

# Sportlite



with Denis Gibbons

Acton Rotary midgets are involved in the most recent guessing game the Ontario Minor Lacrosse Association has initiated.

Rotarians were told to arrange a best of three provincial semi-final series with Wallaceburg, which they did. Wallaceburg won the first game 14-8 here Sunday, then coach Bruce Sears was notified by phone the OMLA had decided to stage a round robin tournament involving Acton, Wallaceburg, Barrie and Otonabee in Otonabee this weekend to declare a champion.

Bruce learned from Wallaceburg officials that the 14-8 Acton defeat would stand and that one loss in the double knockout tournament would eliminate the Rotarians.

The ridiculous situation was still unsettled at press time, but Sears justifiably charges Wallaceburg and Otonabee will have definite advantages before the tournament even starts. OMLA tournaments are normally played on neutral floors.

Earlier this year the local Rotary novices missed a chance to play in the OMLA pee-wee "D" tournament because they were not informed about its date or location until two days in advance.

Indusmin pee-wee coach Del Cook finally uncovered the secret hiding place for the pee-wee tournament four days in advance of its date, after placing phone calls to Toronto five days in succession.

Wallaceburg has an impressive midget team and deserved to win Sunday's game, but the absence of Mike Luty from the Rotarian lineup cannot be minimized in assessing the Acton defeat. Mike, who scored 10 of the 24 Acton goals in a first round series against Whitby and seven more in two games, as Rotarians ousted Belleville in the quarter-finals was the victim of indiscretion on the part of referees in the final game of that series.

Fighting majors and automatic one-game suspensions were handed out to Mike and a Belleville player following a scrap in which Mike didn't throw a punch. Although he went into the traditional "shell" and was strictly on the defensive, he was banned for one game.

With a lineup that boasted Bill Robinson and Bob Shaw, the 1-2 pitching punch that made the Guelph Dairy Queens so successful in the early 60's, former Intercountry Baseball league all-star first baseman Walt Jeffries and Dan Arbie, who won the Halton County Baseball league batting crown in 1966, Rockwood Red Sox won 10 of 11 playoff games on their way to the ORSA grand championship.

Consistent hitting by veteran village sluggers Jim Thatcher, Mike Kelly, Vic Williams and Chick Milne and newcomers Phil Shrive and Harry Phillips also aided the Red Sox, as they topped Winston, Shedden, Selkirk, Hickson, Wardsville and Marmora.

Why then could the Sox manage only a fifth place finish in the six team Intercountry league? "We just couldn't put it together during the regular season. We were making errors we never made before," rookie manager Norm Beattie explained. "We really started to jell at playoff time. We hit the only four homers of the day in the tournament in Freelon Sunday and all four balls would have cleared the Rockwood park fence with plenty to spare."

Jeffries, senior member of the team in the birthday category was responsible for seven of the 19 Rockwood runs in Sunday's tournament, as he came through in the clutch four times.

Bradford (That's rural?) Queens brought that town its second provincial sports championship in less than six months when they ousted the stubborn Rockwood juniors in the ORSA junior finals. Four starters, Andy Purmaks, John Mulzeelaar, Les Kovacs and Ted Vasey were also members of the Bradford Vaseys hockey team which won the South Central league title and went on to capture the O.H.A. Junior "D" championship last April.

Just so there's no rural backlash directed at this corner, we point out that Bill Robinson, Bob Shaw, Walt Jeffries and Dan Arbie all reside in rural areas.

Biggest problem facing the Legion and OMHA minor hockey groups as the shiny season approaches is the serious need for senior referees to head a referees' association. There are lots of inexperienced but willing youngsters who need more instruction and encouragement. The OMHA group which must have carded officials for its Waterloo-Wellington league games had to rely almost entirely on the well-staffed Georgetown Referees' Association last season. John Toebes (853-2646), Kerwin McPhail (853-1114) or Don Lindsay (853-2057) would be glad to hear from any experienced referees who would be willing to lead the way.

This is not to say that only those with experience are wanted to referee hockey here this winter. There's always plenty of room for young people willing to learn.

## Win ORSA championship

Brookville 16 and under girls won the O.R.S.A. championship by defeating Cayuga two games to one in the final series. They had already beaten New Credit and Blackheath to advance to the finals. It looked bad for Brookville when they were beaten 18-11 in the first game, but they came back to beat Cayuga 9-6 and 11-10 in the final. It was a great series and the girls did themselves proud. The 16 and under girls will be playing Hillsburgh in the O.R.S.A. county league. The series (Sept. 1-3) with the third game (Sept. 1) on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## North Halton Raiders Hockey Club

### O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE "A" CHAMPIONS

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#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 23rd AT 10 A.M.

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## Lowrie leads Eden to win

Steve Lowrie walloped a home run, two triples and a single to lead Eden Mills to a 9-3 win over Badenoch in the opening game of the Eramosa-Puslinch softball league finals last week. Second game is scheduled for Eden Mills tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30.

Winning pitcher Jim Barden fanned eight Badenoch batters and contributed a pair of hits to the Eden Mills offense, as did Larry Copeland, Glen Stevenson and Charlie Evans. Bert Logan, George Campbell and Gary Barden picked up singles.

Badenoch starting pitcher Don Aubin was followed to the mound by Larry Inglis and Bill Honey, as the villagers swung for the fences.

## Sabres jump to Junior "C" Penetang new league entry

Acton Sabres will be allowed to sign four import players this season as a result of the O.H.A.'s approval of the club's request to move up from Junior "D" to Junior "C" hockey.

Sabres will be joined in the fourth Central league, made up of a combination of Junior "C" and "D" teams by Bradford, Alliston, Fergus, Schomberg, Stayner and a new entry from Penetang.

Moving up to "C" hockey along with the Sabres are the

defending O.H.A. Junior "D" champion Vaseys, Alliston Hornets and the Fergus Green Machine. Schomberg Cougars and Stayner Skinks teams operating out of smaller centres will enter Junior "D" playoffs at the end of the regular season.

Penetang (Hurons have switched to the South Central league, after several years of being contenting teams in the Georgian Bay-Muskoka Junior "C" league. Penetang

is roughly 100 miles driving distance from Acton.

The league was reorganized at a recent meeting chaired by O.H.A. executive member Larry Hellalo in Alliston.

New convener Don Lowe of Harris, who convened the Mid-Ontario Junior "B" league last year was appointed convener of the new "C"- "D" league to replace Bill Church of Orangeville. Don McLean of Alliston remains as league

statistician.

A 30 game schedule is expected to begin the first week of November.

Neither Shelburne nor Grand Valley had representatives at the meeting. Both teams folded before the Junior "D" season was completed last year. The four import players allowed Junior "C" teams may come from anywhere providing they are properly released by their hometown clubs.

## Minor soccer finals set to go

By John Toebes

Championship and consolation games in the Acton Minor Soccer Association league are scheduled for the Acton High and M. Z. Bennett pitches this Saturday, September 22 beginning at 12 noon. All teams will take part.

Triumphs will be presented to the winning teams and all players will receive a crest, cup, ink shoes and an award. Mayor Leo Brady will be on hand to make the draw for the TV set at 2 p.m.

In league action last week Angel spirits claimed a 1-0 victory over the Tigers as both teams played well. The Phantom's and Rockwood

battled to a scoreless draw in another squirt division game. Centennials came up with a pair of wins last week to earn a berth in the atom cup final this Saturday.

Nick posted two mosquito league victories, blanking Dynamoes 2-0 at the high school pitch Saturday and edging the league-leading Raiders 2-1 Monday night.

Nick Humerik made a diving save on a penalty kick and played a strong game in the nets, as Phantoms shut out Rockwood 1-0 in a mosquito division game. Steve Van der Eyken also played an outstanding game for the overhauled Phantoms who played their finest game of the season.

## Free Press Sports Page

# OMLA devilry plays havoc with Rotary midget plans



GARY DeLONG counted two goals and two assists for the Rotarians in Sunday's game with Wallaceburg here.

(H. Coles photo)

Wallaceburg Red Devils defeated Acton Rotary midgets 14-8 in what was to have been the first game of a best of three OMLA midget "D" semi-final series here Sunday afternoon, but the OMLA may be up to some devilry of its own.

Tuesday, Rotarian coach Bruce Sears was notified by the OMLA that a tournament involving Acton, Wallaceburg, Barrie and Otonabee would be held in Otonabee this Saturday to decide a provincial champion. The Wallaceburg win is apparently going to stand, giving Acton only one chance in the double knockout round robin tournament.

"We were told to start a series with Wallaceburg, which we did," Sears told the Free Press. "Now they want

to hold a tournament and give Wallaceburg and Otonabee a big advantage before it even starts."

### Blow lead

Rotarians should have come out on top in Sunday's game. They led 8-3 halfway through the second period, but failed to score after that. Red Devils ran up a 9-0 count in the third period.

Mike Dixon scored six goals to lead Wallaceburg to victory. Mike Miles netted a hat trick, Bob Monmy scored twice and Bob Ross, Jim White and Lance Pienix counted once each.

Gary DeLong, Ron Turkoz and Steve Papillon potted two goals apiece for Acton. Wayne Allan and bantam recruit Matt Shepar connected once each.

## Harriers head list at Brantford

Outstanding performances by Heather Near, Glen McKenzie and Frank Houston highlighted a fine showing by the North Halton Harriers' track club at the Brantford Track and Field Club cross-country races Saturday.

Heather placed fifth in a field of 15 in the midget girls' 3,000 metres in a time of 11 minutes 36 seconds. The time was better than that posted by the winner of the junior girls' event.

McKenzie crossed the line

third in the junior boys' 7,000 metres, posting a time of 25:26. There were 15 in the race.

### Wrong way

Houston was running well in sixth place in the 35 entry juvenile boys' 8,000 metres until he and teammate Scott Somerville were directed on the wrong course by meet officials. Somerville was 16th at the time.

With only 10 minutes rest, however, Frank came back to

finish fifth in the junior boys' 7,000 metres.

Mark Wilthers placed 29th out of 40 in the bantam boys' 3,000 metres in a time of 11:38 and GUY Croomey and Rick Van Fleet finished 48th and 52nd respectively in a huge field in the midget boys' 400 metres.

Roger McEachern came eighth in the junior boys' 7,000 metres in a time of 26:49.

Harriers' coach Bruce Andrews reports he is pleased with the progress of all runners and the excellent response parents have shown to his request for help. The club now has 23 members.

Harriers will take part in the Central Ontario cross-country championships at the Kelso Conservation Area near Milton this Saturday, September 22.

## Orangeville Entries

Sunday Post Time—3 p.m.

FIRST RACE—1 mile pace—\$400  
1 KAREN DELOON—W. Troy  
2 LADY BELMOP—R. Morrow  
3 DEVON SOUND—N. Ruff  
4 Miss Green Gail—W. Mawson  
5 Trannell Alloway—W. Cass  
6 Duke Jane—R. Laskie  
7 Scamper C.—E. Nicholson  
8 Songelle—J. Gaskell  
9 AE—Rima Song—R. Irwin  
10 AE—Speedy Flo—A. Nickle

SECOND RACE—1 mile pace—\$250  
1 WYNSOKY—W. Troy  
2 ROCKY GANDER—W. Carroll  
3 DR. JONES—C. Gagnon  
4 Percy Hanover—E. Arseneault  
5 Dean Land—E. Nicholson  
6 Romeo Lobell—M. Galbraith  
7 Smoke Fog—W. Megens  
8 Cathy T. Wolf—R. Trotter  
9 Scott Meadow—C. Lawson

THIRD RACE—1 mile pace—\$300  
1 MUDDY DREAM—C. Lockhart  
2 ARMBRO OLIVIA—R. Furness  
3 THE DUKE MARCH—C. Lawson  
4 Paul Poincy—N. Tropas  
5 Patch O' Gold—W. Oke  
6 Shipah Gal—K. Jenkins  
7 Shore Sharp—B. Quinlan  
8 Ritzy Scott—R. Armitage  
9 AE—Oakwood Rub—M. Jorgensen  
10 AE—Danny K. Spencer—E. Butler

FOURTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$450  
1 BROTHER NOBLE—C. Gagnon  
2 RICKY'S PRIDE—A. Nickle  
3 RED CRANE—T. McKenzie  
4 Long Deal's Land—A. Nicholls  
5 Jeanne Clay—P. Dileis  
6 Buster's McVab—L. Dixon  
7 Mr. Goal—W. Troy  
8 Public Interest—R. Anders  
9 AE—Smoky Spencer—C. Archdekin  
10 AE—Lady B. Ann—E. Nicholson

FIFTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$450  
1 FRECKLES—R. Hill Jr.  
2 TARCOP CHIEF—W. Troy  
3 SPEEDY BUCKEYE—T. McKenzie  
4 Marian Mod—L. Barrett  
5 Bradley Gilbert—M. Corbett  
6 Max Wynwood—D. Fuller  
7 Skindell—W. E. Butler  
8 Bosworth—R. Irwin  
9 Titan Star—A. Brunton  
10 AE—Armbro Jute—W. Oke

SIXTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500  
1 KIWI ALPHA—R. Laskie  
1 TUCK'S PRIDE—C. Lawson  
4 HOLLYHOCK HANOVER—W. Troy  
2 Abbeyle Herbert—D. Given  
3 Betty Joe Howard—J. McClure  
4 Beverly Gratton—L. Willson  
5 Patty Hutch—E. Butler  
6 Pat P. Prologue—W. Kerlake  
7 AE—Cass Lea—J. Somerville  
8 AE—Shelly Tar—K. Houston

SEVENTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$500  
1 WIL LOR BUTCH—R. Oliver  
7 DANDY EXPRESS—W. Carroll  
8 BAE STATE JAN—C. Lawson  
2 Bitterroot—W. Megens  
3 Frosty Susan—D. Fuller  
4 Skindell—W. Cass  
5 Maple Merry—W. Danbois  
6 Senator Hudson—M. Corbett  
7 AE—Jean's Highlight—K. Hopkins  
8 AE—Stirling Bomber—L. Moore

EIGHTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$750  
1 KIWI ATTACK—C. Archdekin  
2 WEE CHELLE—J. Lockhart  
4 OVERDUE LOU—J. Thompson  
1 Lochnavr—Jim E. Butler  
3 Direct Valor—J. Redpath  
5 Scott Page—C. Lawson  
7 Doc Lindsay—A. Nicholls  
8 Ogdan Valley—W. Shantz  
9 AE—Widow's Joe—O. Annerud

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