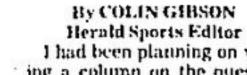
Acton, and the Rams dropped a 14-11 decision to the



AMATEURISM

I had been planning on writing a column on the question (or problem) of amateurism in athletics for the past several weeks. The quandary that the Intermediate "A" Georgetown Chrysler Raiders found themselves in two weekends ago when they journeyed to Campbellton New Brunswick, to take on the host team, Campbellton Tigers in the Eastern Final of the Hardy Cup served notice that the time was - ly amateur bockey. riped to rip into the hypocriti-

cal facade of "Amateurism." Webster's New World Dictionary, Second College Edition has this definition of the word, "Amateur", "A person who engages in some art, science, sport, etc., for the pleasure of it rather than for money; a non-professional; specifically, an athlete who is variously forbidden by rule to profit from his athletic activity."

By this definition and obviously as the Hardy Cup falls under the auspices of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Assocsation, it is clear that the Raiders were rooked

porter "About 75 per cent of the players are paid and the rest are on salary." OHA representative Jim King, was in Campbellton for the series and undoubtedly heard the stories concerning the "Play for Pay" situation in Campbellton but it is doubtful if anything will be done about the situation from that end as the OHA and the CAHA conveniently turn deaf and mute on any subject that might tarnish the rosy glow of their world name-

The Raiders were given the shaft on this occasion, of that there is no doubt, but by the same token, they cannot take upon themselves, the role of outraged innocent as for years, it was an open secret that there was cash flowing to Raiders players.

Raider Club President and stellar player, Neil Cotton, felt that the 1976-77 shinny campaign was, for him, a very satisfying year. He was quoted as saying that he was especially proud of the team's accomplishments during the past year because the Raiders didn't pay big money to win the OHA. He concluded by noting, "That's something that hasn't been done before by our club or Port Colborne,"

The minor hockey scene in Toronto received a jolt last year when it was learned that certain team sponsors were luring youngsters to play for them by offering inducements like new skates, bikes and other goodies. The sponsors were chastised, but the players who accepted the gifts were ignored. In terms of amateurism, they clearly violated the

It is known that Junior players below the Major Junior "A" level, barter their services to the highest bidder. The Junior "B" Georgetown Gemmis have had promising players at their training camp in the two years that they have been in operation but several went elsewhere when their demands weren't met.

The International hockey scene has been playing Blind Man's Bluff with the amateur connotation for year's. A few years ago, top international teams like the Russians, Czechs and Swedes were forbidden to play against professional teams under the reasoning that it would blemish their amateur status.

The hyperbole against playing professionals can be described as farcicak, at best, because players on the aforementioned learns were paid just as much, if not more than the straight-up professional hockey players.

The argument was that the International players held jobs and competed for their National squads when called upon. Well and good, but when an athlete, regardless of whether his job is defined as soldiering or earpentry, can receive a leave of absence for up to eight months of the year, with pay, to participate in sport, by no stretch of the imagination can be regarded as an amateur.

The "Powers that be," who run amateur hockey took the ridiculous situation a step further when they agreed to compete against professionals, accepted virtually a king's ransom for their respective memher's areamedians participa-

tion then insisted that the competitors still warranted the label of amateurs.

Hockey isn't the only sport that is two-faced yet inscrutable, about the amateur-professional question. However, because hockey has such a high profile on the Canadian sports scene, its foibles attract wide publicity. In fact, the dilemna of the amateur-cumprofessional situations runs the whole gamut of the sports spectrum.

One member of the International Olympic Committee has predicted the demise of the quadrennial event by 1983 unless changes are instituted. So it seems, that the dream of French educator, Baron Pierre de Coubertin who instituted the modern era of the Olymples in Greece in 1896, to foster the spirit of internationalism and peace through athletics, is over.

The IOC member uttered his charge on the basis that the Games are not spotlighting the true athletic elite of the world because of the ban against professionals and therefore are not fulfilling their purpose.

There are many who would welcome the opening of the Olympics to all competitors not the least of whom are the athlets who are a little tired of the amateurism sham.

At the Montreal Olympics last summer, sporting goods manufacterers set up booths in close proximity to the Olympic village in the hopes of enticing athletes to view their wares. It was disclosed later, that some athletes were paid large sums of money merely to display the manufacturers wares on their person and this led to a small controversy.

Finnish middle distance runner, Lasse Viren, who captured two gold medals, circled the stadium track promiently waving his track shoes - ironically of Japanese make, after his first victory.

He was told in no uncertain terms that he would best be advised to display his emotions in some other way, should he emerge victorious again and the Fin heeded the warning after capturing his second gold medal of the Games. Shortly after the Games, the

International Amateur Athletic Association banned French hurdler, Guy Drut (who also won a gold medal) for life, because he admitted accepting appearance money at track and field events.

Drut was quite nonplussed about the ban, in terms of it's effect upon himself but hoped it would force an international reappraisal on the rules of false amateurism. He was quoted as saying, "What I wish above all is that the measure taken regarding me could bring out the anachronism of the current rules regarding amateur sport."

Professional Track and Field failed miserably in the United States and many of its participants have applied to have their amateur status reinstated, as one athlete, who preferred to remain anonymous, was quoted as saying, The amateurs are making more money than us and getting more publicity, so why shouldn't we want part of the

Football has not really captured the imagination of the sporting public in Canada, in general, but stories about high school footballers in the United States being offered everytlung from convertibles to their barems are legend.

Perhaps the United States educational system takes a more realistic view of the harvesting of athletle talent than does the Canadian sys-

United States Universities offer athletic scholarship and although there are many examples of schools flaunting the rules, for the most part, schools are open about their recruiting programs and prac-

Only one University in Canada offers what could be termed athletic scholarships, Simon Fraser University of British Columbia, and by taking this rout, Simon Fraser has been banned from competing for Canadian Championships.

Simon Fraser has been so successul at competing with and beating United States schools, that their south of the border opponents are looking for ways to blockade the bor-

The supposition that other Canadian Universities are tion and not fact.

bert, upon his return from ges that it be attempted. competing in the Nationals sorts of enticements to attend several prominent Canadian tics today.

Three Player's Names will

appear in the following

How to Win: th order to be

eligible for the draw.

Readers must send in the

Universities. In the end, the school he chose, won out because of it's wrestling program and not preferred bene-

A high school basketball team in Toronto this past winter, found itself without a league to play in, when the other members of the league voted not to compete against them. The reason, the team was too good and there were hints that the Coach had reverted to luring outstanding players to the school through

nefarious means. Where does it end? Who is an amateur, what is an amateur, why is an amateur.

Is the term "amateur" an anachronism? An outdated, overplayed facade that is used as a screen to hide things that a professional would have to disclose. Is there any point in holding on to the term that seems to waver whenever the "Big Green" is flashed?

This reporter would like to think there is but not in the hypocritical sense. There is a joy in competing merely for the sake of taking part. There simon-pure (pardon the pun) is a real sense of accomplishin their search for athletic ment when something is untalent is merely that supposi- dertaken and completed not for any monetary or material Georgetown's outstanding reward but simply because high school wrestler, Eric Fo- something inside a person ur-

This is the true amateur, but several years ago, told this he is rapidly becoming lost in reporter that he was offered all the miasma of the financial report that so dominates athle-

Acton Rams bow to Bolton

BOLTON TESTS THE ACTON RAM DEFENSE, Too

much time in the penalty box hampered the Rams in their

exhibition match against Bolton last Monday night in

The Acton Rams, of the Ontario Lacrosse Associations Central Ontario Junior "C" league, hit the floor, under game conditions for the first time this year, when they hosted Bolton in an exhibition contest on Monday.

The Rams sport many new faces on their 1977 edition and possibly inexperience caused a few problems, as Bolton posted a 14-11 win. The game started out with Bolton coming on like gangbusters and the visitors led 4-0 at one point in the first period.

The Rams rallied, however, and closed out first period play with a 7-5 lead. The second frame saw the tide turn in Rolton's favor as they outscor-

In the third period, Bolton continued to dominate and en route to their 14-11 win.

As happened many times last year, time in the "Sin Bin" deprived the Rams of an abundance of scoring opportunities and sorely tested their defence. The Rams logged 64 minutes in the penalty box to Bolton's 32 penalty minutes and this was definitely a factor in the Acton defeat.

For their first outing of the year, under game conditions, the Rams played well. They show a definite promise and once the inexperience-caused

ed the Rams 4-2 in the second - miscues are cleared up should stanza and tied the game at provide their supporters with a very entertaining season.

Veteran Kevin Marcoux pac ed the Ram attack, he had four outscored the Acton crew, 5-2 markers, Bruce McPhail scored twice and picked up an assist, while Gary Delong fired two counters. Single counters went to Ron Turkosz, Rick Gibson, and Steve Wilson, Gibson also assisted on two scor-

The regular season is just around the corner, for the Rams, as they open the 1977 campaign in Orangeville on May 11 and play host to Mississauga the following night, May 12 Game time for the Ram home opener is 8:30 p.m. at the Acton arena.

Rams Schedule

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May 26		Versus	Rexdale
May 30		Vernus	Dundas
June 9		versus	Orangeville
June 16		VEENUN	Huntsville
June 23		Versus	Orlilia
June 27		VEESUS	Bolton
June 30		* versus	Dundas
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July 16		at	

CURRENT RIPPLES

Ring buoy rescue

By VICSTODDART

The last few weeks we have talked about reaching assist's and also abo t throwing floating objects to the drowning victim

This wer would like to talk about a the sing aid, the ring buoy The u .: ! doughnut shaped one with a rupe on. The fir sig to do is to talk to the an all rescues.

in huoy rope's are ' neatly coiled and to throw. So if you have ke one off the hook do not aflow it to become tangled Place the coiled rope on the ground with the loose end

underneath your foot so that when you throw the ring buoy it won't all go into the water and leave you with no rope to pull the victim to safety Once you have the coal on the ground and your loot as one

end,"Do not move your feet" as there is a chance you may stand on the coiled rope and

one hand swing it back and forth a couple of times aiming it over the victim's head and then throw. It should go over the victims head. You can now pull it towards the victim and he or she can grasp the buoy and then you can pull them to

As in reaching assist's you must continually talk to your victim and he down so that you cannot be pulled into the water and become a victim yourself Ring buoys can be substitut-

ed by an mexpensive throwing and Fifty feet of polypropolene rope that floats and a gallon bleach bottle with about half an inch of water in it to give it some weight enabling you to throw it. All fold this throwing and can be made for about three dollars "MOTHERS DAY SWIM"

Sunday May 8th is Mothers

Tigers claim

The Campbellton Tigers emerged as 1977 Hardy Cup

The previous weekend, the Tigers bumped off the

The teams were very well-matched and home-ice

Campbellton won the series opener, 4-3 then took a

The series decider, played on Monday night, was

Campbellton's Brian Forrester won the Carling

In the four game series, Forrester netted four

Champions as they defeated the Warroad Lakers, three

games to one in the best-of-five final played last weekend

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders in three straight games to

win the Eastern Canada Final of the Hardy Cup and

thereby advance against Warroad for the right to claim

advantage very possibly figured as the deciding factor.

2-n series lead when they posted a 5-3 overtime win on

Saturday night. The Lakers rebounded in Sunday night's

game however, and thoroughly dominated in posting a

won by the Tigers, 6-3, but in this game, fatique more than

anything else can be cited as the reason for the Laker

defeat. The Warroad crew led, 3-2 after two periods on

Monday, but then lost their legs, as the Tigers scored four

unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes to emerge as

Hardy Cup Champions for 1977. The Tigers also captured

O'Keefe trophy as the series Most Valuable Player

markers and picked up an assist; two of his goals were

National Intermediate "A" hockey supremacy

in Campbellton New Brunswick.

decisive 7.2 win.

the Hardy Cup in 1972.

game winners.

and certainly deserved the honor.

Hardy Cup

the ring buoy will not reach the Day. Why not treat mom to a swim. Each child pays the Now with the ring buoy, in usual 35c and mom gets in for free So don't forget kids treat mom on Sunday May 8th. Ladies Aquabies start May

9th to June 17th at 2:30 to 3:30 p in Monday to Friday, pay 35c each time you swim and The indoor pool has now

been open two years this

Stratford wins title

month "Happy Birthday.

The Stratford Culligans cap tured the 1977 Provincial Junfor "B" title last week as they defeated the Streetsville Derbys, 4-2 in the best of seven

Streetsville won the opening two games of the series, by 8-5 and 5-3 counts, but then were hit by the injury bug. The their's jost the services of team leader, Jim Gibson, who suffered a broken jaw and Jim Boyington, torn tendons, early in the series and were never much of a factor after that

Stratford took the next four games, by scores of 3-1, 10-3, 7.2 and 8.5 to capture the Provincial Championship

GDHS news

By DREW CLARKE Nominations are now open for all positions on the 1977-78 GDHS Students Council They can be submitted up until fis

Friday, May 6 to the office. Nominées are required for the positions of Student Councd President, vice president Social Convener and Treas

There are also thirteen Grade Rep positions open. Three reps are needed from each of the three junior years and two from each of Grade 12 and 13.

More student participation is needed in the school is to have the activities which you the students want.

If you think you would be a capable and responsible representative you can help. All that's needed is a nomination form with your signature plus those of two seconders.

We need you and your ideas. Get involved and make next year one to remember.



Fishing season opened Saturday and 8-year-old Ken Norton of Glen Williams was out with his dad looking for the big ones. Part way through the morning Ken stopped Tor a snack. His dad already had two fish and they had only been fishing for a few minutes Ken said. Since they were still wiggling Ken only held up one chubb for the picture.

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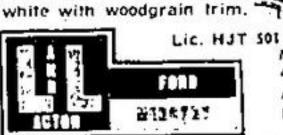
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