



ALBERTA OILERS, fresh from their victory over Ottawa, are kneeling in front, Bob Kilby, Ken Harris, Paul Bilton, Seated, Ford Alton, Ed Ensing, goalie Les Forrest and Gary



UNLIKE THE NHL, Vancouver toppled Montreal in a two game total goal series decided on penalty shots. Front, left to right, are Danny Turner, John Ashley, captain Gary Moore, goalie Bernie Taylor, Terry Slaven. In back are coach Bob

Price, Steve Kelly, Len Forrest, Bill McKenzie, Rolf Hoyer, Jeff Townsley, Dave Morris, Tim McIntyre, league convener Gary McEachern and Brian Storey.

Minor baseball gets ready for a big season

Although snow has barely left the ground, the executive of the Acton Minor Baseball Association is making extensive plans for the 1973 season.

Registration for the many teams the association is sponsoring takes place over the next two Saturday mornings at the legion hall, from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. They sponsor baseball and T Ball for boys seven to 18 years of age and the same for girls 7 to 16.

"Last year we had 13 teams to look after but judging by the number of new residents in the town and district, that figure could climb to 15 teams this year," Jim Ismond, association president, told the Free Press.

Playing baseball, T Ball or softball under the wing of the minor baseball association must be one of the cheapest forms of recreation available. The registration fee is \$4 per player but in order to make the sport available to all members of a family the fee is only \$7 for two or more members in one family.

Registration fees and donations look after most of the group's expenses but they also sponsor a \$500 draw each month during the year. Results of their first effort were better than anticipated and the new year which starts in May could be sold out.

Hope for good response

Acton's "Mr. Baseball" — "Pop" Manes, veteran of 56 years in baseball in the States, Quebec and Ontario, told the Free Press much of the success of this year's program is going to depend on the response the group gets for coaches, assistant coaches and managers, as well as parents who have boys or girls playing.

"The main thing is to get people interested," agreed Mr. Ismond. "Just to do a few things. It doesn't tie them up for the whole season and certainly gives the association a boost." This kind of help would be in the form of supplying transportation out of town or helping with little additional chores which fall on the executive.

Teams will be playing out of town in Campbellville, Georgetown, Milton, Burlington, Brampton and Bramalea and probably Streetsville. First games this year hopefully will start about the middle of May but it all depends on the weather, as "Pop" points out.

The sooner the season gets started the better because holidays in July cut swaths through the line-ups. And the earlier the start the more hope of getting through the playoffs before school starts in September.

"Last year we played some playoff games in cold weather," remembers "Pop" with a shiver.

The association hopes to branch out by using more school diamonds this year as well as the ball fields at Prospect and Sir Donald Mann parks. They have been assured by the Halton County Board of Education they can use all the school diamonds in Acton as well as the Speyside school.

Special praise

Special recognition in the form of praise from the Halton County Rural Softball Association was directed towards treasurer Mrs. Verna McEachern this year. Mrs. McEachern doubled as scorekeeper at times and sent them into the league secretary.

She was the most dependable of all in similar positions across the county and tribute was paid her at the group's annual meeting recently where Jim Ismond and "Pop" Manes were added to the league's directors.

The executive of the Acton Minor Baseball Association is headed by Mr. Ismond with past president Roy Swan, vice-president is "Pop" Manes, secretary Mrs. J. Ismond, treasurer Mrs. McEachern, Equipment managers are Walter Kowall, Tom Bousfield and Clarence Harding. Don Ford is in charge of umpires and the association hopes Don Marzo will accept the official scoring post this year.

The group is planning an umpire's school this year with past president Roy Swan and Don Ford collaborating on arrangements.

"We hope we'll see more parents at games this year," says Mrs. Ismond, "even if they are just out for an evening's stroll and find watching a ball game is a pleasant diversion."

"Penalty" shot decisions in league championships

When the executive of the Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association dreamed up the "Day of Champions" they probably never realized the majority of the five championships would be decided by "penalty" shots.

Three of the five final games of Saturday afternoon were tied at the end of regulation time and were decided by free shots at the goalkeeper. This added to the excitement of the event which saw hundreds of spectators filling in and out of the arena to watch the seasonal wind-up of Legion town league hockey, albeit a trifle hard on the netminders.

Consolation games were played Saturday morning while the championships were decided in the afternoon.

There were trophies galore handed out and crests to the winners as well as special awards. Another attraction of the afternoon was a draw for a stereo component set which was won by Mrs. Leo Reczek of Toronto, who

had travelled from Toronto to see her grandson play hockey.

Pee Wee

Springfield won the Pee Wee championship quite handily by blanking Tidewater 6-0 as Tom Ryan rattled three goals into the Tidewater net and assisted on another. Simon Wilson, Robert Rowe and Steve Tremills also connected for the champs with assists being chalked up for Ian Berry (2), Robert Rowe and Paul Bowen.

John Toebes presented the D. Coleman trophy to the winning team while Tom Ryan captured the top scorer trophy presented by Bruce Sears.

Novice

London and St. Kitts were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time with Randy Smith scoring for the Saints from Ted Windmoller, and Frank Geng tying the game up for London unassisted.

Then London tucked home two penalty shots to take the game and championship 3-1. The Tom

Watson trophy was presented to the champs by John Watson while Clarence Hill presented Steven Davies with the Claude Pypher trophy for the most improved player and Gord James presented the top scoring trophy to Lance Alton.

Bantam

Alberta came through with a 4-2 win over Ottawa in regulation time to capture the Bantam championship. Ed Ensing and Ford Alton each scored a pair for the champs with Ed assisting on two goals and Ford on one. Ken Harris, Paul Bilton, Carl Gidden and Gary Campbell each assisted on one goal.

For Ottawa it was Cliff Britton and Joe Schuts who hit the target with Norm Thornhill assisting on both goals and Tom Haverty on the first marker.

Ruth Courtney of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary presented the championship trophy donated by the ladies.

Atom

Tied 3-3 at the end of the game, Weston and St. Thomas also had

to settle their duel for the Atom championship by penalty shots and St. Thomas took the laurels 4-3 in a frisky duel.

Ricky Smith got two goals for the champs with Mike McRae notching one. Brian Denome and Rusty Elliott each earned an assist.

Mark Duval scored a hat trick for Weston, the first assisted by Bob Brouillard and the next two unassisted.

The winners received the John Kentner trophy.

Midget

Vancouver shrugged off a one-goal deficit and came on to beat Montreal 5-4 in the midget final, tying the two game-total goals round and then went on to win it in a penalty shot contest 14-13.

Ian Campbell, Tim McIntyre, Gary Moore, Bill McKenzie and Rick Hoyer scored for the winners with three assists going to Terry Slaven, two to Gary Moore and singles to Bill McKenzie, John Ashley, Jeff Townsley and Brian Storey. Mike Ferguson and Wayne Allen each scored twice for Montreal with Wayne also chalking up two assists and B. Martin one.

To the winners went the Gord James Legion trophy while the top scorer award presented by Gary McEachern went to Wayne Allen. Brian Storey took the coveted most improved player trophy awarded in memory of the late Charlie Thomson and the referees' trophy was presented by Councillor Barry Incoe to John Ashley for his

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Five newcomers join slate A.M.H.A. annual meeting Sun.

Five new faces are included in the Acton Minor Hockey Association executive, following their annual meeting Sunday afternoon. The present executive had been hoping for newcomers to help share the load and secretary Joanne Incoe had been particularly anxious to see some more women take an interest in the organization.

Don Lindsay was returned as president and Carl Timbers moved up to first vice. Newcomers Mrs. Pat Post is second vice president and new member Judy Shannon is taking over from Mrs. Incoe as secretary.

John Creasey continues on as treasurer. Equipment managers are Paul Brown and Charlie Harrison. Mr. Harrison was on the board of directors last year

and replaces Nick Farlon.

There are three newcomers on the board of directors, Frank Allsop, Andre Brouillard and Mrs. Verna Harrison, along with Mrs. Incoe.

Split treasurer

The task of treasurer is particularly taxing, including overseeing the 400 Club. It's expected someone else will be appointed to share the job with Mr. Creasey.

Executive members think the meeting was a good start for the year, with some more help now in managing the teams in the Waterloo-Wellington league.

The Acton Minor Hockey Association operates Acton's five OMHA teams from novice to juvenile. There's also a possibility of a tyke (6 to 8 years old) division in the Waterloo-

Wellington league next year.

Banquet coming

The annual banquet date is set for May 12 at the community centre when about 100 are expected. Presentations are made during the program.



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Hockey school holds party

Parents joined their youngsters for a skating party, as the Acton Hockey and Skating School wound up another successful season at the community centre

George Edmundson played the clown at the windup skating party, whirling round the ice in the garb of a Hollywood starlet.

All participants were presented with crests.

Jim James, Harold Townsley and Mike Marcoux instructed tots in the basics of skating every Tuesday and Wednesday nights for 20 weeks this year. Registration fee was \$5.

Included in this year's enrolment of 136 were 12 girls and 15 youngsters, who made the trip from Georgetown each week.

Jim and Harold hope to run a pre-season hockey and skating school some time in the future.

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Rams receive lounge approval

Acton Rams have received parks board approval to operate a booster club lounge in the downstairs meeting room at the community centre on game

nights during the upcoming Junior "C" lacrosse season.

The lounge will be operated by the same group of young adults responsible for the Acton Sabres' junior hockey lounge, which Councillor Barry Incoe described as "a top notch operation."

Greens wet but some swung clubs

Despite the wet, foggy weather, a few hardy swatters took to the links at the Acton Meadows golf club over the weekend for a few holes of grass polo.


The dampness postponed the opening of the club but weather permitting manager Jim Timleck will likely try again this weekend. March 31 still must have been one of the earliest attempted openings on record for area duffers.

Parks board has also decided to charge the Ram organization a flat rate of \$5 per hour for floor time in the community centre this summer. Last year when the team was charged \$8 per hour for games and given free practice time, the average hourly rate for floor time used worked out to \$3.

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