



SENIOR B CHAMPIONS from 1955-56! Front row players include Gord Haddleton, Art Melanson, Jim Cruickshanks, Cracker Evans, Gord Cruickshanks and Sonny Townsley. Back row: equipment manager Len St. Marie, coach Earl

Bob Ervin

Tribute to "Mr. Trainer"

By Bob Burt

Week after week headlines on these pages are devoted to hockey players who scored goals, dealt shattering blows to opponents, and others who come up with outstanding plays. Coaches are often quoted as they convey strategy used and even the occasional time club executives get a mention for something they do or say.

The position of trainer is one that seems never to be mentioned, or for that matter, one that is given a great deal of thought. Although they manage to be consistently overlooked by this and almost all scribes, the position of the trainer shouldn't be minimized.

I had the opportunity of chatting with Bob Ervin at Milton District Hospital and day last week. Bob is a patient there. Sports fans in and around town will remember Bob as a jovial fellow who sincerely loves game of hockey.

Quarter century

During a chat with him and his daughter, the 79-year-old sports fan and former trainer reviewed his term as trainer which spans close to a quarter of a century.

"The best games were against Georgetown. We put them out in four straight games in 1956. The last game we beat them 4-0," Bob said and his eyes reflected the happiness in the memories that series brought back to him.

The man who some know as Milton's "Mr. Trainer" recalled the final game and how Art Melanson scored twice and Chuck Currie and Earl Fox added singles. "That was the best line Milton ever had."

Gret series

That series won Milton the Senior Hockey group championship and they went on to defeat Orillia in the next round and lose the provincial crown to Whitby. It was the same Whitby club that beat Russia the following year.

Bob's reign as trainer goes back to the days before Milton Arena had artificial ice. His job as a trainer was a busy one. He'd be in the rink an hour or an hour and a half after a game.

Art Melanson, who played many seasons in Intermediate and Senior hockey in Milton recalled Bob's role with the club. "Everything was there for us. He'd lug socks, sweaters and towels home and have

them ready for the next game. All the players joked with him a lot, he always was a jovial kind of guy.

"We used to call him Gumbob. He always had gun, oranges and that kind of thing. I guess a lot of that probably came out of his own pocket. There wasn't much money around then.

Fair play

"Bob always appreciated fair play. He put up a trophy for the most gentlemanly player. Murray Grenke and Stu Hannant both won it."

Enio Scilizzi, a local boy who went on to play pro hockey in the Detroit system, spoke of "Mr. Trainer" with admiration. "He trained a lot of hockey clubs. It didn't matter if it was junior, intermediate, senior or juvenile, Bob was the trainer. He did a lot for the town and for sports."

Bob talked about the days when he and Enio's dad would travel to Oakville to watch Enio play. "We'd never tell him that we were going to be there because if we did, he'd have a bad game."

Hard work

"He worked awful hard and loved every minute of it," his daughter suggested. At the end of every year we had socks, sweaters and all kinds of equipment that needed mending for the next season. We travelled all over Ontario following Milton hockey clubs," she remembered.

While Bob saw a lot of hockey players come and go from Milton, his own career was restricted to playing goal with a team in the army. One might suppose it is poetic justice that Bob's 13-year-old grandson plays goal for a team in Tamworth near Napanea.

"Doug's going to be a great goalie," Mr. Trainer predicted.



WEDNESDAY-NITERS
October 25

Ladies' high single, Krina Deezeeuw 249; ladies' high triple, Leone Flarity 694.
Other good singles, Linda Mountain 228, Sharon Hunter 212, Leone Flarity 235.
Other good triples, Krina Deezeeuw 564, Betty McDougall 551, Sharon Hunter 562.
Gail's won 7 points for 28, Mary Ann's 7 for 25, Helena's 2 for 15, Krina's 3 for 17, Faye's 3 for 17, Shirley's 4 for 16, Leone's 0 for 10 and Dawn's 0 for 8.

CANADIAN METER GIRLS
October 26

Ladies' high single, Yvonne Teasdel 353, ladies' high triple, Yvonne Teasdel 786.
Other good triples, Ruth Twiss 695, Marg Cragg 658, Sandra Leggett 639.
Cragg won 7 points for 30, Rusk 2 for 26, Dancocks 5 for 26, Fay 0 for 26, Baverstock 5 for 23, Heipel 7 for 17, Coulson 0 for 12 and Campbell 2 for 8.

LADIES' SPECIAL
October 24

Ladies' high single, Joan Waters 324; ladies' high triple, Joan Waters 706.
Other good singles, Hilda Rigo 277, 205; Dorene Vaughan 272; Ethel Arnold 224, 222 and 217; Freda Lawrence 224.
Other good triples, Ethel Arnold 663; Hilda Rigo 648; Dorene Vaughan 601.
Edrie won 7 points for 29; Dorene 0 for 27, Shirley 7 for 26, Helen 0 for 16. Edrie's team won the first series.

Third period blitz gives Flyers a win

One stove goes fast

Milton Continental Flyers stood by during the second period of Friday's game against Preston Raiders and watched a 4-1 lead fizzle. But defenceman Ivan Durigon set the pace in the final period for the greatest Flyer comeback of the year, providing Flyers with a 8-5 win.

Flyers looked like they were about to run Raiders right out of the rink in the first period but they fell short of that aim during the second period and it was only good fortune and some fine goaltending by Terry Mastine that left them with a flimsy one goal lead going into the final frame.

Ivan Durigon took charge in that period and with his leadership, Flyers put the pieces together and came out with an 8-6 win. Durigon scored twice during the final period and played exceptionally alert hockey.

Put together
Durigon put Flyers ahead 5-4 after Preston tied it early in the period. Greg Chuchmach and Danny Nichols carried the play into the Raider zone and set Durigon up for a blistering shot from just inside the point.

George Mills and Rich Murray raced in on Brian Frosch and Doug Anderson finished the play when he swatted a loose puck behind Frosch.

Durigon scored his second goal of the game and Milton's third in less than three minutes when he left his blue line post to drill in a loose puck. Bob Fukomoto anticipated a chance and flew across the goal mouth, leaving the Raider goalie with no chance to stop him as he slapped Milton's eighth goal of the game and their fourth in six minutes.

Preston scored once before Milton's blitz and once after but they weren't able to come near Flyers after the six minute barrage.

Next Friday the Flyers will launch a new idea. In an effort to have fans and parents meet both boys from town and the boys from other towns, a gathering is

Minor injury

The game was a relatively mild one with Milton taking eight minor infractions and Preston six. Tom Fendley of Milton was banished from the ice for 10 minutes during the third period to serve a misdemeanor. John Tonelli had to leave the ice for repairs early in the game but returned later after having a cut attended to.

Richard Murray made his first appearance with the club and scored two goals and two assists in his debut. Murray played with the juniors last year in the early part of the season but never finished the year.

Terry Mastine played one of his better games even with five goals against. Mastine made 41 stops compared to 39 made by the efforts of Frosch and Sparks in the Raider cage.

Impressive debut

For Milton Rich Murray scored twice and assisted twice, Greg Chuchmach scored once and assisted twice, Bill Presniak, Doug Anderson and Bob Fukomoto scored singles.

George Mills and George Cousens each assisted twice while John Tonelli, Angus York, Danny Nichols and Craig Fleming all assisted. Cec Hofstetter scored three goals for the Raiders while Bill Wells and Red Laurence scored singles.

Flyers have a chance to improve on their win-loss record record when they hit the road this week for three games in four four days. They play in Brampton Thursday, Burlington Friday and home against Oakville Sunday.

being planned at the Charles Hotel after the game. Many if not all of the Flyers will return to Bear Rug Room at that hotel to chat with players.

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HORNBY JUVENILES won the Ontario Rural Softball Association championship earlier this year. The group was presented with the trophy at a banquet recently. The team includes, front row, assistant coach Doug Arnold, Wayne Ellis, Morris Curtis,

coach Bert Stewart. Back row: Elgin Hyatt, Kenneth Arnold, Don Leslie, Dave McKinnon, park superintendent Alf Brigden, Keith Chamberlain, Roger McHugh. Players absent include Mike Leslie, Ken McNabb, Harold Merry, Lorne Wilson and Dennis McClure.

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