



## Sports Ramblings

With Bruce Hood

**GRADUATES** moving up out of Milton's minor hockey system first make their start in midget hockey. The town's midget clubs to date have been anything but magnificent although they have had some good talent, and with the right coaching could possibly have fared better. Charlie Wickens is the man who has been handling the midgets for the past few years and there is none better for the chore of looking after the young pucksters. But Mr. Wickens being only one man, has not the time to manage the club, coach them, act as trainer and so on. Arn McDuffe has always helped along with Wickens, with transportation to games and refereeing his added duties. The point we are getting around to is the fact that a good coach is needed for the boys in this group which numbers close to 25.

Since the minor hockey officials rearranged their setup there have been quite a few of the older boys moved up out of the Saturday morning hockey and these all play together on a team which has games every Tuesday night before the Tri-County Juvenile game while holding practices Mondays and the odd game on Saturday. It actually is a better concern now giving the fellows looking after them more players to work with and also increases the playing time for them. A schedule of games has been worked out with Acton, Brampton and Oakville as the opposition and an entry has been made into the O.M.H.A. playdowns which commence sometime in February.

With boys ranging in age from 13 up to 16 they are just in their prime and are at an opportune time to be taught the finer points of the game of hockey. With a good coaching system the boys who wanted to become better hockey players could learn a more positional game of hockey as well as proper passing plays combined with a good and clean way to check the opposition. We actually have nobody particular in mind for the job and as with this type of job in every other hockey loop in town, the job is strictly voluntary. Mr. Wickens has involved his spare time to help the team in the past and we are sure he would appreciate any help offered. The Rotary club sponsors the midgets who have not been too successful in play this year so far although they have some fairly good talent. Merv. Fletcher, Brian Hamilton, Ross McKersie, Brian Hilson, George Mills, Jim Forbes (who has also been playing juvenile) Wayne Timbers, Mike Moynes, Brian McDuffe, Bev Slessor, Jim Mellon, Paul Foster, George Bickers are some of the boys who go to make up the club.

### SPORTOPICS

The minor hockey exec. plans a couple of minor hockey booster nights this year with the success of last year's single night in mind. . . . **Milton's juvenile** Sportsmen are entered in "B" competition for O.M.H.A. play. . . . **Next week's** column will be a recap of the year's happenings for 1958. . . . **The minor hockey** coaches are guaranteed of one thing and that is if they find themselves with only a few players out for a game they will have the best players there because these are the players who don't fail to miss by sleeping in or staying home because it is too cold. . . . **Merchants** expect the addition of Ken Brown who home fans have not had a chance to see yet for Friday's game and also Ken Pollock will be back in harness. . . . **Brown saw action** in the first game of the schedule when the Merchants beat Georgetown 3-3 in Georgetown but has not been out since. Working in a sporting goods store in Oakville, Ken has had to work Friday nights up until Christmas but is now able to join the locals with the rush over.

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**One young fellow** taking figure skating lessons at the arena has had the same trouble on at least a couple of occasions, that is that he has had his skates on the wrong feet and Ross Smith club pro has had to have him change them because his feet have been going one way while he was going the other. . . . **The juveniles** turned up in Oakville last Friday night shorthanded and borrowed a player from the locals and sparked their attack with a brilliant three goal effort. Andy Murray actually tallied the winner and got the first goal in the 5-0 victory. . . . **The juves** play here tonight against the league leading Brampton club. . . . **George Adoranti** received a nasty 15-stitch cut on the forehead last Tuesday night when he collided with the gate while leaving the ice surface at the arena after his Department of Highways team had finished practising. . . . **A piece** of two by two framing on the door was split right in two upon examination by rink manager Art Higgins.

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**Bob Sales** is a real ball of fire in the Industrial league hockey and is picking up a nice slice of the points in the PLR high scoring games. . . . **The league** is idle now until the first week in January with their regular night falling on Christmas and New Year's and the arena booked solid so as they could not change their night. . . . **Public skating** for the kids is on the rink agenda every day this week except Christmas day when Manager Higgins gets a well deserved rest to spend this day with his family. . . . **Collingwood** has started up the win trail as we prescribed they would when we saw them earlier in the season. Beating Stouffville Saturday 5-2 gave them their fourth win in the last five outings. They should be good opposition Friday. . . . **We were** very sorry to hear of the death of Harry Auger, a man who was well known and well respected in town. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Auger and her fine family of boys. . . . **The Merchants** players and executive held an informal meeting on the weekend to exchange Christmas greetings.

**HOW ABOUT THAT:** A kangaroo walked into a downtown New York bar recently and ordered up a martini, dry. The bartender stared in disbelief as he had never before seen a kangaroo outside a zoo before. The kangaroo drank the first martini and proceeded to order a second, meanwhile asking the price of the drink. The bartender replied that the drinks cost \$1.50 each and added that he had never seen a kangaroo in a bar before. The kangaroo downed the second drink, paid up and remarked that the man quite likely never would see one in there again at those prices.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## More Close Scores

### Minor Hockeyists Look Even

Saturday morning's minor hockey showed more close scoring this week with the bantams starting things off at 7.30 in a cold arena.

#### Bantam

Rangers won their first game this term with a 2-1 victory over Canadiens. Dick Marshall from Wally Cox and Leon Gervais from Marshall were the Ranger marksmen with Steve Gervais getting the lone Canadien goal. In the second game of the morning Springfield managed a 3-3 tie with Buffalo. Ricky Rowley was the scoring leader for Springfield with a goal and two assists; Roger Johnson got a goal and one assist and Rupert Coffin added the other marker. Ron Patterson counted all three Buffalo goals with Pete McDuffe helping on all three. Kenny Desjardine scored the only goal of the game to give Pittsburgh a 1-0 victory over winless Cleveland. Lee McPhail set Ken up for the goal which gave Pittsburgh its second win.

#### Midget

Ledwiths tied Pharmacy 2-2 in the first midget game, Dave Wielding and Doug Loomis getting the foodmen's goals with John Hep-

burn picking up an assist. Dave Lawrence scored one and assisted on the other scored by John White for the druggists and John Cooke drew an assist on Lawrence's goal.

Knight's took a 3-1 win over Department Store in the other midget game as Bill Currie counted two and Bob Peddie notched an unassisted goal. Harold Wilson assisted on both Currie goals. Mike Pedulla fired the lone D.S. goal helped by Brian Crucefix and Bill Wilson.

#### Pee Wee

Detroit held the Leafs to 1-1 tie in the young tykes' play. Paul Kitchen scored the Detroit goal and Richard Clements, the Leaf tally. Chicago blanked wipless Boston in the other game with Brian Brush and Johnny Irvin each counting two and Neil Gibbons and Peter Massey getting singles.

**ODDITIES:** Two players sustained injuries during the morning; Gary Mountain playing goal for his Canadiens team received a cut on the face which required five stitches to close when he stopped a shot off Dick Marshall's stick. It was Gary's debut in the nets. Tommy Higgs drew a cut above the eye in

the Knight's—Dept. Store game when he was clipped by a high stick.

More parents are turning out to cheer their youngsters on and it's amazing how it helps the young fellows. The recent shuffling of the lineups has helped all of the clubs as can be seen by the close scores.

#### Saturday Program

This Saturday's Minor Hockey program — 7.30, Springfield vs Cleveland; 8.15, Rangers vs Pittsburgh; 9.00, Canadiens vs Buffalo; 10.00, Ledwiths vs Knights; 10.45, Milton Pharmacy vs Dept. Store; 11.30, Leafs vs Boston; 12.15, Detroit vs Chicago.

### Oddfellows List Lucky Draw Winners

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows wish to thank all those people who made the Christmas Draw a success. Winners are as follows: first prize, Adele Leslie, Hornby; second prize, R. Brechin, Toronto; third prize, Jean White, Milton.

## MILTON ARENA



### Hockey — Skating PROGRAM

Two new sheets of ice  
Every Public Skating Night.

#### PUBLIC SKATING

Every afternoon of school  
holidays, except Dec. 25.  
Tuesdays 1-3, all other days  
2-4

#### Wed., Dec. 24

**PUBLIC SKATING**  
2-4 p.m. & 8-10 p.m.

#### Thurs., Dec. 25

**ARENA CLOSED ALL DAY**  
Season's Greetings from the  
Arena Committee, Management  
and Staff.

#### Fri., Dec. 26

**PUBLIC SKATING**  
2-4 p.m.

**Intermediate Hockey**  
**COLLINGWOOD**  
**vs MERCHANTS**

#### Sat., Dec. 27

**Public Skating Afternoon and  
Evening**

#### Mon., Dec. 29

**Public Skating 2-4 p.m.**

**JR. FARMER HOCKEY**  
2 Games

**Palermo vs Norval**  
**Acton vs Milton**

#### Tues., Dec. 30

**Public Skating 1-3 p.m.**

**FIGURE SKATING**  
Classes 4 - 6.30 p.m.

#### Night

**JUVENILE HOCKEY**  
**OAKVILLE vs**  
**MILTON SPORTSMEN**

### INTERMEDIATE "B" HOCKEY

## MERCHANTS

VS

## Collingwood

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

MILTON ARENA

Game Time 9 p.m. Sharp

ADMISSION 50c — CHILDREN UNDER 14 25c

## CARS are my Line



### IVAN SLESSOR

#### DON'T RACE THAT MOTOR!

A couple of weeks ago, I was sitting out at the back, chatting with one of my neighbors. We were talking about cars, naturally, as this is one of my favorite subjects. We heard a few cars go by. . . . then all of a sudden, one came along with quite a roar. It stopped, so we walked around to see what it

was all about.

It was a couple of young lads with partly completed 'hot rod'. They had done a good job of it, too. But something didn't sound quite right so they had stopped right there to tinker a while. After making a couple of adjustments to the carburetor, they started up. One of them kept racing the motor. . . . then allowing it to slow up. After each spurt, there was a constant drip of condensation from the exhaust.

Racing a motor unnecessarily is one of the most extravagant ways of wasting gas. . . . in fact, experts tell us that many motorists use as much as 35 gallons of gas in a year just racing their motor while waiting for traffic lights to change.

Racing the motor is just one of the ways that many of us waste gas. Two or three simple rules will increase gas mileage on any car. . . . avoid racing the motor, drive at moderate speeds, accelerate slowly and finally get regular servicing and tune-ups.

Regular tune-ups not only save on gas, but they cut down on repair bills, too. Your car runs better, more economically. . . . and when trade in time comes, you'll find you can make a better deal. Come in today.

Ivan K. Slessor

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