

Adam Bennett meets challenge

Georgetown's Adam Bennett appears to be settling in quite comfortably and is proving to be a valuable team asset to the Sudbury Wolves, according to official Ontario Hockey League statistics released recently.

The statistics, compiled officially through the league's first eight games, show Bennett making his presence felt.

The solid, 6'4" defenceman, has also provided an offensive spark to the Wolves.

After eight games, he was Sudbury's second-leading scorer, behind Paul DiPietro, with 11 points on a goal and 10 assists. His lone goal came on a powerplay and proved to be the game-winner. Bennett had also racked up 15 minutes in penalties.

DiPietro was pacing the Wolves attack with 19 scoring points on 14 goals and five assists.

Bennett, the 1989 first round draft pick of the Chicago Blackhawks, was reported to be having some pre-season problems at the Wolves training camp.

The pressure of being an NHL first-round draft pick, combined with contract negotiations with the Hawks and high expectations, didn't allow Bennett to concentrate fully on his primary responsibility - namely, to play hockey to the best of his ability.

Bennett has now got his priorities straight and this is reflected in his - and the Wolves' - performance to date.

The Georgetown hockey player's scoring points ranked him second, behind Kingston Frontenacs'

Drake Berehowsky, who has 13 points, in league scoring rankings for defencemen.

Bennett's 10 assists matched five other players' totals to lead the league in this scoring category.

Sudbury Wolves currently hold down second spot in the OHL's Emms Division, just behind London Knights.

Further to my column of last week concerning the Goods and Services Tax (incorrectly referred to by me as the General Sales Tax) which is being proposed and imposed on the Canadian public by the federal government.

As pointed out, the 9 per cent tax will drastically affect sports at the local level and could end up denying citizens access to and use of community-run athletics.

As it stands, the tax will apply to almost all aspects of community sports.

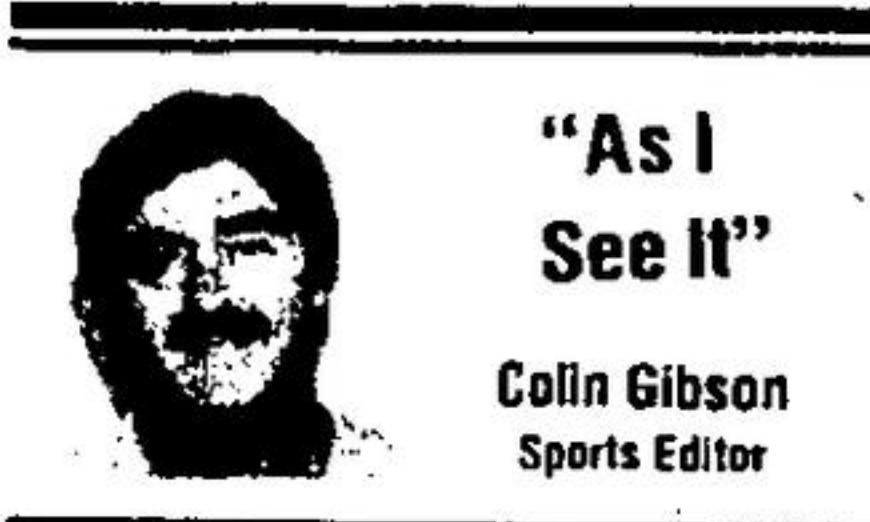
This includes arena rentals, playing field rentals, player registration fees on and on, all the way down to even skate sharpening costs and costs for the repairs of figure skating outfits.

It's a fact of life, that people gripe about taxes, regardless of where or to whom they apply.

However, by the same token, some benefit can usually be seen to be derived from the ubiquitous taxes, so most criticism is muted.

Criticism levelled at the federal government concerning the GST and how it will affect community sports should not be muted, but rather shouted from the rooftops.

It (the GST) is a shaft job being perpetrated by a government



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which is clutching at straws in a feeble attempt to show some semblance of leadership.

The Canadian 'Ship of State' is rudderless and wandering aimlessly in circles.

The 9 per cent rip-off, as it pertains to local athletics, will go directly to the federal government with nothing being returned to the community level.

Community Recreation and Parks departments - all aspects considered - operate on a loss as it is, and are responsible to local governments.

Budget needs and suggestions can be put forward but must be treated realistically in relation to the total community-needs picture.

The Recreation and Parks Department of Halton Hills, already provides services which might not be realized.

Groups wishing use of facilities are sometimes not charged the full rental fee simply because of their financial situation. Grants are also issued.

An off-the-wall figure of \$100 can be used as an example.

Some organizations would pay the full \$100, others perhaps \$75, others perhaps \$25 and some might be granted free use of the facilities.

This \$100 figure now rises to \$109, but obviously the various organizations' financial picture remains the same.

The cost must be absorbed, if the community is to be serviced, so the possibility of higher tax levies raises its ugly head.

The 1988 Halton Hills Recreation and Parks budget, showed expenditures close to one-and-a-half times realized revenue.

Rates and operating costs rise every year, but there has to be a bottom line somewhere.

With the 9 per cent GST added on to rates and costs, the bottom line becomes obvious. More taxes or decreased services.

On a community-level, people are much more concerned, it appears, in regards where their tax money goes.

So the feds can hide in their paper-mache towers, collect the booty from the GST, then blame local governments when people howl about rising local taxes or decreased local services.

This, naturally, is the scenario that our exalted federal leader 'Biff Buffoon' and other members of the 'Regressive Conspirators' party envision.

I hope, fervently, that the Canadian public sees through the charade before it really is too late to do anything about it.

As I see it, anyway.

Rebels peaking at right time

By COLIN GIBSON
Herald Sports Editor

The Georgetown District High School Rebels senior boys volleyball team appears to be peaking - both health-wise and calibre of play-wise - at just the right time, according to head coach Bob McKay.

With provincial competition just over the horizon, this augurs well for the Rebels run at all-Ontario honors.

"The team is coming off some injuries," noted McKay. "We're getting healthy and playing well. We will just have to see if everything falls into place."

The Rebels have a chance today (Wednesday) to lock up the Halton league's Eastern Division regular season crown when they play host to Oakville's T.A. Blakelock High School, 3:30 p.m. at the main GDHS gymnasium.

Last Wednesday (Oct. 18) the Rebels ran their league unblemished mark to 6-0 by rolling over Milton's Bishop Reding High School in the best-of-three match.

Oakville Trafalgar High School poses the only threat to the Rebels 'Rule of the roost' attempt but a win over T.A. Blakelock would end all speculation.

The Rebels are ranked near the top provincially and last weekend, claimed another tournament win.

The GDHS spikers campaigned in a single pool, six team, round-robin tournament at Bishop Reding High School and defeated Eastwood High School, of Kitchener, two-games-to-one in the championship final match.

Rebels finished first with an 8-2 record in pool play against teams from Bishop Reding, St. James (Guelph), Eastwood (Kitchener, Nelson (Burlington) and Pocock (Mississauga).

In semi-final match play leading up to the championship tussle with Eastwood, the Rebels dropped Nelson, 2-1 in the best-of-three match.

The win was especially satisfying for coach McKay, as he made liberal use of his bench and a number of players who previously had seen little match-action came through in a big way to secure the triumph.

This weekend, the Rebels will challenge in an innovative volleyball tournament hosted by Mississauga's Applewood Heights High School, the Number One ranked senior boys team in the province.

Applewood is staging an exhibition round-robin tournament that will feature a highly-regarded team from Eden, New York as well as either provincially-ranked Galt or Forest Heights, of Kitchener.

Halton league playoffs start Nov. 6 and should the Rebels top the league's Eastern Division, they would go against the fourth place team in the league's Western Division in the first playoff round.

As things stand now, Georgetown would either face Burlington's Lord Elgin or Burlington Central.

Acton Redmen bow to Milton

The Acton Junior Redmen boys volleyball team travelled to Milton this past weekend to compete in the Bishop Reding Invitational Tournament.

Six schools from Guelph, Mississauga and Halton were represented in the Junior competition. The Acton squad was especially looking forward to this tournament as they would once again face their arch rivals in the tough Halton East Division, E.C. Drury.

The two teams have a long record of close competition this season - each having defeated the other for a gold medal in previous tournaments.

The day started off as could be predicted between the two rivals with each of them splitting victories in the tournament opener.

The Milton team took Acton 15-7 in the first game, while the Redmen captured the second 15-12. In the remaining round robin play, the Redmen split with Mississauga's Pocock High School, Acton winning 15-6, and Pocock 17-15 in a game in which the Redmen were down 13-4 at one time.

Acton split with Georgetown winning 15-13 and then losing 16-14. The Redmen defeated St. James 15-4 and 15-5 in their next round robin game.

In their last regular match, the Redmen defeated Bishop Reding

15-6 and 15-7.

The stage was now set for the semi-finals in which Acton was matched against E.C. Drury. True to form, the two teams put on an exciting and exhausting exhibition of their rivalry.

Acton took the first of the best of three 15-11, while Drury stormed back to take the second game, 15-4. The final deciding match was another see-saw battle that these two teams have engaged in all season.

The lead changed hands many times and with victory almost in their hands, the Redmen succumbed in overtime to lose 17-15. The two teams close out their regular Halton league season this week.

Coaches Ken Ellis and Dave Thorpe, had to be pleased if a little frustrated at the erratic play of their charges. Ellis was particularly impressed by the consistent hard work and overall excellence of power-hitter, Bill Andrews, in the tournament. "Bill played an excellent defensive game as well," Ellis said, "coming up with a number of crucial stuffs up front."

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