

# Scarlett paces qualifiers

By Alex Tough

Ron Scarlett qualified for the last four in singles at the Legion's annual tourney in Bronte on Saturday. Together with Brian Beaumont, Scarlett took first place in the doubles and the duo of Brian Hicks/Dennis Thorogood qualified in fourth place. Rod and Barb Leech finished first in the doubles and also, with the aforementioned, head to Hamilton for the next stage. Next Saturday, the all important four player teams tourney takes place, again at Bronte. Rod Beaumont and self made it to the last eight in the doubles, losing out to the Leech combination at that stage.

Once again, Gasketman Cutters were short of players last Wednesday for the crucial match with league leading Hustlers and were skelped 7-0, Hustlers putting together tremendous darts for the first time this season. Cutters remain fourth after battling for top spot for several months. Westenders defeated Inter County to hold down second place with Steeprock taking a 4-3 decision over High Rollers to stay third. Acadian Pools recorded their sixth win of the season in beating Panthers 5-2.

Rod Beaumont had two starts, four finishes and a couple, at least, of 140s. Ron Scarlett went 2-3 in starts and close outs with a couple of 140s. Tim Fields had three starts and Chris Corbett scored 140. Dave Scutt started 120 and Mark See started 112 in their losing cause. Henry Graham, Ray See and Dan Abercrombie hit for 140s with Russ Hillier knocking 125. Jim Fisher opened with 100, Dennis Thorogood scored 121 and Joe Cairns finished 95 for Westenders. Bill McCartney opened three and closed out Inter-County's only win.

In the second flight Dream Team, I believe, clinched the first place when winning 5-0 over Bandits. Ensigns retain second place despite a 2-3 loss to third place Hotshots. Independents' 2-3 loss to Taxmen did not hurt them as they remain fourth. Firemen recorded a 3-2 win over Aces to round out the results.

Todd Axford had three starts and two finishes with Mike Hope supporting with 140. Al Murphy shot 121. Bill hall turned on the starting gun with three and Gord bottoms finished two, John Burke opened with 101. Gary Hardcastle scored 132 with Kevin MacDonald and Graham Griffiths each starting two. Jim Watson and Jim Franks both began two and scored 100, Watson's 100 being an opener. Bruce McCartney opened three for Bandits, one being 75 and Art Cousens opened 57 with a variety. Brad Youmans opened three and both Stan and Bubby Rhynold finished two.

## Darts

The Industrial League now heads into the last round of matches in the rundown to the finish with playoffs to follow. The Halton league playoffs begin this weekend at the Legion with four player teams.

Legion #4 carry on with their clinical finishing to the goal of league titlists with a 13-1 victory over George #4. They lead McGibbon by 16 points and George #2 by 22 points. Steady play over the closing weeks of league play should see Legion take first place. Second place McGibbon took Timeout #2, 12-2 and George #2 recorded 13-1 over George #3. Fourth place O'Tooles returned to the winning column with their 10-4 result over Legion #3.

Other results are George #1 and Timeout #1, 7-7; Copper #2 and Legion #1, 7-7; Legion #2, 6, Copper #1, 8; Timeout #1, Copper #1 and George round out the top half of the standings. George remain at the foot of the table.

George #1 and Timeout #1 had a right set-to in their match. Timeout took the last four singles and headed into the doubles with a 5-3 lead, having taken one of the earlier singles. The home team came back in the doubles with a battling 3-1 in favor to tie matters up. The teams sets were also tied to leave both teams with a satisfying tie at 7-7, although both feeling they should have won.

Pete Pickering closed 104 and Al Dean took out a 106 to record the only high finishes of last Monday night (8th Feb.). Dave Nicholls, despite losing his team's only point loss, scored three 140s with double 140s scored by Ed Ebbinge, Jeff Henderson, Jack Hamilton and Keith Radcliffe. Single 140s were scored by Yvonne Graham, Stan Rhynold, Dan Dobreen, Bob Sullivan, Brian Ward, Dan Fraser, Ray Porter, Paul Mousseau, Jim Long, Bruce Buchanan, Hugh Smid, Larry Hunt and Rena Gray. Russ Hillier scored 168 for the highest score of the night's play.

World ranked top-10 and former World Champion Dennis Priestley

is coming to Canada in May. On 28 May he will be appearing in Guelph. There is a possibility of an appearance for a couple of hours in three or four Halton Hills establishments for exhibitions against local players from a local pre-shoot contest (similar to the Eric Bristow visit to Acton). More news of this item to come at a later date should all work out, under the auspices of Acton's Rod Leech.

Rod Leech was another singles qualified at the weekend Legion shoot and will go forward to Hamilton sometime next month.

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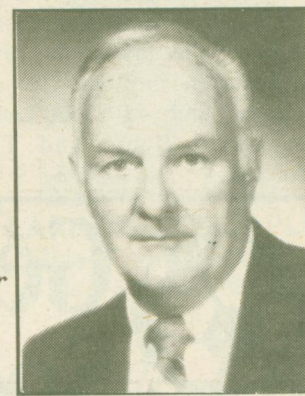
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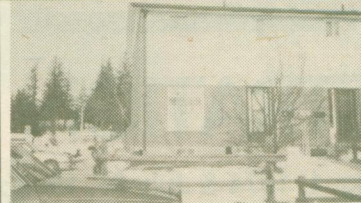
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