

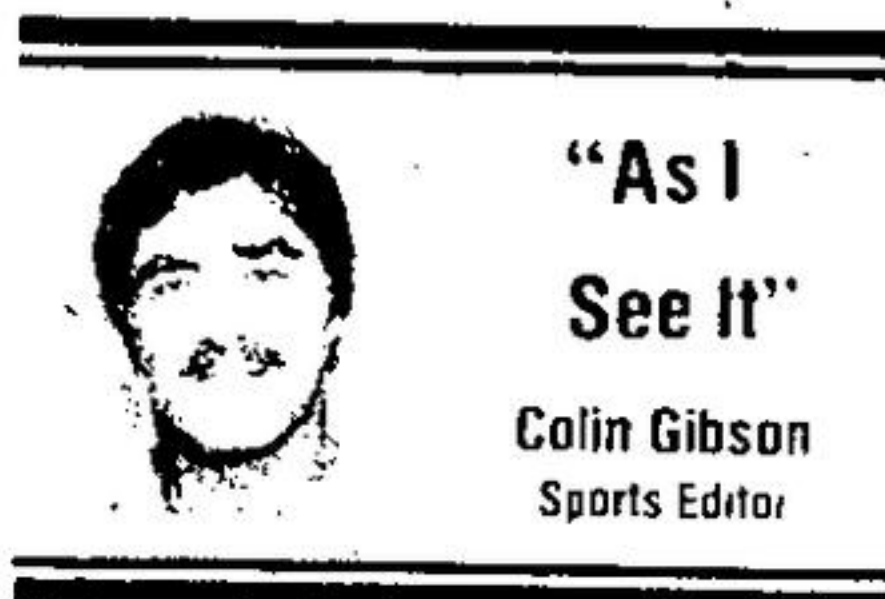
### Atoms in action

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association House League games resume every Saturday after the holiday season break. Games are played in the morning and afternoon at both Georgetown Memorial Arena and Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. In the picture

above, the puck carrier zeroes in on the goal during play in an Atom House League game between Rockwell and Halton Hills Tire, last Saturday. Unfortunately, results were not made available. (Herald photo)

## Christmas gifts for all

'Tis the season to be Jolly, or so the saying goes. A time of gift-giving and of friendship. In the spirit of the season, if I may be so bold, I offer a potpourri of sporting tidbits to tide the friendlies, the not-so-friendlies, the unfriendlies and even the flock of birds who gaze down upon these pages from their respective lofty perches something to munch on over the Christmas weekend.



"As I See It"

Colin Gibson  
Sports Editor

because of his remarks.

He is the captain of the Argentine squad so regardless of the penalties assessed against him, it is highly unlikely he would be banned from playing in the World Cup.

Still with soccer, in the "Guess who's coming to dinner" category, it is reported that the United States is rushing citizenship for a player named Roy Wegerle, a reputed deadly goal scorer.

Wegerle was born in South Africa, his mother was born in Scotland, his father was born in West Germany, he married an American woman and was worth a \$1.6 million transfer fee to Queens Park Rangers in England.

Under world soccer rules, since he has never participated in a World Cup, he can choose which country to represent.

**PICKED UP IN PASSING...** It is also the season for wishing and hoping and Doug Carpenter, coach of Toronto Maple Leafs offers this insight. "Never drool over something you don't have. I mean, we'd all like to have a lot of money in the bank. But I'm so poor I can't even afford to pay attention... Who said football players were dumb. Northeast Louisiana University football coach Sam Goodwin had problems with some of his players who were not used to air travel. "We told them if they used chewing gum it would keep their ears from popping." Goodwin is quoted as saying. "It worked fine, except some guys had a hard time getting the gum out of their ears."

It is reported in the Globe and Mail that sports is the 22nd largest industry in the United States finishing ahead of auto, petroleum, primary metals, lumber and air transportation. The paper was quoting from the weekly Sporting News. It is reported that sports generated \$63.1 billion (U.S. in output and services) in 1988. The study was done by Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Association Group.

When will the National Hockey League get its head out of the ice chips in its view on drug and substance abuse?

According to league president John Ziegler, there is no problem and it is one strike and you are out.

Detroit Red Wings troubled player Bob Probert, received a lifetime ban from the NHL for getting caught trying to smuggle cocaine across the U.S. border in his undershorts.

Now, according to Ziegler, he could be eligible to return in time for the playoffs. Give me a break.

The league should also be looking out for the welfare of rookies and might learn a lesson from the program recently initiated by the National Basketball Association.

Rookies will be subject to drug tests during training camp and randomly, three times during the regular season.

If the rookie fails one of these regular season tests he will be suspended for the remainder of the season and be ineligible to play until the following year.

The first time failure will be treated in a manner as if the player had come forward voluntarily. He would be required to follow an after-care program and adhere to the league's anti-drugs rules.

If the rookie failed the drug test during training camp, his contract would be voided and he would be ineligible to play in the league for one year.

Granted, Toronto is the hot-bed of baseball in Ontario. But what centre is next in line?

Some would suggest Saint Catharines, because of the Blue Jay farm team located there. Try London Ontario.

After just one year in the Double A Eastern League, the London Tigers have won the right to host the 1990 Eastern League All-Star game. The game will be played June 25 at London's Labatt's Park.

In the team's first season of Double A baseball, it drew 167,679 fans, fifth best in the eight team league.

The Tigers sold 1,020 season tickets for their initial campaign and are aiming for an overall attendance mark of 200,000 in 1990.

That's all for now, but I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my readers a happy and safe holiday season.

And to all those fair damsels who might be looking for prospective husbands during the festive times, Merry Christmas and to all a good Knight.

As I see it, anyway.

### Curling Club news

## Season reaches midway point

By ELLEN BURNS  
Herald Special

Well, curlers, it is hard to believe the first half of our curling season is over, and here are the winners of the Mixed Section first draw:

Coming in first in No. 1 section was Rollie Bradley, with his team of Fred Harris, Glen and Sandy Peer.

Second place was Jack Crichton, Alice Frazer and Al and Betty Shepherd. Third place was Paul McCracken, Ellen and Don Burns and Melanie McCracken.

Winning Section No. 2 was Bill Hunter and his team of Frank Durrant and Bob and Elda Watts.

In No. 2 spot were Terry and Val Valdrum and Dennis and Mae Cartwright. Third place winners were Bob and Mary Wands and Barry and Denise Shepherd.

The winners of Section No. 3 were Vic and Marlene Bayko and Doug Fuller and Dolores Houghton.

Coming second was the team of Lyn McLaren, Karin Henderson, Keith Mills and Eve McLaren.

Third place winners were George and Joan Shapcott, Steve Foster and Heather Kaufman.

I am sure everyone had a good time, win or lose, thanks to the great time and efforts given by Bill Perre. Draw No. 2 will begin on Jan. 5, and will be played on Friday and Saturday nights for a change.

Our "Seagrams Mixed" entry of George and Joan Shapcott, Mitch Jewell and Alice Frazer, reported having four good games last weekend in Dixie, but unfortunately do not go on to Level 2.

Susan LeFeuvre would like the Tuesday A.M. ladies to remember to return on Jan. 2 at 9:15 for a fun morning, and the regular schedule will resume on Jan. 9.

The curlers of North Halton would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Raiders thumped 9-1 by Streetsville

Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders saw their 1989-90 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division record drop to 3-21 on the heels of a 9-1 loss to Streetsville Derbys in a game played Tuesday night in Streetsville.

Streetsville led 4-0 after the first period en route to the 9-1 win.

Rob Doucette converted a pass from Jim English for the lone Georgetown goal.

Raiders had a game scheduled Friday night in Milton against the Merchants - at press time, the score was not available.

Raiders play host to the same Streetsville Derbys, Thursday, 8 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena at the annual "Kids Nite" extravaganza.

The Raiders, in conjunction with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, have distributed free children's tickets for the game to sponsoring Halton Hills merchants.

The ticket not only allows the youngster free admission to the game but also a chance at a number of gifts to be drawn during intermissions.

## Sports centre receives grant

The Ontario Sports Centre (OSC) will receive a provincial grant of \$255,000 to establish a sports safety resource centre and complete a risk management program.

Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Ken Black made the announcement recently. The grant is part of the Ministry's Sports, Fitness and Recreation Safety pro-

gram. "Both of these projects reflect my Ministry's desire to reduce sports-related injuries," Mr. Black said. "The risk management program and the safety resource centre will educate sports organizations and the public about enjoying a healthy lifestyle by participating safely in sports."



Season's greetings

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