

★ Sportscope ★

BY BRUCE HOOD

GORDON KERR, THAT MAN from Winnipeg on whom so many people have passed judgment in the past few days, is as human a person as is any other who came out of the west in the past.

The general process whereby the referee has been chosen for the Memorial Cup and Allan Cup playoffs to date has been that a referee from a neutral Branch within the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association will handle all inter-branch play-offs.

And so it has been. The fact fans have been able to follow the Hamilton Red Wings along their trail to the Memorial Cup championship via that wonderful living room picture set, has made a lot of new hockey types and therefore a lot more learned puck men and women.

In the Eastern Memorial Cup finals you saw a fellow from Ottawa, Gord Pranschae handle the entire series from the two games down in Quebec, back to Ontario for the final two games which were played in the Hamilton Forum. Then along came the finals against the Edmonton Oil Kings and you saw a Winnipeg man, Gordon Kerr, handling the entire five games.

All season long you watched the Red Wings play in their league against some top clubs (many say St. Catharines Tee Peees was the toughest club they met all year) with a variety of officials from this, the Ontario Hockey Association. Included during the season was an official from Montreal, Bill Quenville, who did a Sunday afternoon game as well. Now, in the case of Quenville, he was here on an exchange basis when Gord Favaraugh of Toronto, went to Montreal to referee games in that Montreal Canadian-Niagara Falls Flyer playoff. Quenville drew some mild criticism for his method of handling the game here to the extent that everyone wanted to know if that was the way hockey was played back in Quebec. Bill is a member of the Quebec Hockey Association.

Gord Pranschae is the referee-in-chief of the Ottawa District Hockey Association, one of the nine member Branches making up the C.A.H.A., and therefore was the best man available there to come and do the Eastern Memorial Cup finals (Quebec and Ontario Branches) as a neutral official.

Gord Kerr is one of the top officials in the Manitoba Hockey Association and therefore was most eligible to do a final series between the winners in the provinces of Alberta and Ontario.

A similar situation holds true in the Allan Cup finals, the Senior supremacy in Canada in which Hugh McLean of Hamilton went first to Kapuskasing, then to Montreal, then to Trail, B.C., to handle games in the Allan Cup Eastern and Western finals. Montreal eliminated Kapuskasing (the Caps had earlier finished off the O.H.A. winner, Windsor Bulldogs, for the first time since 1947 an O.H.A. club was not in the Allan Cup finals) and then Montreal Olympics finished off Kapuskasing to travel to Trail where the British Columbia town took the title. Hugh refereed all the games in these two series.

Apparently, each Association lists its top three officials with the parent C.A.H.A. at the beginning of the season and from these the man is chosen to do the neutral jobs when they come up. In the case of the Manitoba H.A. the top men likely are Vic Lindquist, Al Paradise and Gordon Kerr. Lindquist you will recall went to the World Hockey Championships along with our own Lou Maschio from Guelph, at Colorado Springs, Nevada.

Paradise has done the final series before and for all we know may have been busy doing some other finals between Branches out west.

This left the situation in the hands of one Gordon Kerr (a Winnipeg accountant, who has played Senior hockey in Ontario with Stratford and Sault Ste. Marie and played in Cincinnati in the U.S.A. as well) to come East and do the officiating in the Memorial Cup finals.

Having had the personal pleasure to be linesman in this same final series (did all but five games the Hamilton Red Wings played in the last three series, two of which were held in Quebec) and worked alongside Gord, as I did in the Quebec series alongside Gord Pranschae and in other series with O.H.A. men, I would have to say the two clubs in the finals were the first to meet who played a similar type game, using the body to good advantage.

As to an opinion of Gordon Kerr's officiating, I think he did as good a job as his knowledge of the profession would permit. I do feel however, that when you look the situation over and see the amount of hockey played in some other provinces as compared with ours (the Western Junior winner is allowed to pick up six players from other clubs in the West before entering the Memorial Cup final against the East as an example) and the general organization of the Associations as explained by these men, there is little doubt that while these referees from other provinces or Associations are doing their best job, the job they are doing, quite possibly does not meet the standards as set down by our own Ontario Hockey Association.

I think this is the only way that any explanation can be given for another Branch referee's work and that is that their capabilities are possibly not up to those of an O.H.A. referee, something of which there are several across the province, but few really good ones, the type who could officiate in Memorial Cup playdowns, for instance.

TOPICS—Ontario Baseball Association met Saturday and named Spero Annis of Peterborough the new secretary-treasurer. . . . Meanwhile the local Halton Baseball Association has been busy, although little information has been released as yet and the Intermediates with six clubs will be ready for action next weekend. . . . It is thought a new Junior loop, to be called the H. & H. loop, will exist this year with four clubs from Halton and two from Hamilton Associations providing the opposition for one another. . . . Locally the Minor lads met last night at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall to receive crests and trophies for last year's efforts and also to sign on for another season ahead in 1962.

Talking to one of the players from the Guelph team which was entered in the Central Ontario Intermediate league last season, and he asked what the Merchants had planned for next year. . . . We told him rumors were that the present club would fold and that a swing would be made to a Junior club in town. . . . He noted that his club enjoyed playing against Milton because he felt they played the best brand of good hockey rather than the rough, tough battles they ran into against the other clubs in the league. . . . So, a tip of the hat to the Milton Merchants' players. . . . This chap incidentally, whose name is Ross Fargy, is the same man suspended by the Ontario Hockey Association for being involved in a stick swinging brawl with one of the Ingls brothers during a game against the Raiders in Georgetown. . . . Fargy holds two degrees at present and is working on a further Science degree at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. . . . Let's hope that by next season everyone has gotten over this dilemma of throwing particles of what-have-you on the ice during a hockey game. . . . The game Tuesday night at Kitchener took over an hour longer to play than ordinarily, mostly due to the extra time necessary to clean up the junk.

First Win

Ted Tufford and his car No. 69 took their initial win of the season Sunday at the C.N.E. speedway.

Ted now has a first and five seconds in his last four times out.

Jim Howard, look out!

Trees on Milton streets have been sprayed for Elm disease.

—Good news for trout fishermen is the announcement that the Georgetown game club is stocking 500 speckles below the paper mill dam on the Credit River. Organizers plan a survey to chart catches and assist in planning future stocking of the river.

—A group of enthusiastic handicapped people in Oakville have started a 10 pin bowling league.



COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE held its annual banquet Saturday night in the Union Hall. Individual trophy winners and the championship team are shown above. Trophy winners included Sam Nadalin, Mono Casarin, Norm Brown and Bill McGinnes. Members of the winning team were Fao Arpa, Squeek Rigo, Sam Nadalin (captain), Blackie Gaeton, Bill Serafini, Primo Rigo and Lorne Arthur.

Six Teams in League

Softball Starts Tuesday

By Dave Smith
The Milton Industrial Softball League gets under way on Tuesday May 15.

Once again there are six teams in the league with one new entry, Dave Green's Texans who are replacing the old Milton Brick entry.

The League has finally drawn up a constitution and a rigid set of rules which will be in force this season.

The Canadian Legion has come up with a special "award" to any ball player who hits a home run and as usual the League has its regular draw at the ball games. This season the draw winners will receive vouchers valued at around four dollars.

Listed below are the six teams entered in the League and some "comments".

Ontario Steel—Coach Murray Grenke; last year's champions have made little changes and will be tough to dethrone.

Canadian Meter—Coach Gary Nickason; last year this club made the finals and their added strength this could be their big year.

Canadian Legion—Coach Dooney Evans; as usual Dooney isn't talking but with all these "new fangled" diets some of the "old" boys are on, you never know what to expect.

Bel-Airs—Coach Stan Fay; this team has picked up two cast-offs from the Omagh club in John Willmott and Graham Gillies, with this pair in the lineup this may be the team to watch.

Flyers—Coach Dave Hardy; this is the most colorful team in the League (uniform wise) and went to Milton Heights for spring training, picked by some experts to win it all.

Texans—Coach Stan Price; the Texans are built around the defunct Brickers and have added quite a number of newcomers to the League; as always they'll be tough.

1962 SCHEDULE

May 15—Legion vs. Meter at CMC; Flyers vs. Texans at OSP; May 17—Bel-Airs vs. OSP, Legion vs. Flyers at CMC; May 22—Meters vs. Bel-Airs at CMC, OSP vs. Texans at OSP; May 24—OSP vs. Legion at OSP, Meters vs. Flyers at CMC; May 29—Texans vs. Bel-Airs at OSP, OSP vs. Meters at CMC; May 31—Texans vs. Legion at OSP, Bel-Airs vs. Flyers at CMC; June 5—Legion vs. Bel-Airs at CMC, Meters vs. Texans at OSP; June 7—Flyers vs. OSP at CMC, Meters vs. Legion at OSP; June 12—Flyers vs. Texans at OSP; OSP vs. Bel-Airs at CMC; June 14—Flyers vs. Legion at OSP, Bel-Airs vs. Meters at CMC; June 19—Texans vs. OSP at OSP, Flyers vs. Meters at CMC; June 21—Legion vs. OSP at OSP, Bel-Airs vs. Texans at CMC; June 26—Meters vs. OSP at OSP, Legion vs. Texans at CMC; June 28—Flyers vs. Bel-Airs at OSP, Texans vs. Meters at CMC; July 3—

Bel-Airs vs. Legion at OSP, OSP vs. Flyers at CMC; July 5—Legion vs. Meters at CMC, Texans vs. Flyers at OSP; July 10—Bel-Airs vs. OSP at OSP, Legion vs. Flyers at CMC; July 12—Meters vs. Bel-Airs at CMC, OSP vs. Texans at OSP; July 17—OSP vs. Legion at OSP, Meters vs. Flyers at CMC; July 19—Texans vs. Bel-Airs at OSP, OSP vs. Meters at CMC; July 24—Texans vs. Legion at OSP; Bel-Airs vs. Flyers at CMC; July 26—Legion vs. Bel-Airs at CMC, Meters vs. Texans at OSP; July 31—Flyers vs. OSP at OSP. All games to start at 6:30 p.m. Remaining games to be scheduled after holidays.

O.B.A. Meets Picks Secretary

Spero Annis, a former member of the executive of the Ontario Baseball Association, was named the secretary-treasurer of that association on the weekend at a meeting held here in Milton, Saturday.

A veteran in baseball circles, especially in the Western part of the province where he served as secretary-treasurer of the Western Counties Baseball Association while living at Windsor for many years, Annis takes over the reins of his new job upon the resignation of Thomas Rowdon of St. Catharines, a 13 year veteran in the job.

Now living in Peterborough, Annis is expected to tend to the duties in an efficient manner, as indicated by Peter McMullen, a local chap who is a life member of the O.B.A. who noted Spero had always been a top man while he was within the organization as president. Mr. Annis was defeated at the Association's annual meeting by Jim Waldie of Milton, contesting the first vice-president's position.

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Legion Notes



The Dart League banquet Saturday night was a howling success as players on the eight teams sat down to a delightful evening of supper, presentations and a social time.

Bill Boyd, the Legion's genial emcee, kept the program rolling with his wit and humor. George Winnie's "Wildcats", championship team this season, were praised for their victory and presented with smoker stands and ashtrays bearing plaques. Team members were captain Winnie, Al Skinner, Jim Ireland, George Kendrick, Fred Johnson, Nap Giasson, and Rev. D. A. Powell, our Branch Padre.

Pete McMullen presented his award, a cuff link and tie bar set, to the second place team, Marty Caputo's O.S.P.

"Special" awards were the optical award to Rod Allison, the frustration award to Bob White, the new game award to Howell

Hopkins, the spreader award to Bob Bell, and the little stinker award to Harold Agnew.

Team captains all got a chance to spout off, and representatives were heard from the losing teams

ingbrooke, Rebels, Rivets and Big Boppers. Everybody sang happy birthday to president Fred Johnson, who was passing out of his 52nd year (back to 39 again). Much thanks is due to Dooney Evans and Bruce Mountain for their untiring work throughout the season.

—Douglas Genereaux, 7, of Bowes St. Milton, was slightly injured Wednesday of last week when he ran his bicycle into the side of an automobile at the corner of Bell and John Streets. Damage was \$10.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONS received their trophies Saturday at the Legion's dart league banquet. Harry Watts, left, of the Fallingbrooke squad was singles champion, while father-and-son team Keith and Gerry Twiss, right, were high in the doubles competition.

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