

## A hearty welcome to the great outdoors



LOON TUNES and OUTDOOR NOTES  
by Len Landry

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Herald is pleased to welcome Len Landry as the newspaper's outdoor columnist. Loon Tunes and Outdoor Notes will appear in the Herald's Sports Section every other week. Len would be pleased to take any comments or suggestions from the public, and these may be relayed to him through the Herald.)**

Welcome to a very special world, the world of our majestic outdoors! Welcome to a place devoted to a unique kind of peace, the easiness of mind, and pure satisfaction one feels while in communion with Nature.

So, if your fishing exploits at times make you babble like a brook... if you pine for the pines along the shore of a favorite lake... if you like dew worms, crayfish and leeches for the bass and walleyes they bring to boatside... well then, you're one of us!

Welcome! You're an outdoorsman with a distinctive duty: that is, to spread your appreciation of our outdoor heritage, because in so doing, you'll teach and foster an awareness of our precious environment. This is something for which we must be willing to fight.

There are over 250,000 lakes in Ontario, with countless rivers and streams adjoining them. Each body of water could probably account for hundreds of stories and endless fireside chatter.

It is the purpose of this column to share with you our experiences in the local community, and nearby vacation areas.

Georgetown has been "home" since 1856. As young boys, my friends (including two pesky, younger brothers) and I have explored as many as possible of the locales, nooks and crannies. Usually, there were inexpensive but inseparable fishing poles and tackle boxes in hand; we were always in search of those elusive trophy trout which surely had to exist somewhere in these seemingly infinite tributaries of the Credit River. In most cases, we had to be satisfied with a mess of creek chub and suckers, with the occasional brook trout, but there was always "next

time..." Then we would get them! If anything, the local fishing opportunities are better than ever, with ample bass, pike, trout, salmon (and yes, even pan-fish for the kids), all within 30 minutes of home.

Do you want to tangle with the heavyweight champ, the magnificent muskie? Have you got 90 minutes to drive with us to Lake Scugog?

Is there anything on this beautiful earth that tastes better than a shore lunch of walleye filets, pan-fried, touch of lemon, almond slices...? Getting hungry? Got a couple of hours to get up to Babycaygon?

Well, you get the picture by now. We'll try to discuss the great outdoors in general, but you'll have to forgive us if we seemingly always drift back, somehow, to the world's greatest sport.

After all, is there any other endeavor in which the absolute rookie, or a wide-eyed kid, (or even your wife, for God's sake) so often shows up the so-called expert?

For those of you who fish the fly, you mustn't miss the "Fly Fishing Forum" held in nearby Toronto at the Skyline Hotel, 665 Dixon Rd. on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10. Programs begin at 9 a.m. For more information and advanced registration, contact "Forum 88, 741 Mud Street (really!), Vinemount, Ont. L6R 2G0, or call (416) 643-1833.

Tell them you sent you, and watch them say, "Who?..." By the time of this printing, the Toronto Sportsmen's Show will be another memory, but can you think of a better way of whetting our appetite? For those of you who can't wait until the local streams and rivers open their season, (and if you don't trust the ice now) remember that there is excellent year-round fishing in many regions. Check Map 1, Division 2, p.p. 18-21 of the Sport-Fishing Regulations for 1988, available at most tackle shops. There'll be more on this topic next time. And remember to buy your fishing licence before setting out...

The Crazy Boat Race is coming up later but the participants better start thinking about getting in shape... now! We're serious! Fun is fun, but we don't need any disasters out there... The next P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) meeting is on Thursday, March 24 at 8 p.m. These people have done their best to present both sides of a thorny issue: the proposed dump site in the Acton quarry. In so doing, they deserve your support.

**NEXT TIME:** Early spring "hot water" fishing in Port Credit.

## Team plays inspired hockey

# NHS atoms reach tourney final

The North Halton Sports Major Atoms have had a somewhat disappointing season, but in one tournament they turned their season around.

Competing in the Seventh Annual Niagara Falls Atom Hockey Tournament against a very high quality field of "AA" teams, Georgetown played inspired hockey to reach the tournament championship final.

Only a hard fought loss to an excellent Copper Cliff team prevented the Major Atoms from bringing home the championship.

The North Halton Sports team was grouped with Scarborough, Cambridge and Ajax in what past history indicated would be a very strong division.

Georgetown's opening tournament game was against Scarborough Agincourt on Monday afternoon. The score flattered the Toronto foe as the Major Atoms skated to a 3-2 victory. Blaine McCauley with two, and Doug Sheppard with a single, handled the North Halton Sports scoring.

Sheppard and Brent Wilkinson earned assists on the goals. Chad Hughes contributed a strong goaltending effort for our locals.

Tuesday's foes were Cambridge and Ajax, two very strong teams, and the major rivals to win the division.

In the morning game, Cambridge built an early 2-0 lead which they carried into the third period. The Major Atoms never gave up and their hard work was rewarded as they scored three unanswered third

period goals to record a well earned 3-2 victory.

Sheppard started the comeback as he banged in the rebound of a Jamie Stephenson shot, with Gavin Glaser also earning an assist. Sheppard again lit up the Cambridge net as he evened the score with McCauley and Glaser assisting. Stephen Onoprijenko rounded the Cambridge net and tucked in a late goal to gain the victory. Duane Erier was credited with an assist on the goal.

John Waller made several outstanding saves as he took his turn in backstopping a North Halton Sports victory.

Tuesday afternoon saw Georgetown face Ajax as the two undefeated divisional teams squared off to determine which team would qualify for the tournament championship series. Sheppard opened the scoring midway through the first period on a goal assisted by McCauley and Glaser.

In an extremely fast paced opening period Ajax tied the score at 1-1. Onoprijenko repeated his morning heroics as he again rounded the Ajax net to tuck in the North Halton Sports second marker of the game. Erier and Tyson Hackett assisted on the goal. In the same shift Erier intercepted a clearing pass and rounded the Ajax defence to score an unassisted goal.

The quick goals seemed to deflate the opponent as Georgetown went on to skate to a 6-2 victory. The remaining Georgetown scoring was handled by Onoprijenko and Erier with their

second goals of the game, and McCauley. Assists on the last three goals were credited to Erier, Glaser, Sheppard and Wilkinson.

Chad Hughes was particularly sharp in the first period when the result was in doubt, as again the Major Atoms received excellent goaltending.

As winners of their division, the North Halton Sports squad qualified for the tournament semifinal contest against Pickering, with Newmarket and Copper Cliff contesting the other semifinal game.

Georgetown started slowly on Saturday and Pickering took advantage as they scored to establish a 1-0 lead.

David Boukhill tipped in the rebound of a Glaser shot to even the score. Sheppard was also credited with an assist on the play. McCauley put the Major Atoms ahead on a goal assisted by Wilkinson.

After Pickering evened the score, the North Halton Sports squad took control of the game. First Sheppard scored from McCauley and Stephenson, and then Glaser notched a Major Atom goal from Erier and Onoprijenko to push the score to 4-2.

John Waller in goal, with the help of the hard working squad, held off Pickering throughout the rest of the game to record the 4-2 victory.

Georgetown, with the victory, qualified for the tournament championship final against Copper Cliff.

The Sunday final saw Copper Cliff press throughout the first period, only to be turned back by the acrobatic goaltending of Hughes. Inspired by the excellent work of Hughes, the North Halton Sports squad began to assert themselves offensively, and they struck first as Onoprijenko scored an early second period goal on a pass from Erier.

The lead held up until five minutes into the third period when Copper Cliff evened the score.

With 3:06 left in the game Copper Cliff scored the winner. An empty net marker with thirty seconds left in the game iced the victory for the Copper Cliff side.

Without question the star of the game was Georgetown's netminder Hughes.

The North Halton Sports side can be extremely proud of their achievement. The parents wish to congratulate coaches Chris Milne and Dan Curtis, and the entire team for a first rate effort over the five games of the tournament. Michael Bahr, Tom Demble, Cory Evans and Gianis Markou worked tirelessly throughout the games. Vacationing Jason Quinn could be heard cheering on his teammates.

The Major Atoms were well represented on the tournament allstar team. Deservedly goaltender Chad Hughes and defenceman Jamie Stephenson were named as allstars.

Parents, teammates and coaches look forward to closing the season as champions in the Milliday Tournament this weekend.

## Youth supervisors needed

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department and the YMCA are looking for mature individuals to organize and operate a specialized youth program in the Acton community.

This program is for students in Grades 6 to 11 and includes sports, crafts, games, special outings, dances and more. The position in-

volves a commitment of 10 hours per week, with an attractive wage benefit.

If you have an interest in working with youth and can spare 10 hours a week, we ask that you contact either association no later than March 31 at 877-5185 ext. 261 or 853-1070.

## Exciting new programs

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These programs are set to begin in mid-April and are filling quickly so be sure to sign up right away. If you require more information please refer to our Spring and Summer Brochure or call 877-5185 ext. 261.

## Atoms lose to Ancaster

Last Monday (March 14), the Johnson and Associates Major B Atoms took on the Ancaster team, in Ancaster, in Harrison Division Tri-county playoffs.

Georgetown had tied them the night before, and were leading 2-1 with less than three minutes left in the game. But the shortstuffed locals could not hold on, and lost a heart-breaker, by a score of 4-2.

Johnson and Associates went into the game with only six forwards and three defencemen. The first period was evenly played, with each team scoring once. Ancaster opened the scoring at 6:09, on an innocuous backhand shot that hit the falling goaltender's stick and flipped over his shoulder into the net.

The locals got that one back three minutes later, on a good solo rush by Jim Katsilieris. His shot from the blue line was just wide, but rebounded off the back boards, back out in front of the net. Katsilieris had followed his original shot, and was able to put the puck behind the surprised goalie.

Although the second period was scoreless, the pace was fast, with no whistles for a stretch of over five minutes. The best scoring chance for the locals came with a minute to go. Katsilieris fed Scott Wilson in front of the net, on a two-on-one. Wilson's deflection of the pass was just wide.

Georgetown took four penalties to Ancaster's three in the last period, and the extra workload of penalty-killing was probably a factor in their demise. It was while killing a tripping penalty, the locals took the lead.

David Doole won a face-off to the left of the Ancaster goal, and took a shot. The goalie went down, the puck rebounded to Wesley Burke, and he

promptly beat him in the net. But with 4:42 to go, Georgetown was penalized for tripping. They killed the penalty, but before the penalized player could get back in the play, a shot from the blueline was deflected into the top right corner of the net, over the goaltender's glove. The score was tied.

Then with 1:46 to go, the locals committed yet another tripping infraction. It only took Ancaster seven seconds to capitalize, on a hard high shot from the left faceoff dot, over the goalie's blocker. Ancaster had the lead. With a minute to go, Georgetown pulled their goalie, for a sixth attacker. After a near-miss, Ancaster cleared the puck down the ice. It bounced off the boards, in front of the net, to a waiting Ancaster forward. Final score 4-2.

Over all, the locals played good defence, with shots-on-goal only favoring Ancaster slightly, at 19-18. Andrew Ellnesky and Stephen Yurichuk each blocked a shot, and Shannon Morris blocked two.



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