

By Lee Fairbanks

The hoped-for meeting between Hornby Farmers, er, I mean Farmer Jacks, and Lowville Sam Roys for the Halton Fastball League championship will take place this week.

Hornby has been waiting for Lowville to finish off Hamilton juniors for two weeks now, after eliminating Glen Williams in their semi-final.

The final series will give the Jacks an opportunity to add to their press clippings, which they claim are much lighter than Lowville's due to a bias in this department. That, of course, is not true, but since they weren't playing any games and couldn't complain about umpires' decisions, they had to find something

else to complain about so they picked the local press. This reporter was quietly hiding under his hat at the final Lowville-Hamilton game when he came under verbal abuse from a number of the Hornby players,

who had come to root for Hamilton. It was all in good fun however (meaning I escaped once again with no broken bones) so I hold no grudge against the Farmers, I mean Jacks.

Broken bones and grudges

Speaking of broken bones and grudges, the Milton Tridents Intermediate B hockey camp got into full swing last week, as the first incident of dissension appeared.

Arguments and complaints are as much a part of the Trident club as scoring goals. Like the Oakland A's of Charlie Finley fame, it keeps them together and somehow is in part responsible for their success.

During Milton's run toward the Ontario championship last year (they reached the seventh game of the semi-finals) constant arguments helped them overcome constant injuries, and it's my feeling that if they hadn't begun to think their series with Caledonia was in the bag, and had continued to bitch, they would have gone all the way.

This year's first dispue centres around two Acton players, both former Tridents, Jim and Terry Cole. The Cole Brothers, as they are known, played with the first edition of the Tridents, a 1973 group that won the Ontario championship. Jim is a defenceman and Terry a goalie.

After that year, a mixup left Terry off the team, and he played the next two seasons with Ayr Rockets. Briefly explained, the goalie had to make a choice as to whether to play hockey in university or for the Tridents

An agreement between him and the team management was reached whereby he would notify them before their opening league game as to his decision. He found out he would be third-string at university, so decided to play with the Tridents.

Terry was late

However, Terry was about an hour late in telling the Milton executive, arriving at the end of the second period of their first game, after another goalie had been signed as a backup for Brad Evans.

Milton allowed him to play for Ayr for one year, then he asked to stay for a second. During that period a certain amount of animosity built up between some players and the Coles, and this grudge continues to this

Where do the broken bones come in? One of the Tridents who apparently is not too happy with the thought of playing in front of Cole is star defenceman Marty Seeds.

Seeds, the team's most valuable player last year,

broke his leg during the playoffs, and that was a key reason for their eventual elimination. Now Marty is one of the more level-headed players

on the Tridents team, and there's little doubt that his feelings will change as time progresses, but it's a definite sign that all's well and healthy in the camp.

The loss of Ray Evans to Georgetown Intermediate A hockey was in part caused by dissension. Evans was the Tridents' leading scorer in the playoffs and he will be missed.

Tired of listening

I'm told that Ray got tired of listening to some players complain about the amount of ice time he got in last year's playoffs, and left for greener grass. Some players can handle the Tridents' chippiness and others can't be bothered.

On the plus side, Tridents signed Doug Hearns, older brother of Donny, and everyone is touting him as a sure all-star.

The elder Hearns played semi-pro hockey for the past few years, but has decided to stay close to home this year.

Based on practices, the team seems to be improved in all areas this year and should be tough from the opening whistle. The forwards are fast and can score, and the defence, their weak spot last year has been bolstered by new players, the identity of whom has been kept secret until coach Joe Auger and manager Vern Bridgman make their final cuts this week.

In goal, Dooney Evans still holds the number one job, but there are five others in camp trying out for the backup spot.

Ice rates freeze Acton Swords

folded last week because of financial problems.

The club failed to find a sponsor and was attempting to carry an \$1,100 debt into this season. But the final blow to the Swords hopes of playing came last week when Halton Hills general administration committee recommended ice rental rates of \$30 per hour.

The rate was too high according to club officials who went before the committee. The Swords along with the town's Junior B club, the Sabres wanted a 60-40 split of the gate.

The Swords had slated ice time at Acton's arena. The approximately two-hours per week is going to an industrial and church hockey leagues.

the Swords, Association, in an executive meeting a couple of weeks ago, turned down Swords request to go Intermediate B from C this year. The change would have meant shorter distances and lower travel costs for the club.

According to former Sword president Fred Buchanan the club was, as late as a week ago Tuesday, to stay with the C loop with Harriston, Mitchell, Fergus and other clubs. "They (the C loop) were

waiting

Buchanan said. We needed \$6-7,000 from a sponsor and no one is around with that money, he said.

on us," Mr.

The Juniors (Sabres) are lucky to have someone like Joe Gardin footing the bill, Mr. Buchanan said.

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Second Section -- Sports and Classifieds

Flyers blow home opener with Derbys perform turnabout against Ventures

By Rod Jerred

The Flyers opened their season with a solid win over Dixie Ventures Saturday night and a disastrous loss against Streetsville derbys in their home opener Friday night. Against Streetsville, last year's league champions, Flyers

lost 7-3 and were plagued with what coach Gerry Inglis called "stupid defensive mistakes." The next night they did a complete turnabout and defeated

Dixie 5-2. At one point they were ahead 4-0.

"Checking poorly" Speaking about the Streetsville game, Inglis said, "Our passing out of our own end was awful and we were checking poorly. We were just stick checking and letting the guy into our end."

SCENES LIKE THIS were quite familiar Friday

night as the Streetsville Derbys scored seven

times against the Flyers. In this picture Gord

"Against Dixie, the defence played exceptionally well. They moved the puck ahead and let the forwards do the work," Inglis said. The night before we had the last man out carrying the puck and that's a sin because you should never have that happen.'

The difference in the style of play the Flyers exhibited on the two nights might be explained by the calibre of their opponents. Streetsville was last year's champions and expected to be one of the league's powerhouses this year, while Dixie finished only one point ahead of the Flyers last year, for the final playoff spot.

Twiss scores two

Ron Twiss who scored two goals against the Ventures doesn't think that was the case.

Stanfield puts the puck past a sprawling Craig

Jubb while defenceman Steve Hannon hopelessly

"The first few games are going to be the roughest for us," he said. "No one's played together much and most of the guys have only been out to one practice. Once everyone gets together, we're

going to be one of the best. Saturday night Flyers controlled the first half of the game and led 4-0 midway through the second period on goals from Keith McKinnon, Twiss, Brett Patterson and

Rod Gooding. Defensive lapse

Milton suffered a momentary lapse in the defence as Dixie came back with two goals within two minutes to narrow the count to 4-2 at the end of the second period.

The third period was a defensive battle as both squads were shut out until Twiss put the puck into an empty Dixie net with less than a minute in the game to

make the final score 5-2. Flyer rookier Derek Griffiths had to be taken off the ice during the third period after he went heavily into the boards with a Venture player "We were going fast when I they began fighting."

the boards and I fell turned around the guy rammed his stick in my face. turned to the referee but the ref said I smashed my face against the boards."

Broken nose Giffiths has a broken nose and is unable to see out of his right eye. He is listed on the program for Friday's return match against Dixie at Memorial arena but is a doubtful starter.

missed the game because there was a juvenile exhibition game against Oakville on the same night. Also missing were Brent Murray and Rick Bridgman.

McCann is eligible to play with both the juvenile team and the junior B team. of line drives into the gloves scored four goals for juveniles Saturday night while Friday with the Flyers,

flicting dates.

he played well. McCann said he will play for both teams until January, but if the weekend's games are any indication it appears he'll play for the juveniles rearguard because Rick when the two teams have con-

After Friday's game he commented on the difference between junior and juvenile

"Junior hockey harder" "You bet it's (junior harder," McCann said. "It's a lot rougher, the guys are a little bigger and the play is a lot faster."

Inglis said McCann played a fine game, despite the team's loss. In the third period the rookie centre showed he won't be pushed around in goal. the junior league when he squared off against Dave Bodley and held his ground in the fight.

In that same third period there were three other major fights as the home team began to show its frustration with the losing effort. Twiss, Ray Love and Good-

ing were the Flyers involved in those fights. "Head-hunting"

"It was typical Junior "B" league play when you're losing badly," said the coach. "Our guys quit playing and head-hunting. The frustration got to them and

Despite the lopsided score the Milton Squad was in the game until the third period. At the end of the middle frame Streetsville lead 4-2 but two of those goals were gifts from the Flyers.

Streetsville got their second goal of the night in the first period when three Flyers went after the man with the puck, but let it slip through. Another Derby player skated for the loose puck while Flyer goalie Craig Jubb went out of his crease to clear it. Jubb Saturday's fanned on the clearing shot, leaving Gary Vernar with a clear shot at the empty net Vernar hit the goal post, but teammate Steve Blair picked up the rebound and scored

> Unmolested goal The fourth Streetsville goal was given to them when Flyer defenceman Brent Murray, alone at his own blue line, lost the puck to Gord Stanfield who skated in unmolested to score the fourth goal.

The only bright spot on Flyer's offence was the play of Ray Love who scored three goals while playing out of

Jacklin, an import defenceman was still serving a sus-

pension received in exhibition

Despite Love's third goal coming on a powerplay, the Flyers were far from impressive with the man advantage. In fact the last Streetsville goal came when the Flyers

had a two-man advantage. Jim Gibson picked up the puck in his own end and around Milton's skated defenders before putting it past a sprawling Jubb for the

Forwards juggled Inglis continually juggled his forward lines because of frequent penalties and the loss of Twiss and Bruce

Ellison during the game. Ellison took a high stick in the mouth and lost a tooth in the first period but returned for the second. Twiss missed the second period after he received a cut on the side of his

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Paul McCann scores tour tor juveniles

Milton Wilson's Auctioneer juveniles will be happy if Paul McCann decides to play for them, this year as opposed to playing solely for the Junior B Flyers.

McCann skipped Flyers' Saturday night game against Dixie Ventures in order to play for the juveniles in an exhibition against Oakville, and scored four goals to

lead Milton to a 5-4 win. Peter Rota scored the fifth Milton goal, the winner. The juveniles' first league home game is next Monday at 9.30 p.m. Wilson's Auctioneers is a new sponsor this year.

Team lineup: goal, Gary Kokurewicz, Chris Munro: defence. Dave Marshall, Brett Coates, Jay Norland, Gary Dance; forwards, Guy McGinnis, Roger Delnin, Peter Rota, Jim McKerr, Rick Mitchell, Paul Shields, Eric Ellison, Paul McCann, Ralph Serafini, Tom Chuchmach, George Trencs, Chuck

Paul McGrath is the coach Love was shifted to the of the juveniles, John Bain the manager, Jerry Fritzley the assistant coach and Terry Benson the trainer.



IN THE MEN'S intermediate finals at the Milton Tennis Club Saturday

Ron Hunt was the victor over

Lowville vs. Hornby

looks on.

and he did.

By Lee Fairbanks

HFL playoffs

nearly went for the life rafts Admiral Smith steered them into a Halton Fastball League championship berth against

Lowville was trailing 4-0 going into the seventh inning of the fifth and deciding game in their semi-final with Hamilton Monday in Low- ville, both in the field and at ville, but emerged, when the the plate. The Sam Roy fog had lifted with a 5-4 11th inning win.

Catcher Dale Smith sup-The Good Ship Lowville plied the winning hit, driving a single down the middle to score Burke Harrison from second. Harrison had wałked with one out, then reached second on a sacrifice bunt by

Matt McAnally. Quiet but steady Smith, quiet but very steady is one of the most consistent players for Low-

going in to the seventh inning. the first three on three errors by Stu King, and the fourth on an error by Russ Price in shallow rightfield. It looked as if it was going

to be one of those nights for Lowville, with nothing going "We're hitting them,"

players looked for him to pointed out sidelined pitcher Jacques Paquette, "but we're come through in the clutch,

hitting to the wrong places. Hamilton had scored four shortstop's unearned runs against winning pitcher Dave Yemm The Roys drove a number

> of the Hamilton juniors. Almost conceded By the seventh inning Lowville had almost conceded victory. Some of the players had stopped running

out grounders and popups but

then the game changed. (Continued on Page B4)

Final tennis results

Milton Tennis Club completed its rain-delayed senior championships at the club's Rotary Park courts, with Jeff Smith and Mike Rigo battling it out for the men's singles

Smith came out ahead to win the event, beating Rigo 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-4.

topped Garside Trisha Silvester 6-2, 6-1. Mrs. Garside won a second trophy as part of the mixed doubles winning team, joining with her husband Ken to beat Maureen and Bill Morgan in the final, 6-3, 6-3.

Women's doubles Mrs. Morgan and Pat Hector won the women's

doubles championship with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win over Ann Wollaston and Debbie Hector. In the men's doubles competition, Jeff Smith and Chuck Alcock defeated Gerry Bauer and Tony Schafer in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Don Hunt won the men's intermediate, or B singles, also in straight sets over Garside, 6-2, 6-1,6-4.

Rain delays

Preliminary playoffs for the senior championships began three weeks ago, and the finals were expected to be played on the last weekend in September, but rain caused a postponement of the event until last weekend.

and 6-4.



...KEN GARSIDE. Hunt took the match with three straight sets 6-2, 6-1