



CAR CLUB NAMES PALLETT MOST VALUABLE

Radical Car Club president Ken Robinson presents the club's MVP trophy to Keith Pallett for the 1971-72 season. The award was given the last game of the Niagara District Intermediate A League schedule.



OUTDOORS

By GEORGE HOARE

Over-Hunting Not To Blame for Rabbit Decline

(Continued from last week) — Usborne township farmer Gerald Francis is convinced that herbicides used on corn is to blame for the demise of the jackrabbit. And Mr. Francis hasn't any axe to grind. The farm which Mr. Francis works with his father has 400 of its 500 acres in corn. The heavy emphasis on corn has been recent, he said, noting the same tendency on other farms in Huron County.

But the Francis family also has a mink farming operation and it was in this regard that they uncovered evidence which they say substantiates their view that a common herbicide is taking a heavy toll of jackrabbits.

Until about three years ago the family bought 600 to 700 jackrabbits a year as mink feed. They became concerned about possible chemicals in the feed when the reproduction of the mink dropped off sharply. "Everything pointed to the males having become sterile," Mr. Francis said. When butchering the female jackrabbits, he found many wombs empty in the prime breeding season and only one or three young in others.

At that point he began to suspect this low productivity was related to his problem with the mink. Three to five young had been the general trend in jackrabbits he had examined in previous years.

NOTHING WILL LIVE Breeding among the mink soon returned to normal when the Francis family topped using rabbits as feed. "With so much spraying nothing is going to live," Mr. Francis said.

The question of whether pesticides are to blame for the current decline in rabbits may be resolved in tests now under-way at the animal diseases department of the University of Guelph which has consented to run a

series of tests on dead rabbits provided by the Department of Lands and Forests.

Diseases common to rabbits will also be looked into.

BOOK COMING Some insight into the spread of the jackrabbit since its accidental introduction in 1921 will be provided in a book soon to be published by University of Guelph mammalogist Dr. Anne Dagg and Waterloo naturalist Craig Campbell.

Mr. Campbell explains that part of the information for the book, which concerns mammal life in the Waterloo - South Wellington area during the past 50 years, came from technical reports by Lands and Forests biologists and other researchers.

LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE This information has been put into layman's language by the two authors. For example they quote one study which estimates there were 25 jackrabbits per square mile in the Waterloo - South Wellington area in the early 1950's. "Obviously this species found the semi-prairie-like cleared lands of southern Ontario a favourable and largely vacant niche for a medium-sized herbivore," the authors conclude.

The above was also news from the Kitchener-Waterloo Record. I have reason to believe that it's not "over-hunting" that's to blame for the decline in the rabbit population, but as I said before I don't hunt them any more, and that reminds me it's time to place out some pellets, and some grain under the lilac bush for the small cotton-tails that have finally shown that they trust me enough to know that I mean them no harm.

This has to be all for this week, and I do hope by the time this column is read the icy outdoors look will be gone; my emergency brake will be thawed out; and the garage doors will shut properly.

So, enjoy the outdoors - tight lines, and safe journey.

Bowling Banter

MARRIED COUPLES

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Hank's Tigers | 30 |
| Mae's Quacks | 23 |
| Six Pack | 20 |
| Early Birds | 20 |
| Scouties | 19 |
| Originals | 18 |
| Rebels | 16 |
| Termites | 14 |
| Als Dinglins | 14 |
| Unpredictables | 11 |
| Non Stars | 12 |
| Midnites | 10 |
| H. Brandford | 223 |
| D. Wilkes | 222 |
| G. Herrington | 219 |
| E. Fendley | 214 |
| J. McCausland | 213 |

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|---------------|-----|
| C. MacCormack | 222 |
| J. Archibald | 206 |
| B. Verrette | 202 |
| S. Chaplin | 201 |
| M. Dutchburn | 199 |

TOP FOURTEEN

Al Mahaffy led the pack with a 755 triple followed by Ken Thomson who threw a 733. Donna Herrington led the women with a 719 with Jean Narey close behind her with a 715. Next ten in order were: Helen Mossop 703, Bob Husing 679, Harry Brandford 679, June Darby 667, Bill Studholme 671, Shirley Chaplin 663, George Archibald 657, Bill Barclay 662, Dorothy Day 653 and Elmer Fendley 651.

Only two 300 games were bowled and they were 333 by Helen Mossop and Bill Barclay with 308.

MEN'S MAJORS

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Georgetown Pools | 16 |
| Goldens Fish & Chips | 14 |
| Saunders Esso | 14 |
| Glen Taxi | 13 |
| Bairy Queen | 9 |
| W. F. Hunter Realtor | 9 |
| Sykes Super Donuts | 9 |

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| Tom's Car Sales | 9 |
| Flowerdown Mtrs. | 8 |
| Hyder's T.V. | 7 |
| Rexway B.P. | 7 |
| Exchange House | 5 |

LUCKY THIRTEEN
Cliff Norton led the pack for the men with a 799 triple with Gord Coullaghan close behind with 783 and George Barber with a 774. Kerry Jepson and team mate Dave Rogers both threw 731. Don Wilkes 729 and a 300 single, Paul Barlow with a 364 single and 727 triple, Jim Nicholson 726, Dan Mossop 723, Ron McGowan 721, George Herrington 712, Ace Bailey 706 and the last of the 700's was Bob Harris with an even 700.

John Barleycorn was the personification of malt liquor.

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Tri-County Scoreboard

Standard Products PeeWees Are 'AA' Group Champions

MINOR NOVICE March 9—McNally Construction novices took a strong hold on the playoffs with a 6-1 victory over Milton. Goals by John Thorpe (2), with assists from Matt Bauer, Glen Cunningham and Herb Kewley; Cunningham (2), one from John Mann and one from Thorpe; and Bob Dean (2), one from Brian Simpson and Mark Bingham, and one unassisted. Good games turned in by George Armitage, Lenze Kuiper, Scott Osborne and Brian Ellis in goal. March 10—Minor novices travelled to Burlington and defeated Boxers 5-2 in a return game. Goals by Cunningham (2), Simpson, Osborne and Bauer. Assists went to Simpson, Dean and Thorpe. Armitage, Terry Mstaard and Kuiper played well. This is four straight wins for McNally Construction. March 12—Georgetown won their group championship, eliminating Milton three straight, in a 4-2 win. Three goals by Bauer, one by Kuiper. Assists to Kuiper, Bingham, Cunningham and Kewley. A fine team effort. Congratulations. Special congratulations go to coaches Dave Holmes and John Henderson, who have done a fine job with this young team. Their next test is Streetsville tyke tournament, March 25-26, and April 1-2-3. A word of praise for manager Jim Mackie, who has done a fine job.

MINOR PEEWEE March 9—In the first of a 2 out of 3 series, Canadian Tire lost 3-2 to Hespeler. Goals by Gord Wilkes and John Falhafer. March 11—PeeWees came back to win the second game 3-1 on goals by Hewitt from Wilkes, Falhafer from Mike Halstead and Halstead unassisted. Third and deciding game was here Tuesday night, March 14.

Georgetown Bantam Tournament Schedule

| SATURDAY MARCH 18 | | | |
|--------------------|--|----------------|--|
| D 7.30 a.m. | Acton vs Unionville | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| C 8.45 a.m. | Orangeville vs Thornhill | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| A 10.00 a.m. | Collingwood vs Ajax | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| A 11.15 a.m. | Buffalo vs Detroit L.C. | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| B 12.30 p.m. | Richmond Hill vs Chinguacousy | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| A 1.45 p.m. | Detroit Glen vs Oshawa | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| MONDAY MARCH 20 | | | |
| C 7.30 a.m. | Streetsville vs Preston | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| C 8.45 a.m. | Bay Ridges vs Milton | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| D 10.00 a.m. | Pickering vs Uxbridge | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| D 11.15 a.m. | Erin vs Meaford | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| D 12.30 p.m. | Aylmer vs E. Rochester | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| A 1.45 p.m. | Brampton vs Oakville | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| TUESDAY MARCH 21 | | | |
| D 7.30 a.m. | Copper Cliff vs Lucan | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| D 8.45 a.m. | Acton or Unionville vs Pickering or Uxbridge | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| C 10.00 a.m. | Orangeville or Thornhill vs Streetsville or Preston | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| C 11.15 a.m. | Collingwood or Ajax vs Bay Ridges or Milton | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| B 12.30 p.m. | Georgetown vs Erindale | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| A 1.45 p.m. | Dorset Park vs Don Mills | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 22 | | | |
| C 7.30 a.m. | Lindsay vs West Ferris | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| C 8.45 a.m. | Orangeville or Thornhill or Streetsville or Preston vs Bay Ridges or Milton or Collingwood or Ajax | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| C 10.00 a.m. | Markham vs Kingston Township | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| D 11.15 a.m. | Erin or Meaford vs Copper Cliff or Lagac | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| A 12.30 p.m. | Scarborough vs Hamilton | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| A 1.45 p.m. | Toronto Young Nationals vs Ottawa | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| THURSDAY MARCH 23 | | | |
| D 7.30 a.m. | Acton or Unionville or Pickering or Uxbridge vs Erin or Meaford or Copper Cliff or Lucan | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| A 8.45 a.m. | Brampton or Oakville vs Dorset Park or Don Mills | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| A 10.00 a.m. | Scarborough or Hamilton vs T.Y.N. or Ottawa | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| B 11.15 a.m. | Woodstock vs Riverside | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| D 12.30 p.m. | Levack vs Norwich | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| B 1.45 p.m. | Belleville vs Orillia | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| FRIDAY MARCH 24 | | | |
| D 7.30 a.m. | Levack or Norwich vs Aylmer or E. Rochester | also 3.00 p.m. | |
| C 8.45 a.m. | Lindsay or W. Ferris vs Markham or Kingston T. | also 4.15 p.m. | |
| B 10.00 a.m. | Woodstock or Riverside vs Belleville or Orillia | also 5.30 p.m. | |
| A 11.15 a.m. | Brampton or Oakville or Dorset Park or Don Mills vs Scarborough or Hamilton or T.Y.N. or Ottawa | also 6.45 p.m. | |
| B 12.30 p.m. | Georgetown or Erindale vs Richmond Hill or Chinguacousy | also 8.00 p.m. | |
| A 1.45 p.m. | Buffalo or Detroit L.C. vs Detroit G. or Oshawa | also 9.15 p.m. | |
| SATURDAY MARCH 25 | | | |
| 8.00 a.m. | D Series Final | | |
| 9.30 a.m. | B Series Final | | |
| 11.00 a.m. | C Series Final | | |
| 12.30 p.m. | A Series Final | | |
| 2.30 p.m. | B vs D Semi-Final | | |
| 4.00 p.m. | A vs C Semi-Final | | |
| 7.00 p.m. | Grand Championship & Awards | | |

Tyke Hockey Trophies to Pittsburgh New York Tomorrow

LAST WEEK Pittsburgh's first loss of the season, 3-2 to St. Louis. Bobby Morrow did all the scoring for the winners...Dean Hooper and John Holdahl for Pittsburgh.

Adrian Vuets scored in a 1-0 win by Minnesota over Los Angeles...Ricky Poot and Gary Duncan scored for Detroit who won 2-0 over Toronto...Mike Petrusma's goal won 1-0 for Boston over Montreal.

New York beat Chicago 5-1. Lance Doucette scoring two. Kevin Hughes, Dave Veitch and Peter Haller, for the winners. Anthony Gram scored the Chicago goal.

Skating party this Friday at 6.30. Pittsburgh and New York will be presented with the junior and senior division trophies. A tyke exhibition game will be played at 7.00 o'clock against Milton.

Don't forget to buy your bantam hockey booster tickets from the tykes Friday night.

MAJOR PEEWEE March 7—Standard Products PeeWees became "AA" group champions by winning 5-1 over Preston, taking their series three straight. The win was an all-out team effort, with scoring as follows: Tim Turner, 2 goals, 1 assist; Paul Martin, 1 goal, 2 assists; Scott Wakfer, 1 goal, 1 assist; Scott Beckett, 1 goal; Mike Jobb, 2 assists; Mike Buck, 1 assist. Congratulations.

The team - goal, Glen Tost and Brian Hayward; defence, Larry Burns, Mike Buck, Joe South, Bob Becker, Terry Simpson; forwards, Paul Martin, Scott Wakfer, Tim Turner, Mike Jobb, Glen Bodnar, Bob McCandless, Gary Thompson, Scott Beckett, Maurel Hache. Coach, Larry Bradley. Manager, Bob Graham.

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