

Travel Midgets split two games with Elora squad

Brad Cripps scored three goals and added two assists for the Acton Travel Midgets in their home-and-home set with Elora last week. Cripps had both Acton goals in a 5-2 loss in Elora on Thursday in

Tri-County Harrison Division hockey action.

Joe Turcotte fed Cripps on his first goal.

Down 4-2 heading to the third period last Tuesday at the Community Centre, the locals scored three unanswered goals to pull out a 5-4 win.

Cripps scored the first goal of the final frame. Other scorers were Dwayne Rhynold, Darryl Jones, Mike Forbes and Geoff Heinz.

Cripps and Wilf Couling each grabbed two assists. Singles went to Rhynold, Duane Piper and Chris Muir.

Chapman fires game-winner against Erin

Sandy Chapman scored the game-winning goal at the Community Centre last Wednesday as the Acton Firefighter Ban-tams disposed of Erin 3-2.

Aaron Forrest and Gary Genzler assisted on the goal, scored in the third period of the tight-checking Tri-County Harrison Division contest.

Also scoring were Forrest and Steve White.

Chalking up assists were Genzler, Jon Routledge, Marty McKinnon and Matt Boycott.

In recent action, Arthur defeated the locals 5-1.

Chris Williams, who was fed by Boycott, potted the lone Fire-fighter goal.

The Firefighters' next home game is tonight (Wednesday) against Oakville. Game time is 8:30.

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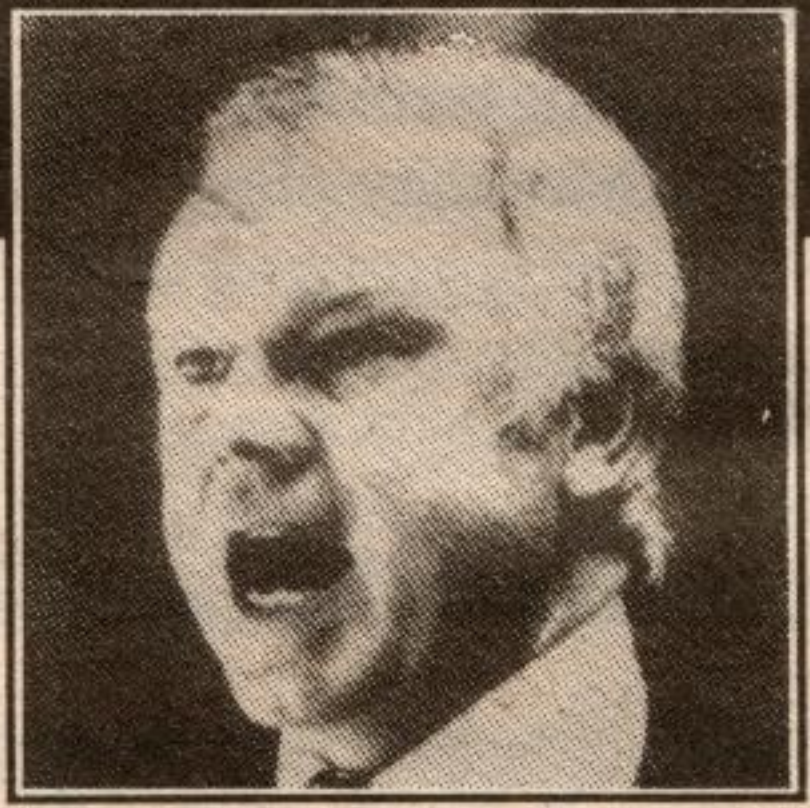
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Government should support minor hockey

The N.H.L. has set up a committee to try to help the Russian Federation and their kids. Imagine that our money is going over to help those kids to come over here to take our kids' jobs.

Coaches of the minor kids here in Ontario tell me it breaks their hearts to see a talented player have to quit because the family can't afford to have him play. Where is the committee for that child? And where is our government? Forget it! They're too busy giving money to art and culture groups or money to track and field where we're the only ones not on dope and so we finish last. (A waste of time — clean but no good.)

I would just like the amount of money that was wasted by the government on the Ben Johnson inquiry, to be put into hockey. It's a damn shame, the only thing we're really good at (oh yeah! tell me what else we dominate in like hockey) and we're still getting the shaft by everybody.

Take heart because even with all the slings and arrows, we're still the best by far. Just remember the Stanley Cup Champs? I'll say it again: 18 out of 20 of the Champs were Canadian.

Hello, anyone listening out there? As usual, I'll have more to say next week!



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Risk managing is first line of defence

Sports which involve physical contact, always carry the risk of serious injury to participants.

Risk management is the process by which amateur hockey organizations identify, assess, minimize or eliminate and insure against the risk of bodily injury or financial loss resulting from their activities.

While insurance is available to protect against unavoidable risks, risk management, or identifying, assessing, minimizing or eliminating risks, is the first line of defence.

All who are involved in sports, including coaches, players, parents, administrators, volunteers, and officials, must help to identify and minimize or eliminate risks.

As a coach, you must assume a leadership role on this risk management team:

- instill respect in your players for rules, officials and opponents and teach them to never hit an opponent from behind;
- teach your players technical skills using proper progressions, especially proper techniques for giving and receiving body checks and making contact with the ice and boards;
- ensure your players' equipment fits properly, provides quality protection and is maintained;
- develop an Emergency Action Plan to be prepared for any serious injuries;
- ensure players follow proper stretching and warm-up routines before games and practices, and participate in off-ice training programs;
- inspect ice surface, bench area and dressing rooms for potential risks such as debris, protrusions and inadequate lighting;
- encourage officials to enforce all rules.

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