

Prize money on target in upcoming dart tournaments



Darts

By ALEX TOUGH

There is a blind draw doubles tournament at the Skyline with a prize of \$2,000. This takes place on Friday, Mar. 10 with registration from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Molson's 14th annual tournament takes place in Barrie on Saturday, Mar. 18 in four player team and doubles format. On Mar. 19 a ladies and gents singles and doubles tourney takes place in Scarborough. \$3,000 prize money available here. There are always tourneys on somewhere, some "big," some not so big and many players travel around from one to another. This past weekend saw the beginning of the Legions tourneys leading towards provincial and national titles.

Acton's Rod Leech reached the final of the singles with some gutsy performances only to lose on virtually the last dart to Peter Mills of Cooksville. Leech is now one of the better players around this area and has proven himself again and again over the past few years. The Georgetown contingent did not fare too well, none of us qualifying for the quarter final rounds of singles or doubles.

Monday evening's Halton division grinds onwards. Top team Time Out I were short by one player and still came through by a large margin over second place, before the match, McGibbon I. Brad Yeomans, Randy Hunt and Paul Kirby recorded singles wins for McGibbon, Kirby a winner without throwing a dart. Ian McDonald and Marty Wheeler took a doubles win for the only other points for the visitors. A strong performance by the leaders to strengthen their position into a 43-point lead. O'Tooles took fair advantage to move into second place

following their convincing win over McGibbon II. Linda Nicholson recorded the only point for the gals in beating Jim Carrick in singles. The lads are ahead of McGibbon I by two points at this stage. Third place Hollywood are level with McGibbon and are poised to move up following their also convincing win over Brackens. Bruce Hope was the only losing player in this match, to Bill Taylor in singles. Meanwhile Time Out II were handing out a loss to Copper Kettle by a margin of two games. Kettle went ahead in singles by 5-3 and were looking good for a win at this juncture. However they were to take only one more game in the match.

Top individual honors go to Brian Hicks with 180, the maximum score. Mind you, he did lose his singles game. Earl Maltby came close with 160 and quite a number of 140s were shot all round the league.

Wednesday's Industrial league continues with Snowjacks Hustlers and Steep Rock leading their respective divisions. Whereas the first division has a 30 point spread between first and second places, the second division is much closer with a five-point difference. The real battle in the first is the next three spots in the standings. Exports are current second place with Westenders and Ensigns close behind. Gasketmen Cutters are four ahead of Acadian Pools and these two, plus Steep Rock will surely contest the division to the last gasp.

Ensigns went against Golden Flights in a mood of optimism I would believe is based upon league positions. However, a close match developed. Ensigns took the first two games and Flights the next three to take the lead. The next two were split to set the last two games to decide the match. Flights' Russ Deigle hit the winning finish of 20 in both games for the match by one game. The loss coupled with Westenders 6-3 win over High Rollers dropped Ensigns a place. 'Enders made their way solidly to

the win after dropping two of the first three games. Rollers could not sustain the early efforts and only managed to take one other game. Exports rolled over Panthers 7-2, Panthers taking games six and seven for their points. Exports remain in second place by one point over Westenders as a result. First place Snowjacks Hustlers defeated Inter County by 6-3 coming through after the, nowadays, shaky start.

Steep Rock demolished Aces by 8-1 to take the five-point lead over Gasketmen Cutters. Aces could only pull off a win in game seven to break the draw. Cutters won six in a row over shorthanded Power of Pain who struggled for the most part. Arguably the performance of the night belongs to Unknowns. The lads pulled off a rare win in defeating the Bandits 6-3 for only their third win of the season. Bandits took a 2-1 lead then went down in the next two. Unknown took the last three games for the match.

Acadian Pools slipped up in dropping the match by one to Independents. Independents took the middle four in a row to set up the victory. Pools came back with the last two to keep the match close. Taxmen and Firemen played a double header to make their postponed match from last year and Taxmen came out on top by double the 7-2 score.

Brian Beaumont topped with a maximum. Roy Rudiger scored 140 as did Arch Henderson, self, Dennis Thorogood, in the next highest. Rudiger also had four opens, Joe Cairns had six, Ed Kouyoumjian had five, Jamie Russell had five and Grant Richardson had four starts. Amongst the starts were highs of 120 from Paul Kirby, 115

from Brad Youmans, Dave Tomlinson 110, Gerry Wallace 104 and Joe Cairns 112.

This was a good night for individualism and teamwork and the highlights at least are here.

Some good darts remain in both the Industrial and Halton leagues before we are done for the year. See you next week, folks.

Milton bats are ready

Spring training is just around the corner and with that in mind the Milton Minor Baseball Association is set to deliver its first pitch for the 1989 season.

Registration for the MMBA 1989 season will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18 at the Milton Mall. Sign-up times for Friday are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with registration going on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don Mark of the MMBA, reports that approximately 750 players are distributed over both T-ball and hardball programs in

Milton. T-ball is open to any youngster born from 1980-83 while hardball covers those youth with birthdates between 1968 and 1979, inclusive. All first-time registrants are reminded to bring their birth certificates to sign-up.

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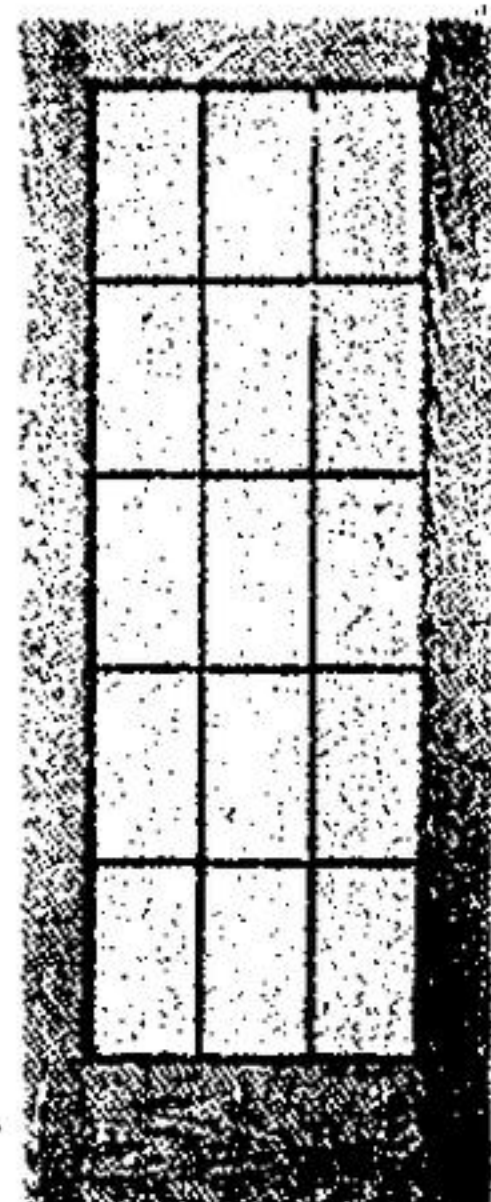
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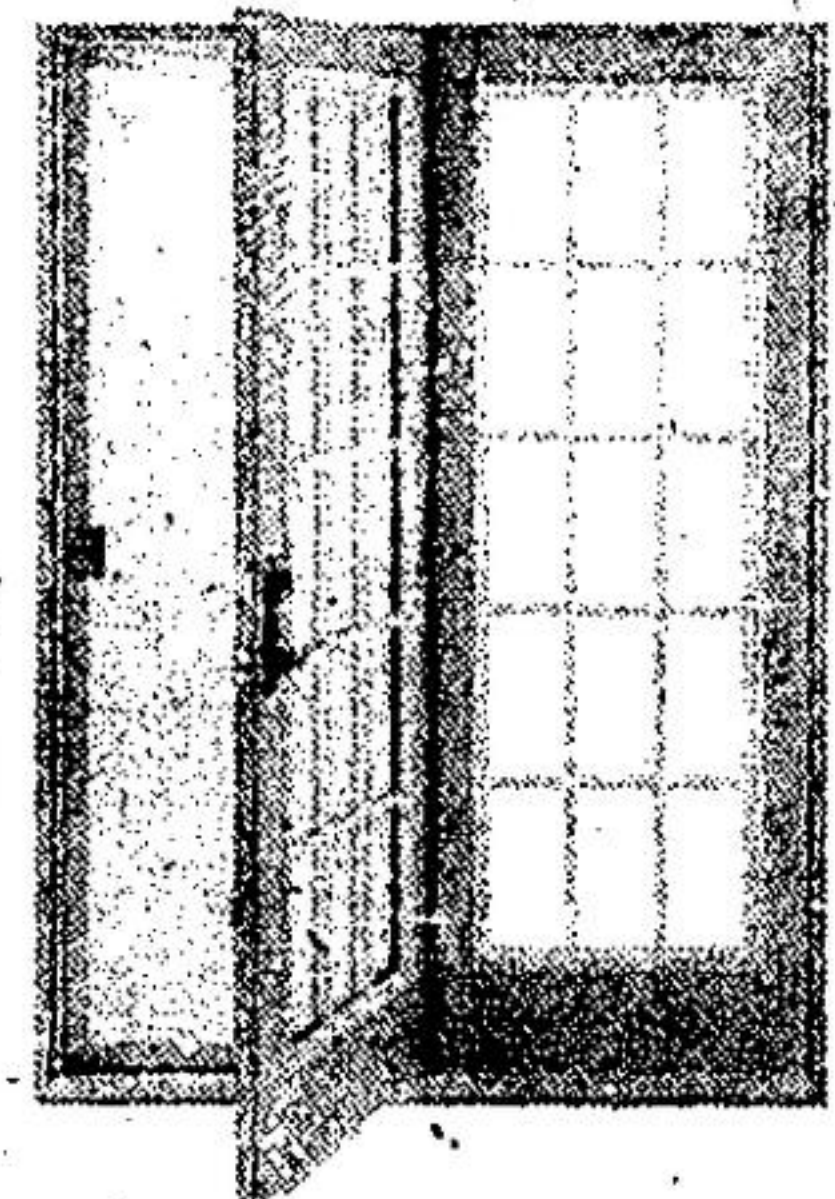
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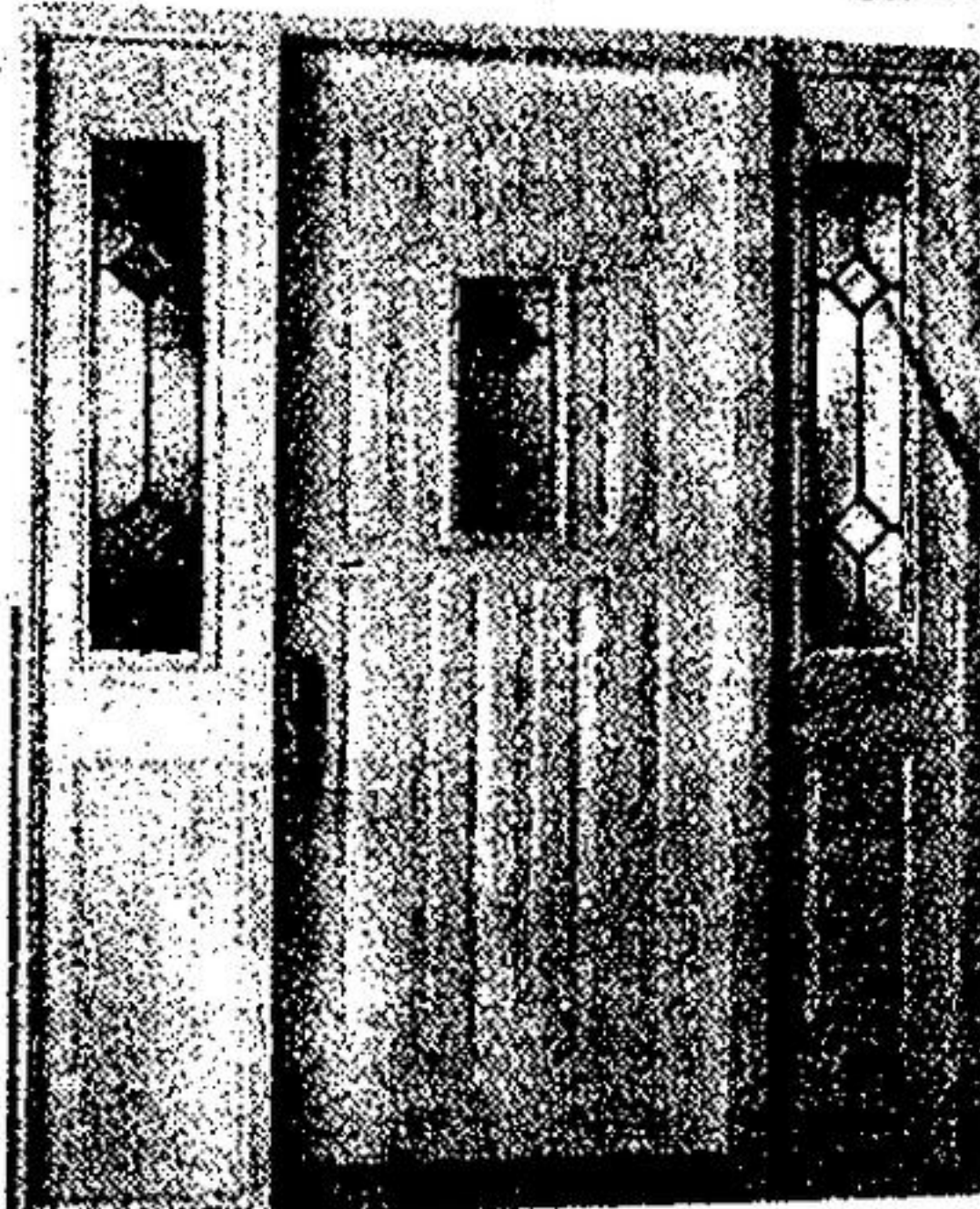
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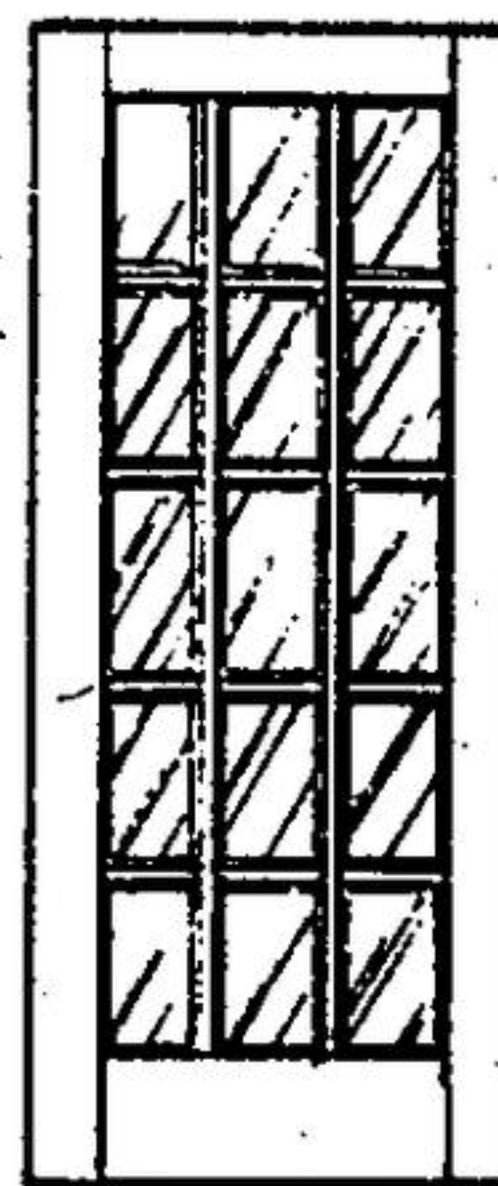
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