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Sports will be to future what love was to past

We are now in the second day of the eighth decade of the 20th century. As we creep into the most futuristic and renowned 10 years of our modern times, it is my prediction that sports will be to the future what love has been to the past. They will make the world go on around.

Sports and culture have always been an integral part of international relations. There has always been a sports ministry of some sort and a sporting foreign policy has long been in effect. The exchange of different nationality's sporting teams has first and foremost meant government intervention. Perhaps rightly so, since teams do represent you and I abroad.

Through this medium of exchange the different participating countries try to improve their international reputations, both on and off the playing surfaces. The athletic ambassadors carry our flag and show for all the world what our country is like.

During these somewhat troubled times, getting out and talking to the parties involved is the best and only way of settling differences and straightening out problems.

As we look back over the past few years one can see the importance attached to friendly competition between the peoples of the world. The Olympics are the most obvious and natural of these. Having attended the last games in Montreal, I can attest this fact that most definitely the competitors themselves are the ones who benefit initially, the most from their experiences.

These men and women gain invaluable insight into the workings of the various peoples on the earth. They get to live, talk, eat and compete against one-another on a day-to-day basis. This enables them, after the games' duration, to know more than just in passing what certain countrymen are about. This event alone does more to foster international relations than do the leaders around the world.

True enough, it is the leaders who provide the opportunities to promote this good will among men but, perhaps if the athletes were the leaders and the leaders the athletes then, and only then, may this crazy mixed up world of ours start coming more closely together.

As things stand now, the athletes are like the pawns in a chess game. There are the Kings and Queens, fighting generals, religious Bishops, and cornerstone castles. Today sports are not fun and games anymore. They are an arm of the government. A political football if you might.

This week's round of international hockey matches between teams from the United Soviet Socialist Republic and the National Hockey League, is the latest example of the continuing importance being placed upon interaction of two opposing factions. Maybe the Iranians have a hockey team.

The Russians, as they are more popularly known as opposed to Soviets, were on both sides of the North American border combating in cities where the players participating in the games for this side are considered to be of the premium stock. Obviously through these, and the preceding encounters between the two, it shows that the NHL can no longer claim to have the undisputed world's best hockey league. Both visiting Russian 'teams' come from a pretty good league of their own back home.

Although the Russians are the declared enemy of the Western world, we do interact in such endeavors as with a puck and stick. This is better than meeting them with a gun and bomb.

The traditional exchange of token gifts and pennants at centre ice is a step (skate) towards a better understanding amongst the two sides. The game which I saw Thursday night, between the New York Rangers and the Russians, showed in living color how important these contests are. After travelling half way around the world here were the Russians at Madison Square Gardens, helping to celebrate 100 years of entertainment in the building, ready to represent their country in another of its drives for world supremacy.

Since it is not the players, who initiate this mass hysteria for winning for the flag, rather than the sake of the game, the result is the same as any game. There is no winning at any cost attitude, although that has shown through in some instances, the same as it would in any hockey game.

Friendly competitions between the various worlds within the world where the sides are not speaking to each other at the peace tables, can only do much to improve the situation. Let us hope that more sporting events of the international kind take place and a more happy and wholesome world may result in the 1980's.

Ladies' second curling draw begins Jan. 9

By JUNE CARSON
Happy New Year everyone! 1980 was welcomed in great style at North Halton last night, thanks to the music of Dave Smallwood, the elegant cuisine of the chef and the friendly spirit that prevailed.

The last results of the '70s come from the Business Girls' section; their first draw ended with: First place: Karen Henderson's rink of Kathy Perego, Lynn Cunningham and Ethel Crowe. Second place: Alice Frazer's rink of Eva Bradley, Ev Gable, and Betty Shepherd.

Third place: Joan Trimble's rink of Norma Porter, Doris Dehouek and Kathy Parker.

Their second draw starts on Wednesday, January 9th and any newcomers who find it easier to come out at night for curling are most welcome.

Another date to remember is Monday, January 14th, when the Ladies Card Party is being held in the Lounge at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the office for \$5.00 a person, so get a group together and join us. See you on the ice!



This Guelph player may have thrown the game away with this throw-in. The Georgetown Meteor B Soccer club won the Industrial league championship in November.

Apologizes to referee

The policeman who came over the boards, to the aid of his son, during a juvenile house league hockey game fight and allegedly choked the referee has apologized to him.

Gary Johnston, who was refereeing the game between the Georgetown Raiders and Prospect Paving Dec. 16

when the incident occurred, said he received a phone call from the Peel Regional officer Friday morning. Johnston was not hurt but did black out on the ice when his helmet strap got wrapped around his neck.

Johnston and the referees association are to meet to decide if further action is to be taken.

Motorcycle ice race

The Halton Off-Road Riders' Association will be holding a sanctioned motorcycle ice race Feb. 2 on the Orangeville Reservoir, provided it meets conditions set out by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Former GDHS wrestlers at Lakehead

Home for the Christmas holidays, from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, is Drew Clarke, a former sports contributor to the Herald. He reports that two former GDHS students, now in their first year of academia in the north, are doing well there.

Pete Fournier, a winner of the first Halton Hills Athlete of the Year award, is doing

well there on the school's wrestling team. Fournier had led the local high school to many titles.

Gord Miller, who appeared in last week's Herald year-end review, is also wrestling well. He will be heading for the Houston Hurricanes' training camp in April for a tryout with the North American Soccer League team.

Meteor soccer club announces executive and plans for 1980

The Georgetown Meteors soccer club held their first meeting to plan and schedule games for 1980.

The following positions have been given to players in order to keep the men's industrial soccer league organized:

President - Erwin Wittich,

Treasurer - Brigitte Wittich, A Team Manager - Barry Fowler, A Team coach - Bernie Flanningew, B Team manager - Angelo Cianforani, B Team coach - Bertram Hack, Field manager - Bill Xanthius, Public Relations - Mike Hastings, Fund Raising - Erwin Gross, Charlie Knoepfli, Doug Morris.



Safe at first is this Rexway runner Rob Freestone. He beat the throw to Paul Sargent during Rexway's 3-1 win over DRG Stationary last May. Many games in the Industrial football league were this close while many weren't.