

# Summer leagues gear up for hot times

Groundhogs and first robins aside, the surest way to tell of spring's arrival is baseball and soccer registration.

And since Saturday is the final day of baseball registration, while the Acton Minor Soccer Association held several registration dates earlier this month, it's safe to say spring is here.

Can summer be far behind? Local summer leagues don't think so as they start planning for the warm months ahead.

The Soccer Association got a jump into spring training with another indoor soccer session at M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little gymnasiums, Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

They started in February.

The squirts can practise from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday at Robert Little; Wednesdays is reserved for the pee-wees and bantams from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at M.Z. and Thursdays the atoms from 8 to 8:45 p.m. and mosquitos from 6:45 to 7:30 practise, back at Robert Little.

Acton Minor Baseball Association has also held several registration days earlier this month with the final one scheduled for Saturday at the Acton Legion.

Bob Johnston, President of the Association says so far 200 children have signed for baseball. The season usually starts the week after the May holiday (this year on May 18), but schedules won't be finalized

until they get a total number of registrations.

In the meantime, the Association is holding an executive meeting next Monday, March 30.

Girls' soccer registration had an outstanding response with 70 signing up for the new season.

Carole Saxon who is co-ordinator for the girls' league, said the response was a lot more than what was expected. They are able to field four girls' teams and one ladies' team. The Acton girls (age 8-9 years), the mosquitos (10-11), the pee-wees (12-13) and the bantam (14-17) teams will be competing in the Halton rural league. The ladies team (18 and over) will be playing in a recreational league.

But added Saxon, there is still room for more players with late registration running until April 15. Contact Saxon at 853-3872 to sign up. The season starts around the end of May.

Soccer players take the field around the same time.

There's also plenty of organized sporting activity for the older folks.

For instance the Acton Industrial Fastball league (formerly the Acton Men's Industrial Softball Association) will hold their first game on April 28 at Prospect Park.

There is no registration for the league

this year—teams are filled, but there are two new teams, including the addition of the Acton Roadrunners.

Last year the Roadrunners competed in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League, but opted for the local league this season.

Not to be outdone the Acton Ladies Fastball team have been holding work outs at the McKenzie-Smith gym Sunday nights for several months in preparation for their season in the Halton Ladies League.

Susan Poulson, who heads up the team, says tryouts will be held in mid-April with the season due to start the week of May 11. Stan Clarke will be coaching.

She added anyone any age, may try out for the team. The exact tryout date will be published in the paper.

In the meantime she said they are looking for sponsors, as well as selling a cookbook to raise funds.

The local ladies softball league will start its season May 19 as well, although the schedule isn't finalized. There will be no registration, says Judy Britton, who is one of the people organizing the league, but there is space on several teams, if anyone wishes to join.

To do so, she added, just contact her at 853-2370. The league will be holding their next meeting in April.

Unfortunately Ram Oldtime Lacrosse

won't return for another season, says Howard Dwyer. Dwyer coached last year's entry in the Oldtime League along with two other teams from Mississauga and Toronto and later Brooklyn.

It seems the league has disbanded says Dwyer, although the Rams could still field a team.

The Recreation Department will be holding its summer program for children and teenagers with the return of sports camp, leadership development program and day-camp at Prospect Park.

Registration for these events plus the popular Sport and Fitness School won't take place until Monday, June 8. Their summer brochure will hit the streets June 3.

Sport and Fitness School will be expanding to Acton, says Mike McMahon who along with Bob McKay worked in cooperation with the recreation department on the program.

McMahon, who is a teacher, said the number of local participants in last year's camp encouraged them to expand it to Acton. He added they will be sending details home with school children next month.

The summer swimming program will be much the same as last year's at Acton Indoor Pool with instructional and recreation swim times.

In the meantime, the recreation depart-

ment's spring courses are already underway, but there is some more room in several classes.

For further information contact the department.

If you don't like team work there's always the more individual sports such as tennis, golf or roller skating.

All three were popular last year. Memberships at the tennis club are open to everyone, with registration to be held at the arena next month.

Peter Marks, president of the Club says they will be holding an annual general meeting in about two weeks to decide on the 1981 executive.

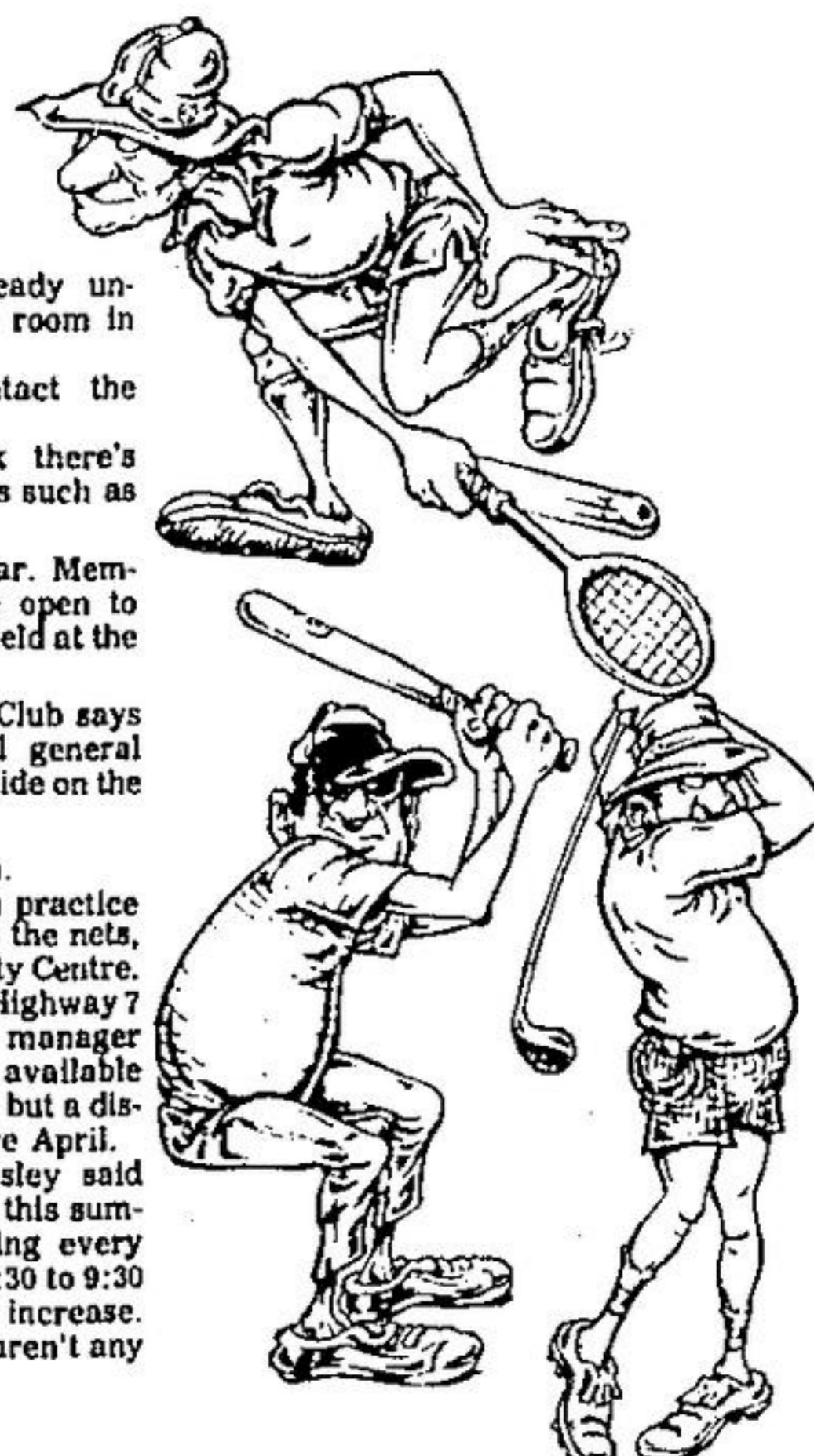
Dates will be finalized later on.

Until then he says, anyone can practice tennis, as soon as the town erects the nets, at the courts behind the Community Centre.

Acton Meadows golf course off Highway 7 should open in mid-April, says manager Lorne Norton. Memberships are available now and are doing well. Fees vary but a discount is offered if you join before April.

Arena manager Harold Townsley said roller skating will be back again this summer, starting May 19 and running every Tuesday and Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There has been a slight fee increase.

Don't let anyone tell you there aren't any good sports in Acton.



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All eyes lie on Acton Travel goaltender Rick Bonnette during Sunday's industrial hockey final at the Community Centre. Family Cleaners won the first game, taking a one-game lead in the best-of-three finals. They could wrap up the championship this Sunday.

### Cleaners up one in championship

Family Cleaners have the Men's Industrial hockey championship within their grasp as they nabbed the first game of the best-of-three finals with a 5-3 victory over Acton Travel Sunday at the Community Centre.

The win gives the Cleaners, top team in the league, a one-game lead, with the next, and possibly final match played this Sunday at the Community Centre.

Cleaners advanced to the finals after disposing of Lakeview Centre in the semi-finals in three games. They won the last one Sunday, March 15, 7-0.

Wayne Allen clinched Sunday's match for the Cleaners with a late-third period goal at 19:21. Acton Travel had come back to tie the game 3-3 eight seconds into the third period, on a goal by George Artem, but a few seconds later Wayne Deforest put Cleaners ahead.

Chris Tennant opened the scoring at 7:05 of the first period, but George McPhail tied it for Acton Travel a minute later.

Allen put Cleaners ahead again, scoring 29 seconds into the middle stanza. But Mike Petkoff tied it for Travel at 4:59.

A goal by Mike Fields at 9:50 in the second gave Cleaners the lead going into the third period, leading to Artem's tying marker.

Rusty Miller, Dave Morris, Ker Owen, Deforest, Fields and Kent Kentner picked up the assists for the Cleaners.

Both Artem's and McPhail's goals were unassisted; Jim Hagget and John Ashley pocketed the other aids.

Cleaner's semi-final match with Lakeview was a close 2-0 until 6:25 of the third when Cleaners exploded with five goals.

Wayne Allen picked up a hat trick in the game, scoring at 11:40 in the second, 9:04 immediately afterwards at 9:46 of the third.

Ken Owens pocketed a pair of goals, sparking the five-goal burst with the first marker at 6:25 of the third. He finished off the game with his second goal at 16:24.

Deforest opened the scoring at 8:57 of the first frame. Mike Miller was the other goalgetter, scoring at 14:56.

Morris and Tennant each nabbed three assists, with singles going to Mike Miller, Rusty Miller and Kentner.

### AMHA proposes draw changes

Proposed changes in the weekly 500 Club draw, run by the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) as a fund-raiser is being put forth to ticket buyers.

Bruce Cargill, president of the AMHA and Reg Hicks who chairs a committee set up by the Association to examine ways to increase revenue from the draw, said they are proposing two different plans.

The first is to make the draw a one-night affair, along with a combination dance, Monte Carlo night and bar.

If the plan is approved by ticket buyers, tickets will be available for sale at this year's draw in May and all money would be in by September 12.

The second plan they propose is similar to the one they have now, except they would hold two draws a week for 25 weeks. Under the present plan there are five draws for 30 weeks for \$30.

In both plans the ticket price will increase to \$50 from \$30.

But added Hicks, the prizes will increase in value. Under the first plan the first ticket drawn wins \$100. Then, starting with the 10th ticket and thereafter every 10th ticket draw, up to the 490th ticket win \$50.

The 495th ticket wins \$50, the 496 win \$75, the 497 wins \$100, the 498 wins \$200 and the 499 ticket wins \$499.

The grand prize for the 500th ticket drawn wins a new automobile with an approximate retail value of \$10,000.

As well the winning ticket seller wins \$100.

Prizes would work the same way under the second plan, with the automobile remaining the grand prize.

Cargill and Hicks said the proposed changes are needed to increase revenue. The 500 Club draw is the major money-maker for the Association. It is also a popular draw, selling all 500 tickets.

Last year, said Cargill, the Association had to budget \$33,000 compared to the \$18,000 three years ago. In contrast 500 Club tickets, which first went on sale eight or ten years ago went up to \$30 from their original price of \$25.

The proposals would increase the profit by almost double the amount than the present draw, said Hicks. He said the increased revenue would offset escalating costs and keep hockey registration fees from skyrocketing next season.

Both stressed the changes are only (Continued on B3)

### Firefighters survive round one of tourney

Acton Firefighters will play either Unionville or Orangeville tonight after surviving the first round of the 21st annual Georgetown International Bantam tournament this weekend at Memorial Arena in Georgetown.

Firefighters tied Oshawa 2-2 in the first game Saturday then captured a 6-1 victory over the same team in the second match in the C division.

Paul Cargill potted a pair of goals in the first game scoring at the 43 second mark of the middle stanza and again at 6:38.

Oshawa made it 3-1 a few seconds later at 6:43 and tied the game at 8:09 of the third frame.

Firefighters jumped into a three-goal lead in the first period of the second game. Lorenzo Civero was first on the scoreboard, netting a goal at 7:47, from David McKnight.

Richard Kilpatrick made it 2-0 at 9:15 with Bill Morrison finishing off the period 14 seconds later. Brad Youmans, Chris Hicks and Rick Dodds earned assists.

David Milne started off the second period, scoring at 8:52. Randy Coverdale added his marker at 9:16, sending the Firefighters to the dressing room with a 5-0 lead.

Coverdale and Kilpatrick also picked up assists in the frame.

Oshawa spoiled Firefighters shutout, netting their lone goal at 5:48 of the third period, but Stan Smith clinched the win on an unassisted effort at 8:14.

The game's star puck was awarded to Civero, but feelings were mixed about the victory.

John McGrath, who minded the nets the last three games, was injured in the third period. He was back however as the Firefighters blasted Fergus 5-2 in Hub league playoff game Monday.

A goal by Hicks at 9:23 of the second period tied the game 1-1 after Fergus jumped into the lead scoring at 1:52 in the second.

Then two more second-frame markers from McKnight and Morrison put Acton ahead to stay. McKnight scored on a pass from Smith at 10:58. Morrison potted his at 13:48 with Brad MacPherson and Youmans aiding.

Smith clinched the victory with the fourth goal at 5:19 of the third, although Fergus came back with a goal at 7:26. Milne's marker at 10:16 of the third rounded out the scoring. Youmans pocketed assists on both third-period goals.

McGrath was also in net for the Firefighters 9-1 dousing of Elora in an earlier Hub league playoff game last Tuesday at the Community Centre.

Coverdale and Cargill each netted a pair of goals enroute to the victory. Coverdale also pocketed a pair of assists with Cargill picking up a single.

McKnight, Morrison, Smith, Kilpatrick and Vince Danagher were the other local marksmen.

Kilpatrick nabbed three aids with others going to Smith, Morrison and Milne.

### Laing heads atom tourney

Laing Construction major atoms kick off the seventh annual Centennial Atom tournament Friday with the first game of the three-day event at the Community Centre.

Laing plays Galt at 6:30 p.m. Friday night in the first game. They will play again at 1:15 p.m. Saturday if they win Friday night or 12:10 if they lose.

There are several new teams entered in this year's tournament, including Burlington, Fergus, Tillsonburg, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sandwich West and Kanata. Last year's champions, Stouffville, are returning as well as Saltfleet, the consolation winners.

Unionville, Galt, Beamsville, Kitchener, Oshawa and Goderich are also returning.

The consolation game gets underway Sunday at 1:30 p.m. with the tournament title up for grabs at 2:40 p.m. also on Sunday.

Laing has had a successful year. They are in the finals of the OMHA playoffs and are doing equally well in Hub league playoffs.

This year several local companies are sponsoring the tournament. Laing's, Denny's Insurance, Petty's Garage, Acton Terminal Warehouse, Canadian Tire, J & T Sports, A & B Foodland, Family Restaurant, Acton IGA, Robertson's Flower Shop, the Olde Hide House, Family Barber Shop, Jug City, Lakeview Centre, Alec Johnson Real Estate, Bank of Nova Scotia, Thompson Fuels, Goy Cartage, Acton Hockey Moms and Larry's House of Buys.

For a complete tournament schedule see Scoreboard.



Traffic jam in front of the Tottenham net as the Acton Concrete novices scramble for a 1-1 tie in exhibition action, Saturday at the Community Centre. See inside for game details.



### Rep wrap finals

Along with last year's disbandment of the Waterloo-Wellington league, went hockey playoffs as Acton players knew it.

This year the town's rep teams are in the Mantle division of the Hub league and instead of playing quarter-finals and semi-finals against other teams that have placed high in the standings, Acton is playing round robin playoffs with the championship decided by a game played on Champions Day April 5 in Waterloo.

In between they have been competing in Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns (OMHA) against teams in other centres the same size as Acton.

In keeping with the home and home game structure of Hub league, Acton teams play each team in their division twice during the round robin playoffs. After that the two top teams, those who had the most wins, goes on to Champions Day.

Alton McIsaac Concrete Construction novices already had their Champions Day two weeks ago. There they lost two games; the first one to Guelph, the eventual grand champions and the second to Galt, the eventual consolation champions.

The minor atom Moms defeated Fergus in the second round of OMHA playdowns in two games, but were ousted by Woolwich also in two games.

They have four wins, two ties and one loss in Hub playoffs, tying Fergus Monday night 2-2.

Laing Construction major atoms are this season's success story. They have reached the finals of OMHA playoffs and play their first game tonight at the Community Centre.

In Hub playoffs they have a six win, one loss record. They are coached by Evan Hayler.

Beardmore minor pee-wees, coached by Dan McGilloway, ended the season with 16 wins, four losses and two ties. They defeated Hespeler in two straight in the first round of OMHA playoffs knocking them out of further action. In Hub playoffs they have a six win, two loss record.

Lions Club minor pee-wees suffered their first defeat in Hub league playoffs this weekend, but they are still a candidate for Champions Day.

They have a six win, one loss, one tie record in Hub.

Coached by Barry Inscow, the Lions reached the quarter-finals of OMHA but lost to Fergus.

The Rotary Club minor bantams were ousted from OMHA playoffs by Hespeler in three games, but suffered only one loss to Kitchener in Hub play-offs so far.

They have a five win, one loss record in Hub and are coached by Jamie Vickery.

Al McKerracher coaches the major bantams Firefighters who reached the semi-finals of OMHA. There they lost to Paris.

In Hub they have a six win, one loss record.

Ed's In-N-Out midgets reached the semi-finals of OMHA playoffs by downing Flamboro in three games in the first round, New Hamburg in five in the second round. But Ed's was eliminated by Glanbrook in four games.

They are coached by Steve Marshall. In Hub they have a two win, three loss record.

And finally the Acton Free Press juveniles, coached by Craig Weldon, were ousted by New Hamburg in OMHA playoffs. They have two wins and five losses in Hub playoffs.