

# HALTON HILLS SPORTS

By Steve Wall

## Play Improves By Acton Rams

I went to Acton on Monday night to see the Acton Rams play the Owen Sound Satellites in a Junior 'C' Lacrosse match. For Acton it was their fourth to last league match before the play-offs, and victory would virtually assure them of a berth in the play-offs.

After a bad start to the season, the Rams have picked up and have now beaten just about every team in the league. When they last played Owen Sound they lost 13-4. On Monday night, after a close, tough match, they came out 14-11 winners.

It was the first game of lacrosse I had seen since I watched an international match in England. That was field lacrosse which differs from 'box' lacrosse, or indoor lacrosse only in that the former is played outdoors on grass and is therefore slower.

Indoor lacrosse is as fast, almost, as hockey. The rules are similar too. The players use sticks with nets at the end, to put it in very simple terms, and they use, instead of a puck, a small indan-rubber ball which travels at a fair rate of knots.

There are five players to each team and they use tactics which are very similar to hockey. The idea is to transport the ball in these 'nets' and then sling it towards goal.

It's a very fast, exciting game, and scores usually run into two figures. During the summer it's as close to the excitement of hockey as you can find anywhere.

Surprisingly, the spectator turnout for these games is low. Last year, when the Rams took off to a good start, the arena, near Fairy Lake, was packed. This year the attendance for every game has been disappointing.

Last night, according to officials, the attendance was the best this season, yet there were very few people there. However, they made their presence felt, and there was never a quiet minute.

By the end of the first period the score was tied at four-all. The second period saw Owen Sound take a four goal lead, and then drop eight as the Rams fought back.

The Satellites didn't give up, and levelled the score at 11-11 midway through the third, and then the Rams wrapped it up with three quick goals in the dying minutes.

It was a close match, and tempers flared more than once. There is probably more hostility in lacrosse than in hockey, with shoving in the back allowed. A game misconduct was given to the Rams goalie, Gary Turkoz, after he left the bench to join a scrap in the second.

Fights are probably as common as in hockey, judging from the last night's game. A total of 102 minutes were given out in penalties.

Should the Acton Rams make the playoffs, as now seems likely, the attendance should go up. Hopefully I'll see some faces from Georgetown making the trip to give encouragement to the Rams.

**Two Sessions Are Required For Meeting**

At the first annual membership meeting of the Halton Renaissance Committee held in Milton, two evening sessions were necessary for the members to consider and approve all the resolutions which will constitute the brief to be presented to the Halton Board of Education in August.

The resolutions prepared by a team of educators who are members of Renaissance cover areas of problems which have been brought to the attention of the committee through the citizens' forums held throughout Halton in April and May.

The brief will include questions relating to the educational system, raised by parents, students, teachers and rate-payers, which the committee will be directing to the trustees for their response. As well, the final results of the representative every-householder public opinion survey will be released with the brief.

The presentation of the brief is scheduled for the Aug. 22 board meeting.

Officers elected to serve the Renaissance Committee are: chairman, Ken Campbell; vice-chairman, John Horvath, Burlington; Evangeline An drew, Milton; Harold Andras, Halton Hills; Betty Hansford, Oakville; secretary, Fred Harp; treasurer, Gordon Reade; and membership secretary, Betty Reade.

It is anticipated that there will be a fall membership meeting held in each of the four areas of the Halton region, Burlington, Milton, Halton Hills, and Oakville, for the members of each of the areas. This will provide opportunity for the consideration of the problems in the school system peculiar to that area.

The annual membership meeting for the Halton region will be held in late spring. Since late March the Renaissance Committee has grown in its membership and associate-membership to more than 600 persons representing a cross-section of the life of the Halton region.

social and personal

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of RR 2 Georgetown spent an enjoyable holiday motoring to Wawa Ontario. Enroute they spent several days on Manitoulin Island visiting with two former area residents, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sprack, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Reid and families.

## 89 Contestants Part Of Judging

Eighty-nine contestants registered for the Halton Livestock Judging, earlier this month.

The evening program started at Pete McCarthy's, in Georgetown, where participants judged two classes of Hereford cattle and one of sheep.

They then moved to Claude Pickett's farm, Georgetown where they judged two classes of Holsteins and one class of swine.

Finally, everyone moved to Les King's at Hornby where a class of Horses was judged and reasons were given inside Mr. King's riding arena.

Once reasons were given, the official reasons for each class were given and the members enjoyed doughnuts and chocolate milk supplied by Mr. Pickett.

The winners were: juniors (10-12), first, Carl Coulson (348); second - Diane Dorsey (343); third - Kim Peddie (342). Intermediates (13-15), first,

Holly Hurren (545); second - Lynne Stewart (545); third, Brent Coulson (516).

Seniors (16-27), first, Bill Allison (558); second, Jim McKay (558); third, Cecil Patterson (54).

There was close competition in all classes. Ties were broken by the highest score for all reasons.

Seeking Suspect

Guelph OPP are still searching for a male suspect wanted for questioning in the sexual assault of a 15 year old Erin girl last Saturday, July 13.

A spokesman for the police noted that they "have no new leads on the suspect yet, but are still investigating." "We have a description of the man which the girl gave us but it isn't too good," he added.

The suspect is described as being about 18 years old, five feet 11 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds.

## IN HALTON HILLS

# Boston Church Is Among The Oldest

By LARRY BUSHEY

Some of the oldest, most historic buildings in any town are the churches. One of the oldest churches in Halton Hills and certainly the oldest in Esquewasing is Boston Church on the Scotch Block.

In 1820 the church was started. However, it was not the grand, grey stone building it is today. There was not even a

building at the site of the first Boston Church.

Services were held outdoors at the farm of Andrew Laidlaw with a maple stump as the pulpit and rough pine logs for pews.

Rev. William Jenkins, a missionary preacher, was first to come to Esquewasing to minister to his people at this place of worship.

On March 4, 1824, the Scottish



## DEVELOPMENT GOES ON APACE

RE-CONSTRUCTION of Maple Avenue and the Stewarttown bypass has begun. The initial project will cost over \$970,000 and when completed the new bridge and wider roadway will re-route heavy trucks and the increased volume of commuter traffic away from the main road.



FOOTINGS FOR the new bridge running behind the community hall are being installed. The reconstruction has been favored by the residents in the interest of safety for both the motoring and pedestrian traffic forced to use the narrow winding road.

Bonnie Hewitt, of 35 Victoria Street Georgetown, is spending her summer holidays camping. She plans to go East later this month.

## July 30 Is Start Of League Activity

With the summer recess still in effect, the intermediate house league has no score to report this week. League action will get underway again on July 30.

Burn's Transport hosts Bouwman's Truck Service on B Diamond with William Neilsons visiting Hank's Sluggers on C Diamond.

If your coach is holding a practice, he will notify you. This Thursday, B Diamond is being lent to the slowball league for the 8.15 time slot.

**PEEWEE HOUSE LEAGUE**

Standings as of July 17

Kentucky Fried Chicken	17	0
Stevenson's Men's Wear	8	9
Mac's Milk	4	13

KFC continued its domination of the league with a convincing win over Stevenson's. KFC won the game 11-6. Mac's Milk wiped out Varian. 2-5. Mac's won the game with ease and should soon lift themselves above last place.

Mac's played well again but lost out Kfc 18-11. KFC managed to dominate all the teams in the league.

Stevenson's dropped Varian 14-12. For Varian it was a second consecutive defeat and obviously things are not going well.

Will all Peeewe house league players please return chocolate bar money. If any team still has any money, please contact your convenor.

**TYKE HOUSE LEAGUE**

Irwin Dorsey whipped Royal Pizzeria 16-1. James Craig led Irwin to this resounding victory. Irwin Dorsey continued to win with a good 16-8 win over Delrex.

Paul Karoldis was the standout for Irwin. Timmy Kemper played well for Delrex.

Andrew Carter was the MVP for Standard Products. Standard dropped Delrex to their second defeat by 9-7. Standard's third game, against Wigo TV was postponed due to rain. Royal Pizzeria defeated Shopper's Drug Mart 8-0. Ricky Greenwood pitched a no-hitter for Royal.

Royal's second win of the week was against Wigo's. The won 17-7 although Wigo had a new player.

To all tyke ball players, if you cannot attend a game please let your coach know. To all coaches, please check your players by phone for their attendance.

Remember you can only play and enjoy yourself if you come out to the games. Please bring all your chocolate bar money in and give it to your coach.

**T-BALL**

The T-Ball league will take a two-week break starting July 22.

## Rams Gain Playoff Spot

Steve Wilson fired four goals past the Owen Sound goalie Monday night to lead the Acton Rams to a 14-11 victory over the Satellites and give the team sole possession of sixth spot in the league.

The Junior 'C' Rams of the central Division of the Ontario Lacrosse Association are assured of a play-off berth, but may lose sixth spot, depending on the outcome of two games played by the Arthur Aces tonight and tomorrow night.

If the Aces win tonight, in a rescheduled game which the teams are playing for four points, and tomorrow night, they could add six points to league standings.

In last night's game, at the Acton Arena, Steve Wilson was the big fun for Acton in a rough match which had a total of 102 minutes of penalties handed out.

Bruce Cooksey had three goals for Acton while Paul Wilson added another two. Singles came from Jim Chisholm, Ian Duff, George Artem, Ron Turkoz and Dell Watson.

The Satellites were led by Roger Boyd with five goals. Jim Quigley had two while Paul Kazarian, Ivan McHabb Roger Minard and Rodger Dadswell had one each.

However, one bad result of the match was a game misconduct given to starting goalie, Gary Turkoz, who was involved in a fight and had left the bench.

The Rams who have won seven of their last games, have only three more regular season matches. They play in Oshawa Wednesday in Mississauga Sunday and then return to Acton Monday to play the Arthur Aces. Game time for the home game is 8:30 p.m.

# Norval Community Continues Fight To Keep Public School Operating

By Dorothy McLean

Recently Norval ratepayers learned that a copy of the minutes of all Halton School Board meetings are in local libraries as they have to be available to the public. Very few people realize that these minutes are available.

On checking the minutes of November 22, 1973, when the decision was reached to close Norval Public School it is noted that Julian Reed presented a brief to the board. He requested that their decision should be delayed until the board looked into the alternatives and possibilities existing for the school. He emphasized that Norval School was one of the vital links binding the community together. He queried the reasons for closing the school; i.e., in 1971 it was stated that Norval School would have to be closed because of an expected increase in the population of the area; in 1973 it was stated that Norval School would have to close because of a decrease in population as the enrolment was down to 45 pupils. Mr. Reed noted that the changes in grade levels had occurred since 1971 and he mentioned also that the population of Norval had been fairly constant for the last 45 years. He requested the decision for closure be delayed until the advantages were looked at.

**DISCUSSION**

Some discussion took place regarding the number of students who were eligible to attend Norval School but who opted to attend other schools.

It was moved by Dr. Howard-Lock that the report on Norval School be tabled for further discussion. As there was no second for the motion, the motion was lost.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Morton: "The recommendation contained in the report of the Assistant Director of Education, E.S. Lavender, dated November 1, 1973 on Projected Enrolment and Accommodation, Elementary Schools, 1973-1977, be approved as follows: Norval School be closed June, 1974.

In the discussion which followed a number of the trustees voiced their opinions. Mr. Lawson informed the members that he had checked with the Norval school and there had been no calls to the school with regard to the closing of the school and he had not received any calls personally. Mr. Morton remarked also that he had not detected a groundswell of opposition from the Norval community and his opinion was based on personal inquiries he had made within the community.

Dr. Howard-Lock noted that most of the administrators started their teaching careers in one-room schools.

**VOTE ASKED**

Mr. Goodin requested a recorded vote. (As all trustees are elected by the public to represent them on the board this vote should be of interest to making up your mind in the next election of trustees.)

Vote to close Norval School: Yeas—L.D. Wood, Wards 1 and 2 Milton, J. Clelland, Ward 2 Oakville, T. Watson, Wards 1 and 2 Halton Hills, E. Bodnar, Wards 3 and 4 Halton Hills, D.G. Morton, Ward 7 Burlington, A. Aiken, Ward 5 Burlington, Mrs. J. Alexander, Vice chairman, Ward 4, Oakville, A. Goodyear, Ward 8 Burlington, N. Cooper, Ward 4 Burlington, Mrs. I. Goobie, Ward 3 Oakville, L.G. Crozier, Ward 2 Oakville, W. Lawson, Ward 2 Milton.

Nays—I. Armstrong, Milton, R.E. Goodin, Ward 3 Oakville, Dr. Howard-Lock, Ward 1 Burlington.

Messrs. Auger and Priestner, Separate School, abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

Rev. Morton admitted in a telephone conversation with Julian Reed that he had visited Norval school, had talked to two volunteer teacher helpers there, had stopped in at the general store and talked to some women there. He had no idea whether they had children attending the school or even if they lived in the Norval community. Two definitely said they wanted the school to remain open and the rest didn't voice a definite opinion one way or the other. Who the others were in the store at the time of his interview it is hard to say. This was his visit that he based his opinion on "finding no groundswell of opposition from the Norval community."

As for ratepayers contacting William Lawson, it is a well known fact in the community that Mr. Lawson's stand has been for closing the school from the start of the discussions three years ago and his views have not changed. Why phone him when he is going to vote in opposition to the wishes of the community? And why would

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It would be a big help to know how much support there is for Norval school remaining open from residents of Georgetown, Glen Williams, Stewarttown, Lincouse, Acton, Ashgrove, Hornby, all of Halton Hills - or from any individual or group in Ontario.

All the Norval community is asking for is a place to stand - a place to grow in old Ontario-ari-

## NORVAL

Norval ratepayers held a meeting Monday to plan further action against the closing of Norval school.

A decision was made to hold a further public meeting for those concerned with the closure of Norval Public School. The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13 at 8.00 p.m. at the school.

A brief outline of what has transpired over the last three years in the fight to keep the school open will be given to bring the people up to date.

This information will familiarize those interested with what has happened previously.

All ratepayers will be given an opportunity to voice their opinions and to vote on what further action will be taken.

Plans for the meeting are not complete but will be made public as soon as possible.

## Councillors Not Happy With Budget Trimming

Halton regional councillors from Halton Hills were less than happy with the proposed \$9 million budget and 10 per cent cut for the region.

Coun. G.W. McKenzie, chairman of the Halton Hills finance committee, said that the town would have to wait to hear from the province concerning certain grants.

The 10 per cent isn't really very much of a cut, it sounds like a lot but only totals about \$550,000 off the areas we control," Coun. McKenzie said.

He added that the budget for Halton Hills would probably be set on Monday and released to the press Tuesday night. In explanation Coun. McKenzie said the delay was because "two major decisions face council Monday."

"Now that we've worked out the budget, and are working out the tax rate for each of the areas, Georgetown, Acton, Esquewasing and the part of Oakville, we'll need to decide how and where to apply any grants from the province," he explained.

The transitional grants which the town applied to receive, said Coun. McKenzie can either be applied to the total budget or to individual areas. "It'll depend on how high a mill rate increase is in one or two of the areas," he added.

Coun. Len Cox, pointed out that the 10 per cent cut was nothing less than "ludicrous." "They'll probably try to rip it out of the works department," he said lightly.

"This just isn't realistic, you can't deal with budgets this way, you have to take time to go through them. It's not possible to just take an arbitrary cut, especially after so many things are started like works projects and grants are set," he added.

Coun. Cox noted that the former county council has suggested that a similar problem would exist in the future. "We're just bearing the fruits of our thoughts," he said.

The provincial grants were not the answer, according to Coun. Cox. He said that the budget should be set so that the area municipalities could afford it.

"Ultimately, we're going to have to face up to it, and by using provincial grants, we're just pulling over a cover, because they're not the answer," he said.

Mayor Tom Hill added that he was not very pleased with the budget or the 10 per cent arbitrary cut. I tell you one thing, it certainly doesn't improve the situation for Halton Hills," he said.



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