

Junior Hockey Back in Milton? Most Likely, Says Alan Parton



"POWER CHANGED HANDS" Saturday when Pete McMullen, president of the Halton County Baseball Association since 1949, retired. Earl Nicholson of Waterdown was elected to fill the vacancy. Pete, shown centre, congratulates the newly elected president, left, while secretary-treasurer Len Ste. Marie looks on.

Been Considered For Two Seasons Club Now Likely

The dash and vigor reminiscent of junior hockey is likely to return to Milton for the 1964-65 season, Miltonian Alan Parton told The Champion this week. Mr. Parton, a member of the intermediate hockey executive and an avid hockey follower, has been considering organizing a junior team for the past two years. "Right now, not too much is definite, but I think we'll have a Junior 'C' team in town next season," he said.

Always A Booster

Always a hockey booster, Mr. Parton noted, "the fans don't want intermediate hockey and I think junior hockey would go over real big in town." Initial indications show that most loyal intermediate followers are in favor of a junior team. "I've talked to about 20 people who follow the Charles closely and most of them said they'd like to see junior hockey back in Milton." The organizer has been busy for the past two weeks rounding up information concerning the formation of the team and he has already contacted: the O.H.A.; a local business firm that is interested in sponsoring a junior team and the M.M.H.A. executive, with whom the team would be closely associated.

Explains Rights

In a conversation with O.H.A. business manager Bill Hanley, Mr. Parton learned the proposed team's player rights. According to Mr. Hanley, the team would be able to draw players from communities in the area with a population of less than 15,000; would be able to bring in four imports from centres with a population exceeding 15,000 and would be eligible to recall players living in town that are presently playing for other junior clubs.

This would, Mr. Parton believes, give Milton plenty of players.



ALAN PARTON Juniors Will Be Back

for a strong entry. Presently included in the plans are players such as: Ross McKersie, currently with the Junior "B" Brampton 7-Ups; Bill Currie, currently with the Burlington Mohawks; Wayne Brush, Alan Reed, Pete Stiemans, Bruce McDuffe, Merv Fletcher and Brian McDuffe. "With the players we have available, there will be no need to raid the minor teams," Mr. Parton reported.

Mr. Hanley also mentioned that Milton would be able to compete in a Junior "C" league that this year consists of Hespeler, Simcoe, Brantford, Paris, Preston and Dundas in one grouping.

Contacted M.M.H.A.

Mentioning that he has contacted members of the M.M.H.A. executive individually, Mr. Parton noted, "so far, the members I've talked to think it would be a great thing." Regarding a sponsor, he said, "at least one business firm in town has indicated it would be interested in sponsoring a junior team." A highly regarded coach has been asked if he would consider looking after the team and he has indicated he would.

"Things are going along great and pretty soon we'll be able to say for sure, but right now, I think you can pretty well bank on a junior team," Mr. Parton concluded.



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HALTON BALL EXECUTIVE for 1964 was elected Saturday at the annual meeting of the Association. Shown seated left to right, are first vice-president Bill Richmond of Georgetown, new president Earl Nicholson of Waterdown, past president Pete McMullen, secretary-treasurer Len Ste. Marie and third vice president Tom Byers of Oakville. In the back row are H.C.A. life member Ollie Johnson of Oakville, minor director Murray

Hood of Milton, intermediate director Andy Anderson of Oakville, life members Jim Black of Oakville and Bill Randell of Milton, intermediate director Dick Clements of Milton, minor directors Bill Crutchlow of Burlington, Dave Andrew of Brampton and Greg Gregory of Oakville and second vice president Len Andrews of Campbellville.

Elect Earl Nicholson '64 President Halton County Ball Association

Baseball enthusiasts from around the county gathered Saturday for the 43rd annual meeting of the Halton County Baseball Association and elected Earl Nicholson of Waterdown to succeed Milton's Pete McMullen as president of the Association. Mr. McMullen, president of the Association since 1949, was forced to retire this year because of ill health.

Nearly 50 attended the meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Oakville, and elected Mr. Nicholson as president in a two way race with Reg Locke of Burlington. Mr. Nicholson has been active for many years with the Halton Association and in 1963 was first vice-president. Len Ste. Marie of Milton, secretary-treasurer of the Association for the past two years and Len Andrews, manager of the Campbellville Merchants, were nominated for the presidency but declined. Barry Deacon of Clarkson, who was nominated for several positions on the executive including the presidency, refused all nominations because of work commitments. Mr.

Deacon had been chairman of the Minors in 1963.

The Association's constitution underwent a severe over-hauling during the meeting and caused president McMullen to plea for co-operation and "stop this foolishness." "Let's show some common sense and get down to the facts, don't be arguing about every little point," Mr. McMullen urged.

Across the table bickering and amendments, to amendments to amendments, caused the secretary-treasurer to declare, "I don't know what's going on, there's so many motions flying from every which way that I can't make head nor tail of any of it."

Prior to the start of the annual meeting, minor ball representatives met and named Murray Hood of Milton, Greg Gregory of Oakville, Bill Richmond of Georgetown, Reg Locke of Burlington, Bill Crutchlow of Burlington and Dave Andrews of Brampton as candidates for the executive. Mr. Richmond was named first vice-president and Mr. Locke decided not to accept the appointment, leaving Mr. Hood, Mr. Crutchlow, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Gregory as representatives of the minors on the executive.

In a hasty three minute meeting, the intermediate clubs present named Dick Clements of Milton, Andy Anderson of Oakville, Don McPhail of Dundas and Bill Fisher of Georgetown, as their representatives on the executive. Bill Richmond of Georgetown was acclaimed first vice-president, Len Andrews was acclaimed second vice-president and Tom Byers of Oakville was acclaimed to the position of third vice-president.

Announces Resignation

In announcing his resignation, Pete McMullen told those present, "I've enjoyed every minute of it and I hope I'll be around to help out you guys when you need me." Reg Locke of Burlington expressed the thanks of the whole Association to Mr. McMullen.

The 1963 financial statement showed a total deficit on the year of \$161.62. Receipts for the year totalled \$705.75. For the All-Star Game held in Campbellville in August, a profit of \$16.94 cents was realized.

Greg Gregory of Oakville who was in charge of a draw for the All-Star game, reported a net profit of \$766.05 cents. He noted that 15,000 tickets had been distributed and that sales totalled \$1,254.94. Proceeds from the tickets will go towards the payment of one qualified umpire at each league game played by the minor teams in the Association in 1964. Mr. Gregory thanked Milton in particular for its fine co-operation in selling tickets. Milton players sold more tickets than any other town.

The plan to pay league umpires was described by Reg Locke as "a major stride in the right direction." Murray Hood of Milton suggested, "right now umpires have no way of reporting incidents or trouble that might come up at the games. I think an umpire should have to send in a report after each game." Members agreed this would be an ideal situation and noted they would look into the possibilities of such an arrangement.

Bill Richmond who chaired the minor meeting suggested "every team should appoint a couple of umpires to do league games. Then we could work out a system where a league umpire never officiates of a game in his own town or in a game in which his home town played in."

Appoint Directors

The appointment of the four minor directors to the executive provided the minors with the voice they had hoped for. Previously only teams with a \$50 default fee had a vote. This restricted the voting to mostly intermediate teams, although some (Continued on Page Five)

Charles Edge Rocks 3-2 Elora Goaltending Great

The Milton Charles eked out a 3-2 decision over the Elora Rocks in Milton Sunday afternoon, despite a tremendous goaltending performance by Jim Keating in the Elora cage. The Charles peppered the Elora netminder continually, but he came up with enough amazing saves to keep the Rocks in close contention.

D. Schilling opened the scoring in a game on a neat passing play with Grant Schaeffer and Max Hillis, at 11:01 of the first frame. Not until 3:08 of the second stanza, did the Charles get on the score sheet, Bob Sales blinking the light on a pass from Ron Phillips. Milton took the lead to keep it, less than five minutes later, with Ken Pollock denting the twine on a fine setup by Bud McKay.

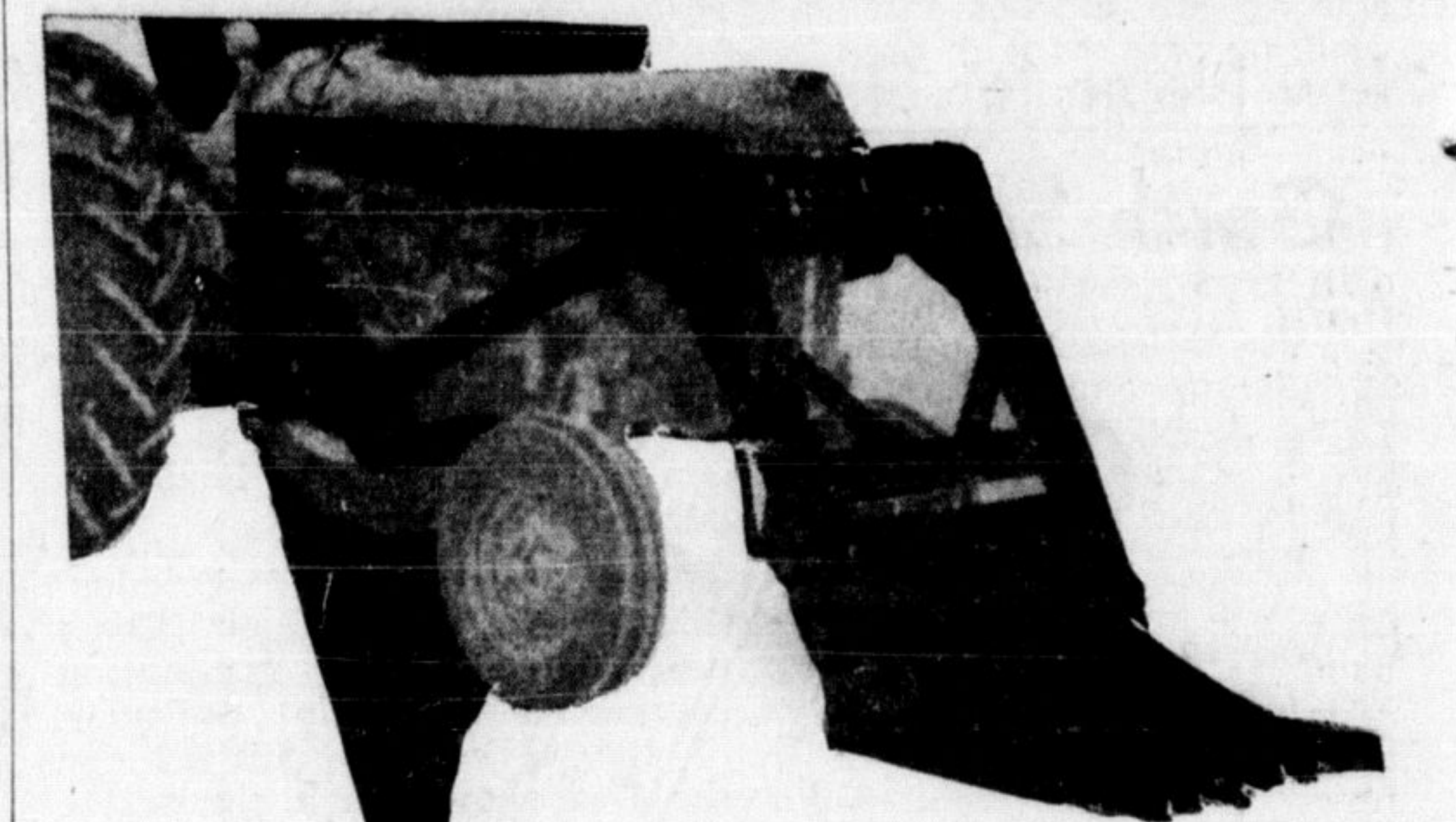
In the third frame the locals once again struck early, this time with John Heipel doing the honors. Not until 13:50 did Elora narrow the count, with Doug Watkins netting a relay from D. Schilling.

Fred Leaver in the Milton cage, turned in a strong game in limiting the vastly improved Rocks to two goals. On Tuesday evening the Rocks hosted Acton in Elora, and downed the high-ranked Tanners, 9-7.

The next Charles home game is slated for 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon against Fergus Flyers. The locals travel to Elora on Friday night and meet Orangeville on Monday evening in Orangeville.

In an exhibition game on Monday evening in Streetsville, the Charles were downed 13-3 by the N.H.L. Old-Timers. Bob Sales scored two goals for Milton and Gord Bell added a singleton.

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SPORT LITES
 By BRIAN McCRISTALL

NOTES: Seems as if we're not the only ones complaining about the officiating this season. . . In a report in a Georgetown paper last week, the writer condemned the officiating thusly, "the Raiders played shorthanded throughout the game, six men to eight. Milton had the aid of the officials. When it was eventually over, the arena staff just had to throw open all the doors and windows so that they could quickly get rid of the stench left by the officiating." . . . Milton won the game 13-12 . . . In the Acton weekly, Milton's long time rival Jack McKinnon was rubbed over the coals . . . The Acton writer insisted, "McKinnon, never a lover of Acton or Milton was inclined to be partial - to Fergus . . . The Flyers won the game . . . C.A.H.A. prexy Art Potter also got into the act following the defeat of Canada at the hands of the U.S.S.R., in Olympic hockey action on Saturday . . . Mr. Potter suggested, "those Finnish referees might as well have worn red berrets."

THE FERGUS FLYERS will be in town Sunday afternoon and it's possible that their big star of last year, Paul Knox, might be in the uniform . . . Knox refused to sign a player's card earlier in the year, but apparently changed his mind last week . . . The Flyers have been one of the hottest clubs in the circuit during the second half of the schedule and if Knox returns they'll get even better . . . The Acton Tanners had a rough go of it this week, losing games to Cheltenham on Thursday night and to Georgetown on Friday . . . The local sports reporter from the Tannerytown told us last week, "if the Charles don't smarten up they'll finish fifth." . . . This week however, he was singing a different song that went like this, "if the Tanners don't smarten up they'll be fifth." . . .

THE CHARLES will wrap up their schedule this weekend, nearly a week before the other teams in the loop . . . On Friday they go to Elora, on Sunday they host Fergus and on Monday they travel to Orangeville . . . The Charles so far this year have records of; three wins and no losses against Elora; one win and two losses against Fergus and no wins three losses against Orangeville . . .

THE HEAVY SNOWFALL Thursday evening made Kelso Conservation area a virtual winter wonderland on the weekend and evidently the crowd at the area on Sunday was the largest in its history . . . The Milton High School hockey squad hung an impressive 7-1 loss in the shoulders of their Acton counterparts on Thursday, for their second win of the season . . . The team, coached by Larry Darby, hasn't lost a game in the past two years . . . Most of the players on the club also play on M.M.H.A. All-Star teams . . . Halton County Baseball lost a very good man this week, when Clarkson's Barry Deacon announced that he wouldn't stand for any executive positions this year . . . Darby has been a hard worker in the Halton minor set-up and no doubt, his absence will be missed . . . Anyone interested in baseball on the local intermediate level should be at Legion Hall (third floor) on Wednesday evening, February 13, for the annual meeting of the Milton Red Sox ball club . . .

FRIDAY EVENING Milton's Rotary Midgets will take on Acton's up-start midget squad, at the local arena at 7:00 p.m. . . The Acton team finished the regular season at the bottom of the league ladder, but bounced back to oust Orangeville and Hespeler in the playoffs . . . Chances are the Rotarians will have their fill having had a two week layoff.

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 2-4-Public Skating - 25c
 4:30-Tri-County Georgetown vs Milton Novices
 6:30-Hespeler vs Milton Bantams
 8-10-Public Skating - 50c

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
 2:30-Intermediate Hockey
 Fergus vs Milton
 8:9-Sunday Night Skating Club

MONDAY, FEB. 17
 4:30-10-Minor Hockey

TUESDAY, FEB. 18
 4:30-7-Figure Skating
 8:30-11:30-Pro-Am League
 Dark Blue vs Orange
 Crimson vs Maroon
 Green vs Yellow

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19
 2-4-Pre School, Adult Public Skating
 8-Tri-County Playoffs
 Hespeler vs Milton Juveniles

THURSDAY, FEB. 20
 4:30-7:30-Figure Skating
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FRIDAY, FEB. 21
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