

Back to the drawing board for the Rebels

The Junior Rebels rounded out a trying and oft-times frustrating season last Wednesday when they went down to a 62-42 defeat at the hands of the Junior Nelson Lords at Nelson High School.

James Lawson, playing his last game as a Junior, made it a memorable one as he came up with 20 points. Dan Fisher played well, netting nine points and displaying good defensive tactics. Paul Krowchuk, who has come along nicely this season, scored four points and

is any consolation to coach Hall, the team's record last year was 1-11.

Coach Hall, although naturally disappointed with the season, was quick to point out that his team played less exhibition games than the majority of the teams in the league and showed improvement in all aspects of the game as the season progressed. He also noted that the Juniors had lost two games by four points and one game in double overtime. He felt with a few

more breaks a 500 season was within reach.

With this season behind him, Hall is already building the nucleus for next year's team. Working in conjunction with Junior "B" coach, Morley Leeking, and staging informal practice sessions, Hall intends to be well prepared in advance of next year's campaign. So it's off the floor and back to the drawing board for the Junior Rebels.

The Senior Rebels literally scared the shirts off the high

flying Senior edition of the Nelson Lords. Before the game began, the Lords were forced to change sweaters, as their team colors and those of the Rebels were too similar. Having suffered this initial indignity, the Lords then went on to eye out a hard fought 58-49 victory over the tenacious Rebels.

In some quarters it was expected that the game would be a runaway for the Lords, who have averaged 75 points a game and thoroughly dominated their opponents.

The Rebels served notice early in the contest that the kowtow was out and that thrones are there to be challenged.

The game was tied at the half, at the three quarter point and with a little over three minutes to go. Then disaster struck, in the form of two, three-point plays by Nelson's Sinclair and yet another

challenge was turned aside. Coach Costigan termed the game "a good defensive team effort" and was obviously pleased with the team's overall showing.

Paul Nichol, with 16 points, and Mark Reias, who netted 15 points, earned Costigan's praise. The Nelson team completed the season with a perfect 9-0 record, while the Rebels checked in at 7-2.

The Rebels played M.M. Robinson yesterday in a sudden death semi-final. At press time, the score was not available.

GDHS swimmers win in Haltons

Thirteen members of the GDHS swim team took part in the Halton Championships held last Thursday at M.M. Robinson High School in Burlington. At press time, official team standings and point totals were not available, however, the results of the GDHS team's efforts had been released.

John Girvan, Cathy Masson, Paul Carter, Ed Van Ravens, as well as the girl's 100 metre, freestyle relay team, composed of Marie Milne, Heather Clarke, Cathy Masson and Carolyn Ewen all qualified to take place in the Peel-Halton Championships as a result of their placings.

The Junior Girls 150-metre medley relay team of Paula Stewart, Jennie Thompson and Carolyn Ewen placed fourth. Ed Van Ravens advanced to the consolation finals in the Senior 50-metre freestyle. Cathy Masson advanced to the finals, where she placed second in the 100-metre Individual Medley. Her time of 1:18.6 was the best she has recorded this year.

John Girvan, one of the top swimmers in the area, placed second in the final heat of the Senior 100-metre Individual Medley, with a time of 1:12.0. Heather Clarke took a third place ribbon in the girls' 50-metre backstroke. Cathy Masson placed second in the girls' 100-metre backstroke.

In an odd happening, Paul Carter advanced to the consolation finals in the 100-metre backstroke and tied for first place. John Girvan, in what for him was a disappointing performance, took third spot in the 100-metre Senior backstroke.

The girls' 100-metre Freestyle relay team placed third. The team was comprised of Marie Milne, Heather Clarke, Cathy Masson and Carolyn Ewen. Pauline Heaton, who was expected to do well in the 100-metre freestyle was unable to compete due to illness.

The Peel-Halton Championships will be held next Friday at M.M. Robinson High School in Burlington. This is an extremely important meet as a high standing leads to a berth in the All-Ontarios.

Rebellettes let down but still earn a win

The GDHS Junior Rebellettes now sport a fine 8-0 record in view of their triumph over the General Wolfe Juniors last Thursday afternoon at General Wolfe High School in Oakville. The team won easily, three games straight, by scores of 15-6, 15-9 and 15-9.

However, coach Mavis O'Neil was not very impressed with the girls' performance. She noted that the General Wolfe team was a weak team and that this probably accounted for the Rebellettes letting down a bit. She is looking for a better showing from the team next time out.

The Senior Rebellettes were idle last week, but both teams swing back into action with two games each this week. Tuesday (25th) they travel to Oakville-Trafalgar High School and this coming Thursday, play host to T.A. Blakelock High School. The Senior Rebellettes are hoping the weekend will see them with a winning record.

The lone junior completing the course was Katrina Singleton. The course for pre-schoolers is made up of ten, half-hour lessons, with five children to a class supervised by two qualified instructors. For beginners and juniors, there are ten, one-hour classes, with ten children per class, again with two instructors.

According to Mr. Don Clayton, owner of the Alpine Health Club, classes will continue in March. Anyone wishing further information regarding these classes is advised to contact Mr. Clayton.

Test day at the Alpine Swimmers show their stuff

It was testing time at the Alpine Health Club last February 18. The youngsters taking their tests had just finished a 10-week swimming course with instructors Kim Golden and Paul Carter.

Successfully completing the course were pre-schoolers Sandra McMillan, Andrew Kee, John McElhone, Karen DeVreeze, Jeanette Hole and Gavin McArthur. Passing the beginners course were David Klassen, Arno Westsiek, Joanne Jeffrey, Russell Davies, Pam Holgate and Lisa Gilbert.

An Olympic waste?

As mentioned in the commentary last week, Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau is desperately dashing around looking for some way to lay the blame for a possible Olympic fiasco on Canada.

First they were to be solely Montreal's Olympics. Then, as money became scarce, they became Quebec's Olympics. As that source of loot slowly dried up the talk increasingly centred on Canada's Olympics. How nice of Mayor Jean to think of the rest of Canada in his time of need.

Canada's delegate to the International Olympic Committee, Jim Worrall, a short while ago at a sports dinner in Toronto, notified Canada that the campaign to foist the blame on the rest of us, should the Games fail, has reached a new high, or low.

He informed those in attendance that the whole of Canada is being held responsible for the labor problems at the Games' construction sites. He commented, "The IOC has made it clear, that Canada and not Montreal and Mayor Jean Drapeau is being held responsible for slowdowns that have held up construction at the Olympic sites." I'm sure the Newfoundland fisherman and the British Columbia logger were tickled pink over this outrageous suggestion.

How in the name of common sense could the man make such a ridiculous statement? However, no doubt we'll hear more of the same babbling as the time for the Games approaches. The games, budgeted at \$310 million have now ballooned to \$650 million and we are still a year or more away from having them staged. Obviously more money will be needed and I expect before long they will be called North American's Games so as to drag cash from the Americans.

The problems that arose around the 1975 Games seem to epitomize the worthlessness of continuing this quadrennial exercise in super-nationalism. For basically that is what the Games have degenerated to.

The modern Olympics were begun in 1896, due to the efforts of a French educator, whose purpose in reviving them was, "To promote interest in education and culture, also to better foster international understanding, through the universal medium of youth's love for athletics." Fine words. But have the Olympics of the past several decades reflected such sentiments? I think not.

We had Hitler's Games in 1936, which were to be the showpiece of Aryan superiority. Since 1948 and the advent of the Cold War, both the United States and Russia have poured millions of dollars into their respective Olympic

teams in an attempt to gain supremacy and prove to the world which system is better. When the U.S. and Russian teams parade at the opening ceremonies you get the im-



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pression of two armies set to do battle, and in effect, this is what is happening.

We've seen countries barred because of their internal policies. Nations have refused to compete against each other because of national or religious differences. To climax this sorry situation, we had the tragedy of Munich, where 11 Israelis died. Laid to rest forever was the myth that the Olympics were non-political. The truth of the matter is, this had been known for years. Add to these things, the almost mind-boggling spiraling costs of the Olympics and you are hard put to find a sound reason for carrying on with the Games.

If we must have International competition, must it be done on such a grand scale? Every year, nations compete in various sports, in meets, tournaments and exhibitions. For the most part, they have proved apolitical and have been a benefit to athletics.

In 1896, the Olympics were low key and run on a small scale. It's been a downhill slide ever since. They serve no useful purpose, either for the athletes themselves, who are under tremendous pressure, or, as we have witnessed in years past and now know first hand, for the host country itself.

They are a burden and an anachronism and, in a world where reality must be the guideline, have no redeeming feature.

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