

In snowmobiling

Copeland finishes 10th in MOSRA overall list

Snowmobiler Gary Copeland of Crescent Street came home with a pair of trophies from the Midwestern Ontario Snowmobile Racing Association's (MOSRA) sixth annual awards night at Stratford Saturday.

Mr. Copeland took top honors in the "C" class super stock and second in the modified "C" stock. He finished tenth overall in MOSRA's standings. It's the first time in two full seasons of racing that Mr. Copeland has finished in the top ten.

Racers Edge of Milton, Mr. Copeland's sponsor, also backed second overall finisher Tom Walsh of St. Marys. The 26-year old Mr. Walsh finished first in both "B" class modified stock and super stock. He also took fifth spot in the straight modified "B".

George Metcalf of London finished first overall in the MOSRA standings. All three drivers used Mercury machines. Two top-ten drivers used Yamahas, one an Arctic Cat and the rest Mercurys.

MOSRA's season starts in late December and goes for approximately six weeks depending on snow conditions. Races are held at several towns including Norwich, New Hamburg, Thorndale and Glencoe.

Snowracers can cover a half-mile oval track in 30 seconds with top speeds on a stretch reaching 90 m.p.h.

Mr. Copeland started racing on snowmachines three years ago. He took a second place in the Y's Men's sponsored races over Fairy Lake early in '74.



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Montreal, top Legion midgets

Montreal won the Legion's house leagues midgets championship with a 4-2 victory over Toronto.

Legion president Fred Allen presented the Branch 197 trophy to the team. Crests were presented to all players.

Dave Morris of the Toronto squad received the high scoring trophy from midget convener Ed Wood.

Gary Pickles led the Montreal scoring with a goal and two assists. He first helped Paul Breckon put away the game winner in the second period, scored himself, then set up Steve Bennett's third period marker.

Dave Logen opened the Montreal onslaught in the first period on a goal from Terry Winters.

Ed Stansbury, coach of the Montreal team, presented the trophy for the most improved player, to Colin Muir.

Toronto's Dave Morris repeated twice for his team. Dave Murchison and John Galt picked up assists.

Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering

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This week marks the end of our winter session of swimming lessons. Swimmers will be pre-tested and evaluated all week long, with the final Red Cross exams for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior candidates being held Friday evening. There will be a list of successful swimmers in next weeks column.

In addition to the Friday night evaluations, the Leader Red Cross exam will be held Saturday evening and the Bronze medal exam Sunday morning. Those who pass the leader evaluation will be qualified to lifeguard and be assistant instructors. Some will be hired to work at Acton pool and Fairy Lake this summer. Georgetown swimmers are travelling up to Acton pool for these two exams. Best of luck to all those involved.

Temperature
The water temperature dropped to a cool 75 degrees F. last week due to a broken circulation pump. Everything is back to order, and the water temperature is back up to the normal 82 degrees F.

While on the topic of cold water, it should be mentioned what to do if you happen to fall into the chilly waters at this time of year.

It is predicted that in 10 degrees C. water, an average person would be able to swim a little less than a mile before being completely incapacitated by cold. If you fall in, do not drown-proof. Putting your head in chilly water cools your body 35 per cent faster than just treading water. (head above surface) Better still, if you are wearing a life jacket, do not move your body at all and bring your knees to your chest. This position know as H.E.L.P.

Marzo in last game
Pete Marzo played his last college hockey game in the American National Collegiate Athletic Association's National Finals at Denver last week.

Pete, who played minor hockey in Acton, helped the Boston University team to third place in the national finals.

Pete got an assist in the final game which Minnesota won 4-2.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers finished in first spot, followed by the Michigan Tech. Huskies, Boston, and Brown University of Rhode Island.

To be eligible to play in the national finals, Boston University had to take top honors in the eastern division against Brown, Harvard and Cornell.

Schedule for Champions Day

- Acton's house league minor hockey season winds down this Saturday when the Legion Minor Hockey Association holds its annual Day of Champions.
- Teams eliminated from the playoffs will play consolation games in the morning, while sudden death championship matches are slated for the afternoon.
 - Presentation of the Charles Thomson Memorial Trophy will be made at about 3 p.m.
 - Legion officials are hoping for plenty of support for the one day event at the arena Saturday.
- A schedule of games follows:
- Consolation games**
- 8:30 Cleveland vs Tidewater
 - 9:50 Rochester vs Springfield
 - 9:50 London vs Hamilton
 - 10:25 Weston vs Guelph
 - 11:20 Aeros vs Oilers
 - 12:10 Jets vs Toros
- Championship games**
- 1 p.m. Oshawa vs St. Kitts
 - 2 p.m. Richmond vs Baltimore
 - 3 p.m. Brampton vs Dixie
 - 4 p.m. Cougars vs Nordics

Cougars over Toros onto Legion finals

The Cougars skated over the Toros by the tune of 5-1 in legion hockey bantam level playoff action.

The Cougars advance into the finals at the Day of Champions Saturday.

Dave Johnson led the Cougar scoring with two goals and an assist on Jim Allen's winning marker in the second period. Garry Williams also got an assist on Allen's effort.

Vaughn Cole and Les Nadhazy were the other Cougar marksmen. Ted Nadhazy picked up a pair of assists.

Joe Treceppelli from Reuben Salmon made the sole reply for the Toros.

Wi' Rock and Broom

by Pete Vidler
During last week our last mixed bonspiel was held sponsored by D. Hiram Walker Distilleries and Jack Ridley Cartage. After a hectic week of play two winners emerged. On the Ridley side, Udo Fieback led his rink of Nicole Campbell, Jim Coughlin and Chris Geggie to five wins and no losses to capture the prestigious Ridley trophy. Word has filtered back to this reporter that the club was hoping last Friday night after Udo's win.

Play for OMHA top honors

Markham and South London are the finalists in the OMHA annual showdown for the All-Ontario Major Bant Crown.

The series starts Friday in Markham.

Both teams eliminated their opposition in semi-final action in three games straight.

Milton fell to Markham by scores of 4-2, 6-4, and 4-3.

South London outshot Saltfleet 8-1, 8-0 and 3-1.

Saltfleet Optimists beatout the Firefighter Bantams in quarter-final action three games to two.

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Free Press Sports Page

GARY COPELAND leans over his sled during a MOSRA race. Copeland finished tenth overall in MOSRA standings. He took a first in "C" class super stock and a second in the modified stock of the same class.

Acton Ram practices

The Acton Rams will practice tonight in the gym at Robert Little School. Sunday afternoon the team is expecting to exercise in the University of Guelph's arena.

Midget lacrosse

Lacrosse enthusiasts who were age 16 after Jan. 1 of this year are invited to the arena for a midget lacrosse meeting Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. p.m.

If players are unable to make the meeting they can call Bruce Sears at 853-0432 to make their intentions known.

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