

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



When the OMHA elevated Fergus and Elmira to its "A" series two years ago, some minor hockey coaches could hardly contain themselves, as they waited to get a crack at New Hamburg teams, rumored to be "patzies".

Well the "patzies" turned out to be just the opposite and in the past two years the 'burg has swept seven of 10 playoff series from Acton.

The friendly rivalry opens for Act 3 at the community centre Saturday afternoon, when the New Hamburg novice, pee wee and midget teams play here.

Next year Acton teams move up to the "A" series themselves. A fond farewell to New Hamburg would be a clean sweep of the five playoff series by Acton.

In spite of the fact they're arch-rivals on the ice, seldom have two towns negotiated on a friendlier basis and that has to be more important than a bucketful of victories.

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A love affair may also be brewing between the minor hockey associations in Ridgeway and Acton.

Murray Scoyne and his gang of faithfuls in the RMHA rolled out the red carpet for the Acton novice, pee wee and bantam teams on the weekend.

The Ridgeway lads are expected to return the visit in March and some coaches are talking about an annual home and home series.

Arena manager Harold Townsley wants to know more about how a town of 2,800 raised \$11,000 in a skate-a-thon, then put a brand new addition on the front of its arena.

"And when I suggested skate-a-thon at a parks board meeting everybody went to sleep," says Harold.

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Why is the calibre of Junior "A" hockey not what it was a decade ago? A check of U.S. college team rosters would tell you one good reason.

Loaded with Canadian players on hockey scholarships, schools like Cornell and Boston University are now becoming prime grooming grounds for pro-hockey hopefuls.

University of Toronto Blues, considered by many to be the best amateur hockey team in Canada recently absorbed an 8-2 shellacking on a visit to Cornell.

Sounds impressive until you discover that Boston University whipped Cornell 9-0 on its first visit.

How do these facts rate space on the sports pages of a small town weekly?

The Fergus "Green Machine", classiest team (Bradford fans will argue) in our own South Central Junior "D" league, squared off against the Cornell U. freshman team on the weekend. Final score 15-2, Fergus on the short end.

All of which proves nothing, except that perhaps TV sponsors might consider favoring us with the replay of an NCAA game some Tuesday night the Hamilton Red Wings are playing Sault Ste. Marie.

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Angelo Mosca will head the list of celebrities at the Acton Centennial Commission's second sportsmen's dinner Monday, February 28. Proceeds again will go into the Centennial fund.

The pity of last year's dinner was that too many skeptics wrote it off as a failure before it got off the ground.

As any of the lucky faithful who took it in will tell you, stars like Garney Henley, Greg Barton and Bill Danychuck not only showed up, but also made themselves available for questions and autographs as long as they were asked.

Jack Carpenter and his Commission worked hard to arrange the event, one which deserves more support this time around.

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Legion Minor Hockey sharpshooters suffered through a lean Saturday last week, as five shutouts were posted by alert goalies. Handing out the goose-eggs were Robert Dawe - St. Thomas atoms, Paul Morrison - Weston atoms, Dave Anderson - London novices, Craig Tatton - St. Kitt's novices, and Paul Bowen - Springfield pee wees.

Neighbors star

Acton Lions juveniles' red-hot MLM line of Jim McNabb, Harry Lawson and Dan McGilloway first learned to pass the puck on the icy surfaces of Brock St. and Cobblehill Rd.

Last Tuesday night, the trio, who live less than a block away from each other proved that practice makes perfect, as they accounted for six Lion goals in a surprising 7-4 Acton win over Orangeville.

Lawson scored three goals and assisted on two others, McNabb counted two goals and an assist and McGilloway scored once and assisted five times.

Each lit the lamp in the second period to wipe out a 3-0 lead the visitors had built up. Following the fourth Orangeville goal early in the third period, defenceman Gary "Smoky" Fisher evened the count again with an unassisted goal and the MLM line iced the win with three more unanswered markers.

Fisher, a product of the Speyside area also had a fine scoring night, with a goal and three assists. Nassagaweya's contribution to the "groovy juvies" Bruce Cookley earned an assist as well.

Midget goalie Dave Allan played a steady game in the Lion cage subbing for regular Ted Hagan, who was working.

Lions dressed only eight players for the game, a situation

which provoked a comment from manager Carl Tumbers on his team's first win over Orangeville in two years.

"The eight players really worked hard. I think they got so dang tired, they were glad to pass the puck!" Carl said.



DAILY ROUTINE for five members of the Acton High track team includes speed running through the school halls and up stairways, weight training, special conditioning exercises and outdoor distance running. Roger McEachern and Frank Houston (left) approach one of the stairways during an after

classes lap through the school. Cliff Creasey works out with the weights and Scott Somerville takes the stairs three at a time (above). The four athletes along with Rick Near will represent the school in the high school division of the Maple Leaf Indoor games in Toronto Friday.

Five Acton High runners compete in MLG meet

Five hard-working members of the Acton High School track team will compete against some of Ontario's top athletes in the high school division of the Maple Leaf Indoor Games at Maple Leaf Gardens Friday.

Roger McEachern, Cliff Creasey, Rick Near and Scott Somerville will wear the Red and White AHS colors in the 4x800 metre relay and 16 year old Frank Houston is entered in the open 1 mile event.

Although all have had previous experience with the school's cross-country team, they've been training particularly hard, since the beginning of first semester in September.

Included in a weekly routine prepared by track coach Bruce Andrews are speed running in the school halls on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and weight training and outdoor distance runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All weekday workouts are done after classes end at 3.30.

Using the school halls for a track during blustery weather, the five run five repeat half miles on Monday, 24 quarters on Wednesday and a combination, which consists of one fast quarter and 10 fast 50 yard dashes on Friday.

Tuesdays and Thursday training begins with a five mile outdoor run through the streets of town and winds up with weightlifting in the school gym and a gruelling drill in which each scales a double set of stairs, jumping them three at a time with both feet. The exercise is repeated half a dozen times.

"They're going to be up against extremely tough competition and I'm certainly not expecting miracles", he says. "These guys have worked very hard since September and they deserve a chance to compete. They're young yet and they're going to do nothing but improve, once they get a taste of good competition".

The relay team hits the Gardens track at 4.30 Friday afternoon, while Houston's open mile event is scheduled to follow immediately at 4.45.

Subsequent meets at Lord Elgin high school in Burlington and in Toronto will provide further indoor competition for the AHS runners.

Tripleheader here Sat. kicks off OMHA playoffs

OMHA playoffs for four Acton Minor hockey teams begin this weekend, while the fifth, Lions juveniles open their playoffs, Thursday, February 8.

A-B novices, Y's Men's pee wees and CPWA midgets, all of whom finished ahead of their New Hamburg counterparts in the Waterloo-Wellington league standings will host the 'burg teams in a Saturday afternoon tripleheader at the community centre. First game goes at 2:25.

During the regular schedule the novice teams played even. Each team won a game and the third ended in a tie. Acton pee wees and midgets took two of

three games from the 'burg, while New Hamburg swept all three bantam games. The juvenile teams split four games evenly.

Acton and New Hamburg are meeting in all five age classifications for the third straight year. The burgers captured the pee wee, bantam and juvenile series in 1971 and won all but the bantam set last year. New Hamburg holds an 18-11 edge in playoff games over the two year period.

A complete list of playoff dates follows:

NOVICE (best of seven) Sat. Feb. 3 at Acton 2:25 Thurs. Feb. 8 at New Hamburg 7 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 10 at Acton 2:25 Thurs. Feb. 15 at New Hamburg 7 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 17 at Acton 2:25 Thurs. Feb. 22 at New Hamburg 7 p.m.

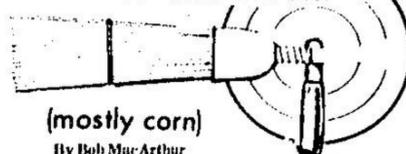
Sat. Feb. 24 at Acton 2:25 PEE WEE (best of five) Sat. Feb. 3 at Acton 2:30 Sun. Feb. 4 at New Hamburg 6 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 10 at Acton 3:30 Sun. Feb. 11 at New Hamburg 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 13 at Acton 7 p.m. Sun. Feb. 18 at New Hamburg 7 p.m.

MIDGET (best of five) Sat. Feb. 3 at Acton 4:35 Sun. Feb. 4 at New Hamburg 6 p.m. Tues. Feb. 6 at Acton 8:15 Sun. Feb. 11 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. Tues. Feb. 13 at Acton 8:15

JUVENILE (best of seven) Thurs. Feb. 8 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. Tues. Feb. 13 at Acton 9:20 Thurs. Feb. 15 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. Sun. Feb. 20 at Acton 9:20 Thurs. Feb. 22 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 27 at Acton 9:20 Thurs. Mar. 1 at New Hamburg 8 p.m.

Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)
By Bob MacArthur

Last week, the winners of the First Draw were declared. This week, the Second Draw gets under way.

Here are the winners of the First Draw:

Monday night winners—Adams Trophy for mixed curling—Ab Robinson, Dolores Jordan, vice, a spare on account of sickness and lead Ann Fish.

Tuesday night mixed—Molson Trophy—Skip Andrew McKenzie, vice Laura Lovell, second Bill Somerville and lead Barbara Britton.

Wednesday night men—Adams Trophy—Skip Mel Jordan, vice Charles Davidson, second Bob Lovell and lead Glen McKenzie.

Friday night mixed—Credit Union Trophy—Skip Andy Nolan vice Val Drinkwater, second Albert Loof, lead Brenda Watson.

Sunday afternoon was the windup for the district of the Rose Bowl playdowns. A team from Brampton won and will continue in the playdown hunt for the mixed curling supremacy of the country.

Winning team was skipped by L. Neden with D. Graham, L. Thompson and E. Thompson throwing the lead rocks.

The runner-up team was from the Dixie club. It was skipped by Joe Garowk, with C. Conn, A. Conn and S. Garowk at the front end of the rink.

The playdowns went the full quota, with the final game Sunday afternoon.

Teams took part from Dixie "A", Dixie "B", Brampton "A" and Brampton "B", Shellburne, Board of Trade, Milton and Acton.

Allan Ellery acted as umpire for the draw.

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ACTON Y-WEEK Feb. 3-10

Schedule SAT. FEB. 3

1 p.m. Y's men's Cross Country Snowmobile Race starts at Prospect Park. Entries 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Y'smen's Snowmobile Stomp - Bar and Buffet - Acton Band Hall - \$6.00 per couple - casual dress - featuring "Question Marx".

SUN. FEB. 4

1 p.m. Y'smen's Oval Track Snowmobile races - Fairy Lake - Entries 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 17 races to M.A.Z.R.A. rules - Trophies and prize money.

MON. FEB. 5 AND TUES. FEB. 6

8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Silent Film Festival at Y.M.C.A. Cartoons Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, Horror movies, Swashbucklers, etc.

WED. FEB. 7

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. OPEN house - Y.M.C.A. Craft, Fencing, gymnastic classes, come see - maybe you'll join!

THURS. FEB. 8

6:30 p.m. Wine and Steak dinner - Dominion Hotel 8:45 p.m. Annual General Meeting - Dominion Hotel

FRI. FEB. 9

7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Teen Dance at Y.M.C.A. Music by "Wood'n Nickle" band Admission 75 cents Refreshments Available

SAT. FEB. 10

10 a.m. - 3 P Girl's Club Open house and tea 2 p.m. Y's menette's Annual Book Sale - Y.M.C.A.

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