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New hockey rules from OMHA

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) has instituted some new rule changes for the little guys that will become effective this 1980-81 season. Special bulletins have been distributed outlining their interpretation on body checking for pee wee and below; Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) competitive or all star atom and below rules and recreational or local league regulations for atom and below hockey.

NO BODY CONTACT

From now on, in all age groups of pee wee down, a minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who uses his hand to check an opponent. This will be increased if injury results due to an infraction under this rule.

The OMHA notes that "a body check is the action of deliberately using force when making body contact with the hips, shoulders or arms while attempting to play the puck or check an opponent who has the puck. Skating a player off the puck along the boards is permitted and in such cases no penalty shall be assessed unless there is a motion to propel the opponent into the boards. No penalty shall be assessed unless where players are skating for a loose puck and collide with no deliberate attempt to body check."

The OMHA also issued their interpretation of the basic game as outlined by the CAHA rules pertaining to competitive or all star atom and below teams. Here they are:

Team Composition: While six players on a team is recognized as the official team composition, it is conceivable that seven or eight players per team would not necessarily be an unreasonable number. Similarly, if the ice surface was divided into two or three sections, four players per team on the ice may be more appropriate; the choice is dependent upon local conditions. OMHA recommends playing six players on full ice.

Equipment: Players shall wear full equipment. A five-ounce black regulation size puck shall be used. This requirement shall be contingent upon the manufacturer's ability to mass produce them. The weight of the puck is not grounds for protest.

TIMED SHIFTS

Time of match: An official game shall consist of a minimum of forty-five minutes for straight time or thirty minutes stop time however, this time may be increased. CAHA recommends the concept of equal ice time for all players. It is recommended by CAHA that a buzzer or similar device be implemented. When used, the buzzer would sound every two minutes when stop time is used or every three minutes when straight time is in effect. The OMHA recommends the buzzer not be accepted. Groups could try, but not in use for playoffs.

Penalties: A player receiving a minor penalty shall serve the full duration of his penalty in the penalty box and his team shall play short-handed. However, when coincidental minors are assessed, both teams will play at full strength. A minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who is guilty of delaying the game, holding, hooking, intentional body contact, interference, playing with a broken stick and tripping.

GAME EJECTIONS

Major Penalties: When a major penalty is assessed, the offending player shall be ejected from the game and his team shall receive an automatic minor penalty which shall be served by a player who was on the ice at the time of the infraction. This shall not apply to goaltenders. A major penalty shall be assessed to any player who is guilty of boarding, charging, cross checking, elbowing, high sticking, kneeing, slashing and unsportsman-like conduct.

Game Misconduct Penalties: When a game misconduct penalty is assessed, the offending player shall be sent to the dressing room for the remainder of the game and his team shall be assessed an automatic minor penalty which will be served by a player who was on the ice at the time of the infraction. All game misconducts shall be reviewed by the appropriate parties, who may assess further suspensions. A game misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any team member, either on the bench or on the ice surface, who is guilty of fighting or showing disrespect for an official or opponent.

Match Penalty: When a match penalty is assessed the same rules are applied as in a game misconduct situation. A match penalty shall be assessed for an attempt of deliberate injury, butt-ending, kicking, making a travesty of the game, molesting and official and sparring and spitting.

PENALTY SHOTS

Goaltenders Penalties: When a minor or major penalty is assessed a goaltender, a penalty shot shall result. The penalty shot should be taken by the player against whom the infraction was committed unless injured, or another player on the ice. There shall be no other penalty assessed. For other offences, such as freezing the puck a minor penalty shall be assessed.

NO CAPTAINS

Officials: There shall be no captains or alternates. There shall be no discussion initiated by any team member with the game officials.

Icings and Offsides: A puck shot by a player from his side of the red line which crossed the goal line without contacting any other player shall be deemed icing. Only the blue lines will be used in determining offsides. The red line does not apply for offside passes. The OMHA will use this ruling on a trial basis.

Face-offs: Same as CAHA rule book. A few changes to these rules will apply to local house league play. They include under the team composition rule, that a player receiving a penalty serves only the remaining time in a shift when the buzzer is used. Each shift commences with the teams at full strength. The penalized player does not return to the ice if a goal is scored.

LIGHTER PUCKS

The puck shall be one ounce lighter and have appropriate markings to indicate so. A method of progression for icings and offsides should be implemented. Stage one would introduce the game as pond hockey eliminating all of the lines on the ice meaning no icings or offsides. Stage two introduces the red line for offsides. Stage three introduces blue lines and offsides.

Face-offs shall occur at centre ice at the start of the game and each period and when the buzzer sounds for player changes.

NO FACE-OFFS

When a goal is scored the team scored against shall have a free break out from their own end. During any other stoppage in play, the non-offending team shall be given the puck at the centre of the nearest face-off circle and all players, other than the player playing the puck, shall remain outside the face-off circle until the referee blows the whistle. These regulations will be in effect for the 1980-81 season for all OMHA affiliated local leagues.



Morning calisthenics are the first thing on the agenda for students lucky enough to be enrolled in Halton Hills' first Sport and Fitness School. The unique program allows the youngsters to partake of various sports while at the same time still enjoying the learning process.

Sport and Fitness School teaches fun aspects of games

With all the running around and playing that the youth of Halton Hills do on their summer holidays, who would think that there was a need for a Sport and Fitness School here? Mike McMahon, Bob McKay, Nancy Shortbill, the Board of Education, the town's recreation department and the parents of 228 children did. That's why the gym and playing fields at GDHS have been alive with the sounds of young athletes in training this past week, and this week and will be next week.

Plans are already afoot to expand the program in 1981 to include a campus in Acton as well as enlarging the present school in Georgetown.

McMahon and McKay, two phys-ed instructors at GDHS, are the principals behind the unique concept here. They felt that through their experience with physical fitness that there was a need for an alternative form of recreational sports training.

Both have been involved in summer hockey schools. They were in charge of the off-ice program, which they found in many instances was more appealing to the youngsters. "Hockey can be threatening," McMahon. "We strongly felt there was a need for an alternative to hockey schools."

After contacting the town and the board of education early this year and arranging for their facilities to be used, 5,500 brochures were distributed to area schools.

Originally the program was set up to accommodate about 120 says McMahon. The response was double their expectations. As many as 100 or more were regrettably refused enrollment due to space limitations.

Sixty-three took part the first week, 83 are partaking presently and 82 more will be involved for the third weekly session coming up.

Thirty participants travel daily from Acton.

The cost is a mere \$5 for the 6.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. day.

Students registered were sent a form asking them to select three activities they would like to take. These were then tabulated and daily programs were designed for the groups of 20.

NINE MINUTE RUN

The first morning a nine minute run is performed by everyone. At week's end the run is executed again to determine any improvement.

A morning exercise period of calisthenics is mandatory. Then the groups are divided into their specific optional sports. They are then brought back together as a whole for mandatory boys' wrestling and girls' gymnastics. Lunch is a brief 20 minute interlude followed by a non-sports related film.

The afternoons are divided between requested sports and a mandatory time in the pool. Thursdays are spent at York University which has just built one of the finest athletic complexes in North America. There, individual skills like tennis and squash can be utilized.

Nine local students were hired to assist. They are John Pritchard, Lori DeBruyn, Lee Johnston, Jill McKelvey, Tony Saxton, Sue Scott, Kathy Agisa, Kim Newcombe and Debbie Newman.

"We aren't looking to create super athletes," says McMahon "we just want to emphasize the fun aspect of low organizational games where the kids can yell and scream and still gain something out of it both socially and physically."



Mike McMahon, who along with Bob McKay instituted the Sport and Fitness School, puts the boys through the daily mandatory wrestling session. Students have three optional sports in addition to the core program of exercises, wrestling, gymnastics and swimming.

Local tennis pair in area final

Doreen Thompson and Gerry Peace of Georgetown will meet Gerda Graff and Harvey Sadovick of Mississauga in the area finals of the Buick International tennis championships August 25 at the Gordon Alcott courts. Match time is 7 p.m.

The local duo advanced to the final by defeating another local couple, Isla Allison and Al Adams, 6-4, 6-4. Both mixed pairs were among 38 teams entered in the competitions leading up to a championship match to be played in Monte Carlo later this winter.

A win in the upcoming series will put them in the regional final September 6 at the Cobblestone Courts in Mississauga.

Soccer provides more travel for David Paterson

Soccer is an international sport and David Paterson is learning that the enjoyable way. The game has provided the talented young player with several opportunities to play in foreign lands.

This week he is in California touring with a Burlington select team. He is a guest of the team. Normally the 20-year-old plays for the Georgetown Falcons senior men's club.

While out there they will play a pre-game match with the reserve team of the North American Soccer League Los Angeles Aztecs. Both games will be televised on the West Coast.

Paterson has had an auspicious if not illustrious career as a North American football player. Growing up through the local youth soccer program, he played a little bit of high school soccer and was named athlete of the year at GDHS, two years ago when he completed his studies there.

That same year he travelled to Germany with an Oakville club, who had a five game tour. He also journeyed to Southampton, England, for a tryout which was not successful.

The curly-haired little guy has just completed his first year of an accounting course at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. While there his efforts on the soccer pitch won him the athlete of the year award and a position on the Canadian University Allstar team.

In a couple of weeks he will be part of a Toronto and district allstar squad which will play the Blizzard.



DAVID PATERSON

Midget Stingers top Rural league

The Georgetown midget girls Stingers are the Halton rural softball League champions.

Monday night they defeated Milton 12-1 to capture the regular season crown. Scoring for the Stingers were Val Williams, Debbie Osborne, Gail Doucette and Julie Fournier with two runs each and

singles going to Lisa Switzer, Rosemary Gale, Heather Wallace and Donna Sedore.

A week ago the girls had a chance to wrap up first place against Milton but they blew it 15-11. They finished the season with 13 wins and three losses.

Playoffs begin next week against an undetermined opponent.

Cricket all stars

Three Georgetown Cricket Club members have been selected to play on a combined Hamilton and District all-star team against a similar team from the Toronto league.

Ashley Windsor, Jeewan Balakisson and Ashok Kumar will play in the August 24 match at the Toronto Curling, Skating and Cricket Club grounds.

Senior rep girls to soccer semis

The young ladies who comprise the Georgetown senior girls rep soccer team continue to win in Ontario Cup playdowns. Saturday in Thorold they shut out their hosts 2-0.

By virtue of the win they will now advance to the semi-finals of the provincial competition. They will meet the Armourdale Reds of the Scarborough league. That game will be played at Cedarvale Park either Saturday or Sunday August 23 or 24. Kick-off time is 2 p.m.

Their latest victory, over the Niagara Falls area team, was a close one. Neither side scored in the first half. Elaine Taylor counted for Georgetown's first goal when she carried the ball through four defensive opponents and beat the netminder. Jenny Smith

performed a similar task in netting the only other marker of the game.

Dena Kent recorded the shut out for the winners.

The girls also logged a win Thursday in their Golden Horseshoe league. The 5-1 triumph over Scarborough's Maple Leafs was a source of revenge for the locals. A year ago this opposition team dropped them 8-0 while playing with just nine on the field.

Kamella Jones got her first goal of rep play to lead the winners. Sherri Crossman put two more in and Sheila Rafferty and Taylor added the other singles.

The squad is now in third spot in the league and could advance in the playoff round if they end up on top of everyone else when the season ends next month.

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Final week of GIEL play.

Acton and Philp tied for first

With 11 games left to play in the final week of the Georgetown Industrial Football League, the race for the first and last playoff positions is tightening.

A win by the Acton Roadrunners and a win and loss for Philp Publishing leaves the two teams tied for top spot with 39 points a piece. The Roadrunners got the nod for first in the standings because they have played just 28 times, one less than Philp. Both have 19 wins and one tie each. Acton has lost just eight compared to the nine losses the Publishing team has accumulated.

The Merchants, Akers-Clark, R and S Muffler and Norval are battling it out for the final post season playing berth. Seven points separate these teams.

The Roadrunners suffered only their eighth defeat of the season Thursday night at home, as fourth place Hornby outplayed them. Hornby also handed Philp a 2-1 loss the Tuesday before. The Publishing team had their only win of the week over Akers-Clark. That 6-0 win for them was the third straight game the Akers-Clark team has been shut out

in the run department. The Merchants moved a point ahead of Akers-Clark and into sixth spot with a 1-0 win over them.

R and S Muffler lightened the race for the final playoff spot when they scored a 4-1 victory over Hornby.

Norval kept their hopes alive with a 5-3 overtime win over the Peel Police team.

STANDINGS INCLUDING THURSDAY AUGUST 13th

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Acton Roadrunners	28	19	6	1	39
Philp Publishing	29	19	9	1	39
G and S Plumbing	28	18	10	0	36
Hornby	29	16	11	2	34
Peel Police	30	13	15	2	28
Merchants	28	11	16	1	23
Akers-Clark R.E.	28	11	17	0	22
R and S Muffler	27	9	17	1	19
Norval	29	8	21	0	16

DQ and Wimpy's roll out the cannons in flag football action

By TIM TOLTON

Anyone in the vicinity of the Georgetown High School Sunday morning may have heard two resounding thuds, several hours apart. It was nothing serious, only the two so-called "giants" of the Georgetown Flag Football League falling off their perches.

Apparently tired of all the crowing by the Tavern and Smoke Shop teams about their first place battle, the Dairy Queen and Wimpy's rolled out the cannons and shot holes in the "two-team race" theory.

The Dairy Queen blasted the Tavern 43-12 while Wimpy's overwhelmed the Smoke Shop 32-8 in the two biggest upsets of the year to date.

D.Q. 43-Tavern 12

After several weeks in a slump, Dairy Queen came out snorting this week behind the offensive heroics of last year's scoring champion Jeff Lockwood. In fact Lockwood single handedly outscored the mighty Greek offense, with three touchdowns and six converts. Andy Broadbent had a big day with two majors and Hal Hulme had the other. John Haliburton rounded out the D.Q. with a two point conversion.

James Allen and Rick Fisher

had the only Tavern scores. Making the field several hours later with vision of sole possession of first place dancing in their heads, the Smoke Shop came up against a tough Wimpy's squad, lead by the superb play of John Clark.

With the once vaunted Smokers offense firing blanks on the first series of the game, they were forced to punt. Clark took the punt on his own 30 and raced 100 yards to put Wimpy's on top. Three minutes later he directed a TD march that ended with a pass to Greg Halonen.

In the second quarter Clark hit Dave Warman and Bob Morrow for majors then added the convert's himself.

The Smokers were history at that point, although they did score in the final quarter on a 20 yard toss to Chris Sargent. Jerry Neff caught the two point conversion.

Dave Warman also had his second TD of the day in the fourth quarter.

In the day's other games Dave's BP rebounded with a 35-0 ambush of the Halton Hogs and Fober's won a tight one 14-3 from the Glen.

BP 35-Hogs 0
Well rested at his holidays, BP's Jim McGill cranked out TD strikes to Scott

Mason twice, and Ken Baker, Rob Taylor and Paul Egerton once each. Taylor and Joe Wygerrangs each had two point converts while Wayne Denmore kicked a single. There haven't been many bright spots for the Hogs this year and this week was no exception.

Fober's 14-Glen 8

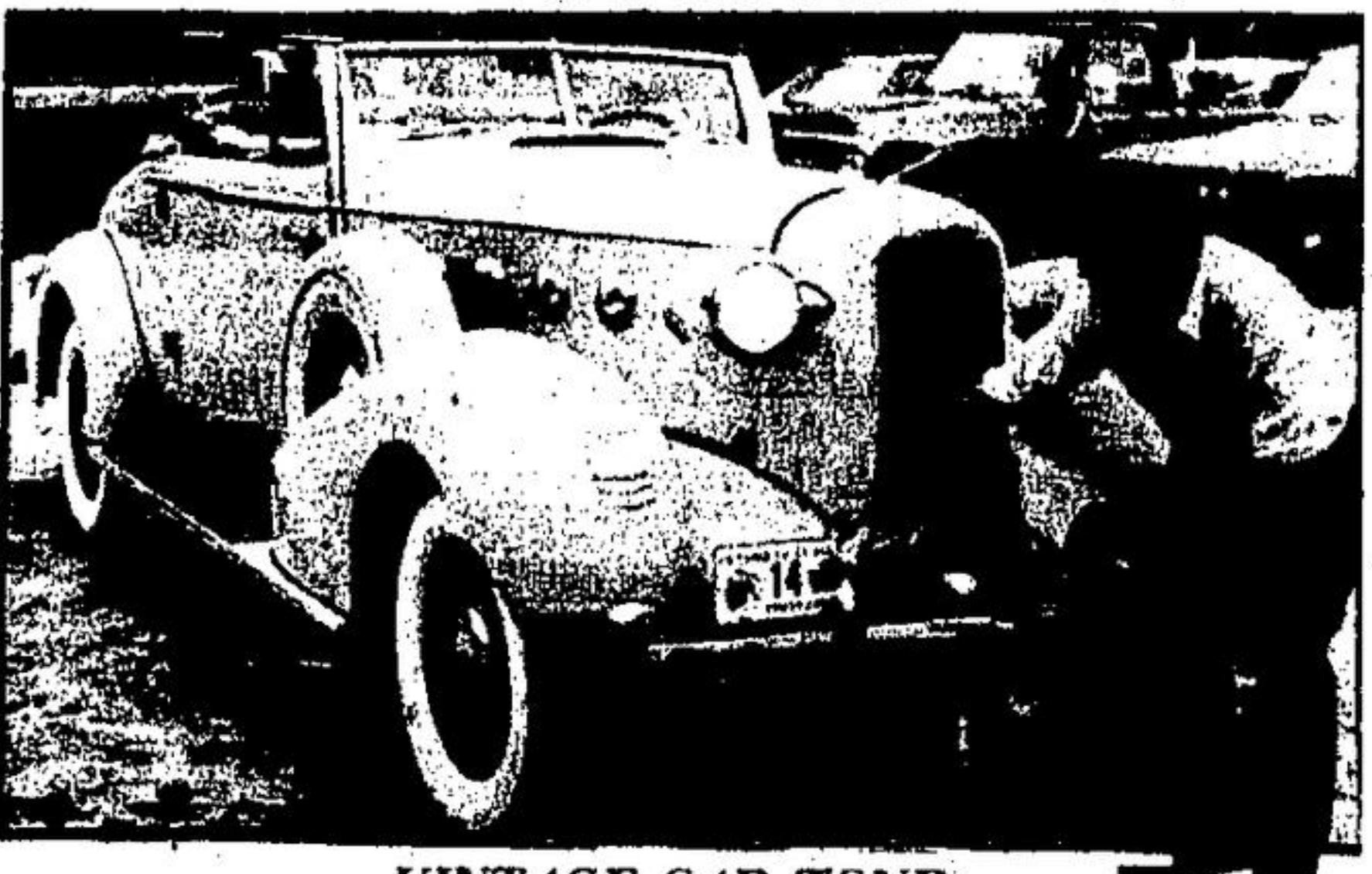
The Glen is another team whose season has seen more valleys than peaks. An anemic offense is their biggest problem, but Fober's have had the same problems. If you came to see a shootout in this one, you were in the wrong place.

In the first quarter Keith Peacock scored for Fober's and Terry Hunt connected in the second to send them off with a 14-0 half time lead.

The Glen made it close in the fourth quarter when Jim Boulanger scored both a TD and a two point conversion. That was all they could manage.

INSTANT REPLAY

The losers of all these games will have a chance to exact revenge next week. The match-ups this Sunday will be the same as those this past Sunday.



VINTAGE CAR TOUR

This 1935 La Salle gets a touch-up from its owner Paul Bonin of Coquitlam, British Columbia, during a pit stop at the Georgetown Tackmen Car club this week. It is one of 29 vintage cars on a cross-country tour from Victoria to St. John's. Eunice Melton arranged the tour stop for repairs. A friend is taking part and so she arranged with her son Bob Gates, who is VP of the car club, to use their facilities. She had several to her home. The Tackmen Car Club will be hosting an antique car rally Saturday afternoon, just west of Georgetown, at the home of Mrs. Kay Hill. Over 100 automobiles will be on display. Watch for the signs on Highway 7.