Sports Outlook

Hardy Cup up for grabs

All four representatives have been determined for the CAHA Hardy Cup competition according to OHA Director Bill Stobbs, of Blenheim Ontarto.

Exeter Mohawks of the Southern Senior B League, and Tillsonburg Maroons of the Southern Countles Senior A League, have qualified for post season play, along with Mooretown Comets of the Seaway Senior B League, and the Shelburne Muskies of the Northern Senlor B League. All representatives had to be decided by Monday December 28,

The Hardy Cup Championship is for teams other than Senior AAA in adult hockey, and is named in honor of Dr. W.D. Hardy, who was a major contributor to amateur hockey in Manltoba. The trophy was donated by the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association, in 1972, and has only been won once by an OHA team, that being the Georgetown Raiders in

This year the OHA is competing with Senior A and Senior B teams in the National Senior AA playdowns. The Association is going through a preliminary playoff to determine a winner by Tuesday, March 1, 1988. The representative will then take part in the CAHA competition in April, against the winner of the Ottawa District Hockey Association, which this year will be a combined team from Ottawa. The winner will then play the Maritimes (Eastern Canada) with that series winner playing host to Western Canada representatives, should a challenge be issued.



Goalmouth Action

The Acton Sabres remain in a doglight for second place in the Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League, with the Bradford Bulls and the Caledon Flyers. The Sabres helped their chances recently with a 6-3 win over Grand Valley, as netminder

Dan Halliburton (above) backstopped the victory. The Sabres were slated to play in Alliston Wednesday night, and now enjoy a rest until their next game on Jan. 8, when they host the first-place Orangeville Crushers.

Ontario resorts look good

Visitors to Ontario's 75 downhill ski areas are finding longer runs, better chairlifts and more comfortable apres ski facilities. Since last winter, resort owners have spent millions of dollars sprucing up their properties, and the results are spectacular.

Josl Huter and family operate the biggest independent ski resort in Canada at Mount St. Louis-Moonstone, just north of Barrie. Over the summer, the Huters almost moved a mountain. They buildozed so much earth onto Moonstone that they were able to add another 80 feet of vertical slope. Their \$2 million project included more snowmaking equipment and a third quad chairlift for the 40-run property.

At neighboring Horseshoe Valley Resort, the major on-hill expansion of the past few years has been followed by a beautiful five-star

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resort hotel with full recreational facilities. The price tag for the 102room hotel was \$12 million.

Collingwood's Blue Mountain Resort has added a double chairlift, \$2 million worth of new trails and more snowmaking and grooming equipment.

Major improvements are evident at several other downhill resorts. The Beaver Valley Skt Club spent \$800,000 on new trail development and snowmaking. A triple chairlift was installed at Glen Eden Resort near Milton. Snowmaking equipment was upgraded at the two Bethany resorts, Suneggo and Devil's Elbow, In Haliburton, the quaint Sir Sam's Ski Resort spent \$200,000 to improve its slopes.

Upgrading programs ranging from \$30,000 to \$500,000 have taken place at Oxford Ski Club in Woodstock, Oshawa Ski Club, Hid-

Activity night

Last fall was a successful senson for this Youth Activity Night program. Floor hockey, basketbalt, volleyball, special outings, crafts are some of the activities planned. Join Chris Lewis and David Thorpe, Wednesday nights at McKenzie Smith, 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Heather Bergsma and Mark Duke, Monday nights at Joseph Gibbons Public School. This program is for youth in Grades 6, 7 and 8, Call the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department at 677-5185 ext. 260 for more information.

den Valley in Huntsville, Mt. Pakenham in Eastern Ontario, Chicopee Ski Club in Kitchener, Mansfield Ski Resort, North York Ski Centre and Talisman Mountain Resort in the Beaver Valley.

North of Sault Ste. Marie at Searchmont, \$2.5 million in improvements mean better snowmaking, a new lift, re-shaping of slopes and renovations to the base lodge. Thunder Bay's Candy Mountain has added a double chairlift and more snowmaking equipment.

Improvements are not limited to the downhill ski areas. The picturesque Dagmar Resort, north of Pickering, has added a lodge with a heated waxing room to meet the needs of the cross-country enthusiast

Hardwood Hills, long a favorite training site for the Southern Ontario Division racing teams, opened to the public last winter. Since then, their challenging trails near Barrie have seen a \$360,000 upgrading and expansion program which includes new trails, a health club and stateof-the-art grooming equipment

The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre near Midland, a popular area for conservationists, has cut 15 kllometres of trails, while new trails have been added at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre.

For more information on Ontario's ski areas, write the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 2E5, or call (416) 965-4008, or toll-free t-800-268-3735.

Novices

impressive at tourney

By RON KERSLAKE Herald Special

The Georgetown Firefighter McNally Construction Novices competed at the 14th Milton Beaver Tournament of Minor and Novice teams during the holiday and came home with a 2-2 record and team efforts to be proud of.

The boys played four games in a five-team division and lost to Chinguacousy and Humber Valley but beat Kitchener and Guelph. Most of the opposition plays at "AAA" levels ordinarily, so the team gained some good experience and made It rough for their opponents while doing II. Coaches Dave Bell and Mark Hillier were rewarded with more consistent team efforts in this set of outings.

In the against game Chingaucousy, the highlight was Chris Goodhew's goal set up by Pete Mashinter and Ryan Taylor. Goodhew was right in the thick of the goal mouth scrambles and his work paid off. Gary McNiven cashed in too, after a rush by Jamie Briggs.

McNiven started the scoring against Guelph with linemates Andy Kerslake and Geoff Beauparlant helping to keep the play around the net. Tim Van Hinte made an end-toend rush and Mashinter added a goal this time assisted by Goodhew and Quarrie McGulre, Guelph managed but one goal in this game as the defense was very effective and Kenny Armstrong made a series of blueline stands.

The game against Humber Valley was a disappointing loss as Warren Evans played great goal and the boys gave it a first class effort. Mashinier got the only goal for the Fighters with a high, over-theshoulder shot. The final was 41 but it had been 2-1 until midway through the third when Humber got a couple

of lucky breaks. Going into their game with Kitchener the boys had nothing left to lose in the standings. And even though they fell behind by two goals, they came back for a 5-3 win. Andrew Craig made several saves that helped keep the score down and gave the boys time to find the other net, Also in the thick of blocking shots were defensemen Chris Corney and Jamie Briggs. The offense was ledby Mashinter who scored twice with one assist by Kerslake. Tim Van-Hinte made another end-to-ender with an assist by Beauparlant. And Goodhew proved again that you can't give him two chances in front of the net s even when he's down. McNiven took advantage of a goalmouth scramble too, with assists carned by Taylor and McGuire

The bottom line - even though the tournament broke up the holiday: it was good hockey and the boys played well. With the teams from other levels playing too, the organizers should be commended for an entertaining time.

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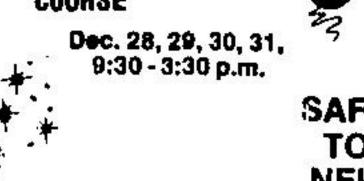
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