

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons



Encouraging news emanated last Monday night from the library where Acton Parks and Recreation Committee was holding its monthly meeting. Chairlady Diane Spielvogel indicated the committee may call local sports and recreational organizations together in order to get their feelings about the possibility of operating under a two tier system.

Mrs. Spielvogel told the meeting a suggestion had been put forward by the Acton Minor Baseball Association that all groups come under the jurisdiction of one central body which would distribute operating funds to them. She made two further personal suggestions, one that under such a system funds be handed out on a per capita basis, according to the number of people participating in each and second that each group although working under a central body retain its own executive.

The idea of a local sports council has been kicked around in conversations in the park and community centre lobby for some time now, but so far nothing concrete has resulted. Meanwhile, towns like Georgetown have been taking advantage of increased government grants available to towns which have a central sports body, according to information Mrs. Spielvogel obtained from Halton County Board of Education supervisor Jim Evans.

Organizations used to scraping and scrounging for every nickel and dime to meet operating expenses are sure to welcome news of the committee's interest in streamlining the entire recreation program. There may be hope yet that members will find themselves with more time to improve the programs of their particular group, once the pressure of fund raising is relieved. Georgetown recreation director Doug Collison is to attend a future parks and recreation meeting to brief members on the operation in that town.

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The Sabre junior hockey season ended rather abruptly in February after some sad events which resulted in the team's withdrawal from the playoffs, but an atmosphere of joviality prevailed at Saturday night's season-ending banquet. There were times when the executive's actions in hockey matters warranted criticism, but the same people are to be congratulated on the effort they put into promotion of their team and arrangements for special events like the banquet and trophy presentation.

An extra-colorful bouquet should be tossed in the direction of the infant Sabre booster club which turned over a tidy little sum from the operation of their lounge to the executive last week. Bob "Red" Price who has since left for a six month sojourn in Europe deserves the lion's share of the credit for the success of the club and the lounge. His efforts apparently impressed visiting clubs so much that a similar lounge sprung up in the Bradford arena before the season ended.



BOYS' DIVISION champion of the Acton High badminton tournament was Rick Near. Rick defeated Ian Campbell in the championship game. Maureen Gerth won the girls' championship over Maria Pataky. Howard Coultrup defeated Glen McKenzie for the boys' consolation title and Susan Mills won over Cathy Ashley in the girls' consolation final. A total of 40 boys and 15 girls competed in the event.

(D. Gibbons photo)

Curling club board

A new board of directors was elected last Wednesday for Acton Curling Club. The board will meet early in June and name their own executive and committee chairmen.

Elected were Kae Hansen, Chester Anderson, Ab Robinson, Ted Tyler Jr., George Williams, Harry Otterbein, Vic Patrick, Joe Hurst, Claude Cook, Len Lovell,

Bruce McArthur, Brian Robinson and Andy Nolan, with two women from the lady curlers' executive, Helen Otterbein and Vivian Russell.

Ted Tyler Jr. presided for the elections, Wes Beatty, who is retiring as club auditor, presented his last financial report. Various activities are being planned for the summer.

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AN EVEN HALF DOZEN Acton Sabres were honored at the team's season-ending banquet Saturday night with individual trophy presentations. Silverware winners were l. to r. MVP John Snow, rookie of the year and outstanding graduate of Acton minor hockey Bill

McGilloway, most gentlemanly player John Sheppard, outstanding defenceman Ted Harmer, player best combining attitude, ability and sportsmanship Randy Weldon and most improved player Gary Turkosz. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Redheaded Sabre rookie double silverware winner

A carrot-topped rookie centre-man who creates as much fire with his blades as shows up in his curly locks carted off two of the seven individual trophies up for grabs, as the Acton Sabre junior hockey club wound up its season with a banquet and dance at the Legion auditorium Saturday night.

Bill McGilloway, who was weighing the merits of another season in midget hockey against those of joining the junior Sabres last fall found himself weighted down with the Basil Mellon Memorial Trophy for the best first year graduate of Acton minor hockey in one arm and the team's rookie of the year award in the other. Acton (OMHA) Minor Hockey Association 1st vice-president Barry Incoe presented the Mellon trophy and team captain Ted Harmer handed out the rookie of the year award.

In his first year of junior hockey McGilloway totalled 18 scoring points in 24 games for a sixth place team. The figure was fourth best on the team.

Harmer himself entered the awards spotlight to accept the President's Trophy as the club's outstanding defenceman from

retiring team president Kerwin McPhail who was M.C. for the evening. One of six players who has completed his junior eligibility, Harmer performed steadily behind the blue line and also contributed 16 scoring points in 20 games.

Largest round of applause of the evening greeted the announcement that hard-working John Snow had been chosen the team's most valuable player. Paul Cates of Molson's presented his firm's award to Snow who led Sabres in scoring with 14 goals and 18 assists in 21 games and was the most consistent performer from the start of the season until the end.

Randy Weldon, a second overage rearguard was named winner of the Fisher Memorial Trophy which goes to the player best combining attitude, ability and sportsmanship. Mrs. Bessie Fisher made the presentation. Club secretary June Gerth presented the Lady Gerth trophy donated in her honor last year to winger John Sheppard who was judged to be the most gentlemanly player on the team. Sheppard spent only 19 minutes in the sin bin.

Most improved player over the season, Gary Turkosz accepted

Sabres ask extension Junior "D" drawing

An amendment to the O.H.A. constitution which would allow Junior "D" teams to draw players from municipalities within a 25 mile radius having a population of up to 20,000 is one of three rule changes Acton Sabres are proposing. The changes will be voted on by representatives from across the province at the O.H.A. annual meeting in Toronto this Saturday.

A rider to the Sabre amendment provides that any players imported would have to be released by teams of higher category in the particular area or by the O.H.A. Sabres are suggesting that the drawing area radius for Junior "D" teams remain at 25 miles.

Ask change Sabres are also proposing that Rule 114, which states that Junior "D" teams must have a minimum of four resident players be changed to read "must have a minimum of eight resident players."

A third Sabre amendment suggests that the number of players a team be allowed to dress for a game be changed from 14 forwards and two goalies to 15 forwards and two goalies.

Sabre position Sabre executive members feel their 25 mile radius rural drawing area is being tapped by juvenile and junior clubs in Georgetown, Guelph, and Milton. However, they also feel there are additional players in Georgetown and Milton who are being kept out of hockey by the present O.H.A. rule, which prevents Junior "D" teams from drawing players from within towns of higher population.

The ladies auxiliary of the Campbellville Baseball Club is making plans for a fireworks demonstration for the May 24 weekend as well as a fund raising dance to be held May 25 in Freeport.

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Bradford Vaseys Ontario champs

The celebration continued on into the wee hours of the morning in Bradford last Wednesday, after the hometown Junior Vaseys trounced Mitchell Hawks 8-2 to wrap up the O.H.A. Junior "D" championship. Bradford won the final series four games to one.

Tom Coffey and Les Kovacs, two of the team's big scoring guns during the regular South Central Junior "D" schedule potted two goals apiece for Bradford in the final game. John "Moose" Muizelaar was outstanding in goal. Cliff Phillips of Newmarket, 1st vice-president of the O.H.A. made the cham-

plonship trophy presentation following the game.

Group champs After losing a first place battle to the Fergus "Green Machine" by two points during the regular season, Vaseys ousted Schomberg and Stayner in the group quarter-finals, then gained revenge by upsetting their arch-rivals from Fergus in five games in the final. Vaseys proceeded to knock off Lakefield of the Eastern Ontario group four games to one in the provincial semi-finals.

Coch Garry Vasey is attempting to arrange a challenge series against the O.H.A. Junior "C" champion either Lindsay or Caledonia.

Bradford loses only one player, defenceman Don Stevens to overage, but another, Adrian Van Der Hulst, who is still midget age is being watched closely by Junior "A" scouts.

Rams begin workouts

Acton Rams began working out in the community centre this week in preparation for the 1973 O.L.A. Tier 2 Junior "C" lacrosse season which opens here, Monday, May 7 when the newly-formed Orillia team pays a visit.

Coach Howard Dwyer has scheduled workouts for tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow (Thursday) night and more will take place next week. An exhibition game originally scheduled for the early part of May against Bolton has been cancelled but coach Dwyer is trying to line up a pre-season tilt with the Oakville Junior "B" club.

Holdovers from last year who have attended practice sessions include goalie Gary Turkosz, Craig Weldon and Bruce Cooksey, two of the club's top scorers, and Dave Manes, George Artem, Kevin Marcoux and Rick "Woody" Newman, all graduates of last year's Rotary midget squad have looked promising and juvenile Jim McNabb has been battling Turkosz for the goaltending position.

"Chris Sargent and Jim Halonen (both holdovers) should be coming out, but we'll be going with mostly local talent this year," coach Dwyer told the Free Press.

One holdover, George McPhail has been transferred to Windsor by his firm and he may join the Junior "C" Warlocks, defending Ontario champs.

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