

Sports forum

by bob burtt

A lot of thought and discussion in both political and sports circles is being devoted to the possibility of bringing the 1973 Canada Games to the Halton-Peel Region.

The games originated last year in Halifax and are financed on three levels with federal, provincial and municipal levels of government kicking in about \$350,000 a shot.

Now that is a healthy sum. A fellow can buy a lot of baseballs or hockey sticks for 350 grand but when you consider there is another \$700,000 from outside the municipality coming in you have to sit up and take notice.

Basically the Canada Games, still in their infancy, do two things. One, they provide competition between Canadian athletes that was never before available and two, it is a great incentive to provide proper sports and recreational facilities.

The Halton-Peel bid is not without opposition. London, Kitchener, Peterborough and Hamilton all have their eyes on the project for 1973. For 1971 the event will go out west.

There are a host of pros and cons to be considered. Some argue it would put the area on the map. It would definitely leave the area in a better position to serve its people with recreational activities. You don't have to look far before you can find 101 things in the surrounding towns and in Milton that could benefit from hosting the games.

It would bring thousands of people to the area. Of course to decide if that is an advantage or disadvantage depends on who you talk to. Those favoring the project will tell you the influx of people will bring dollars to the area while those opposed will complain of noise, heavy traffic and of course, any objection would not be complete without mentioning pollution.

There has been a committee working on the project for a year now and while their meetings haven't been widely publicized and they have kept things under wraps pretty well, I'd be willing to take a chance and assume they could put the show over with the new and needed improvements to existing facilities.

Supposing all Halton and Peel communities decide in favor. That is when the real fighting gets underway. Who gets what when the whole show is over?

Reading a Mississauga newspaper we learn they need a rink in the worst way. Looking at literature sent out from an Oakville man working on the project we get the idea Oakville is high on his list of priorities. If we went around to each municipality there would no doubt be a common question, "what's in it for us?" Unless the interested persons pushing the idea can persuade those not yet really sold in the idea that there is something in it for them too, and not just Oakville and Mississauga, the whole bundle will likely be dropped or passed by in favor of a more unified application.

Locally there are facilities at O.S.D. and Kelso Lake to mention two that might be used. The Port Credit River is available for training rowing only. St. Catharines has the nearest adequate facilities.

It will be interesting to see what comes of the project as the months go by. If the communities are able to collaborate and put together a good argument for the project to be launched here the event could set the region up as the sports and recreation centre of Ontario.

ONE LINERS: Georgetown Raiders were finally beaten by Midland Flyers in their quest for an OHA Intermediate Championship title last week. Word is that if enough Juniors are interested there will be a junior ball team in Milton. Interested prospects should contact Wayne Timbers or Bill McTrach. Local boy Carl Hymers and his Orillia Terriers marched over Victoriaville in the Eastern hockey finals. They'll go out west for the final series for the Allan Cup. Meanwhile Dixie and Gary Young have all but staked claim to the Junior B Ontario Championship. Milton Midgets ball club practices on Thursday at 6.30 and Saturday at 2.30 at the Fair grounds.

Bill Currie named athlete of year

Bill Currie of Milton, captain of Sheridan College hockey team, was chosen Athlete of the Year and presented with the McAfee Award at Sheridan's Annual Athletic Banquet held recently at the Club Estaminet in Burlington.

The award was presented by donor Ray McAfee, president of the Sheridan College Faculty Association.

Bill also won the Athlete of the Year Award in 1967-68. Honorable mentions for this award were Steve Blundy for his contributions to soccer and hockey; Mike Mahaney for basketball and Bob Astley for judo.

Most Valuable Player Award for soccer went to second year Visual Arts student Erik Devantier who also won this same award last year; for volleyball, Pete Walker, first year General Arts; for basketball, Mike Mahaney, second year General Arts, who also won the award last year, presented by coach Dan Patterson; and for

Industrial loop meet

Milton Industrial Softball League will hold an organizational meeting Thursday night at Pine St. Steelworkers Union Hall at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and all interested in getting the league on its feet for the 1970 season are asked to attend.

John Cruickshank, Director of Athletics and Recreation presented awards to the Cross-Country Team, the second place team trophy won in the Ontario College Cross-Country Championship.

The Intramural Golf Championship was won by Dwayne Hay, a first year Technology student. Sheridan Varsity Plaques were presented to all varsity athletes who have participated for two or more years.



Milton tennis club headed for very exciting season

Tennis in Milton appears to be headed for its best season in several years. The club is run by a newly formed executive headed by Carl Smith. A veteran of 10 years at the game, he has played most of his tennis in Ottawa and has been active in the Oakville club for the past three years.

Smith with his enthusiastic executive is busy building a practice board and painting lines on the court. With all part time help and all volunteers the club is working to improve the new facilities and to provide good interclub competition.

Smith noted that there would be several tournaments and some round robin events for social competition this year. He hopes that in a few years there will be tradition established and the trophies competed for will have greater significance. The first year for the trophies will simply be straight competition but after that there will be the aspect of beating the defending champion.

The executive hopes to boost membership considerably this year. They project a possible

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enrolment of 150 to 200 people could be handled with existing facilities.

Nets are up, the three courts are ready for use and enthusiasts are welcomed. President Smith notes no one is expected to join before they play but the courts are open to members only and

Milton wins two injured

A two goal effort by Dave McNeill gave Milton United Soccer team a 2-1 win over Acton Rovers in an exhibition game Sunday.

McNeill scored for Milton in the first half and again in the second, playing centre forward for the newly formed club. Acton scored the only Acton goal on a deflection in the second half.

The Milton victory was great for the morale but the club lost two players. Keith Burton pulled a muscle before the game started and Ray Hands left the game halfway through with knee trouble.

The club will take part in the Golden Horseshoe League when the season begins.

TENNIS SEASON promises to be one of the best in years for local enthusiasts. Dave Green and John White get in a few sets before the after school and work crowds come to use the courts. The new courts at Rotary Park are open for use now and executive members are busy with final finishing touches.—(Staff Photo)

Champion Sports Page

Hearns is named RPI club captain

Doug Hearns, a junior from Milton has been elected captain of the 1970-71 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute varsity hockey team, coach Leon Abbott has announced.

Also elected as assistant captains were junior Kirby Rowe of Owen Sound, sophomore Dave McMenemy of Georgetown, and freshman Brian LaFleur, of Sault Ste. Marie.

Hearns, who served as an assistant captain this season, finished the year with seven goals and 11 assists. The 5-11, 175-pound wing also had four goals and four assists in his sophomore year.

He is probably best remembered as the man who scored the winning goal in overtime in RPI's 4-3 victory over Cornell two years ago. It is Cornell's only loss to an Eastern team during the past two seasons.

McMenemy, a 6-0, 180-pounder is one player for

whom coach Abbott has high hopes. He picked up two goals and eight assists this season and did a lot of outstanding defensive work for the Engineers. Abbott feels he could become one of the best the Troy, N.Y. college has had in several years.

Also on the RPI squad are Tom Gooding, Paul Kitchen and Morris Miljour of Milton. Bob Robson of the Milton Merchants this year will see action with the RPI team next year as well.

Pee Wees practice

Coach Keith Bridgman, Alec Tonelli and Val Caputo will be on the diamond tonight (Wednesday) at 5.20 p.m. at Rotary Park for the first time this year with the Pee Wee ball club. All youngsters of Pee Wee age are invited to attend. The second practice will be 1.30 p.m. Saturday at the same place.

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Jr. Farmers lose out

By Hugh Cook

In the Junior Farmer Hockey League playoffs, Halton won their first game at Ayr against Waterloo. On April 10 Halton dropped their second game 2-1. Halton returned to Ayr on April 12 and in a hotly contested game defeated Waterloo 5-3 on goals by Dave Norton, Lloyd Zuest, Gary Daniels, Allan Norton and Tony Barr.

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Campbellville club practices underway

Campbellville Merchants held preliminary practices Saturday and Sunday, throwing their arms into shape and knocking the dust off the gloves and out from between the clubs.

Although it will take a couple of weeks to see what the pitching will look like, for now it might appear as the problem spot coach Earl Cairns must concentrate on.

Harry Hamilton and Garnie Mitchell both practiced with the club over the weekend. Rich Clement and Reid Frank both worked out then Trev Houston worked out with the club but has yet to commit himself to any club for this season. While veteran hurler Jack Roberts wasn't out to practice this

weekend he is expected to be in uniform again this season.

Bill Elliot, a veteran of 18 seasons and Lloyd (Peanuts) Early are expected to retire from active duty. The club will look to guys like Harry Hamilton on the mound, Elmer Dredge at short stop, Ken Moore at third, Larry McPhail at first or second and George Chester in the field for experience.

Doug Laing is expected to fill the catching slot while Peter Andrews is apt to see duty as a utility man. Andrews can catch as well as play just about every spot on the field.

Bill Dennis and Bruce Evans, both regulars from last year are back with five or six new fellows who'll be needed to round out the club but have yet to fit into positions.

The 1970 season will be welcoming back the same nine teams as last year. They include Oakville, Burlington, Dundas, Waterdown, Leaside, Georgetown, Preston, Campbellville and Hamilton Juniors.

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