

Acton YBC Bowlers at their best



Susanne Deforest, 8, of the Go Getters doesn't look too confident as she lets this ball go.



Crystal Hillier, 11, of the Go Getters watches the fate of her shot.



Concentration! Matthew Abbott, 8, of the Camaros, kept a steady eye on the pins as he wound up to deliver them a blow with his bowling ball.



Teri Petrillo, 10, of the Camaros held her follow-through stance until the last pin had dropped.



Christopher Scott White, 8, makes sure he doesn't cross the line as he hurls his bowling ball down the lane.

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Holmes plate

by Mark Holmes

For all Gretzky fans, there's a new book out that should satisfy the most ardent hunger for the hockey player's past, present and future.

Written by Wayne's father, Walter Gretzky, and Jim Taylor, the book is an account of Canada's number one hockey player right from the time he donned his first pair of skates to the Edmonton Oilers' Stanley Cup.

All in all, the book is well written, although I found it tended to jump around between past and present, causing a little confusion.

When I was down covering the Acton Industrial ball finals last week, I couldn't help but notice that the team with the most spirit was the team that was winning.

For the amount of team effort that was shown and the excitement in the air, anyone who watched the game might have thought the Roadrunners were playing for the World Series.

I think that the Roadrunners deserved to take the playoffs, not only because of their obvious skill, but because they wanted and needed to win more than any other team in the league.

Congratulations, Roadrunners.

What am I going to do this winter? Last year the Sabres were the bread and butter of the front sports page but now that the team has gone the way of the dinosaur there is going to be quite a hole to fill.

If anyone has any ideas, write me a letter and maybe we'll come up with something new and of interest to Acton's sports fans.

Head transplant Resignations rock AMHA boat

In a surprise move, the Acton Minor Hockey Association executive has been given a complete facelift.

President Ron Robinson, secretary Carol Robinson and second vice president Dan McGilloway resigned from the organization's executive Sunday.

The Robinsons claim their reason for leaving is personal, saying the resignations have been coming for a long time and they're glad to be finished with the problems and headaches of running a minor hockey organization.

"Our personal life has been suffering because of the time and effort we've had to put into the AMHA and I've found it just hasn't been worth all the time and effort," exclaimed Ron Robinson.

John Rogers is now on the scene and has taken over as the Association's president in accordance to section two, paragraph three of the AMHA constitution.

Rogers said Richard Kilpatrick will take over the first vice president's job and Jane Rogers (John's wife) will become the AMHA's secretary.

Barry Bartlett will remain as the organization's treasurer and past presidents Steve Yaroshak and Bruce Cargill have indicated their support for the new executive by agreeing to serve as directors on the executive.

To discuss the executive changes and the past, present and future of the AMHA an extraordinary meeting has been called for tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton arena, and all persons concerned with the future of minor hockey in town are urged to attend.

"There are two major problems we have to look at right away," said the new president, "the trip to Norway and getting the troubled hockey lottery back on its feet."

Rogers claimed that the trip to Norway for a Bantam and Midget hockey team will go ahead as planned and the hockey lottery, which is the main source of funding for the AMHA, must be given special attention.

The hockey lottery has fallen short in ticket sales with only 60 of the 1,000 tickets paid for so far. Rogers said 550 tickets must be sold for the lottery to break even and therefore there has to be a big push in sales before the first draw this month.

Robinson added that both his boys who play hockey in Acton have left their respective teams because the game is no longer fun.

Robinson also remarked he has no bitter feelings toward the new executive and wishes them the best of luck.

Rogers noted that the AMHA is facing some financial difficulties but he can't see any long term problems.

"We (the new executive) are looking forward to new responsibilities and since we have received an excellent feeling of support from the people involved we are 100 per cent committed to hockey in Acton," Rogers explained.

AMHA meeting tomorrow

Attention, minor hockey supporters. Since a change in the Acton Minor Hockey executive Sunday, the organization now has a new president, first vice-president and secretary.

In an effort to clear up all questions regarding the changes and to discuss the future of minor hockey in Acton, a meeting has been called for tomorrow (Thursday) at the Acton arena at 7:30 p.m.

All persons concerned with minor hockey are urged to attend.



It was supposed to be flag football, but teacher Dave Boycott had different ideas as he tackled one of the grade 13 students in the Acton High School's Toilet Bowl on Thursday.

Midgets look promising

Things are looking good so far for the Acton Midget team travelling to Norway this year.

According to coach Steve Marshall, all the boys played super hockey against Guelph this week and with little trouble downed their opponents 11-2.

Marshall also remarked that he is looking for some further improvement in the team but he is generally pleased with the squad's performance.

Brad Demone launched the Acton scoring drive in the exhibition match at 10:14 in the opening frame and from there on in Acton never looked back.

Next on the scoresheet was Jason Rogers who picked up a pair of goals in the effort and Kevin Lobsinger who also found the net twice.

Colin Lewis, Steve Wagner, Gary Coverdale, Dan Bourdeau, Darryl Bartlett and Brett Carachi rounded out the score with a marker each.

Assisting on the plays were Benny Dubic, Phillip Wedge, Rogers, Bourdeau, Coverdale, Demone, Lobsinger, Wagner, Lewis, Craig Coulson, Paul Kilpatrick, and Scott Phelan.

The Acton Ed's In and Out Midgets will open their regular season schedule Oct. 16 against Brantford at 9 p.m. All Tuesday games at home will be at 9 p.m.

Beardmore bowling

Some major changes were made in the Beardmore Bowling standings this week as the top place Buffers dropped to third and the second place Welters claimed the league's top spot.

The Shippers moved into second place and the Rollers, Stakers and Tanners maintained fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Glen Hillier had a great day claiming both the men's high single and triple.

Gloria Jennings bagged the ladies' high single and Brenda Hillier grabbed the ladies' high triple.

Also hitting the top single's scoresheet were Richard Cripps with 260, Chad Crooks with 225, Brad Cripps with 251, Ben Rody with 248 and Fred Gisby with 245.

Ladies' top singles were Lila Atkinson notching a 247, Brenda Hillier with a 240, Sue Robson pegging 230, Roxanne Mainprize pinning down 223 and Gayle Butler bowling 218.

Industrial season opens with stiff competition

The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are turning colors and the Acton Industrial Hockey League has opened their 1984-85 season.

Although delayed for a week because of ice problems at the arena, the action started off at a brisk pace with a 3-3 tie between Jug City and Nielsen's, Acton Travel clipped A.T.W. 3-2 and Family Cleaners matched J and T Sports 6-6.

Gary Moore started off the season on the right foot pounding in two goals to launch the Nielsen's scoring drive. Chris Rowsell added the tying marker and assists were credited to Dave Paul and Todd McIntyre.

Jim Haggitt, Bruce Cooksey and Tim McIntyre pegged the Jug City goals with aid from Cooksey, McIntyre and Bill Manes.

Randy McIntyre, Terry Winters and Ted Saitz listed on the scoresheet with a marker each for Acton Travel and Winters, John Toebes, Rob Evans and John McCutcheon were credited with assists.

Notching markers for the A.T.W. cause were Bruce McPhail and Don Brouillard with help from Cliff Britton and McPhail.

In the third game of the season Bruce MacPherson became a scoring machine racking up for markers for Family Cleaners.

Steve Bennett and Lorne Gordon added a goal each to round out the score and Mike Morris, Bennet, John Snow and Bill Severinski aided on the markers.

Wayne Allen, Henry Toebes and Scott Withers found the net twice each to salvage a tie for J and T and Floyd Hillier, Rick Miller, Allen, Marty Collerton, Gary Pickles and Withers supplied assists in the effort.



Several skaters line up for the Free Press photographer at the free skate sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club in conjunction with elementary and separate school professional activity day. The Rotary club will sponsor the free skates on all professional activity days, Christmas break and March break this year.

Shinny dates

The Legion House Hockey season will commence this weekend, with Baltimore and Cleveland kicking off the Pee-Wee schedule at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Following will be a match between Tidewater and Rochester at 7 a.m.

In the Atom division, St. Kitts will battle Oshawa at 7:50 and London vs. Hamilton at 8:45.

Brampton and Burlington are on the ice next at 9:50 to start the Novice season and then Dixie will meet Guelph at 10:45 and Oakville vs. Weston at 11:50.

On the Bantam scene the Jets will take on the Rockies at 12:45 p.m. and the Whalers will be pitted against the Cougars at 1:40 p.m.

In Midget action on Sunday Vancouver vs. Edmonton at 4 p.m. and Montreal meets Toronto at 5 p.m.



Cliff Britton of the Industrial League's ATW team was just wide on this shot. Dave Allen backstopped Acton Travel to a 3-2 win over ATW Sunday at the Acton Arena.