

Industrial League Curling

Jaws still in lead

JAWS (an acronym for the Jones Ashbee Wonders) is wondering whether the Ashbee part of their team should extend his stay in Hawaii - say until April 7th, the day after year end playdowns.

With Tom Shillington in Ashbee's place, there seems to be a renewed confidence and strong play throughout the line-up. This week they unglued The Boxers to the tune of 12-2, winning six of eight ends of play.

Standings watchers will also note that the well conditioned Fit-As-A-Fiddles out of Work That Body are working their way up in the pecking order. Last season's champs are now tied for second spot with Dunlop Insurance Rockers.

The Work That Body foursome took on Kendale's Hackers. In several of the eight ends of play, many rocks were in play and the Hackers were looking good. But true to form, skip Ken Irwin of the WTBers made the shots that counted. The final score was a comfortable 9-2 margin.

Holding their second place position, the Dunlop Insurance Rocker's squad ensured themselves a place in the battle for first with a win over first year Dead Enders. They doubled the Dead Enders 10-5, in a game which the league's newcomers showed distinct improvement over their early outings. John Gibson also had incredible good fortune on his side at times.

The highlight reel games of the week were both in the early draw. In one, The Sign Shoppe Sliders played a see-saw contest with Lopers' Swimmers. Each team won four ends. But in this game's most critical moments, the sixth and eighth ends, the Swimmers' Ken McCormack missed takeout attempts.

In the sixth, Al Moore took ad-

vantage of the opportunity presented to score two points and take the lead by two at that point. In the eighth, the McCormack miss fizzled hopes of a tie, and the Sliders walked away with an 8-6 victory.

The other highlight match was on the third sheet between La Guys and Kendale Eight Enders. The final tally was 7-7, but it was a great comeback effort by the Scott Russel crew, down 5-0 after three ends, that made this game fun to watch.

The excitement went right down to the last rock. Tom Reid's valiant effort with the game's last stone could not chip the Kendale counter out. In passing, this was also a game in which La Guys introduced their version of La Goddess, otherwise known as Heather Scotland, to the league.

In a game of eight one point ends, the Hog Liners took more than The Senators. They took six and The Senators under Ray Owen's guidance took two. Graham Farnell and Bill Briggs were missed in this one.

In other play, The Norval Boys went down to the Challengers 7-3, and Bill Smith Auto Wingnuts easily handled The Automatons 10-3. It is noteworthy that the Smith rink won their game with Eldon Eckroth skipping for the second time, and Brad Smith trying to rebuild his form from the lead position.

December 20th offer the following pairings:

At 6:45 p.m.: Dunlop Insurance Rockers vs. Kendale Eight Enders, Challengers vs. Work That Body Fit-As-A-Fiddle, Hog Liners vs. The Boxers, Bill Smith Auto Wingnuts vs. Lopers' Swimmers.

At 9:00 p.m.: Dead Enders vs. La Guys, The Automatons vs. The Sign Shoppe Sliders, The Norval Boys vs. Kendale Hackers, The Senators vs. JAWS.



Egg Nog Jog

The eighth annual Egg Nog Jog, put on by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, is shown getting underway Sunday morning. This year's event attracted 220 competitors, the most ever for the 11

kilometer race that winds through the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The winners were Shawn Mills and Jill Purolo, both first time competitors in the race. (Herald photo)

Minor Novices split games

The Georgetown John McNally Construction AA Minor Novices were busy last week splitting a pair of games.

On Dec. 2, the team went to Brampton and lost 2-0. Dec. 5 the minor novices met Chinguacousy in their arena and won 3-2.

At the end of the second period in Chinguacousy's arena, the score was 3-0. The first goal and

second goal were scored in the first period by Todd Kerwin, assisted by Ryan Inglis and Greg Bidwell on a breakthrough.

Peter Veltman scored the third goal in the second period, assisted by Ryan Inglis. Chinguacousy rallied in the third period with two goals.

On Dec. 8, Georgetown went to Stoney Creek. This team has been

unbeaten since the beginning of the season, but Minor Novices gave them some run for their money. Stoney Creek had to work hard for their 3-0 victory. Once again, Georgetown's goalies, Simon Deely and Stephan Paulin, stopped a lot of hard shots.

On Dec. 9 after a hard week of hockey, the team lost to Burlington 3-0 at the Memorial Arena.

Halton Peewees lose 4-3

Dec. 11 Minor Peewee Hurricanes lost a tight 4-3 decision to a visiting Barrie club, ending an eight-game undefeated streak going back to Nov. 16th.

Ironically, their last loss was against this same Barrie team at Memorial on Nov. 6th.

This rematch at Alcott saw the visitors jump out to a 2-0 lead on a couple of quick goals coming at 5:15 and 5:46 of the first period.

Barrie kept the Hurricanes on their heels for most of the first and only after Halton successfully killed off a penalty late in the period did the momentum start to swing in their favour.

Early in the second, Hurricanes started a comeback when Ryan Taylor combined with Peter Mashinter and Todd Miller scoring at 9:16 with a blast from the point that ricocheted in off the right post.

Just seconds later, Miller tied the game, taking advantage of the screen and putting it up and into the unprotected net. Assists went to Andrew Hartholt and Steve Roy.

Halton continued to put pressure on Barrie throughout the balance of the second and into the third, getting several good opportunities. Unfortunately, Barrie's goaltender won all of these battles and it was the visitors that picked up the go-ahead goal, scoring their third with 7:29 re-

maining in the game.

This lead held until 4:38 when Justin Davis, set up by Jamie Walker and Darin Finlayson, used a Barrie defender for a screen and hooked a wrist shot in off the left post from 20 feet out.

Barrie broke the deadlock at 3:03 to take the 4-3 lead which held up all the way to the buzzer to end the Hurricane's streak.

Minor Peewees have a busy schedule ahead, on the road for a game with Brampton on Dec. 22, and a rematch in Barrie Dec. 23.

During the Christmas break, the Hurricanes will participate in the Don Mills Flyers' Tournament, competing with Peterborough, Detroit Litt Ceasars and North Bay Rascals in the first round.

Standings as of Dec. 2 put Halton in third place, seven points behind Chinguacousy with Halton having four games in hand.

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