

More facilities needed: Robbins

The following is the third of a three part series on a taped interview with Dr. Robbins revealing around a wide range of topics dealing with physical education.

The Herald: "As far as any programs and facilities planned for York, can you see the university expanding?"

Dr. Robbins: "I think that of our facilities, there is a crying need for a new stadium, there's a crying need for new gymnasium facilities. York had five teams make the national championships which is an unofficial record of the number of teams making the championships so everyone's competing at the same time.

I think universities have got to be concerned with, in the wide sense of the term, the community. Therefore, we've been running a seminar series for the last 13 years, but we need more space in order to do some of that - to link up within the field to provide opportunities for upgrading of coaches.

I'm convinced that universities have got to cooperate in those sorts of things. I think York has cooperated with the track and field community in Toronto with the building of the Metropolitan Track and Field centre which is just an excellent facility.

And I think the results of that have been seen in the number of athletes from the Toronto Metro Track Centre that made the Commonwealth Games. There were in fact 10 athletes from the University that made the Commonwealth Games. There are 23 International athletes that are students at York.

In programs I'm convinced there is an increasing need for athletic injuries and athletic therapy as an area of focus. With the opening of the York University athletic injuries clinic in the Metro Track Centre, hopefully that might be an outlet...I am hopeful that this athletic injuries clinic will be a service to athletes at the amateur and professional level right across the city.

The aim would be to run it on OHIP funding and OHIP rates so it's not going to cost the athlete...there'll be a physiotherapy service there, there'll be a team of doctors on hand from nine in the morning until nine at night with sports injury people from four until nine.

I think leisure studies and quality of life is another area that needs focus."

The Herald: "Are we doing enough now in the field of physical education, in Recreation Departments across the country, and are Municipal governments providing enough?"

Dr. Robbins: "I think we're desperately short of facilities, particularly for the person on the street because many of the facilities have been designed for the middle and upper class and the others can't afford it.

We're short of other facilities...we certainly improved participation and I think it's about 57 per cent but that still means there is 43 per cent that aren't doing anything.

I think programs for senior citizens are improving but again, they've got a long way to go. Programs for atypical people, whether they're physically or mentally handicapped...

I guess there are very encouraging signs, but we're not there yet and there is a danger that we will become complacent and say, "we've got it made."

The Herald: "At York how many professors would there be teaching and how many students are enrolled in the physical education faculty?"

Dr. Robbins: "There are 33 professors...it's difficult to say (about number of students), there would be about 400. Included in those professors are people that are coaching and running the recreation program so they're not all teaching academic programs. Our philosophy has been that coaches should be full-time members of the faculty rather than part-time

employees."

The Herald: "Just a question on Canadian athletic scholarships. What are your feelings on them? It's a very controversial issue."

Dr. Robbins: "We've taken a stand that we're not against third party scholarships, that is, scholarships given by an outside agency, but we don't have enough money and we've seen some problems on first party scholarships.

We are, however prepared to compete with any other universities that offer scholarships...we want to compete at the highest level.

It's interesting that in Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia, the governments offer scholarships for athletes competing for the university. And I think they're having a little bit of an effect on the drain to the U.S. I don't think we can stop the drain to the U.S., we can't entertain athletes...there's just not that sort of money around.

I think as long as Canadian schools can provide good coaches, good programs, good facilities, we have a chance of competing. I'm convinced Canadian universities offer a high level of education and are proud of the fact that most of the athletes graduate with degrees.

I think the standard of Canadian university athletes has improved tremendously in the past while. No longer do they get better, that much better competition. I think one can isolate out a few sports in which they are much better like basketball and football...sport can be a shop window for Canada.

The Herald: "As far as an instructor goes, what sort of attributes would you say they should have that would make them an ideal candidate?"

Dr. Robbins: "We've been looking at people with an understanding of the various facets of physical education and within that one speciality in which they're particularly expert.

Sports Camp Minor Pee-wees in 1st place

By JOHN FELCE

Herald Special

As the Tri County league season winds up, the North Halton Sports Camp Minor Pee Wees moved to consolidate their hold on first place by posting wins over Streetsville and Burlington.

Jan. 8, Georgetown played in Vic Johnson Arena and blanked hosting Streetsville 8-0. Sean Colton recorded his first shutout of the year.

Georgetown scored twice in each period in this their 20th win of the season. Goals came from the sticks of Adam Bennett, Alan Gray, Brent Presswood, Mike Wilkins, and Jeremy Felce with a pair in the third.

Assisting on two scoring plays were Doug McDermot and Alan Gray. One assist was earned by Andrew Hoddinott, Steve

Sutherland, Jeremy Felce, Cameron Herman, Brent Presswood, and Adam Bennett.

January 11, at Memorial Arena, the locals had to come from behind to defeat visiting Burlington 2-1.

The red light flashed once in each period. The Pee Wees spotted the blue and orange a one goal lead early in the contest before getting their powerplay into high gear going two for two.

Doug Kent was set up at the side of the net on a nice pass by Brent Presswood for the tying goal.

Adam Bennett notched the game winner on a hard shot high to the corner. Alan Gray and Steven Sutherland drew assists.

Next hockey action is a home and home series with Brampton.

Rep standings

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Burlington Maj.	9	9	0	0	72	13	18	108		
Ancaster	10	5	4	1	32	32	11	87		
Georgetown	9	4	3	2	33	39	10	102		
Orangeville	9	3	5	1	34	41	7	109		
Milton	8	1	5	2	17	34	4	121		
Burlington Min.	9	2	7	0	15	44	4	95		
TT MIDGET										
Georgetown	10	6	2	0	63	39	25.0	180		
Burlington	8	6	2	0	41	24	29.5	94		
Orangeville	10	1	9	0	29	68	8.5	219		

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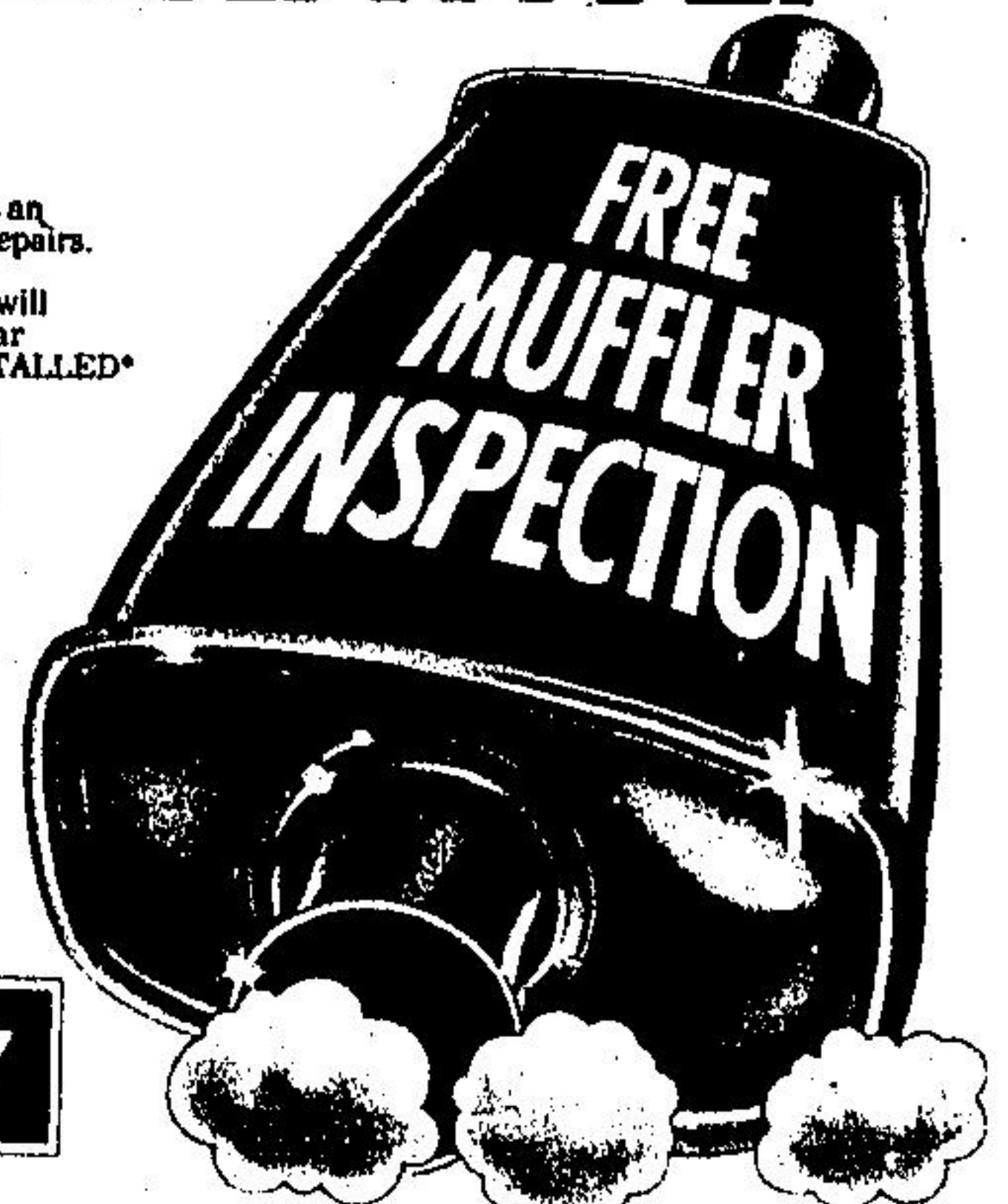
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