-2 in the second game of the South Central Junior "D" league schedule in Fergus Thursday night.

Sabres had limited the twins to a single goal in a 6-6 tie in Acton the previous Sunday, but there was no stopping the speedsters in the return game. Sandy fired five goals, Randy two and a third brother Jim, making his first start netted a single goal.

Gary Turkosz tallied both Acton goals, the first coming at the 36 second mark of the first period.

Regulars Randy Weldon, John Snow, Graham Fraser and John Sheppard missed the game and the Sabre roster was further depleted when Ted Harmer had two teeth knocked out in the first period and Pete Morrison twisted his knee in the second. Newcomers Ray Peacock and Bert Osborne of Georgetown and juvenile Gary Fisher made their first appearance in Sabre livery.

Ted Hagan gave up the first five Sabre goals and Rick Bonnette was beaten three times in the final frame. In spite of the score, Fergus outshot Acton only 42-40.

Including last season, Sabres have now lost all four games on Fergus ice and have been outscored 35-16.

In early games

With only three players back from last year's Waterloo-Wellington league championship squad, Acton A-B novices are finding the going a little rough in early season games.

Still, A-B's managed to edge Fergus, one of the teams that gave them a lot of trouble, 3-2 in their first home game Saturday afternoon. Kitchener blanked the locals 5-0 Friday night and Elora claimed a 6-1 victory in Elora Monday night.

Todd McIntyre cashed in a pass from David Brown with just 34 seconds left in the game to give Acton its win over Fergus. Brown and Ronnie Jackson had scored earlier with McIntyre and Gordie McArthur picking up assists.

Bowling leagues resume

By Ken Hulford

Well my friendlies, the strain and stress of getting the bowling lanes going after the fire has pushed our bowling scribbling into the background but everything is gradually getting back to normal and next week should see us back on the reporting scene. O ur thanks to all the league executives who have diligently worked to get and hold their leagues in line and finally got the show on the road.

Space and time does not permit me to thank each and every person concerned with getting the place back in shape but to all of you, thanks a million.

At this time we welcome to the ranks of bowling reporting, Miss Jennifer Krupek, who will be covering the bowling of the Youth Bowling Council. If enthusiasm counts for anything, Jennifer will do a good job. That winds it up for now, so adios amigos and goodnite Concord City.

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