

Turkey Roll winners



ALL READY FOR Christmas dinner are members of the Bantam bowling teams who won the turkey roll at the bowling lanes Saturday. Front row, Dianne Little and Karen Little. Back row, Grant Smith, Wayne Chappell, Bobby Warren and Bobby Gibson.



WINNERS OF THE Juniors turkey roll at the bowling lanes Saturday were, sitting, Mary McArthur, Rita Bottero, Andrew Roach and Sharon Gavin. Standing, Tom Shannon and Albert Harris.



PROUDLY DISPLAYING turkeys won at Saturday's turkey roll at the bowling lanes are the members of various junior teams. Sitting, Graham White, Christine Parker, Debbie Lumbers and Cheryl Gilbert. Standing, Julie Heatley and Brian Patterson.

Coaches' corner

The origin of hockey

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A young house league player asked me "Is hockey truly a Canadian game? Did it really start here?" A little research shows that no game inspires more enthusiastic support from its devoted fans or engenders more intense emotion on the part of the players, than does hockey, Canada's national winter sport. From the smallest member of a neighborhood "squirts" hockey team to superstars of the professional leagues, the charisma of hockey exerts a powerful influence.

Hockey's origins seem inextricably linked with the old world. It is true that Brother Gabriel Sagard's "The Long Journey Into the Huron Country", published in France in 1632, recounted that Indian boys on the southern shores of Georgian Bay "played a game with curved sticks, making them slide over the snow and hit a ball of light wood".

However, it is generally agreed that the game, as we know it, is a development of the English game "bandy" or field hockey, still played in Canada by college and private-school girls' teams. This, in turn, is a direct descendant of the old Scottish game of "shinny" and the even older Irish game of "hurling", whose violence in play is closely akin to that often exhibited in today's hockey encounters.

There is evidence that field hockey was brought to Canada by British soldiers who made up the garrisons at Halifax, Montreal and Kingston from 1783 to 1855. The possibility of combining it with ice skating, which was so popular in Canada was almost inevitable.

Born in Kingston
Conflicting claims say the first ice hockey game was played in Halifax, Montreal and Kingston. In 1942, however, a Canadian Amateur Hockey Association committee decided that Kingston was hockey's birthplace. It reported: "The playing of hockey games in Kingston (on the ice of Kingston harbor) as early as 1855 is certain. Early manuscripts, letters and even sticks and pucks used in the early days of hockey, have been located." In those days, as many as 50 or more players on each side participated.

Notwithstanding, Montreal claims that the first organized game, definitely called "ice hockey", was played at the Victoria Skating Club, March 3, 1875. There were nine players on each side, including a goalkeeper. This was an innovation as there were no goalkeepers in bandy or shinny.

W. F. Robertson, of McGill University, devised a code of hockey rules in 1878, using English field hockey rules as a guide. This required that a team consists of six players, a goalkeeper, two points, two cover points, rover and centre. Rinks were 112 feet long and 58 feet wide. The goalkeeper was not allowed to lie, sit or kneel on the ice during play and he could not hold the puck. Moreover, there could be no change of players during a game unless a man was injured. And, proving that player reaction to referees hasn't changed over the years, it is the rule that "Any player guilty of using profane or abusive language to any officials or other players shall be ruled off by the referee." One wonders what the players and fans of 1878 would think about the hockey brawls of 1978!

In early Canadian hockey, the hard rubber ball used in field hockey was the playing object. This was soon found unsuitable and was replaced with a flat, circular piece of wood. It was eventually succeeded by a puck made of natural rubber. The first hockey sticks used in Canadian hockey games were imported from England and cost four shillings each. They were quite unlike present-day hockey sticks, being shorter and similar to those used in field hockey. Within a year of the playing of the first Montreal game,

the city had at least five organized hockey teams. Soon, teams from Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, Halifax and Kingston were playing against each other. Meanwhile, hockey teams were developing in Toronto. By 1891, the game had become so popular the Ontario Hockey Association was formed and provincial champions were declared.

Coveted Cup
In 1893, Lord Stanley of Preston, then Canada's Governor General, offered a sterling silver bowl to be competed for by Canadian amateur hockey teams. The Stanley Cup remains the most coveted prize in the North American hockey world, though now only professional teams compete for it. Today, hockey is played by thousands of youngsters, teenagers and mature athletes across Canada. There are now two professional groups in North America, the National Hockey League, formed in 1906, and the more recently organized World Hockey Association.

Professional quality hockey pucks are now molded from a special SBR compound specified by the NHL. Other pucks are made from SBR and NR reclaim. Many hockey players also make effective use of a moldable thermoplastic rubber based on Polysar X-141 transpolyisoprene, to fashion injury-protecting splints and pads.

Flyers top Brampton, ninth game without loss

Milton Flyers are coming alive and haven't been defeated for nine straight. Flyers hosted Brampton Chevys Friday evening at Milton Memorial Arena and walked away with a 6-3 win.

Inglis said the game dragged on after Flyers hit the ice after being idle all week without practice time. He was impressed with Pierre Pilote. Pilote has been turning in super performances and is "coming along," said Inglis. Inglis pointed to Pilote's checking abilities and said he is playing a tough game. Pilote scored twice on Flyers' two powerplay markers in Friday night's game.

Pilote opened the scoring at 16:31 unassisted and was followed by Paul McCann scoring at 15:57 from Rod Gooding. Brampton got into the game with their first goal at 11:59 on a power play as Danny MacDonald scored assisted by John Lumies. Dave Turner popped Flyers ahead two goals with four seconds remaining in the opening period. Mike Murray and Gasper Paul drew the assists.

In the second period, Brampton fired two goals, the first at 16:25 from Wayne Deighton and at 1:09,

Deighton fired his second. McDonald assisted on all three Brampton goals, Lumies grabbing two assists and Jim Roberts one.

Flyers scored once in the middle frame and that came off the stick of captain Ron Twiss. Twiss nailed the goal that kept Flyers one better than Brampton after two periods at 14:15 assisted by Gooding and McCann.

The Twister's goal proved to be the winner, however, insurance tallies were netted in the final period by Pierre Pilote at 11:24 and Steve Wilson at 7:49.

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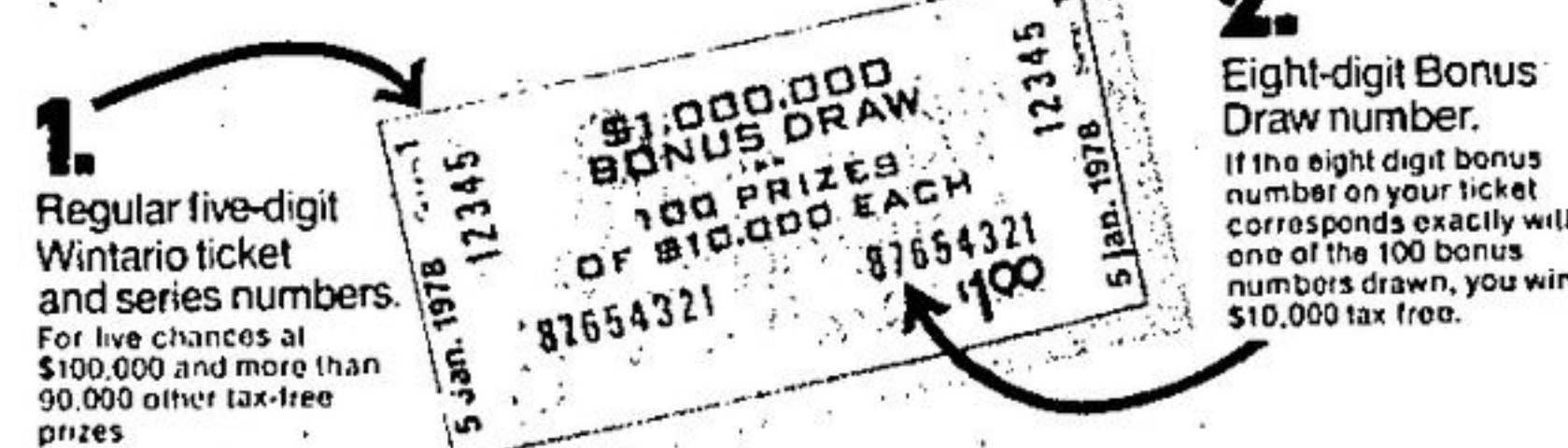
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Football injuries not a concern

The danger of injury in football apparently doesn't worry school trustees in Halton like it does the Ontario Chiropractic Association.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education received a letter from the Chiropractic Association which stated "football can be dangerous" without a single comment.

Chiropractors said the contact sport played at most Halton high schools can be particularly dangerous to adolescents.

"The members of this profession, through their involvement and for reason of Chiropractors urged the board to direct principals to drop "heavy contact" football and replace it with "touch or flag football or another potentially less dangerous sport."

WHL Non-contact Standings	W	L	P
Georgetown	11	1	0-22
Acton	7	5	1-15
Meadowdale	6	3	2-14
Halton Hills	3	7	2-8
Milton	1	8	1-7

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