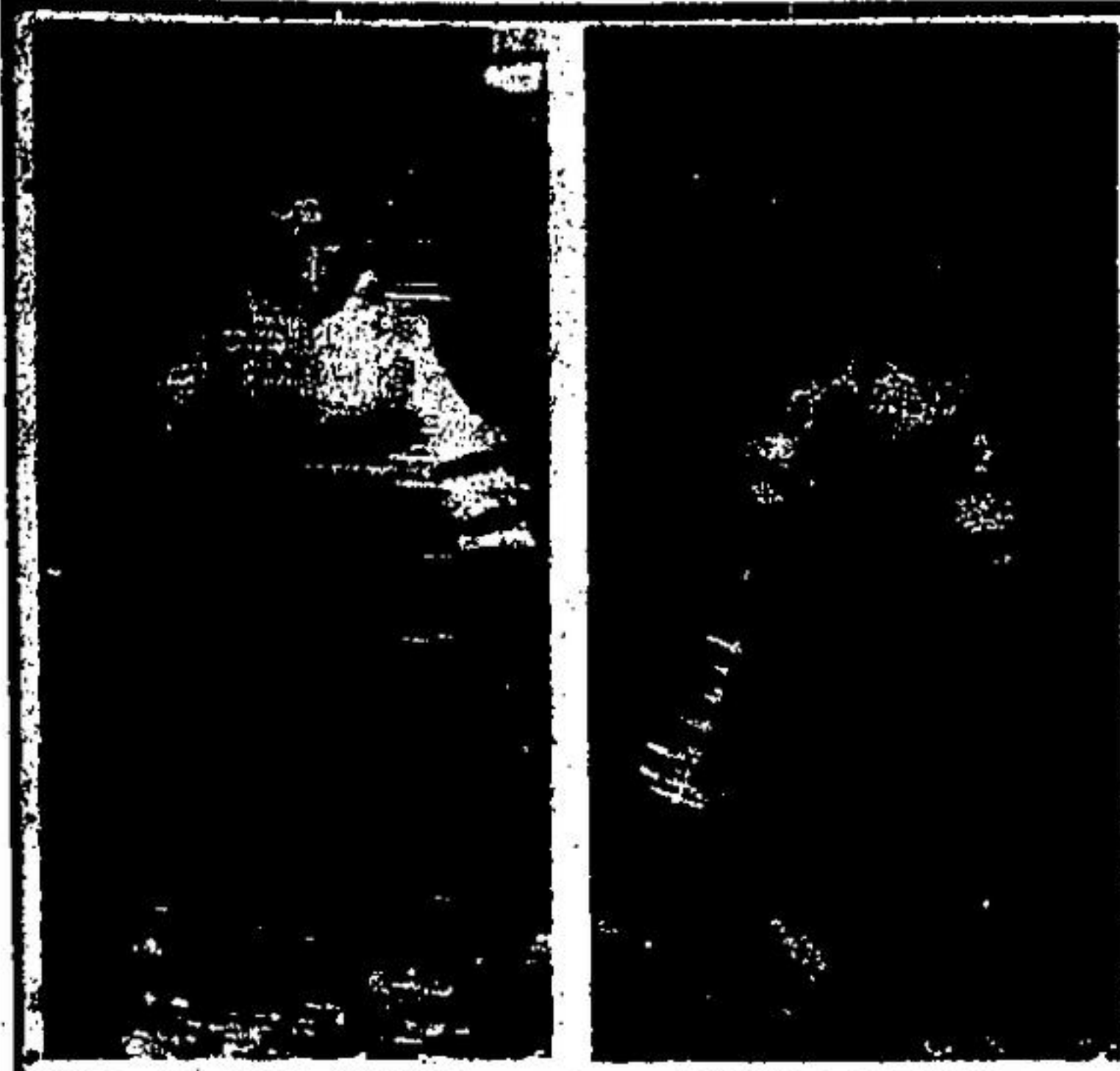


Our salute to Minor Hockey Week



Under the supervision of Legion hockey on Saturday mornings in Georgetown, George Riddell and Doug Vivian (left) stop shots from marauding forwards. Doug Vivian went on to become the arena manager of Gordon Alcott and arena supervisor for the town. (Herald photo)

- SPECTATOR'S CODE**
- Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are NOT miniature pro athletes.
 - Be on your best behavior. Don't use profane language or harass players, coaches or officials.
 - Applaud good plays by your own team and the visiting team.
 - Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.
 - Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.
 - Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
 - Respect the officials' decisions.
 - Encourage players always to play according to the rules.

- OFFICIAL'S CODE**
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill level of the players.
 - Use common sense to ensure that the "spirit of the game" for children is not lost by overcalling the game.
 - Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off of the field your behavior is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.

- Compliment both teams on their good plays whenever such praise is deserved.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Condemn the deliberate "good foul" as being unsportsmanlike, thus retaining respect for fair play.
- Publicly encourage rule changes which will reinforce the principles of participation for fun and enjoyment.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

- COACH'S CODE**
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.
 - Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
 - Group players according to age, height, skill and physical maturity whenever possible.
 - Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just-average" players need and deserve equal time.
 - Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part

of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.

- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.

- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, and set a good example.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.

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Sorting out our various hockey rep teams

Following minor hockey teams in town can be a disaster if you're not sure which team goes with what league or age group comes under what division so we've decided to write it all out for our Support Group (Rep) hockey league followers.

The following are the age divisions, team names and ages for the GMHSO. Novice: North Halton Sports Camp, age 6-8; Minor Atom: Al Pihluti, age 9; Major Atom: McNally Construction Firefighters, age 10; Minor Pee-wee: United Fire Safety, age 11; Major Pee-wee: Standard Products, age 12.

Minor Bantam: Optimist Club, age 13; Major Bantam: M and M Pro Sports, age 14; Minor Midget: Labelmasters, age 15; Major Midgets: Sunny Acre Farms, age 16; Juvenile: Rotary Club, age 17 and 18.

In conjunction with Minor Hockey Week, Bill Richmond of Georgetown who is also the OHA's Regional Coordinator, dropped by two interesting books on the Hockey Ontario's development program.

One is entitled "Hockey Development in Ontario" which outlines certificate programs for coaches, officials and trainers as well as other goodies such as training films involving hockey skills.

Also available through the Hockey Development Committee from their Toronto office is a publication entitled "Fair Play" which goes into an interesting dissertation on what good conduct and "fair play" should be for minor hockey participants such as players, coaches, the media, hockey administrators, teachers, fans, parents and officials. Both books are well worth reading.

Bill Richmond can help you find the books if you're having trouble. His work number is 270-8170.



Sports beat

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Sports Editor

Hockey Ontario has identified six major areas with which to concern itself: parent education, player education, coaches certification, referees certification, trainers certification, and administrator education.

Hockey Ontario is presently co-ordinating the development of resource materials, training of instructors, implementation of programs and assessment of participants in each of the coaches, referees and trainers certification programs.

This is a conscious effort by Hockey Ontario to make the game of hockey a positive experience for all involved, whether they be players, coaches, officials, trainers, administrators, or spectators.

Another interesting perspective to Minor Hockey is certainly Wayne Gretzky's outburst at his recent Toronto press conference, whereby he supports the competitive nature of the game.

"But, in minor hockey in Canada, the parents say, 'We better bench you, you're making the other kids look bad.' I'm not saying that I wouldn't be jealous if my son wasn't the best player on his team, but why don't we encourage kids to want to be at a higher level instead of everybody being the same?"

Hockey Ontario was established to create an environment that would allow all hockey players the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the game of hockey at their specific level of competence.

With volunteer representation from all hockey bodies in Ontario, Hockey Ontario is able to provide a comprehensive package of services to all communities, whether large or small.



Sabres tuned for playoffs

The Acton Junior B Sabres are starting to fine tune their hockey club in preparation for the playoffs if recent lopsided wins are any indication.

The local Swordsman outmaneuvered the Barrie Colts 5-3 in Barrie last Thursday night, then they came home to host the Dixie Bees and defeated them 6-0.

Chris Martin started both games in net for the Sabres, which has coach Ruslan praising his efforts. The Acton coach wants to start the youthful netminder against Streetsville in their next encounter Tuesday (Jan. 19).

"I was more impressed with our game against Barrie than our win against Dixie," Ruslan said. "The game against the Colts was probably the best performance by the team all season," the coach said.

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