

## OHA must approve Sabres-Gem merger

While the Acton Sabres and Georgetown Gemini are exploring the possibility of a merger there's no guarantee the Ontario Hockey Association would allow the two clubs to become one team for Halton Hills.

In his five years with the OHA director Gary Wilson says he's never heard of two teams merging, but he added that doesn't mean it couldn't happen. Final decision on a merger would have to come from the OHA.

One thing that would have to be discussed by the OHA Board of Governors is drawing rights if they allowed a newly formed Halton Hills entry into the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League. It seems that the OHA doesn't recognize regional government and it would be like two towns forming one team. The OHA would have to design drawing boundaries from which their players could come. Although the boundaries of Halton Hills are already drawn and seem logical, it would have to be an OHA decision.

Another possible reason for not allowing Halton Hills to form one squad would be the rest of the Central loop. According to Wilson the remainder of the league would be asked for their opinions of a merger and solid objection from the other teams might prompt the board of directors to vote 'no'.

Despite the possibility that the OHA could say 'no' to a merger the two local teams have to

decide what they want. The OHA is the least of their problems at the moment.

Wilson stated that the OHA will sit down May 12 to review Junior 'B' entries and he has suggested that if the Sabres-Gems are planning to continue their merger talks for this season they make a presentation to that effect. Wilson added that if the OHA knew that a merger was being discussed they could probably wait until the beginning of July for the Gem-Sabres to solve their differences.

Gemini president Zeke McCandless and outgoing General Manager Bob Tost sat down a few weeks ago with Sabres outgoing GM Ron Jeffery to get the ball rolling on a possible merger. After four hours of initial talks little had been decided other than a decision to meet following elections of officers had been completed for both teams.

That's where things stand today.

How do people feel about the possible transaction? The Gemini, who instigated the merger, voted at their general meeting last week to continue to pursue such a merger. McCandless is hoping that it could possibly be completed before the season while Tost said it's a step in the right direction. He felt however, that it wouldn't or couldn't become effective until next year.

Acton Sabre coach Jules Russiani is a major booster of the joint project from the Sabre standpoint feeling that it is the only way to go. He

feels that it must happen this year.

"There's not enough to work with," commented Russiani about the talent in Acton or Georgetown alone, "neither team has anything to look forward to. Make the play-offs and go out in the first round."

Russiani, like many people involved, can see many advantages to the one team. "With what's coming back from both teams you would be competitive," commented the Sabre mentor, "and combined resources can help financially."

Jules feels that one of the main disadvantages is that each centre would lose its personal identity. Gem GM Bob Tost expressed the same views both for and against but added that the disadvantage wasn't really one. "It's more ego than anything," commented Tost.

Russiani hadn't talked to his team's president Frank Allsop and said that he would have to respect their decision. "But from a bench standpoint why would you want to stop it," added the coach, "a winning team is always the goal."

One of Allsop's main concerns was the local boys. "It was our aim to provide hockey for local youngsters," commented the Sabre president. Last season the Swordsman had 10 AMHA grads in their line-up. Allsop noted that he would want to get together with Sabre management from the past before making a decision on a merger with Georgetown.



Darts league tournament winners were, front row, Hector Lambert, Roy Swan, and Bill Brown; back row George Smith, Lorne Marsh and Ken Papillon.



Darts League champions receiving trophies Saturday night was the team of Jim Hagggett, George Barrett and Kevin Lumbers. Missing from the photo are Don Grein and Elmer Andrews.



Cribbage League and tournament champions were the team of: front row, Willy Mitchell, Ronald Johnson and Jim Mullen; back row, Barry Cuthbert, Peter Ward and Larry Drysdale. Missing is Ed Crimless.



Industrial-Commercial league and play-off champions: front row, left to right, Ray Toth, Dan McGilloway, Ken Rigo, Mac Herrington. Back row, Mono Casarin, Norm Hayward and Wayne Mason.



Beardmore League Champs, front row left to right: Joe Richards, Wally Ella and Reg Warford. Back row, Earl West, Lynel Burton and John Fabian. Missing was Dave McGilloway.



Individual awards at the Beardmore Bowling banquet went to Sue Robson high average, Rose Fountain high single and Jane Warford high triple.



Beardmore Bowling Play-off Champs, front row, left to right, Neil Abbott, Doodle McGilloway, and Gloria Jennings. Back row, Harvey Burt, Jim Gibson, Tinnie Masales and Lyle Cripps.



Mrs. Gloria Jennings was the "Head Pin" champion and Glen Hillier won the "Hall of Shame" award for the lowest game of the year.



Individual awards at the Beardmore Bowling banquet went to Chad Crooks high triple and Brad Cripps high single.



Harvey Burt and Rob Milligan tied for the men's high average in the Beardmore Bowling League.

## Spear hurls no-hitter for Fread Roadrunners, Metros are still on top and undefeated

Last week in the Industrial League the Metros and Your Host Catering Roadrunners remained undefeated.

The Roadrunners hammered Halton Hills Electric 17-1 in five innings as Rob Fendley pitched a three hitter.

Bill Routledge crossed the plate four times for the Roadrunners while Chris Tennant scored three runs, including a home run. B.J. Legate, Don Richards, and Dave Black all scored two runs each, Bob Fendley, Mike Coffey, Gary Moore and Allan Hachey crossed the plate with single runs.

The Metros clobbered the Industrials 9-2 in five innings as Dick Spear threw a seven hitter.

Tim Fendley, Dick Spear and Jerry Marshall crossed the plate twice each for the Metros as Dave Williamson, Andy Broadbent and Ed Hillier added single runs to round out the scoring.

Fread won all three of its games last week as they defeated Halton Hills Furniture 8-0, with Roy Spear pitching a no-hitter. They also beat Electric 3-0 as Spear hurled a four-hitter and they hammered the Bears 12-5 in five innings.

In the three games McArthur, Spear and Clatworthy all scored four runs; McArthur hit a triple and Spear had a triple and a home run. Boycott crossed the plate with three runs, Hall scored two and Poot, McGregor, Farrell and Smallwood scored singles.

The Bears played four games last week, losing all four. They were beaten by Station Hotel 8-1, Desmond's 3-1, Canadian Tire 14-6 and by Fread 12-5.

In the four games Nate Field and Mark Brill scored three runs each, Cliff Britton and Gary Barens crossed the plate twice and single runs went to Mike Petkoff, J. Frank and John Verbeek.

Desmond's won one and lost one last week. They defeated the Bears 3-1 and lost to Furniture 12-8.

In the two games Bill McGilloway led the way with three runs, including a home run. Gary Robertson crossed the plate with two runs and single scores went to Ron Wood, Terry Powless, Joe Daponte, Tom Brain, Floyd Hillier and Mike Mattocks.

Halton Hills Furniture played three games winning one and losing two. They defeated Desmond's 12-8, and lost to the Industrials 9-1 and were shut-out by Fread 8-0.

In the three games Dave Allen, and Bob Turkosz crossed the plate three times each. Norm Carter and John Ahearn scored two runs each, Ahearn hitting a home run. Milt Ball, Doug Vaughan and Martin Bailey all crossed the plate with single runs.

Halton Hills Electric played two games last week, winning one and losing one. They defeated Canadian Tire 7-0 and lost to Fread 3-0.

Steve Marshall and Chris Schuts crossed the plate with two runs each. Scott Somerville, Lyle Prueter



Furniture's Bob Turkosz scores here as Desmond's catcher Ron Wood misses the tag. Furniture won the game 12-8.

and Danny Allen all scored single runs.

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In the two games Paul Campbell, Ian Campbell, Glen McKenzie and Rick Bonnette all crossed the plate twice. McKenzie hitting a home run. Tim Evans, Mike Copper, Murray McNabb, Roy Bosch, Jim McNabb and Ken Hurren all scored single runs.

Station Hotel played two games last week and won both defeating the Bears 8-1 and the Industrials 9-5.

In the two games Al Bousfield and Gord McArthur crossed the plate three times each. Rick Coe, Ken Pilgram, Mike Schultz and Wally Ella all scored two runs each and Roy Lefebvre, A. Bayton and Dave Phiel crossed the plate with single runs.

In two games Canadian Tire won one and lost one. They defeated the Bears 14-6 and lost to Electric 7-0. Clint Peacock and Bill Gillies scored three runs each while Mike Russel crossed the plate twice. Ron Broughton, Ray Williams, Bob Pelletton, Ian Paul, Gerry Paul and Floyd Foster all scored single runs.

This week's schedule. Tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 p.m. Electric play Station; Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. the Bears meet the Metros and on Saturday at 7 p.m. the Roadrunners host Furniture. Sunday at 10 a.m. the Bears meet the Roadrunners; at 12 noon Station play Fread; at 2 p.m. Canadian Tire host the Industrials; at 4 p.m. the Metros meet Desmond's; and at 6 p.m. Furniture plays Electric.

## C Records crib champs

C Records were the big winners in the Legion Cribbage action this season winning both the league championship and play-off crown.

Captain Ron Johnson and Larry Drysdale, Ed Crimless, Bill Mitchell, Barry Cuthbert and Jim Mullen won both the Molson award as well as being honored for their playoff triumph.

Cribbage and Dart league awards were given out at the annual banquet at the branch Saturday night.

Reliable Taxi won the Adams trophy for second spot. Members of that team are Bob Woodcock, Don Grein, Jim Hughes, Ivan Kilby and Bill Taylor.

The Has Beens, Jim Higgins, Henry Wedge, Walter Lamb, Hank Earle, George Marshall and Chuck Shultis grabbed third spot and the Legion trophy.

Firemen A, with Mel Storey, Cal McIntyre, Syd Morris, Ev Whitred, Brent Dance and Doug Mason, placed fourth and won the Goy trophy.

AM Construction placed fifth and took home the IGA trophy. Team members were Bill Allen, Al Green, Bill McCabe, Reg Landriault, Earl Jordan and M. Rippon.

Seventh spot and the Heller's trophy went to the Leftovers. Their players were George Poulsen, Art Stamp, Steve Waring, Keith Smiley, Glenn Crichton, Dave McLean and Dave Whiting.

The second play-off spot went to the No Names. Members of the team were Allen Albery, Bob Holmes, Al Smith, Jim Waller and John Jordan. Legion A, with Frank Smith, Grant Allen, Albert Ford, Bill Nicolak, Bruce Barber

and Wally Coe were third in the playoffs.

Art Stamp was first for Show Down and Ronnie Johnson second with Keith Andrews and Cal McIntyre tied for best hand.

Dart league champs and the Master trophy went to the team of Elmer Andrews, Jim Hagggett, George Barrett, Don Grein and Kevin Lumbers. This squad also won the play-offs runner-up crown.

The league runner-up award and play-offs tail enders award went to the team of Danny Dempsey, Ted Levesque, Craig Andrews, Floyd Hillier, Kevin Conroy and Ken Hilditch.

The play-off champs were the unit of Hector Lambert, Roy Swan, Lorne Marsh, George Smith, Bill Brown and Ken Papillon and they won the Master trophy.

A flight singles champ was Rod Leech with Ken Hilditch runner-up. Tom Berry was B flight singles champ and Ford Andrews runner-up while George Flinders was the C flight singles champ and Roy Andrews runner-up.

League high start of 147 went to Fred Skeggs while Jim Hagggett's 118 was good for high finish. Pat Boland's 177 gave him high league score and Dave Lewis won the B/Ball crown with a 36.

Play-off doubles champs were Ken Hilditch and Jim Milne while Dave Lewis and Pete Pickering were runners-up. Pickering was the play-off high single champ and Don Page runner-up. Page, Conroy and Hilditch all recorded the high play-off score of 180.

League tail enders were the team of Walt Henstridge, Alex Richards, Bob Johnson, Milne and Norm Craigie.

## More AHS track records set

Friday and Saturday the Acton High School Redmen Track and Field team were at York University and competed in the Father John Redmond CSB Track Classic and set some new school records.

Andrea Arbie was fourth in the Midget Girl's Javelin with a throw of 27.20 m. Deb Baum finished seventh in the Midget Girls' Shot Put with a toss of 8.32 m. Sandra Brundie, in the Junior Girls' Javelin, had a throw of 25.26 m.

In the Junior Boys' 4x100m relay the Acton team of Les Dobisz, George Gidman, Gord March and Mike Soper finished fourth in 45.9 seconds. There were 16 schools in this event.

Teresa Dunn was fourth in the Junior Girls' Shot Put with a throw of 9.17 m and set a new school record of 26.66 m throwing the discus.

George Gidman finished fifth in the Junior Boys' 400 m with a time of 52.91 seconds and set a new school record in the Junior Boys' 800 m with a time of 2:02.6.

Andrea Jenkinson was third in the Senior Girls' Javelin with a throw of 21.60 m.

Gord Springlet set a new school record in the Junior Boys' 110 m hurdles with a time of 16.23 seconds. Doreen Uranick was fourth in the Junior Girls' 400 m with a time of 62.3 seconds and set two new school records one in the 800 m with a time of 2:21.14 seconds and the other in the 1500 m with a time of 4:52.4 seconds.

REDMEN RUGGER

Last Tuesday all three Redmen Rugger teams travelled to Chingaucousy and all three teams were defeated.

The Midgets were defeated 17-0; the Juniors lost 10-3 and the Seniors were stung 47-0.

Thursday at home the Acton Redmen teams hosted Central Peel and the Midgets were defeated 18-6; the Juniors hammered Central Peel 24-4 and the Seniors won a squeaker 8-6.

The teams will be playing in tournaments this weekend in Bolton.

## Rockwood opens on road

Rockwood's Drexler Construction ball team opens its Inter-County Fastball season this Friday in Erin.

Other clubs they'll be meeting this season include Cambridge, Glen Williams, Alton, Belwood, Hillsburgh, Orangeville and Cambridge Juniors.

The club will play a 24 game campaign and season's tickets for home matches are \$10. These can be purchased from any team member or call Tom Rockola at 856-9500 or John Thatcher at 856-4181.

## Time running out to buy Acton Open tickets

Time's running out to get tickets for the 1982 Acton Open on May 22 at Acton Meadows. Organizers have announced all tickets must be picked up at Reliable Taxi by this Sunday, May 16. After that date no tickets will be sold.