

# Blades blast Junior B refs

The Oakville Blades plan to approach the OHA with several suggestions to improve the refereeing and reduce violence in the Central Junior B Hockey League.

The Blades along with the Burlington Cougars were reported last week to be considering a move to the Golden Horseshoe loop in the Southern Ontario Hockey League. Both teams now plan to stay.

Murray Walker, manager of the Blades, had said the team was considering pulling out of the league because of the increased use of violence by some of the league's teams, particularly the Streetsville Derbys.

However, after examining the Golden Horseshoe League, which both teams had considered shifting to, the Blades executive decided the style of play wasn't any cleaner than the Central League.

"As I said before we were not really that anxious to move," commented Walker. "The possibility was brought

ton, Walker claims) and we thought we should at least explore it."

Bill Elliot, Cougar's manager, claims the reports that Burlington would withdraw from the league were blown out of proportion. "We're not pulling out of the league," he said. "It's just something we look at every year."

The Burlington management, however, did attend a meeting April 12 of the Southern Ontario Jr. A Hockey League which is desperately looking for hockey teams to keep that league alive.

Last year the SOHL consisted of teams from Hamilton, Owen Sound, Guelph and Collingwood but the latter two are not returning next year. The league's convener, Jim King said seven or eight groups attended the meeting, including Burlington who, King said, "were very interested" in the league.

When questioned Elliot said his team would not be entering the SOHL.

For the past two years Vern Gooding, the manager of the Milton Flyers, has considered

moving his club to the SOHL, but he said they haven't given it any thought this year.

"That league's pretty well fallen apart," said Gooding. "There's not much use sticking our necks out in that league."

Since Oakville is remaining in the Central group Walker said he will be making suggestions at an upcoming OHA convention on ways to reduce the violence in the league.

Sabres new coach Bruch Chapman sympathizes with the refs, but agrees something must be done. He does not feel that the refereeing was all bad, however. "There were some bad situations, but also some good games."

He was unwilling to comment on the officiating because the Sabres had lost so many games last year, and because he did not feel he had enough information about the situation. "I can't very well evaluate this thing, as an

outsider." He did, however, say "I'd like to see a general improvement."

Walker feels the main problem lies with the league's officiating which he describes as "something less than desirable."

"Unfortunately our league has been crying to the OHA for a long time about the officiating," he added. Chapman wondered if, at some games, "the referees were in shape to keep up with the play". He was reluctant to place any blame for this saying he didn't have enough information.

"It will be interesting to see what happens" he concluded. Walker suggested the teams in the league should consider paying an extra \$5 or \$10 a game for each referee in order to attract better quality officials.

He said Oakville would gladly support this move but couldn't speak for any other clubs.

Gooding agreed that more money would have to be paid for better officiating but thought they would have to double the rate from \$25 to \$50 per game in order to do so.

He suggested applying for a Wintario grant to provide the extra funds.

"The guys we've got now don't give a damn as long as they get their money," said Gooding.

Chapman does not see how a pay raise will help. "How does paying more improve officiating? Money's got nothing to do with it. There's got to be a better schooling system."

He stressed that he is in no position to compare the Central league with any other. "As for violence, hockey is an emotional game, a high speed game, with a lot of gut reactions. There's always some fellow who'll take a cheap shot."

"Officials have a tough situation," he said. Walker also felt more responsibility should rest with the coaches in controlling their teams.

In the case of bench-clearing fights Walker felt coaches should be suspended and fined \$100 for letting the game

get out of control along with his players.

"We've got to make the management take notice," said Walker. "When they have to start paying money out of their own pockets they're either going to tell the coach to control his team, or get a coach who can."

Chapman also feels that the coaches should have some of the responsibility for the violence.

"A lot of lip service has been given about violence in hockey," said Walker.

"Attorney-General Roy McMurtry has been doing a lot of yelling, but unfortunately he's going after the pros. The place to step the violence is in the amateur system. You might even have to go down into the minor systems."



ACTON'S FAIRWAYS ARE drying out, and players are taking to the links again. Tim Coles and Steve Garrett enjoyed some early golfing Friday.

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### Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Because of the apparent popularity of the new Judo course being run by the recreation department, it might be a good idea to find out a little bit about what this extremely popular sport is really all about.

Although Judo, now 95 years old, is commonly called a martial art, it is far removed from whatever warlike beginnings its ancestor sports may have had. It is, like all things oriental, depressingly deep and philosophical in nature, if you get too close.

Its immediate forerunner, jujitsu, was begun during a period in Japan when the wearing of swords was banned, and became a popular method of self-defence. By the late 1800's it had deteriorated to the level of a sort of dancing-bear-on-a-chain type of routine, like professional wrestling today.

Jigoro Kano, born in 1860, was thoroughly trained in jujitsu, and recognized the benefit which could come of it. He left the jujitsu organization in 1882 and opened a school of his own, the Kodokan, and began teaching Judo.

The Kodokan started with only nine members, but grew rapidly, and in 1886 a tournament was arranged between fifteen judo men. The judo men won all but two bouts, which they tied.

By that time the technical end of Judo had been pretty well set, while the spiritual side of the sport was perfected in 1922, when the Kodokan Cultural Society was formed in Japan.

### The Doctrine of Gentleness

"Judo" may be translated as the Doctrine of Gentleness. The symbol of Judo is a willow blossom, which bends with the wind instead of fighting it, and therefore does not break. When the wind ceases, the tree returns to its normal position and continues growing. This is the same as the principle of "ju".

Instead of resisting an opponent, the Judo player allows himself to be pushed, and by yielding at the proper moment, throws his opponent off balance, gaining the advantage. In this way, a much weaker person can defeat a strong one in a Judo match.

It works, and this is what most people will be looking for: the ability to throw their big brother into the wall. Once you get past this Bruce Lee-Kung Fu attitude towards Judo, you run into the philosophical end of it.

Mental preparation is very important in Judo. If the principal of yielding can be considered the first principal of Judo, then the ultimate concern of Judo is "the supreme goal which can be attained only by those who, having thoroughly mastered the art and spirit of contention, have transcended all notions of victory and defeat."

Judo, obviously, is more than just throwing somebody down on the ground. There is a whole philosophy here which isn't normally found in Western sports. Can you imagine the Philadelphia Flyers going into a hockey game with the attitude that they should not use "any method that may injure the opponent because such a person goes against the spirit of mutual welfare and benefit?" It wouldn't quite fit them.

### Grading system in judo

Judo, as everyone knows, has different belts, which indicate the wearer's rank within the overall Judo organization. The earlier belts; white, yellow, orange, green, blue and brown, are all considered Beginner's ranks, while the two levels or "dans" of black belt are advanced players.

Movement up through the beginner's ranks can be fairly rapid, depending on the amount of enthusiasm shown, but the move into a black belt is different. The beginner's ranks require just the mastery of eight new throws per belt, along with breakfalls. The move into black belts is strictly controlled by the Canadian Judo Association, and involves a minimum of one year at the brown belt level and three years overall, and usually will take much longer than that.

### Balance and agility

In the meantime, while you are waiting to move up and become a black belt, you will be learning an awful lot about balance and agility, things which can help you in any sport you play. Mental discipline will also be improved by judo.

### Ladies can play too

There is, in Ontario, a Women's Judo Division which took shape in 1971. There are now competitions being held for women judo players as well as men.

Judo made it to the Olympics in 1964. The first open weight judo gold medalist was not Japanese, but in fact a Dutchman named Anton Geesink.

I am greatly indebted to an article by Norm Maynard, in the Queen's University Journal, for most of my information. All quotations in this column came from Illustrated Kodokan Judo, Kodansha, Japan, 1955.

### Prelims begin

The preliminary trials for the selection of the basketball team that will represent Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel this summer will take place at the Bloor Y.M.H.A., 750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

Dates for the trials are Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

The Preliminary Trials are open and all players are welcome.

## Raiders oust Val D'Or head for Maritimes

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders moved a step closer to the Hardy Cup, emblematic of Canadian intermediate hockey supremacy, when they downed the Val D'Or, P.Q. Voodoos 4-2 in Georgetown, Monday night, to win their best of five Eastern Canadian semi-final series three games to one.

Raiders now travel to New Brunswick this weekend to play the Maritimes champion, Campbellton Tigers, in the Eastern Canadian finals. If they win that series, Georgetown will host the Western Canadian champs in the Hardy Cup finals at Alcott Arena, Friday April 29-Tuesday, May 3.

Ray Evans took Steve Blundy's rink-wide pass and boomed a slapshot past Voodoo goalie Alain Menard in the final minute of the second period to send Raiders on their way to the Maritimes. Tom Daley deflected Evans' shot into an empty Val D'Or net with 29 seconds left in the game to ice the Raider win.

Danny Blair, one of three players Raiders have added to their roster from the OHA finalist Fort Erie Mavericks, and Doug Tate scored earlier for Georgetown. Rene Dufour and Christian Harvey were the Val D'Or marksmen.

Val D'Or won the opening game of the series 3-1, Friday, but Raiders rebounded to win 9-1, Saturday and 8-3, Sunday. The Voodoos eliminated the defending Hardy Cup champion Embrun Panthers in five games, before coming to Georgetown.

### Lady curlers get trophies at banquet

Another season of fine friendly curling was brought to a close Thursday when the Ladies' division of the Acton Curling club held their annual awards and banquet April 14.

After dinner was eaten and the ladies were sitting down, four trophies were presented to the winners of two Wednesday draws and two Thursday draws. Marilyn McArthur's rink of Susan Beemer, Anne Ridley and Thais Brown earned the Ben Rachlin Trophy for Wednesday afternoon first draw.

Fiona Fieback's rink of Anne Ridley and Jan Hayter took the second draw to win the Don Bexton trophy. These three played with a spare for every game.

Thursday's first draw was won by Nicole Campbell's foursome of Dolly Moulden, Pearl Baker and Mary Smith, who received the Alexander Mackenzie Trophy for their efforts.

The Paul Nielsen Trophy went to Nan Hurst's rink of Lois Mackenzie, Carol Korpella and Judith Hacke for their first place finish in Thursday's second draw.

Elections After the banquet election of next year's officers took place. Elected were Phyllis Patrick president, Helen Otterbein vice-president, Nan Hurst second vice-president, Carol Korpella recording secretary, Lily Higgins corresponding secretary, Susan Patrick treasurer, Helen Otterbein, Gwen Tyler, Judy Hacke and Ann Cook, draw committee, Kay Hansen, SOLCA representative and Susan Patrick, Business girls SOLCA.

## Soccer moves into senior league

The Acton Minor Soccer Association (AMSA) has decided it couldn't afford to start a Junior B team as planned this year, so they did

the next best thing: they added coaches to the Junior roster and created a senior team.

The Junior squad would have been playing in the Halton-Peel league but "the Halton-Peel league expanded all over western Ontario" this year, according to AMSA president Colin Ager. He added "There is no way we have the resources to go there." The hoop extends as far as London.

Because the travel costs would have been prohibitive, the switch was made to a Senior team, to play in a local Senior league.

The soccer association, unlike lacrosse and hockey, is self supporting. "We finance our own teams. We do not go out to sponsors," said Mr. Ager. It is because their money is limited that they cannot afford the Junior team.

Continue playing When the Junior team was originally proposed, it was done so because the AMSA executive felt that the boys, who were the first to graduate entirely from Acton's minor hockey network, deserved the chance to go on playing, and that is still an important consideration.

The association is looking for a permanent team here, which would give people the opportunity to play for Acton as long as they liked, instead

of having to look elsewhere when they outgrew the Junior age.

In most countries, 16 and 17 year old boys would be playing in Senior leagues anyway. According to Mr. Ager, "It's only in Canada that there is this in-between league 'Juniors'."

He feels that playing with adults will help the boys with their game. "Having the coaches on the team will make these guys think a lot more soccer. It will control them and improve their game."

No name As yet the team has not been given a name, but Mr. Ager insists that the name will include "Acton" in it, since the team is representing the town.

One of the towns which the team will face is Georgetown. There are three teams from Georgetown in the eight or nine team league Acton will be joining. The schedule will run from May to September concurrent with lacrosse and baseball. They are expecting to get good crowds out for home games, in spite of the competition. "There will be a little swing to baseball because of the Blue Jays," said Mr. Ager, but he feels the

soccer team "will do quite well" in attendance.

Home games will be played at Acton High School on Wednesdays during the summer. Right now the team is practicing Wednesday nights at M.Z. Bennett gym, moving outside when the weather permits. The final roster has not yet been set, but even so Mr. Ager predicted "the team will do very

very well in the league". The AMSA has only one set of the black and white striped shirts which have always been traditional here, and these will likely go to the Senior Club. The price of these shirts has risen enormously, to the \$13 per shirt range. Other teams in the minor soccer organization will be wearing white shirts with black collar and cuffs.

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NICOLE CAMPBELL, Dolly Moulden, Pearl Baker (absent) and Mary Smith received the Alexander Mackenzie Trophy from Gwen Tyler. The rink was the winner in the Thursday evening first draw.



WINNERS OF THE Wednesday afternoon second draw were Fiona Fieback, Anne Ridley and Jan Hayter. They received the Don Bexton trophy for their winning ways on the Acton Curling Club ice.



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