



Mohawk busy despite weather

Despite terrible racing weather during the first three days, attendance at Mohawk Raceway's opening week of harness racing was higher than last year.

Much of the credit for that must go to the new Sports lounge and dining room opened last fall, which added 830 extra seats to Mohawk's capacity. Jim Lampman, director of publicity for harness racing for the Ontario Jockey Club, estimates that 15 per cent of Mohawk's attendance now goes to Sports.

He expects that to increase as the year moves on, with more groups coming. Groups planning to come to Mohawk during the first part of the meeting were less in number than hoped for, said Lampman, mainly because final approval of the 1977 racing

dates was held up. The Ontario Jockey Club closed its 'A' racing meeting at Garden City Raceway in St. Catharines, and had to weather a storm of protest from that city before receiving approval. The Garden City dates were split between Mohawk and Greenwood in Toronto.

Moving the races to the more profitable tracks has increased the parimutuel take for the OJC, and in turn raised the purses for each race.

Purses are made up of 47 1/2 per cent of the OJC's share of the betting dollar, and 25 per cent of the 'breakage' which is the change left over from each race, when odds payouts are not even times. The OJC pays to the nearest dime on winning bets, and keeps the change, known as breakage. Lampman estimated the

purses are up by 20-30 per cent this year over last.

Other changes include the admission fee to Sports, up from \$3 last year to \$4 (includes general admission), and to the Terrace dining room, up to \$2 from \$1 last year.

Mohawk has a new cameraman working on one of two cameras which catch the action and feed it back to the Sports lounge and dining room.

As to renewed suggestions that the Sports closed-circuit screens will be used to show thoroughbred racing from Fort Erie, Lampman said there are no plans in the near future. The move depends on legalized off-track betting, something which is being promoted by the OJC, but which has received little public support from the government.

Indoor pool in 1980 according to five-year plan

Milton's proposed indoor pool will be built in 1980, according to the five-year capital budget forecast prepared by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Milton Council has already approved an expenditure this

year of \$5,000 for the indoor pool, but this will only cover design. A further \$25,000 is earmarked for 1979, to take care of design and drawings. The pool itself is the sole capital expenditure planned by Parks and Recreation for

1980, and is expected to cost \$600,000.

Capital expenditures this year include the new arena next to Milton District High School, which will cost the town an estimated \$108,334. \$25,000 for softball lights at Brian Best Park, \$5,000 for a parking lot at Best Park and \$5,000 for drainage of Kinsmen Park. In 1978, the capital budget forecast asks for tennis courts at Best Park (\$35,000) and in Brookville (\$22,000), and a change house and washrooms (\$25,000) (\$25,000).

In 1979, outdoor lighting will cost \$12,000, a picnic area with parking lot \$16,500 and grading and backstops for minor softball diamonds \$16,500.

1980's indoor pool will be built with provincial grants and subsidies, as well as charge backs from developers. Tax levies will raise \$150,000 and \$100,000 will be debentured over 15 years, according to the forecast.

In 1981, the Parks and Recreation department has asked for \$100,000 to build an outdoor pool.

TWO OPPOSING PLAYERS tangle with their sticks above their heads during the opening game of the WOHL playoffs Sunday morning which saw the Charles Hotel team win 1-0.

Charles Hotel grabs WOHL playoff lead

Tom Tracey broke a scoreless tie midway through the third period to give the underdog Charles Hotel team a 1-0 victory over Schroeder Construction in the first game of the best-of-five White Oaks Hockey League final.

The Charles forward scored the goal after he stole the puck from a Schroeder defenceman and flipped it past goaltender Dennis Parkin for the tally.

Although Tracey's goal was the only scoring play the

game was highlighted with spectacular goaltending at both ends of the rink with the local Hoteliers' Steve Hawkins earning a shutout.

Both teams played a solid back-checking game which accounted for the low score.

The Charles Hotel team are rated as underdogs in the series since they finished third in regular season play while Schroeder Construction were the top team.

The next game is slated for Sunday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Sockets win consolation

P. L. Robertson novice Sockets wound up their season on a winning note Saturday in Plattsville as they captured the "A" division Consolation trophy.

The Sockets were knocked into the consolation side of the tourney by Huron East, losing 2-1 in overtime. Darren Shaw scored the only Socket goal with Sean Davidson and Steve Scannell assisting.

In the second game Craig Defreitas came up with shut-out goaltending as Milton dropped Simcoe 6-0. Shaw led the Sockets with two goals and an assist while Bruce Cameron and Todd Horne each added a goal and an assist. Wayne Rivers and Eric Chudleigh added singles to send the Sockets into the finals.

In the final game the Sockets faced Hespeler, a team they had met five times before over the season and had beat five times. Hespeler was determined not to make it six in a row as they came up with their best game of the season.

Mike DellPapa put the Sockets on the scoreboard first assisted by Greg Newell but halfway through the second period Mike Millar tied the game for Hespeler.

With less than three minutes left in the game Sean Davidson won a faceoff in the Hespeler zone and fired a screened shot that eluded Mike Banz in the Hespeler goal to give the Sockets a 2-1 victory.

Late in the game it was Craig Defreitas' turn to shine

as he stopped a Hespeler breakaway. Craig came up with three great games allowing only three goals. The Sockets played 39 games winning 28, losing nine and tying two to end a successful season.

The Easter Seal campaign dinner this Saturday is a sell-out and no more tickets are available.

Milton District Hospital's annual meeting is tonight (Wednesday) at the hospital. Annual reports will be reviewed and new officers elected.

Landry hits 55 to lead Optimists

Milton Optimists minor pee were closed out their year's play with two consistent hockey games last week, dropping a 2-1 decision to their nemesis Ancaster, and handing Hespeler a 4-2 loss.

The Optis out-played Ancaster by a wide margin, outshooting the host team 22-9, but couldn't beat the goalie.

Ancaster had a 2-0 lead before Randy Heggie scored for Milton late in the game.

Bob Landry and Rick

Brown were particularly strong on offence for the team, leading rush after rush.

Saturday's win against Hespeler was a sluggish match, with Milton in control.

Stuart Anderson opened the scoring, but Hespeler had a 2-1 lead after two periods. John Turner scored on a rink-long rush, igniting the team, and Landry added two more.

Landry's goals gave him 55 in 55 games this year, a tribute to both himself and his unselfish teammates.

Sunday the team finished the year with a 4-3 win over their parents and the coach.

Season record for the Optis was 23-26-6 although their record against non-Tri-County teams was 11-3-1.

BOWLING

RATEPAYERS
March 22
Ladies' High Single, Glenda Cardinell 254,271, Ladies' High Triple, Glenda Cardinell 761.

Men's High Single, Gord Gent 263, Men's High Triple, Gord Gent 638.
Other Top Singles Norma MacMurphy 286, Grace Little 265, Doug Porter 252, Dennis Dean 251, Maartje Ceelen 250.

Other Top Triples Norma MacMurphy 691, Grace Little 670, Maartje Ceelen 664, Olga Few 630, Doug Porter 617.
Hell Cats won 7 for 114, Useless Ones 2 for 105, The Gang 7 for 102, The Bears 0 for 98, The Grabbers 0 for 91, Wart Hogs 2 for 88, Bay City Bowlers 5 for 83, Sweet Hogs 5 for 73.

Men's Girls
March 24
Ladies' High Single, Mary Heipel 264, Ladies' High Triple, Mary Heipel 698.

Other Top Singles, Sadie Daviau 246, Eleanor Cooper 246, Sheryl Linder 244, Pat Campbell 235, Caren Scott 228.

Other Top Triples, Pat Campbell 651, Jean Casarin 636, Joan Deforest 651, Brenda Dredge 606, Eleanor Cooper 601, Casarin won 2 for 98, Scott 5 for 98, Deforest 2 for 95, Schisizzi 5 for 95, Fuyarchuk 5 for 94, Dredge 2 for 93, Lawrence 5 for 93, Daviau 2 for 90.

Lowville
March 25
Women's High Single, Lisa Morton 265, Women's High Triple, Marg Cragg 682.

Men's High Single, Don Few, 260, Men's High Triple, Bruce Bell 693.
Top 5 Singles, Melvin Cragg 256, Bruce Bell 255, John Pilarczyk 243, Marg Cragg 235, Beth Harper 234.

Top 5 Triples, Lisa Morton 661, Murray Dryden 654, Barry Harper 633, John Pilarczyk 632, Reg Smith 630.

Jack King won 7 for 113, Joe Bernard 7 for 109, Wendy Vitelli 7 for 85, Marlene Morton 0 for 84, Don Few 7 for 81, Melvin Cragg 0 for 73, Bruce Nicholson 0 for 64, Ron Wilson 0 for 61.

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