

HERALD sports

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AMATEURISM

A thing of the past ?



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

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

Acton Rams bow to Bolton

The Acton Rams, of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's 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 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 Bolton's favor as they outscored the Rams 4-2 in the second stanza and tied the game at 9-9.

Rams Schedule

| HOME | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| All games 8:30 p.m. at Acton Arena | | |
| DATE | VERSUS | TEAM |
| May 12 | versus | Mississauga |
| May 26 | versus | Rexdale |
| May 30 | versus | Dundas |
| June 9 | versus | Orangeville |
| June 16 | versus | Huntsville |
| June 23 | versus | Orillia |
| June 27 | versus | Bolton |
| June 30 | versus | Dundas |
| July 7 | versus | Owen Sound |
| July 11 | versus | Rexdale |
| July 18 | versus | Bolton |
| July 21 | versus | Orangeville |
| July 1 | versus | Nova Scotia (Tentative exhibition) |

| AWAY | | |
|---------|----|-------------|
| DATE | AT | TEAM |
| May 11 | at | Orangeville |
| May 18 | at | Dundas |
| May 19 | at | Owen Sound |
| May 23 | at | Orillia |
| May 28 | at | Huntsville |
| June 5 | at | Mississauga |
| June 7 | at | Bolton |
| June 12 | at | Owen Sound |
| June 11 | at | Rexdale |
| June 17 | at | Orillia |
| July 10 | at | Mississauga |
| July 16 | at | Huntsville |

CURRENT RIPPLES

Ring buoy rescue

By VICTOR DODDART
The last few weeks we have talked about reaching assist's and also about throwing floating objects to the drowning victim.

The ring buoy will not reach the victim.
Now with the ring buoy, in 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 victim's head. You can now pull it towards the victim and he or she can grasp the buoy and then you can pull them to safety.

Stratford wins title

The Stratford Culligans captured the 1977 Provincial Junior "B" title last week as they defeated the Streetsville Derbys, 4-2 in the best-of-seven final.



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 for 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 club for the picture.

Tigers claim Hardy Cup

The Campbellton Tigers emerged as 1977 Hardy Cup Champions as they defeated the Warrand Lakers, three games to one in the best-of-five final played last weekend in Campbellton New Brunswick.

GDHS news

By DREW CLAUKE
Nominations are now open for all positions on the 1977-78 GDHS Students Council. They can be submitted up until Friday, May 6 to the office.

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

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 shiny 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.

It is known that Junior players below the Major Junior "A" level, barter their services to the highest bidder. The Junior "B" Georgetown Gems 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 years. 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 tarnish their amateur status.

The hyperbole against playing professionals can be described as farcical, at best, because players on the aforementioned teams 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 or not he is a professional, 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.

Perhaps the United States educational system takes a more realistic view of the harvesting of athletic talent than does the Canadian system.

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 practices.

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

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 athletes who are a little tired of the amateurism sham.

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 Druet (who also won a gold medal) for life, because he admitted accepting appearance money at track and field events.

Druet 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.

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 everything from convertibles to their harems are legend.

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Three Player's Names will appear in the following Ads.

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| New York | 12 | 9 | .571 |
| Baltimore | 10 | 9 | .526 |
| Boston | 10 | 9 | .526 |
| Toronto | 10 | 12 | .455 |
| Detroit | 6 | 12 | .333 |
| Cleveland | 7 | 11 | .386 |

| West Division | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Team | W | L | Pct |
| Kansas City | 13 | 8 | .617 |
| Minnesota | 14 | 8 | .636 |
| Oakland | 13 | 10 | .565 |
| Chicago | 10 | 9 | .526 |
| Los Angeles | 10 | 14 | .417 |
| California | 9 | 14 | .391 |
| Seattle | 8 | 17 | .320 |

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