

Acton Branch 197 curlers set for Manitoba showdown

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Peter Vidler, Carl Rosenquist, Bob Reid and Mike Mattocks are taking their bags and 81 years of curling between them this weekend to Dauphin, Manitoba, where they will vie for Canadian curling supremacy in a tournament they didn't feel they would compete in back in January.

Not because the Legion Branch 197 Legion curling team thought they didn't have the heart or talent.

But maybe for the simple fact that the group had never joined forces on the competitive circuit, and envisioning themselves representing the province was a far-fetched fantasy on their part.

"I didn't expect us to get this far," says second Carl Rosenquist of his team, which will represent Ontario at the Dominion Curling Championships from March 27 until April 3. "We just wanted to win the Zone, District finals and the Provincials."

The local foursome put together a record of 5-2 at the Provincials, good

for a tie with Harriston and Forest. And good for a return match, which they won, against both clubs to determine who would be ordering plane tickets for Manitoba at the end of this month.

"We don't know what to expect," says Peter Vidler, who skips for the Acton team and who was involved in his fourth Ontario Championships in Alliston. "We just curled really well at the Ontario (event) and we

just have to hit the broom, throw the right weight and I'll do the rest."

Coming home with the big trophy won't be as easy as throwing that piece of strategy off their tongues, though. And they know it.

Vidler feels the western teams of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, which won the right to host by virtue of last year's win, will pose the biggest threat to the local entry in the six-day tourney.



MANITOBA BOUND: The Acton Legion Branch 197 curling team of, left to right, skip Peter Vidler, third Bob Reid, second Carl Rosenquist and lead Mike Mattocks is off to Dauphin, Manitoba this weekend in hopes of bringing home a trophy from the six-day Dominion Curling Championships. (Doug Harrison photo)

ACTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

March 28, 1993 at the Acton Arena.

Meeting starts at 3 pm. All are welcome

The current executive will propose constitutional changes in job descriptions to the meeting along with the following slate:

Elected Executive Positions

President — David McIntyre

Secretary — Donna Metcalfe

Treasurer — Gordon Chapman

First Vice-President (Senior convenor) — Robin Inscoe

Second Vice-President (Junior convenor) — Steve Prentice

Third Vice-President — Nicki Barens

Appointed Positions

Registrar — Phyllis Stuckless

Ice Scheduler — Cecil Stuckless

Equipment Manager — Jim Richmond

Coaching Co-ordinator — Scott Withers

The current executive recommends the above appointments to the new executive, however further candidates are welcome.

Coaching applications for 1993-94 are now being accepted for Novice (1 & 2), Atom (1 & 2), Peewee (1 & 2), Bantam (1 & 2), Midget and Juvenile. Contact Jim Richmond at 853-3851.

Last date for applications is March 30, 1993.

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Tips For Home-owners

Q. Our house was once heated with oil and was dry in the winter. Now that we have a high-efficiency gas furnace, we are plagued with excessive moisture that causes condensation on windows and mould along the walls. How can we eliminate this problem?

A. Your older, less efficient oil-fired system sent a lot of combustion gases up the chimney. This created a negative pressure in the house that resulted in forced infiltration of drier outside air.

Newer, more efficient furnaces not only generate less combustion gases and require smaller means of exhaust, but they also get the make-up air they need directly from outside, which does not induce infiltration.

The net result is that interior moisture is no longer diluted with the drier outside air and, over a period of time, too much moisture builds up unless it is ventilated or other strategies are used to bring back some equilibrium.

One such strategy is to add a small duct, no bigger than 4 inches in diameter, from outside to the return air duct of the furnace. This fresh air duct should have a hand-operated damper installed in its length to regulate or shut off the air supply. It should be protected outside by a dryer-type wall jack with the wind flap replaced with small mesh screening to keep out large insects and rodents.

Q. The basement cement floor of our home has a lot of holes in it. Can it be re-cemented? Is this a job I could do myself, or should I bring in a professional?

A. A new concrete floor can be poured over the existing one if it is in such bad shape that it cannot be repaired, but you may encounter difficulties with the added thickness at the furnace, stairway, partitions, plumbing and oil tank, if you have one in the basement.

Have a competent concrete contractor take a look at your situation and advise you.