

Sports Camp: fun through learning

By Gord Murray
Fun and learning. It's what summer shiny dreams are made of. For nearly 300 youngsters between the ages of six and 15 the dream has come true at North Halton Sports Camp.



Goalie coach Bill Humphreys gives Duff McGillivray some instruction at North Halton Sports Camp.

Limehouse Minor ball

Atom boys lost the semi final road against Glen Williams last week. Thanks goes to Chris Soes and Don Brown for all the time they donated this past season in helping the boys.

Both teams put forth an effort as Limehouse lost the first game 2-0 and the second game 4-3.

Limehouse mens softball

In the final 2 games of regular season play the Limehouse Hustlers met the Ballinlad Blue Jays and the Petrohawk Oilers met the Limehouse Rocks.

In the first game Brad (Iams) DeWore of the Hustlers went 3 for 4 and led off the first inning with a Home Run to count for 1 of the 6 runs brought in. (Bill Brad) Stew Morrison and Bob Best each hit a two bagger to bring in two runs each to retire the side. Hank (The Lover) Bowman played an exceptional first base as well as being 3 for 4 at bat. Ivan Wheeler went all the way on the mound for the Hustlers holding the game at 8-0 until the bottom of the 6th when the Jays came back with a six run inning. Pete Blacklock pitched six innings for the Jays with Dan Englyb coming in at the top of the seventh, to save the win for the Jays 12-8.

George Andrews played a strong first base but Bob Oliver played a stronger catch keeping George awake and on his toes. As a batter George was wide awake going three for four and bring in three rbi's. Terry Anderson and Mel Bailey played a strong infield

learning, but having fun, too," camp director Chris Milne says. It's not really that tough to produce that combination either. The highly qualified staff has been having fun playing hockey for years now. The learning part comes from the instructors, who are renowned as students of the game and sports.

Assisting Milne in developing the camp, program, now in its fourth year of operation at Alcott, is Bob Tost, a veteran of local minor hockey organization and a Gemini executive. Milne is a former Gem player, skated last winter with the Raiders and is going to be the number one assistant coach of the Junior Bs this winter.

Teaching comes naturally to a number of the staff. The men operating the office program, Bob McKay and Mike McMahon, are well known locally as top

working on skating and an hour and a half studying hockey skills. They also have three hours daily of varied and valuable dry land activities. Then there's the catered lunch on top of all the above instruction. Hockey equipment manufacturers come in and hold seminars and show movies and also offer prizes for the youngsters. Dairy Queen has supplied prizes for winners in the weekly Friday camp matches.

"We use the progressive teaching method. They start with stance, then puck handling, passing and finally shooting," Milne said. Of course, there's lots of skating too, the Friday game is to see if the boys can put the skills tog-

other. "It's important to have a fun game because the kids have worked hard all week and concentrated on learning."

The boys are taught that the skills they are introduced to at the camp need lots of work after they leave and they can do them on their own. Skills are repeated again and again at the camp because "repetition makes perfect. Unfortunately kids get bored with repetition so we have to make the drills fun."

The office program is co-ordinated with the on-ice program Milne noted. If a boy learns puck handling in his Monday on-ice session he does puck handling outside the next day. The instructors want the lads to learn

enough players but there were, according to Lewis, 11 Realtors in uniform for the game Monday night.

Philps reached the final by surprising the Acton Merchants in straight games in the semi-final. The Merchants were the recipients of the Bank of Nova Scotia Award as this year's league champions.

The end of the year also marks the stepping down of president Bryan Lewis. Lewis, a three and a half year veteran of the position, announced earlier that this would be his last year at the helm.

"It has been an enjoyable three and a half years" says Lewis, "and one of my biggest pleasures is to see the league develop into one of the best in the area."

Philp cops title

After much confusion a third game in the Georgetown Industrial League final went off Monday night, with Philp Publishing scoring a 16-6 win taking the Labatt's Award in three straight matches. Philp took the opening game of the final 5-3 and game two 11-7.

After the second game of the contest the Akers-Clark team told league president Bryan Lewis that they were unable to field a team for a Monday night contest.

"After game two, not before," said president Lewis, "Akers and Clark personnel informed me that they could not field a team for the August 27 match with the reason being players had to work nights yet some players on the team said that they will be missing at least three key team members that play in the Milton Industrial League."

At that point in time Lewis called the third game, giving Philps a win and the league championship in a shortened season but Monday afternoon developments had the game back on forcing the Philp side to locate enough players to field a squad.

The night earlier Akers-Clark had said they could not field

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Tri-county title

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The three teams are currently in a round robin battle for the league crown with the Acton entry being the only undefeated team boasting a three win, no loss record.

Billy Botetzayas pitched his second no-hitter of the year for the A-B team in the 8-1 win over Ponsonby. His other no-hitter was against Brookville. Botetzayas managed 12 strike-outs against Ponsonby and helped his own cause with a homer.

Craig Cadenhead was the most consistent Acton batter in the game with a pair of singles while Mike Williams added another.

In the 6-5 win over Maryhill a pair of Acton home runs sparked the win. Botetzayas and Pat Johnson provided the power in the game with Mike Williams and Evan Hayter punching out two singles each.

The winning run came off Williams' second single of the day. Williams singled and then stole the rest of the bags to give Acton the win. Bill Botetzayas picked up the win for Acton.

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