

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport
by Denis Gibbons



The myth that hard work and fun are incompatible ingredients of a sports program in this age of color TV sets and bulging waistlines is gradually being shot full of holes by the amazing Robert Little school Vikings basketball team, which will play for the championship of Halton County public schools at the O.S.D. gym in Milton tomorrow (Thursday) night.

The Robert Little cagers, who have been working towards this goal morning, noon and night since school started in September ended the reign of Georgetown Centennial as North Halton champs with a 21-20 victory last week, then upset Burlington Tecumseh 29-25 in the county semi-final in Milton Monday.

Never before in this writer's memory has a local team worked so hard, yet had so much fun doing it. The result is certainly a reflection on the coaching ability of John Kavanaugh, a pedagogue who has earned the total respect of students both on the basketball court and in the classroom.

"John has had those boys in that gym at 8 in the morning, noon hour and sometimes after school every day since November. This has taken a lot of the man's time and the staff and students are most grateful for what he has done for the school," says Robert Little principal Garnet "Pat" McKenzie.

The confidence the players have in their coach was evident Monday when they followed instructions to the letter to break up a full court press the Tecumseh team applied in the dying minutes. Instead of panicking, they calmly passed the ball around killing valuable seconds on the clock in the process.

The development of two players in particular, Matt Spehar and Brian Larsen is ample proof of John's ability to teach basketball fundamentals. There probably isn't a better public school basketball player in the county than Spehar who makes more amazing plays every time out, thriving on superior competition.

If you think beating a Burlington school was not such a great feat, relate the situation to the struggles Acton minor hockey teams experienced against triple "A" category teams like Burlington and Oakville. When was the last time an Acton hockey team took a series from the two giants to the south? As recently as never!

Would the ratio of available players be something like 2 to 1 in favor of senior schools like Tecumseh and Centennial?

"More like 4 to 1," claims Halton Board of Education trustee Tom Watson, who estimates the Burlington school's quantity of Grade 8 classes at nine. Robert Little has two Grade 8 classes.

It's hardly surprising that the Acton-Nassagaweya trustee has arranged for period scores of Thursday's game to be relayed to Burlington where he'll be attending a regular board meeting.

Win or lose the RL Vikings are bound to put forth an effort that will justify the pride Acton and North Halton has felt from their already impressive list of victories.

Fergus "Green Machine" manager Neil O'Sullivan was not surprised to hear Sabre president Kerwin McPhail suggest the local juniors might apply for entry to the Southern Counties league next season.

"After the hosting Acton took in this league this year, I wouldn't blame them," Neil told me Sunday.

According to Neil, a deadline of March 6 was originally set for the Series "D" semi-final between Bradford and Stayner. Although Bradford swept the set in straight games, ending it all on March 5, tentative date for the fifth game was March 7. All this after the Sabres were ordered to meet a deadline by playing on neutral ice or forfeit the series.

Neil also claims an agreement was reached by all teams at an early season meeting that adverse weather conditions would be accepted as a valid reason why teams should not travel on such nights, providing the information was relayed to the host club by the approximate time the travelling team would ordinarily set out.

Sabres say they followed this procedure Thursday, December 21, a horrible night by any climatic definition. Yet points for the game in Schomberg were awarded to the Cougars and Sabres were billed for game expenses.

If you camped on the corner of Mill and Main around the clock for the next couple of weeks, you'd probably be able to shake the hand of every professional hockey scout worth his salt in this neck of the woods.

While Acton minor teams are all on the sidelines, the midget teams in Milton, Georgetown and Guelph have all made it to the provincial semi-finals in their classifications.

It is rumored at least nine members of the classy Guelph team, which hadn't lost a game until they bumped into a strong Oshawa club in the semi-finals are already being considered for draft selections.

Commented Vern Gooding, manager of the unsuccessful Milton Flyers Jr. "B" club.

"I regret the lack of local talent that played with our club. There are a number of boys who showed up well in bantam and midget hockey and who could have been a lift to our club, but they chose not to play. I hope they haven't made a mistake and wish them every success."

Guelph and Oshawa are presently tied two games apiece in a best of five "AAA" semi-final. Georgetown will meet a team from the Windsor area, probably Riversdale in the "AA" semi-final, while Milton takes on either Kingston township or Bowmanville in the "A" semi-final.

Lions lose to Elmira

Elmira juveniles trounced Acton Lions 9-3 in the first game of a best of five Wellington league playoff series in Elmira Sunday night.

First period goals by Dan McGilloway and Jeff Cooper staked Lions to a 2-0 lead, but Elmira bounced back to take the lead.

Cooper scored his second goal of the game in the second period, before Elmira tallied six unanswered markers in the final 20 minutes.

Lions had only eight players dressed for the game.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were, J. Zajac, J. McDonald, E. Huxley, B. McIsaac and B. Reid.



Basher is back

NOT SINCE 1939 when Acton Tanners captured the O.H.A. Intermediate "B" championship has the force of the bruising bodychecks of "Basher" Ben Bayliss been felt in the Acton arena. "The Basher", who starred with the Tanner titlists caught another Tanner vet Kerwin McPhail zipping when he should have zagged at a Tanner Oldtimer workout Sunday night. Kerwin, who is equally adept with "the hip" repayed the favor later, as Tanner Oldtimers warmed up for their big game against the CPGA golf pros here, Friday, March 23.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

Novices bow in OMHA

Acton's last chance for an OMHA championship vanished Saturday afternoon, when Waterford novices blanked Acton A-Bs 3-0 in the deciding game of a best of three novice "B" zone 2 semi-final.

A-Bs, who had only 13 players dressed for the game produced an all out effort, but the size and experience advantage enjoyed by the Waterford club was too much for them to overcome.

Jeff Klael scored for Waterford after only eight seconds of play. Robert Hall made it 2-0 at 3:40 of the second period and Scott netted the final goal at 7:50 of the

final frame.

Falls chances
Todd Waldick in the Waterford nets was successful in felling any good Acton scoring chances.

Missing from the Acton lineup were hard-hitting defencemen Rob Renshaw, whose family moved to Arizona last month and Lee-John Bonnell.

Outstanding in defeat for Acton was defenceman Don Brouillard, who although he was one of the smallest players on the ice, didn't hesitate to throw his weight around to slow down attacking Waterford forwards.

Waterford advances
Waterford now enters the zone final against either Delhi or the champion of the Niagara district league, while A-Bs return to Waterloo-Wellington league playoffs, opening a best of five series in Orangeville tonight (Wednesday).

Acton will also play in the Brampton Lions tournament, tackling Streetsville in the tourney lid-lifter Saturday morning at 8 and again at 3 in the afternoon. Later in the month A-Bs will travel to Port Colborne to defend the championship they won at that town's tournament last year.

Peewees point from W-W final

Acton Y's Men's peewees need only a tie at home against Fergus tonight (Wednesday) to advance to the Waterloo-Wellington league finals against either Kitchener or Elmira.

Y's Men dumped Fergus 4-1 here last Wednesday night, then recorded a 7-3 victory in the third game on Fergus ice Saturday. The series opener ended in a 4-4 tie.

Wade Vickery, Charlie Kinal, Dave McGilloway and Jeff Shields handled the Acton scoring in last Wednesday's game. Vickery, Randy Van Fleet and Bert Post earned a pair of assists each. Single helpers went to McGilloway and Shane Withers.

Jeff Shields paced the Y's Men attack with two goals in Saturday's game. Scott Malcolm, Steve Van Der Eyken, Charlie Kinal, Bruce McPhail and Dave McGilloway added single goals. Shields also assisted on two goals, while Malcolm drew brackets on two markers and Van

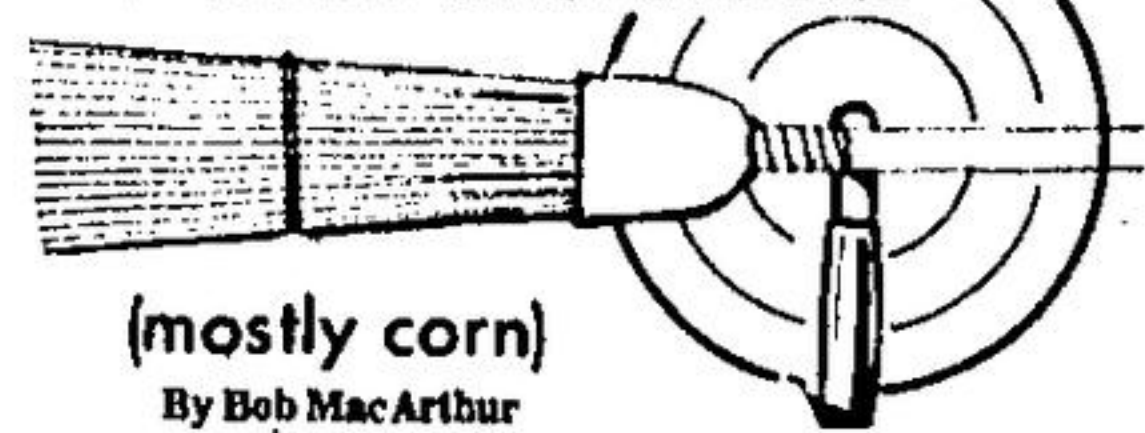
Der Eyken, Peter Musellus and Shane Withers each helped out on one goal.

Don Wilson, Paul Gear and Paul Wolfe were the Fergus marksmen.

Acton led 3-1 at the end of the first period and 4-1 at the end of

the second. New Hamburg and Erin have been eliminated from the league playoffs and two other peewee clubs, Orangeville and Elora are still involved in OMHA series and will not likely return to league play at this late stage.

Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur

Well, the Briar is over for another year. And of course, the West had the best team of the year again. Saskatchewan representative Harvey Mazinke's rink was the winner. They only dropped one game in the whole week of curling. That victor was the Prince Edward Island team skipped by Bobby Dillon. It is on to the Silver Broom and world honors next week. The Silver Broom will be played in Regina, the home town of the Canadian representative. Good luck.

Saturday, one of the popular bonspiels returned to the local club. It is the Northern Stag bonspiel and is sparked by a director of the club and a boss at the Northern Stag company of Rockwood. Sixteen teams took part in the split. They came from Vancouver, Winnipeg in the west and Montreal in the east. Eight teams took home major prizes, but none of the curlers went home empty handed.

The top team in the three game, two draw event was the team skipped by John King of Canadian Tire of Toronto. They earned 63 1/2 points. Second high team was skipped by Bob Shortt of Graycombe Associates of Winnipeg and Vancouver. Third went to the team of Jim Alexander of Atcook, Laight and Westwood, of Toronto. The fourth winner was the team skipped by John Patterson of Stedman's of Toronto.

Fifth prize was taken by the team of Ralph Bueler, C.I.L. Toronto. Sixth was the organizer of the bonspiel, Bob Armstrong. Seventh went to Lorne Overbaugh, Woolco, Toronto and the eighth team was Don Hatfield, Graycombe Associates, Toronto. A special prize for the low team went to the Zellers team skipped by George Mills of Toronto.

The best dressed team was judged to be the Lorne Overbaugh team from Woolco of Toronto. The ladies supplied the meals for this bonspiel and Chester Anderson was draw master.

Orangeville Raceway

First race—\$350—1 mile pace
1 LADY REFRESHED—C. Lawson
2 RUSTY McBRIEN—B. Fritz
3 TRITON—A. M. Schaefer
4 Sully's Sparky—R. Stewart
5 Green Magic—R. Kilby
6 Kapak—W. Cass
7 Jet Command—B. Boland
8 Armbro Legend—B. Clement
AE—Emma Dillon—L. Virag

Second race—\$350—1 mile trot
1 ARMBRO LOW—R. Lipsett
2 MAC RAY—C. Lockhart
3 OLD PAINT—T. Strauss
4 Blazing Jet—R. Kilby
5 Jimmy Van—G. Moir
6 Sherry's Gal—D. Myer
7 Johnny Van—G. Crowe
8 Champagne Girl—T. McKenzie
AE—Anko Brick—C. Lawson

Third race—\$500—1 mile pace
1 DELORES WICK—W. Goke
2 LITTLE JOE JAN—C. Lawson
3 JAVELIN—O. Annerud
4 Miss James Mac—J. McCulloch
5 Schomberg—R. Myer
6 Saw Mills Roy—H. Kennedy
7 Follow Flight—B. Quinlan
8 Noted Chief—R. Hill
AE—Roman Gabriel—M. Corbett

Fourth race—\$400—1 mile pace
1 DAVID HUDSON—R. Curran
2 SCOTTY BROWN BOY—T. McVie
3 BAE STATE JAN—C. Lawson
4 Sabotage—H. Weston
5 Johnny Pull—B. Dupe
6 Bay Magic—E. Nicholson
7 Stormy Gale—G. Wain
8 Joe Stadt—T. Artandl
AE—Cross Current—T. Keating

Fifth race—\$500—1 mile pace
1 DOROTHEA WICK—T. Strauss
2 WEE CHELLE—C. Lockhart
3 BRENDALE—R. Hill
4 Dolly Clay—J. Macintosh
5 Brant Township—B. Fritz
6 Miss Dorothy Hal—D. Hahn
7 Renee Rick—R. Irwin

Sixth race—\$250—1 mile pace
1 YEOGMAN—W. Troy
2 TIPSIE LOBELLE—R. Curran
3 AVON JOHN—J. Ray
4 Direct Try—B. Stewart
5 Night Reward—R. McLean
6 Belle Lou—R. Hill
7 Up All Day—R. Cushman
8 Silver's Duke—D. Robertson
AE—Harriman's Ace—L. Braun

Seventh race—\$650—1 mile trot
1 VALOR DEAN—R. Curran
2 PRINCE DEMON—C. Lockhart
3 CHESTER HARM ACE—L. Braun
4 Cleber Lord—W. Troy
5 Belmont Harry—A. Bastarache
6 Jumbo—H. Purdy
7 Kimberly Blue—R. Moffatt
8 Dam Jim—N. Bain

Eighth race—\$650—1 mile pace
1 SIR MARVIN—C. Lockhart
2 MIGHTY FLEET—P. Purvis
3 MARCH WAY—R. Curran
4 J. B. Direct—W. Goke
5 Harper—C. Lawson
6 Cal's Pal—J. Thompson
7 L. M. Valley—H. Kennedy

Ninth race—\$2,000—1 mile pace
1 NOLA'S GIRL—T. Strauss
2 POPULAR BRAD—B. Fritz
3 TOM'S DOMINION—W. Troy
4 Shar's Jade—B. Moore
5 Honest Waverly—R. McLean
6 Chief Command—R. Curran

Tenth race—\$450—1 mile pace
1 FAREWELL LIGHT—R. Curran
2 BUSTER'S McVABE—L. Dickson
3 GOOD TIME HELEN—R. Rosale
4 Watson E. Frisco—J. Duck
5 Seagold—W. McLean
6 Max Wynwood—J. Ray
7 Duches Express—R. Hill
8 Dares Carruthers—J. Truckle
AE—Stony Direct—C. Sheppard

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Elimination Type Draw will take place Saturday, March 24th in Legion Auditorium commencing at 8 P.M. sharp.

All "400 Club" ticket holders are invited to attend and participate in the draw.

(The first number drawn will receive One Hundred dollars (\$100). Draws will be made in groups of twenty-five (25). Every 25th number will receive Ten dollars up to the 375 number drawn. The 396 number will receive Twenty-Five dollars, the 397 number will receive Fifty dollars, the 398th number will receive Seventy-five dollars, the 399th will receive One Hundred dollars, and the 400th will receive the New Car. The new car will be the grand prize. There will be no substitute prizes offered; there will be no deals made with the "400 Club".

Only members who have paid the full twenty-six weeks will be eligible for the draw. Any numbers that are not paid up will be sold the night of the draw to people on the waiting list.

Proceeds from the draw will be used to finance Minor Hockey in Acton.

Entertainment will be supplied by The Acton Legion during the draw.

A special vote of thanks to L & L Ford Sales for their co-operation in supplying the car for the draw.

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SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Acton Minor Soccer Club will be holding registration on Tuesday March 20 at the Acton Highschool Gymnasium from 6:30 until 9:00. Saturday March 24 at the Acton Arena. From 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Registration for the Rockwood Boys will be held at the Rockwood Centennial School March 17 from 10-12 noon.

Registration fee for one Boy \$4. (Other Boys from the same family \$3 each.)