

Steve Sheppard wins Ontario wrestling title



McKenzie-Smith wrestler Steve Sheppard did himself and school proud on the weekend capturing the Ontario Bantam Wrestling Championship gold medal in Georgetown.

by Wayne Sumbler

The smallest member of the McKenzie-Smith wrestling team turned out to be a giant in the Ontario Bantam wrestling championships in Georgetown on Saturday. Steve Sheppard, the blonde haired, blue eyed wonder kid reeled off three impressive victories to capture his first Ontario Bantam Championship title.

Sheppard, wrestling in the 30 kilogram division won his matches quite handily. It took a combined time of 50 seconds to pin his first two opponents. With his championship, Sheppard was also invited to participate in the annual New York State Tri Meet next month.

Another bright spot for the team was Troy Foster. Foster who also excels at hockey, soccer, and cross-country captured the bronze in the 40 kilogram Division in an exciting final match by outscoring his op-

ponent 4-3.

Both Sheppard and Foster will be representing Ontario in the Canadian Championships to be held in London next month.

Other standouts include Jim Wheeler, Wayne Durose and Shawn McFadden who all placed fourth in their respective weight divisions. All three wrestlers were within arms reach of winning the championship and if not for a few bad breaks, they would be joining Sheppard and Foster in London.

John Neely also showed a fine effort in placing fifth in the 32 Kilogram Division.

Special mention must be given to Julian Ashworth, Bryan Alexander, Kevin Grubbe and Greg Wagner who rounded out the team's excellent performance.

Overall the squad showed a tremendous amount of class and good sportsmanship and they also served notice of being a top contender next year.



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SPORTS

Industrial ball league set eight teams hit diamond

by Paul Nolan

Acton's Industrial ball league kicks off its regular season tonight (Wednesday) with a game between the Good News Bears and the Acton Royals.

If the wintry weather persists, one can imagine a post-game scene; frozen ball-players huddling at a nearby picnic table, sipping hot chocolate long into the night.

When league president Ron McKnight says he's looking forward to the season, his thoughts are likely more centred on those lazy Sundays in July, than these blustery nights in April.

But enough about the weather, baseball's back in town.

This is McKnight's first year as league president. He is joined on the executive by Ron Hachey, first vice president; George Wallace, treasurer; and Rick Baginski, secretary.

There will be eight teams in the industrial loop this season—down from ten last year. The biggest problem is a lack of pitchers, according to Hachey. However, no one seems to be very worried.

Fread Construction, last year's playoff champions, will be back. So will the Road-runners, Halton Hills Furniture, The Bears,

Desmond's, and Canadian Tire. The Royals (last year the Industrials) and the Acton A's (formerly Halton Hills Electric) will be new additions. The defending league champion Metros and Station Hotel have withdrawn.

President McKnight offers an insight into the success of the league through the years; "Everyone seems to have fun whether they win or lose." He is also aware that the league "was originally formed for the fun and recreation of the players. Competitiveness is all anybody can really ask for."

Regular season games are played Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. All games are scheduled to be played

on the Prospect Park diamond.

The season is starting three days early this year, in order to be finished playoffs before the fall fair in September.

McKnight hopes to initiate an Acton-Georgetown Industrial league exhibition game this season. The game, which is still in the planning stage, would pit the first place team from Acton against its cross-town counterpart, with all proceeds going to charity.

A final note on the weather: it's nothing unique. In fact, Ron Hachey remembers that the league "started in snow and finished in snow a few years ago."

Young people meet friends through sports

by Paul Nolan

The Acton Young People is a youth group operated out of the Christian Reformed Church in Acton, which uses sports not as a way of competing, but to simply meet with

friends in a social atmosphere.

Henry Kroezen, 22, has been a member of the Acton Young People for the past seven years. This season, he will be helping to organize a group baseball squad, which will play in a league against other such teams from places like Listowel, Drayton, Guelph, Clinton, Cambridge and Kitchener.

In addition, there are many other athletic social events planned throughout the year. There are volleyball tournaments, sports days, hay rides, winter camps, and car rallies. The Acton group travels all over the region to participate in these events.

The Young People will be hosting a soccer tournament on June 4, which will be held on town soccer fields. The tournament will be followed by a square dance in the evening at Acton High School.

Every Saturday evening, the group goes roller skating in Kitchener. Most of the group's 23 members are active in these gatherings, according to Mr. Kroezen.

The average age of the group's members is between 19 and 20, while the minimum age of a participant is 16. There is a 3-1 ratio of males to females in the group. The only problem this seems to create says Kroezen, is the ability to field a girls' softball team.

General meetings are held every Sunday evening.



Winners of the Masters Senior Bowling Tournament in Georgetown recently were Christine Hoare, Wes Kutasienski, and Tom Shannon. They beat Georgetown in the finals by 112 points.

Acton bowlers tops in Master-Senior

For the second year in a row, a team from Acton has dominated the Georgetown Master-Senior Invitational Championships sponsored by H. & H. Video. In the bowling finals, the Acton team of Y.B.C. Seniors Tom Shannon, Christine Hoare and 'Master' Wes Kutasienski combined to beat Georgetown's David Chaplin, Sandra Marshall and 'Master' Andy Parent.

There were a total of 28 teams from Town & Country and Sportsmans (Guelph), Milton Bowlaway (Milton), Georgetown Bowl (Georgetown), Acton Lanes (Acton), and Park Royal (Mississauga) participating in the H & H Championships.

After a 5-game qualifying round, 8 teams entered the knock-off play-offs. 1. Park Royal (Betty Scriver) plus 324; 2. Acton (Bob Heatley) plus 302; 3. Park Royal (Yvonne Phair) plus 282; 4. Georgetown (Shirley Chaplin) plus 282; 5. Acton (Wes Kutasienski) plus 208; 6. Georgetown (Andy Parent) plus 135; 7. Georgetown (Wendy Chaplin) plus 106; 8. Georgetown (Chris Burke) 101.

In the quarter-finals the Kutasienski team knocked off Shirley Chaplin's squad from Georgetown with a plus 36 to Chaplin's 16.

Bob Heatley and his team of Graham White and Julie Heatley also got by the quarter-final match as his squad rolled a plus 106 to knock out Georgetown's Wendy Chaplin and her team.

In the semi-finals the two Acton squads met each other with 'Master' Kutasienski and his duo finishing with a plus 36 to advance to the final against Andy Parent of Georgetown.

The Georgetown squad led at the half way point of the championship, but Tom Shannon's four straight hits and a couple of spares for a 283 lifted the Acton team to the title.

Acton 'Master' Sylvia Mages came home with a cash award for the day's high single, 354.

Redmen advance in bird play

The Acton High School Redmen badminton team have advanced two teams to the Peel-Halton bird championships by virtue of their performances this past week at the Halton finals in Georgetown.

Harold Kroehler and Tony Wright played impressively in the men's doubles division picking up a second place finish to advance.

The ladies' doubles squad of Sandra Brundie and Andrea Jenkinson duplicated the feat placing second as well.

Shirley Van Rijk competed in ladies' singles but ran into some hot competition while the mixed doubles squad of Scott Hibbard and Peggy Ancker failed in their bid to advance.

The other Acton qualifiers in ladies' doubles were Andrea Arbic and Kathy Coats but an untimely injury forced Arbic out of action. Coats competed with Bev Glenn but the pair were unable to reach the qualifying level for the next round.

Coaches to get in shape

Coaches! Keep up with your athletes and improve your skills too!

The Halton Hills Recreation & Parks Department is offering a Spring Theory Level I Course. This introductory Coaching Course is open to all interested coaches in various sports. It covers such topics as role of the coach, psychology of coaching, motor learning, sport medicine, biomechanics, growth and development and training methods. A pass of Level I Theory is based on 100 per cent attendance and persons participating must be 18 years of age and over.

Theory Level I will take place on May 1 and 15, 1983, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Georgetown District High School. The cost is \$15.00/person.

Allsop returned as president

It always seems that the Acton Junior "B" general meeting and election of officers is a formality. It seems that no one ever wants the job of running the club.

Well, this year was quite different as some 40 people showed an interest in the club for the first time in a number of years there was voting for the president's and vice-president's positions.

Frank Allsop was returned as president of the group over Pat Kirton while Ray Graham kept his spot as vice-president.

Mollie Allsop was returned once again as treasurer while the only new member of the

elected board will be secretary Anne Dodds. Mrs. Dodds replaces Marlene Graham, who retired.

The elected executive will now name eight directors to the club for the following season with each looking after specific functions.

While Allsop admits that the new group hasn't really been working on the coming season their application is in and they are now looking for possible coaching and managing personnel. Applications for the positions of coach, manager, general manager, and trainer will be accepted up until May 15.



The bowling season is dwindling down and the Industrial Commercial League were among the first to hold their year end wrap up. Photo left, league and playoff champion Jay Pinatics. Front row, l. to r. Ray Toth, Dan McGiloway, Wayne Masson, back, Ken Rigo, Mac Herrington, sponsor Jim Timleck, Wayne Norton and Norm Hayward. Above are individual winners Ken Rigo (406 single) and Norm Carter (high average 237). Missing is top triple shooter Sid Barons (828).