



**Sports
Ramblings**

With Bruce Hood

THE HOCKEY MERCHANTS in dropping their first two games of the season are still quite confident they are one of the strongest clubs on the local scene in many years. Dooney Evans, mentor of the youthful squad has had the novelty of a changed lineup on both occasions and actually this is the idea of exhibition games—to get a look at what the players trying out to make the club have to offer.

Last year at this time the ice was not in the arena yet and the local club was late getting started, therefore not having a choice of players for that term. This year there are six players just out of junior hockey who should really come along once they get used to the higher class of hockey.

Don't count the Merchants out of there yet!

THE INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALLS held their annual banquet last Friday night and from all reports it was a huge success. Over 80 attended the shindig at which Dooney Evan received the U.A.W.A. Local 1067 trophy emblematic of the Milton Softball championship on behalf of the champion Legion club which Dooney coached. League president, Herb Higgs, thanked all the clubs for their participation during the past summer and stated that with an early start next spring, possibly eight teams would operate in the loop with an increase of two over the past summer.

The league presented \$150.47 to the Legioners to aid in the purchase of jackets for the winners.

Guests included Mayor Sid Childs, Canadian Meter's John Ostler, Roy Weston of P. L. Robertson, Pete McMullen of Milton Brick, George Hood of Ontario Steel, and George Yorke of the Ontario Steel U.A.W.A. group which originally presented the trophy.

THE HOCKEY NEWS in its annual poll to pick the standings at the end of the National Hockey League schedule were consistent on two points. These were in picking the first and last clubs, with Canadians the natural choice for top spot and guess who? natural finishers in last spot. The 17 sportswriters across the country in their 11th annual pick chose them in this order: Montreal; Boston; New York; Detroit; Chicago; Toronto. The Hockey News is the official voice of the hockey world from coast to coast.

ART DESJARDINE reports his junior club is looking better each time out. Tuesday night Earl Fox of New Toronto, former mentor of the local Intermediates, took over the coaching duties and as one young fellow put it, "told me things I never knew before". Earl is not definite as to whether he will be coaching the lads or not as he is refereeing in the T.H.L. An exhibition game is planned for November 11 and Art is scouting for some opposition for that date.

Glen Dance in his first year in a Merchant uniform has been putting the juniors through their workouts to date and Bob Erwin veteran sports trainer has volunteered his services to look after the boys' gear. A league consisting of Georgetown, Burlington, Aurora is expected to get underway soon.

AN ESTIMATED QUARTER of a million people are now curling according to Trent Frayne writing in the November issue of Chatelaine. He reports that curling after flourishing for years on the western prairies, is now "burgeoning in the more temperate east with the advent of ice rinks as adjuncts to golf clubs."

Curling is the happy exception to the rule that might is right in sport. "From a woman's point of view," he says, "curling's great advantage over, say, golf, is that physical strength and dexterity are really not pertinent to the game, nor does curling require the constant application of golf demands if one is to play it passably well."

Trafalgar Golf and Country Club eventually plans a curling rink to be built at their layout on the No. 10 Sideroad.

FOOTBALL FORECAST: How about those Argonauts? Even the true Tiger fans including brother Murray are starting to admire the double blue. With a double victory over the Alouettes in the final two games of the schedule and if Hamilton takes their two encounters against Ottawa, Toronto could finish in second place but one loss to Montreal would finish the whole show as far as the rushing car men are concerned. The Al's expect Patterson (Hal) back for the two games against Argos and are naturally going to be in there fighting this week especially after beating the Tiger Cats last week—therefore we are going to pick each club to win once in the next two weeks which will show a final standing something like this: Hamilton on top with 21 points; Montreal second with 13; Ottawa in third with 12 and poor old Argos out in the cold with a mere 10. Somebody said we went out on a limb last week and we ended up 50% correct so if we do that well this week it will still see the Argos faithful followers crying in their (ginger) ale.

SPORTOPICS: Monday of last week the Acton Minor Sports Association held their annual ball banquet which was attended by over 250 boys from the leagues they operated there during the past summer. . . . **Fire recently** razed the interior of the Wallace Park clubhouse in Oakville which apparently was a blessing according to the condition of the dressing rooms. The park is the home of the Oakville entry which played in the Halton County baseball loop and was beaten out by the local Red Sox in the playoffs. . . . **Johnny Heipel** colourful performer with the local Intermediates for the past few seasons, has called it quits as far as hockey is concerned and is busy studying a correspondence course he is taking. John will be missed at his centre ice spot but it is likely Stu Hannant will move in to fill the gap.

Ontario Hockey Association referee-in-chief Pat Patterson stated recently at a referees' instructional meeting held in Hamilton and attended by yours truly that he was very pleased to see fellows like Hugh McLean, Jack Clancy and many more top officials who were also in attendance helping out in minor hockey. Mr. Patterson, a veteran whistler, stressed the need for everyone to take a keen interest in the kids to get them started in the game and keep them interested. . . . **Mimico** and New Toronto are voting on Sunday sport for their municipalities. . . . **Over 500** future hockey stars have registered in the Oakville and District minor hockey program. . . . **Eddie Bush** fiery coach of the Guelph Biltmores Junior "A" hockey club has noted his interest in Merchant defenseman Larry Shuker. Shuker having one year left in Junior hockey caught Bush's eye when the Guelph mentor went hunting for a defenseman after last Friday night's humiliating 16-2 defeat by Peterborough right in Guelph. Bush was reported to have been in Stouffville to look Larry over—here's hoping he changes his mind.

A few local lads seen to be travelling to Wasaga Beach to do a little fishing in the Nottawasaga River for the past weekends and not having any luck as far as fishing went, were set back a notch or two last weekend when the lady in the crowd reeled in a 16-inch rainbow. Beverly Mills of Mill St. showed both chum Don McEachern and Ron Byerman how it is done when she casually pulled the beaut from the brink. The group were fishing from Byerman's cottage on the river. . . . A sparse crowd of near 200 sat in on the Oakville-Woodstock game last Friday. . . . Schedules for all Merchant games are to be distributed this week with the locals starting the schedule in Georgetown Tuesday and returning for their home debut Friday, November 7 with Georgetown making the opposition.

An Oakville scribe stated the small ice surface (170 x 70) at Milton arena was detrimental to the Oakville Oaks Sr. . . . It didn't seem to hinder the Oaks last Friday being able to net nine goals against Woodstock. . . . A couple of lads from town paid \$20.00 for a taxi to go to the game at Stouffville Tuesday night. . . . The Merchants play every Friday night starting November 7 till February 6 missing only Friday, December 12 when they are idle. . . . **Keep Friday** night open for Intermediate hockey in Milton. . . . A former Junior "A" hockey player Ed Rowett has noted his interest in playing hockey in Milton in a discussion with club officials recently.

HOW ABOUT THAT: Definition of a hangover—Where the brew of the night meets the cold of the day.



Rural Softball Champs Feted at Banquet, Dance

Halton's rural softball teams gathered in Trafalgar Memorial hall on Friday night to honor the champions of the boys' and girls' leagues. Above, league president John McDougall presents the league's most valuable player award to John Willmott, while M.V.P.s Glen Richardson of Nelson, left, and Len Coolish of Trafalgar, right, look on. Below, Clarence McCann, Ben Devlin, president Alfred Ford, Graham Gillies, Doug LeRiche and John Willmott of the Omagh boys' squad hold their league championship trophy. The girls are Marion Ford with the shield Omagh girls received for finishing first in the league play, and Helen Bridgman of the Palermo championship team with the Hayward Transport trophy. A dance followed the banquet and presentation of awards. Last year, the boys failed to name a champion as winter set in before the playoffs were finished. Omagh girls won the championship last year and the year before.



Minor Hockey Plans

Minor Hockey is the talk of the town in the younger set right now with the Minor Hockey Association busy getting all the boys signed to play. Glyn Roberts reported Tuesday that of the registration forms handed out Saturday, close to 50 had come back already.

As in previous years four teams will operate in the mid-range ranks—Milton Pharmacy, (in place of Milton Hardware), Knight's, Ledwith, Department Store. In the bantam division six teams—Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Springfield, Canadians and Rangers—will again be iced for the coming term.

The Kinsmen-sponsored pee wees have had four teams in other years but with lowering the age limit will probably have to expand. Bus Knight claims the leagues will probably get started operations in the latter part of November.

Any lads who have not picked up their registration forms can get them from Milton Pharmacy, Herb Marshall at the arena coffee shop or at Bus Knight's Men's Wear. The age brackets are, for the Kinsmen pee wee up to ten years are eligible; in the bantam group the 10 to 13 year olds take over, and finally the midgets are in the 13 to 15 area. The latter two groups operated by the Rotary club. After this minor hockey the better types have the opportunity to move up to the Sport and Cycle juveniles, then to the Canadian Tire Juniors and right on up to the Merchants in the town's best hockey setup to date.

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MINOR HOCKEY

Any boys who have NOT yet registered for minor hockey may obtain their forms from

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(at arena coffee shop)

Final date for registration —
NOVEMBER 5

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Hockey — Skating

PROGRAM

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- Fri., Oct. 31
ROTARY CLUB
HALLOW'EEN PARTY
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- Sat., Nov. 1
PUBLIC SKATING
AFTERNOON & EVENING
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- Tues., Nov. 4
FIGURE SKATING
Classes 4 - 6.30 p.m.
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- Wed., Nov. 5
ADULT & PRE-SCHOOL
CHILDREN 2-4 P.M.
PUBLIC SKATING
in the evening.
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- FIRST INTERMEDIATE
HOME GAME
Fri., Nov. 7
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New Entry

Four Industrials to Start 58-59 League Next Week

The Milton Industrial Hockey League is finally going to start operations next week with the announcement that an entry has been found to make up the fourth team for the loop. The 1958-59 season will get under way Thursday night with P. L. Robertson meeting Gerry's in the opener at 7.30 and the new entrant from the Department of Highways taking on Ontario Steel Products in the nightcap.

The league had a very successful season last year but were faced with losing Smith and Stone of Georgetown, last year's champs, for the coming term.

A copy of the league schedule will be published in this paper next week.

The new participant in the group from the Department of Highways will be taking the place of Smith and Stone. The players on the squad are here with highway 401 construction and expect to be in town for a couple of years.

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ANNUAL MEETING
and
Election of Officers
TUES., NOVEMBER 4th
8.30 sharp

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IVAN SLESSOR

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I guess you think that I'm hyped on safety . . . and I am afraid that I'll have to plead guilty. There's still a lot of room for improvement . . . still far too many people are killed or maimed as a result of car accidents.

Just the other day, I was reading a release from the National Safety Council in the U.S. They report that February was the fourth consecutive month showing a reduction in the number of deaths from traffic accidents in the U.S. in the first two months of this year.

Authorities are convinced that the more people who know and practice safety rules, the less accidents and the less fatalities. And you can sum the safety rules up into two short sentences. Don't take chances. And make sure your car is mechanically safe.

When you ride too close to the car ahead . . . or skip out to pass when the time is short, you are taking chances. Honestly now, how much time do you save?

When you put off that brake check . . . or steering check, you are taking chances too. Play it safe, bring your car in regularly for a complete safety check. One not-so-serious accident will pay for a good many safety checks . . . and help you to avoid the delay and grief that an accident can cause. Come in soon want you?

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