

Sports Week

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Sports widows rejoice

Sports widows could have reason to rejoice this week. With the National Hockey League (NHL) final round of playoffs likely to bring Lord Stanley's Cup to the Big Apple from the Philadelphia Spectrum tomorrow (Thursday) night, and the Major League baseball players expected to talk play with a strike yesterday, this could be the week that was. Coupled with the lack of television coverage from Moscow this summer, their may be room for a little more romance in front of the little screen. Then, who knows, a new breed of sportsman could be conceived.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy seems to have scored a major coup in the hockey playoffs. Weeks ago when the field for the Cup was narrowed down to the Islanders, Flyers, Buffalo Sabres and Minnesota North Stars, Sports Week approached a few people about their opinions on the outcome of Canada's official winter sport professional championship. Not only did Mayor Pete pick the winner but, he also selected the player who was going to make the difference.

Denis Potvin, the young man who tolled for the Ottawa 67's junior A hockey for the full compliment of five years before being drafted into the big league while other stars of today came and went in these ranks, showed his worth to his team by putting them on the doorstep of the first New York Stanley Cup victory in more than 25 years. He'll probably win the Most Valuable Player award for it.

DALEY AND BLUNDY LOOK OUT
Pomeroy, the owner of North Halton Sports, put his finger on Potvin at the time of the mini survey published in this paper three weeks ago on April 30. Perhaps the tiny little perfect arena should put his talents on ice and step out of the political arena and get behind another players bench to coach some more amateurs or professionals, like the junior Gems or Intermediate Raiders?

Entrepreneur Dave Kenner and recreation director Tom Shepard won't exactly be in the city of brotherly love mood tomorrow night, if things go the way they have in this final hockey series. They were counting on the Flyers to keep Philly from being a two-time sports loser this spring. The National Basketball Association fears from that city lost a title bid to the Los Angeles Lakers last week.

Glen Hillock at the Station House also picked the Islanders to win. He too came up with a significant observation when he pointed to the goaltending duo.

After beating the Montreal Canadiens, Georgetown District Minor Hockey President Wendy Stewart and Jamie Carter were sure Minnesota would reach the finals and possibly win.

This reporter had given the nod, which is now a bowed head, to Minnesota and Buffalo in this series. Even worse, I called Philadelphia to outdo the Islanders who usually choke in the playoffs.

Jack Handy and Don McRae are the front runners for a \$500 hockey pool run by Kenner.

Although our beloved Toronto Maple Leafs aren't in this picture, sports fans here can carry their heads with pride this week knowing that the American (baseball) League Blue Jays have finally established themselves in the big leagues. If the strike by the players is carried off then we can all say we backed a winner in the spring of 1980. That is until the matters at hand get settled.

The Jays, in their fourth year, are just coming into their own as a young aggressive ball club. Manager Bobby Mattick has taken the team over the winter and turned them into legitimate contender for the East division pennant.

With the likes of pitcher Dave Stieb, first baseman John Mayberry, shortstop Alfredo Griffin and fielders Otto Velez and Bob Bailor the bottom place team last year has been able to transform itself into just what Toronto sports fans so desperately need, a winning team.

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BOB MATTICK



OTTO VELEZ

BLUE JAYS



JOHN MAYBERRY



ALFREDO GRIFFIN

John McCauley, who is recovering well from an eye injury he suffered last season and which has kept him out of active NHL officiating service this year, is working on setting up an association for Canadian sports officials. He figures they aren't getting the best of deals. He was instrumental in getting the package which now makes him and his colleagues among the best paid sports officials in any game. He is doing this between coaching two lacrosse teams in Brampton.

Bruce Hood, a fellow official, is busy with the Special Olympics for the retarded. The NHL plays a major role in the floor hockey games which Hood is involved with.

The Herald's Sports Week outdoor writer, the infamous R.C. (Bob) Ollivier has been named a director of the Ontario Outdoor Writers Association. At the annual election conference meeting on the weekend, big bad Bob turned down a nomination as president. Too much time behind a desk and not enough out in the field I guess. The time he spends behind a desk typing his column each week, is plenty for him. See Bob's Ontario Outdoors column elsewhere in this section.

Thirty-four members of the Georgetown District High School track and field teams were at the Etobicoke Centennial Park yesterday for the Peel-Halton championships. Last week they came second in the Halton's as a team. Several individuals should qualify for the OFSSAs (Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association). More on that next week.

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Now if you just put it in through here, it'll roll right up beside the marker ball. That's how this conversation was going Monday afternoon during the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club's opening day. The game is much like curling, where the closest to the white ball wins.

Oldest rec club opens 72nd season

Residents around the corner of Edith and William Streets admit the grass is greener on the other side of their fences. That is where the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club is located.

Monday the 50 club members, along with invited guests from Milton, opened the club's 72nd season. The mainly senior citizen membership, which is not a prerequisite, bowled all day and into the evening on the seven finely manicured greens.

Kay Braiden, Flora Black, Fran Clement and Ann Cairns were the ladies winners the first day. Albert Patten, Al Zervavlev, Tom Eason and A. Munro won in men's play.

The club which began in 1908 with 27 members and an annual fee of \$4, has grown to include 50 bowlers and dues of \$15 and \$25 for women and men respectively. Regular play goes Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, Thursday evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Thursday afternoon the juniors, 8 to 18-years-old, take over the greens.

Originally located behind Main Street adjacent to where the Legion is now located, the club was moved to its present location in 1918, the year that women were first admitted as members. That year the log cabin and stable became part of the club. They are the original Terra Cotta home of James and Elizabeth McKane, built in 1840.

Club President Morley Mills says the first of the many tournaments will be held this Saturday. It will be a mixed treble event.



Georgetown's oldest recreational sports club opened its 72nd season Monday with the help of Milton Club members who were returning the same favour paid them Saturday. Here many of the players try out the nicely manicured greens.

Bantam boys hardballers split two

The bantam boys team of Georgetown Baseball Association split their first two games of the season this past week. Playing a home-and-away series with Brampton last Monday and Thursday, the locals won the first game 5-4 then got walloped 13-7 three nights later.

Getting around the bases and home for Georgetown were Craig Budweiser, Wilkes, Harrison, John Fitzgerald, Rembish, Sargeant, and Andy Fisher.

Fisher hit two for four while three others were two for five. Harrison knocked in two RBIs. The team plays in the Halton County Baseball League. They are coached by Brian James who is assisted by Jack Fisher and Art Budweiser.

Next game for them is tomorrow (Thursday) in Milton. They return to the Fairgrounds Park a week tomorrow to face Oakville.

Thursday was a different story. Without their two starting pitchers who won the first game, the bantams used Robbie Wilkes. He held the team in fairly well, but couldn't stave off the strong batting of the Brampton club as they lost 13-7.

Scoring the Georgetown runs were Blake Harrison, Pete Rembish, Jeff Sargeant, Tommy O'Brien and Budweiser. Budweiser was also two for four on hits. Sargeant led the team in runs-batted-in (RBIs) with two.

Cricketers humble champ

By KEN JONES
Georgetown Cricket Club players opened the 1980 season with sweet revenge, by humiliating the league champs from Guelph when they won by six wickets at Yoder Field on Sunday.

This past season the Georgetown squad were no match for Guelph as they were thoroughly trounced on the two occasions they met.

Showing a more balanced team on the field, the locals were always on top of the opposition. Superb wicket-keeping by Lloyd Jones, who was responsible for four wickets, two stumped and one caught behind and one run out. Steady bowling by Neville Samaroo, K. Luckhan, A. Kumar, and I. Cassim, constantly had the opposing batsmen in trouble, ably assisted by tough fielding.

Summer hockey league expands

In only its second year back in operation, the Georgetown summer hockey league is expanding from the four teams it had last season to six this year.

The defending champions, Georgetown Fruit Market will be back, as will the other four teams, Mama Rosa Pizza, Mountainview Plaza Mac's Milk, and Helen Atkinson Real Estate. League president Don Fendley is looking for two more sponsors.

Ice making will begin at Gordon Alcott the second week of June and should be ready the 23rd. The 10-game league schedule is set to go the next night. Most games will be played Tuesdays with a few slated for the odd Thursday and Fridays.

Most of the players are local men who play in the winter industrial league with a few players who return for the summer. Joe South is back from college and Doug Barnes is home from the west coast where he played intermediate in Vancouver. A few of the Gems and Raiders are also expected to suit up for the summer to keep in shape.

Athlete of the year

Parker and Ezard are first nominees

The first nominations for the third annual Halton Hills Athlete of the Year Award are now starting to slowly filter in. Deadline for the official nominations, which appear in this paper and are the only ones officially acceptable, is June 6, two weeks Friday. This is the same date for those wishing to nominate some person or group for the Sports Builder Award.

Many local athletes and devoted individuals and associations deserve credit for their efforts both on and off the field. One form of recognition is the simple nomination for these awards.

Kevin Parker, a Campbellville figure skater, who is associated with the Acton skate club there, is being touted for the third year as the one who has achieved the most significant results in his chosen sport.

The 18-year-old grade 13 student at Acton High has represented this country in two major international competitions this past year. In St. Gervais, France, at the Grand Prix Senior International Championships, he placed fifth in the final standings. In Germany he placed sixth in competition for the Nobileton Trophy.

He was second in the Western Ontario sectionals, then placed second at the Central Canadians and came seventh at the Nationals held this winter in Kitchener.

Presently he is reducing his training to concentrate on his school studies in preparation for university admittance this fall.

Mark Ezard has distinguished himself on the cross country trails for GDHS these past 12 months. He came first in the Halton's, the Peel-Halton's, Metro Toronto, and Toronto competitions. He was second in a York Toronto run, third in East York and came sixth in the all-Ontario championship helping his school win the provincial title.



1979 Finalists

The three finalists in last year's Halton Hills Athlete of the Year contest were all smiles at the presentation. Runner Ian Clark, who won the 1979 award, is flanked by figure skaters Kevin Parker on his right and Kris Barber on his left. The three will be on hand June 16 for the 1980 ceremonies at St. George's Anglican Church.