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Holmes plate
 By MARK HOLMES

Boy, oh boy, when the cornerstone cracks the whole shebang is likely to come down.

At least that's the feeling I got from the AMHA meeting Thursday night.

Following in the wake of the Sabres' untimely demise and the termination of a Juvenile squad, more than just a few people were worried that the entire AMHA was going to slide into a black hole and disappear.

The underlying and most certainly apathetic attitude was easily summed up at the meeting when not one or two people but a few dozen remarked that there were more people there that night than at any previous annual meeting.

In some cases, only a half dozen people showed up to elect a new executive.

On Thursday nearly 100 people were crammed into the arena's boardroom and more than once it was said that it was time for everyone concerned to get off their duffs and make minor hockey into the organization it should be.

I think, generally speaking, most people prefer to let someone else do the work and then the few who dedicate themselves and long hours to running an organization like minor hockey are left to run the show with too few people. More often than not, these people hear only what they're doing wrong and after a few months they no doubt wonder why the hell they ever took the job in the first place.

For the new hockey executive, the planning and fund-raising committees and the dedicated parents and coaches, I wish my sincerest hopes for success.

You're all working for a noble cause and from the apparent support Thursday, I hope the past situation is the last such experience for the AMHA.

The Robinsons, who claimed the responsibilities of president and secretary, obviously put a lot of effort in the AMHA. Unfortunately the old saying, "don't put all your eggs into one basket (or else)" came true in the worst way.

Spending over \$33,000 on hockey equipment, while it certainly benefitted the players, put a heavy strain on the organization's finances.

Added to the strain was the dependence on the hockey lottery to fund the association's endeavors.

On top of the faltering lottery, the Robinsons found their one-shot ticket to Norway, in the form of a rock concert, failed, leaving the executive with egg on their faces.

Adding insult to injury there was dissent in the AMHA's executive and their supporter and it was probably without much regret the resignations came.

In closing for this week, I'd like to take a quote from one of the people at the meeting Thursday. "Let's give the new executive our support, stand behind their decisions and get the show on the road."

AMHA meeting

Norway is on, lottery is gone
 By MARK HOLMES

While the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) isn't broke, the financial picture is anything but rosy, it was revealed at an extraordinary meeting Thursday.

President of the AMHA John Rogers explained to nearly 100 concerned citizens that the organization lost about \$17,400 in the 1983-84 season, leaving only \$6,200 in their coffers.

In the previous season, the AMHA's bank account showed a balance of over \$23,000 and contrary to rumors, there is no indication of mismanagement of funds or wrong doing by the former executive, Rogers said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the AMHA's proposed trip to Norway for a Bantam and Midget hockey team, changes in the Association's constitution and the fate of the hockey lottery.

Rogers said the AMHA has every intention of sending the two teams to Norway but former plans to absorb the cost of coaches and AMHA staff transportation overseas will now be left up to the individuals.

"All commitments made by the former executive are now to be considered null and void," stated Rogers.

The constitution changes, which Rogers didn't elaborate on, will extend more control

over the organization's spending and generally promote, "running a tighter ship."

The discussion of the troubled hockey lottery took up the majority of the meeting time with several people questioning Rogers proposal to cancel the lottery.

Rogers contended that the six local businessmen, who anonymously guaranteed the prize money, were going to be left holding the financial bag because only 105 of the 550 tickets needed to be sold have been purchased. With the first draw of the lottery only two days away and only 11 weeks left to

sell tickets Rogers said there was no alternative left but to fold the operation.

After proposing several alternate fund raising possibilities, including resurrecting the 500 club draw, a vote was taken in which it was almost unanimous that the lottery be scrapped.

\$17,400 loss for AMHA

Following the resignation of three top AMHA executives last Sunday, previously undisclosed financial records have been brought to light by the new executive, headed by John Rogers.

The documents, tabled at an extraordinary meeting Thursday night, showed the organization has lost over \$17,000 in the past 12 months leaving only \$6,200 in various accounts.

Rogers claimed that while monetary assets were rather meager, registration fees forthcoming and surplus hockey equipment that can be sold, will help add much-needed revenue to the nearly empty AMHA coffers.

The president went on to explain that \$23,000 in AMHA bank accounts at the

Rogers noted that the cancellation of the lottery will cost the AMHA about \$2,000 in fees and printing costs.

Once the issue of the lottery was resolved the AMHA proposed a scheme which would pump an additional \$6,000 into the organization by charging parents \$2 each time one of their hockey players stepped onto the ice for a home game or practice. Rogers added that parents could also pay \$50 outright instead.

After a lengthy discussion another vote was taken and parents consented to pay an additional \$25 on top of the \$48 registration fee.

Rogers concluded the AMHA's financial proposals by letting the axe fall on funding for tournaments and post season exhibition games and practices.

Rogers said the AMHA is limiting all rep teams to one tournament per year stipulating that each team is partially responsible for their own funding and the Association will not be financially responsible for teams wishing to play exhibition hockey or practices after the OMHA playoffs.



Limehouse's David Osborne was the first to cross the finish line in the atom boys race at the North Halton Public School Cross Country Championships last Friday at the Kelso Conservation Area. The local runner led his school team to a first place finish in the atom division. The following day at the Optilmists Cedarvale Run Osborne placed second. For results of both meets see Scoreboard.

Bants tuned for 1984-85

The Acton Firefighter Bantams are tuned up and ready for their upcoming season in the Hub League and for international competition in Norway later this year.

So far the Major Bantam squad was provided top notch hockey entertainment with six exhibition games in which they defeated Guelph twice and Streetsville once by identical 3-2 scores. The Bants chalked up a fourth win over Hespeler 5-1 and then lost to Milton and Grimsby by 5-4 scores.

Recording points over the last six games has been Evan Hayter three assists; John Van Dam five goals and five assists; Rob Murray three assists; Steve Fleet two goals and one assist; Greg Leatherland five goals and six assists; Troy Foster two goals; Vince Rogers three assists; Carl Yaroshak one assist; Dennis Swinamer two goals and one assist; Mike Simmons three goals and four assists; Dave Roden one assist and Craig Cadenhead two goals and one assist.

The firefighter Bants have been sponsored by the Acton Firefighters for 25 years and according to coach Ed Leatherland he intends to see that his team provides an exciting brand of hockey this season.

The Bants next home game is Tues. Oct. 23 at 9 p.m. against Woodstock.

Stamps and Inglis determined to win

by Hans Janzen

Despite a disappointing 1984 season with six wins and nine losses to their credit, the Calgary Stampedeers showed that they have the skill, heart and determination to win against the Toronto Argonauts, the defending Grey Cup champions.

Halton Hills native Jeff Inglis is one of those Stampedeers. Inglis is in his fifth year as offensive tackle for Calgary.

In an interview after their 28-24 win over the Argos, an elated Inglis was asked what he and the team do to prepare themselves for a game with a team like the Argos. "The guys go out there to do a job, they are playing to keep their jobs. It's also a matter of pride, you want to do the best you can, you don't want to get humiliated. You are out there one on one with the opposing team, you do your best and try to win," claimed Inglis.

"This season I think I've reached a personal level of maturity and have the experience and technique so that it's coming to me quite naturally. I play against some pretty good opponents, who play on the left side on defence," he stated. "I've been playing five years now and don't have the

rookie fears anymore. When you are a rookie and see the big names you've got to go up against, it can be quite intimidating. I'm not in awe anymore. I can do the job and have confidence in my ability."

Early in his career Inglis was saddled with the nickname "Rocko". "I got into a couple of fights when I was a rookie just trying to break into the team", admitted Jeff. "I fought with some of the guys on the team and got ejected. It's all part of paying you're dues, I guess."

"I really appreciate all the support from the people of the Georgetown/Acton area. I see a lot of those people at the games and it really helps you play a better game," added the appreciative hometown player.

I have been fortunate to stay healthy this year and haven't sustained any injuries that have sidelined me."

With two games remaining in the Stampede season the play-offs are out of reach for the Calgary squad, but the fight for wins is still alive. Following the season Inglis will return to his family's Limehouse house and continue studies



Halton Hills' own Jeff Inglis and his Calgary Stampedeer teammates were in rare form at Exhibition Stadium in Toronto on Sunday as the Stamps pounded on the defending Grey Cup champs 28-24. Inglis (51) is in his fifth year with the CFL squad.

A.T.W. stops Family Cleaners 8-4 in Industrial league action

As the Industrial hockey league jetted into their second week of play Sunday A.T.W. doubled Family Cleaners 8-4. Nielsen's pounded J and T Sports 9-6 and Jug City crushed Acton travel 13-4.

Launching this week's Industrial play were Family Cleaners and A.T.W. with Glen McKenzie, Mike Petkoff and Gary Lumbers finding the net twice each to lead A.T.W. to the win.

Aiding for A.T.W. were Lumbers, George Artem, Brad Manes, Mike Petkoff and McKenzie.

Tallying markers for Family Cleaners were Bill Severinski with two goals and Steve Bennet and John Snow with singles. Assists were made by Bruce MacPherson, Snow, Lorne Gordon and Russ Miller.

Jeff Townsley led Nielsen's to victory over J and T with three markers to his credit while Murray McNabb, Todd McIntyre and Dave Paul added singles. Rounding out the score with two goals was Chris Rowsell.

Rick Miller, Marty Collerton, Wayne Allan, Scott Withers, Steve Brunelle and Ken Owens scored for J and T. Assisting on the goals were Gary Pickles, Allan, Miller and Dave Morris.

In Jug City's 13-4 blowout over Acton Travel Bill Manes led the winning squad

with four markers while Chris Tennant chalked up three points. Bruce Cooksley and Mike Manes added a pair of goals each and Bill Fabian and Tim McIntyre recorded singles.

Jug City assists came from McIntyre,

Cooksley, Manes, Stan Rhynolds and Tennant.

Rob Evans pegged a pair of goals for Acton Travel and John Toebes and Ted Saltz pounded in a single each. Randy McIntyre, Rob Evans and Terry Winters aided on the plays.



It looks like Randy McIntyre of Acton Travel is saying "take that" to goalie Mark Morrison of Acton Jug City. Jug City pounded Acton Travel 13-4 on Sunday.

Shinny dates

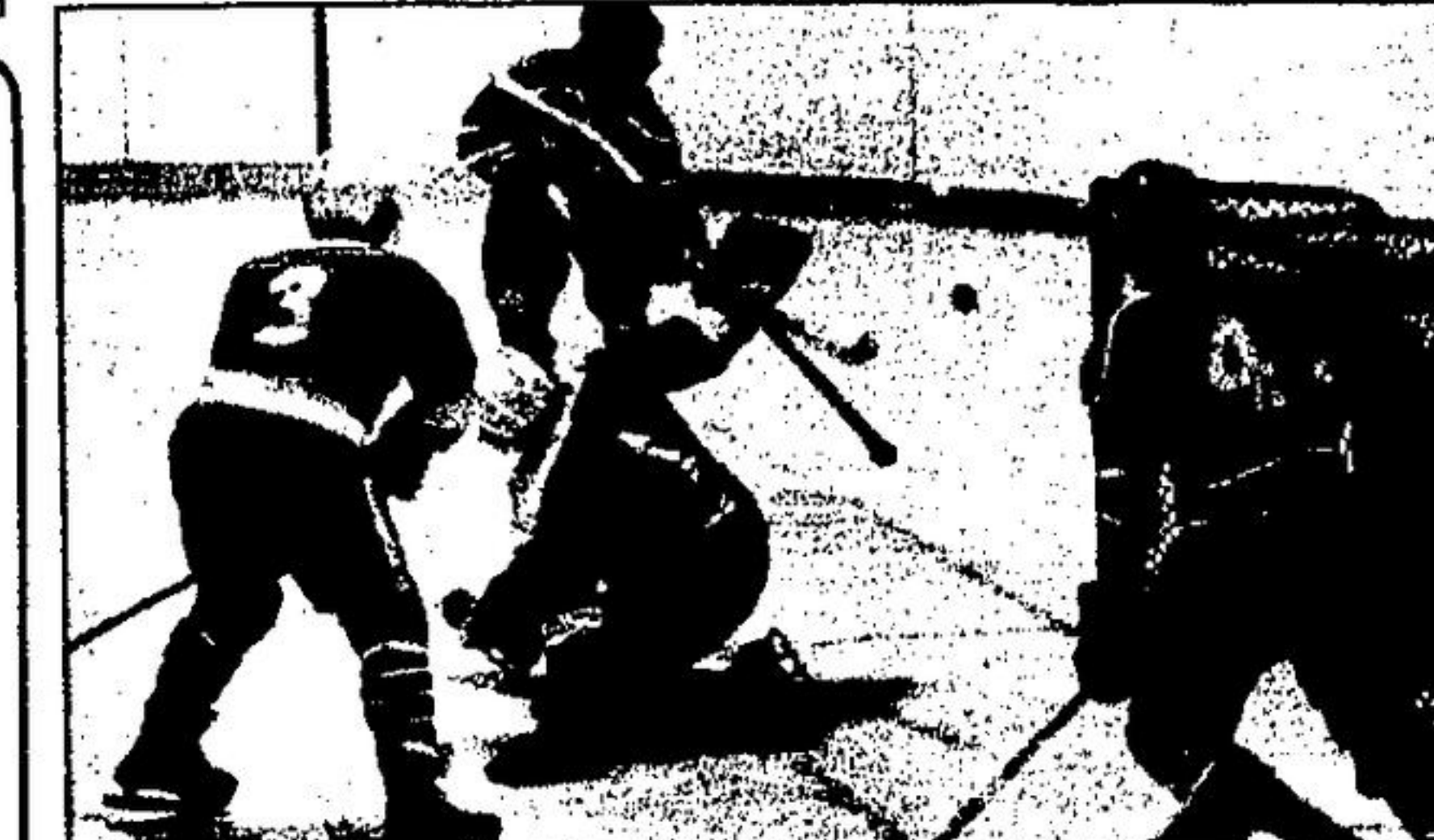
In Pee-Wee play this Saturday (Oct. 20), Rochester and Baltimore will match strengths at 6 a.m., while Cleveland and Tidewater will round out the schedule with a match at 7:00 a.m.

London and St. Kitts will do battle in the Atom division at 7:50 a.m. and Oshawa vs. Hamilton at 8:45.

In the Novice class Brampton meets Burlington at 9:55 a.m., Dixie matches Guelph at 10:55 a.m. and Oakville will take on Weston at 11:50.

The Rockies and the Cougars will knock heads at 12:45 p.m. In Bantam play and the Jets vs. the Whalers at 1:45.

On Sunday Oct. 21 Toronto and Vancouver will go at it in Midget play at 4 p.m. and Edmonton vs. Montreal at 5 p.m.



Goalie Bill Routledge got caught out in front of his goal crease in Industrial hockey action Sunday night. Routledge's team, J and T Sports, was pounded 9-6 by Nielsen's Clothing.