

Getting back to the basics

Learning the basic fundamental skills of hockey is a prerequisite of playing the game that fewer and fewer youngsters are learning these days. One need only watch the smallest of tykes mature as hockey players. The aging process for them to become anywhere at all adept enough to play the game properly is getting lengthier all the time.

Bob Webster understands this. He is co-coach of the bantam rep team and has learned this to be the case. So, he has taken the regularly allotted Monday time slot for rep teams, at the Memorial arena, and turned it into a once a week hockey school to run through the winter. Minor and major atom and pee wee teams are put through the learning process all over again with their coaches.

Webster says the game is forced on the players too early, before they can get the basics down pat. For that reason he has come up with a program that emphasizes the proper techniques involved in the game.

Each week for 45 minutes on the ice and 15 minutes in the dressing room, 120 youngsters go over two areas of the game, from the dozen Webster has set down in a manual he has devised for them. Areas include skating, forward and backward, stopping, forward and backward,

acceleration and turning. Puck control drills, deaking, the snap pass, flip pass, wrist shot, backhand and fake are also practised.

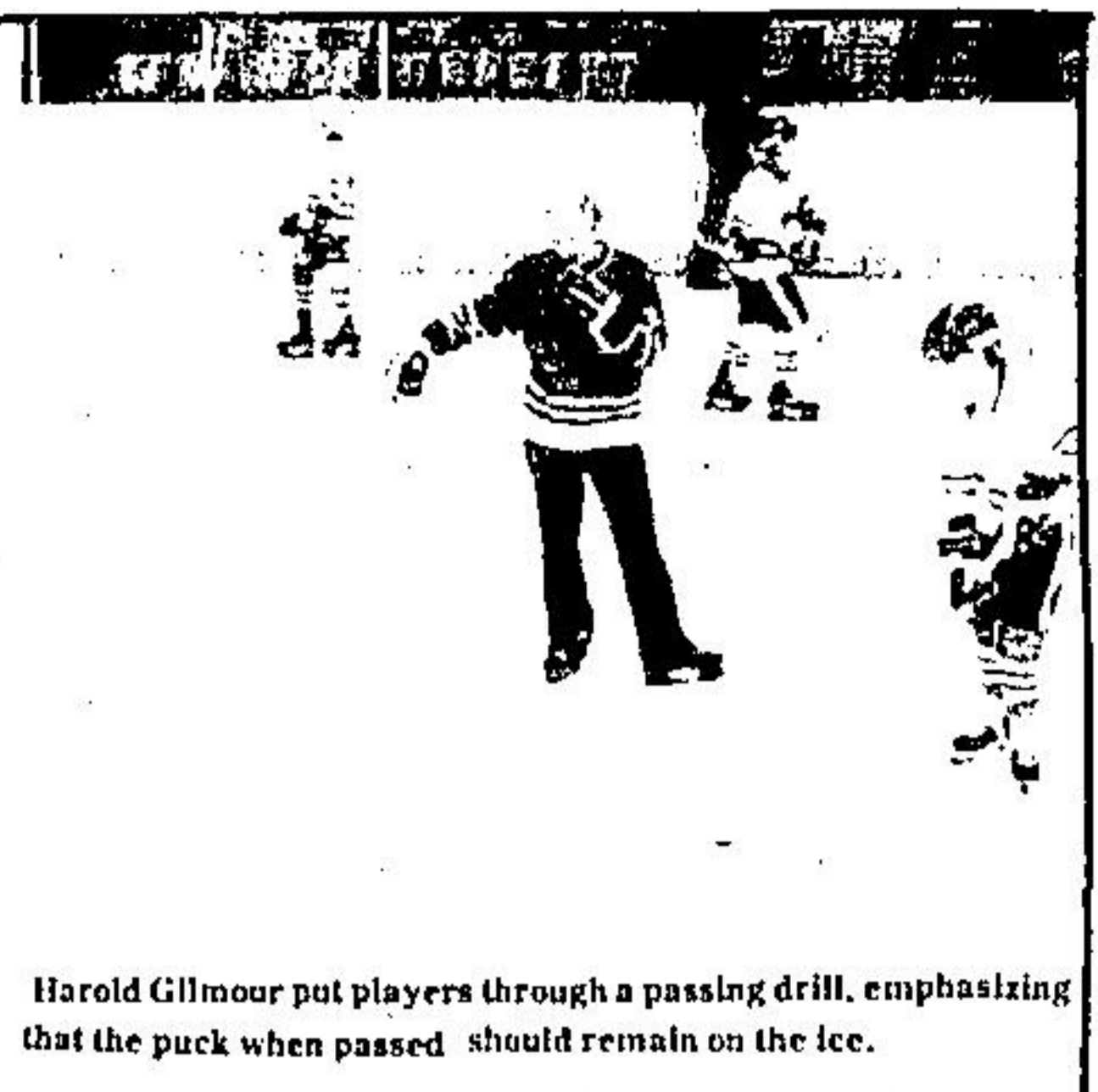
Twenty-three goaltenders go through a similar type of program set out for them.

Tom Martin, a former professional who runs Bramalea Hockey School, handles part of on-ice instruction.

Webster says that after every five weeks the players are put through skills drills to see how they are coming along and what they need extra work on.

The program is designed to give coaches something they can carry on with in their regular practices. There is a short questionnaire that coaches can ask the players before each game, just to remind them. Webster says the whole program is designed to keep the fundamentals fresh in the players' minds all winter.

After the first three weeks the players seem to be adapting to the program readily and have already shown some improvement. Only time will tell. We'll have to watch how the atom and pee wee rep teams make out this season.



Harold Gilmour put players through a passing drill, emphasizing that the puck when passed should remain on the ice.

Hundreds of pounds of chocolate sold to raise baseball funds

The Georgetown Baseball Association undertook a selling program this past summer to raise money to provide full uniforms for all house league teams. The players blanketed the town selling one pound blocks of fudge.

Initially prizes were to be given to the top three sellers,

but after all totals were in it was decided to award prizes to all kids who sold over 100 pounds. The kids did a great job and raised a fantastic \$4,000 to put towards the cost of their uniforms.

There were five sellers over 100 pounds and a large number of kids sold between 50-100 pounds.



CHOCOLATE PRIZES? No, these televisions, radios and bicycles are not made out of the smooth creamy rich dark chocolate stuff. They are the real things. Each of these lucky youngsters sold more than 100 pounds of chocolate to raise money for the minor baseball program here in town. They are, left to right, Jody Smitka a 5-speed bike worth 141 pounds, Mark Talbot and his 135 pounds worth of television, Steven Yeo with his 131 pound tape recorder, Danny Robins and his 120 pounds of radio and Jason Smithalso with a radio valued at 112 pounds of chocolate.

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