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Cherry a prune?

They're going to make Don Cherry, roast like a prune.

Dick Beddoes, who will never win the award for Mr. Personality, will join five other celebrities Friday night when the Milton Optimist Club hosts its annual "Roast".

Former National Hockey League coach Don Cherry, free from coaching through the generous efforts of Colorado Rockies management who decided Cherry couldn't coach the team but paid him \$150,000 for this year anyway, is sure to get in a few barbs at everyone associated with the sport.

The roasts have always been a success. The humor is not likely to appeal to a preacher, but the rest of us sinners always enjoy it.

Cherry will be pitted against Dick Beddoes, CHCH-TV's sports director and perhaps better known as a former columnist with the Toronto Globe and Mail and of channel 11's hockey telecasts.

Beddoes was the smash hit of last year's roast when colleague Dave Hodge was roasted. His cutting wit was worth the price of admission alone and Optimist Club members went out of their way to ensure his return.

The other roasters are Gary Dornhoefer, Dennis Hull (Bobby Hull's richer brother), Ross Brewitt, Gerry Patterson (Cherry's agent) and Ron Hewat of CKFH radio. Bob McGown, of CKFH's Talking of Sports is the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$20 apiece. A Monte Carlo night will follow dinner and the speeches.

Rockwood's Ron Waples was crowned 1980 Horseman of the Year at this year's third annual Canadian Club Classic harness racing competition held on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa two weekends ago. Waples was one of 10 drivers competing.

A veteran of the North American trotting world, Waples' awards include Canadian and Ontario Jockey Club Horseman of the Year honors in 1977, 1978, and 1979. He is the first Canadian-based driver to win the North American Dash Crown.

The Milton Minor Hockey Association's Hockey Moms held their annual dance Saturday at Lions Hall and a full turnout was reported.

The Hockey Moms which is contributing a large amount of time and money into minor hockey, is reportedly having its troubles attracting members and is in danger of folding. More on that next week.

Anyone attending the Milton Aeros-Rockton Real McCoys playoff game at Memorial Arena Friday surely received more than their money's worth.

The game was easily the most exciting played at the arena this year of any Milton Flyer or Aero game. It didn't hurt either that Aeros won 4-2 to even their best-of-seven semi-final at a game apiece.

Fans were kept on the edge of their seats throughout the contest and cheered loudly as Aeros' goalie Pat Devlin put on a superlative performance and stoned Rockton cold.

The teams meet again Thursday in Rockton before returning to Memorial Arena Friday. Unfortunately, the Optimist Club scheduled its successful "Roast of Don Cherry" for the same night. Both are worthwhile events.

Hockey fans who aren't interested in the roast might want to take in the Aeros' game in what is sure to be a good one. The price is going down to \$2.50 after the OHA asked some teams not to hike the prices excessively. Aeros had charged \$3 for last Friday's game, up a dollar from the regular season.

Lee, Black overcome conditions

Despite extremely muddy road conditions caused by unseasonal spring-like weather, the rally team of Bob Lee of Milton and Randy Black of Mississauga drove their Datsun 510 to victory in the 400-km Ontario Winter Rally Sunday around Sudbury.

The victory boosted the rally pair to first place overall in the Interprovincial Rally Championship after three events. The pair recorded a pair of thirds in the preceding two events.

The Sudbury event was run in nine special stages in temperatures above the freezing mark. As a result, the logging roads used for the special stages proved to be extremely challenging. The road surfaces varied from mud to gravel to ice and slush.

The rally was also a qualifying event for the Canadian Rally Championship and the North American Rally Cup.

Black and Lee finished more than two minutes ahead of the runner-up team of Bjorn Anderson and Doug Ort of London in a time of two hours and 42 seconds. Alastair Aitken of Oakville, who drove with Lee last year, was sixth, eight minutes behind the winners.

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Aeros, Rockton locked in close battle

Devlin's goalkeeping ties series

By Michael Boyle

If underdog Milton Aeros are to defeat league-leading Rockton Real McCoys in the playoffs, they're going to need some excellent goalkeeping.

On Friday night, they went one better.

They received spectacular goalkeeping.

Twenty-seven year-old Pat Devlin threw a virtual collar around Rockton with some of the best netminding ever witnessed at Memorial Arena to allow Aeros a 4-2 victory. The win evened the best-of-seven semi-final

series at a game apiece.

Shots on goal weren't kept in the game but there was little doubt Rockton threw about 60 shots at Devlin and the spunky goalie performed acrobatics with a gutsy performance for the entire game. He was ex-

tremely impressive in the third period when Aeros nursed a one-goal lead and played like a team surprised they were ahead. Rockton carried a majority of the play and took about 25 good shots at the goal but managed just one power-play goal.

It became apparent Rockton decided to rile the goalie with a variety of distracting tactics. Devlin was slashed, poked, checked and verbally assaulted throughout the contest but maintained his composure. If anything, the dirty tactics seemed to inspire Devlin to play better.

It was a key victory after Rockton had taken the opener 5-4 Thursday night in Rockton. McCoys led 5-2 into the third period before allowing Aeros two late power-play goals which made the score appear closer than the game really was.

In Friday's game, Aeros led 1-0 after the first period, 3-1 after two periods and held on for the victory.

Rockton coach Lou Nistico, obviously surprised his team lost (Rockton was 28-4 in league play) was quieter after the game.

"Their goalie beat us," said Nistico, "that's it. But we scored 13 goals on him once before so we know we can get to him. When you've got six 20-goal scorers, you know the offence is there. If we play hockey the rest of the way, we'll win."

Nistico has been highly critical of the quality of refereeing in both games. In the opener, Rockton took 18 minors to Aeros' nine. In the second game, Aeros took 10 minors to Rockton's nine.

The second game began on a chippy note as both teams got away with several close penalty calls. Neither team took control of the game at the early stages.

It wasn't until the last minute in the first period a goal was scored. Aeros' Doug Fry picked up a pass from behind the net and his quick shot from the slot evaded Rockton goalie Rick Katchanoski.

The second period was delayed 10 minutes when Katchanoski's skate fell apart. The goalie went back into the dressing room and changed skates with reserve netminder Ed Tanner. Referee Jon Fleming said he would have requested Tanner to start the second period but as he was in the process of exchanging skates, he allowed Katchanoski the extra time to put on Tanner's skates.

Misfortune struck Aeros when defenceman Doug Schoenfeld, who put in an excellent game, drove the puck into his own net. The goal which tied the score, was awarded to ex-Aero Ray Evans at the 13:30 mark.

Although Aeros had two power-play

opportunities in the first period, Rockton couldn't gain the man advantage until four minutes into the second period.

Just two minutes after Evans' goal, Aeros went back out in front when Denis Longpre's extra effort during a scramble resulted in a goal.

Aeros jumped the lead to two goals when Doug Heslip deflected Schoenfeld's shot from the point. The shot was a bullet along the ice. Ironically, the Rockton penalty seemed almost innocent when Ken Mann took a jab at Devlin's glove along the ice. Devlin had the puck held but Mann's late jab, caused somewhat by a late whistle, was deemed excessive.

Rockton dominated the third period. They closed the gap to one scoring on a scramble while Aeros were two men short. Rockton captain Wayne Chrysler, who was everywhere on the ice, scored the goal.

Aeros had to endure killing two penalties the rest of the way. With Devlin playing "Kitty Bar The Door", Aeros held the fort much to the delight of the largest attendance to watch an Aeros' game this year.

It was a different story in Rockton Thursday.

Rockton led 2-0 and 5-2 at different points throughout the game and were in control of the match limiting Aeros' scoring chances to a few.

Rockton defenceman Ross Bussell got carried away in an altercation with Tim Peters. Bussell was assessed a minor for slashing, an additional two minutes for roughing and then two more minutes when he stormed out of the penalty box. Peters wasn't penalized. The three minors gave Milton a power-play for the final five minutes of the game and Schoenfeld scored twice to close the gap.

Both times, his shot from just inside the blue line caught Katchanoski off guard. Tom Gut and Fry also scored for Milton. Reg Leahy and Evans struck for two goals each while Barry Martinelli added a single for Rockton. Although Chrysler managed just one assist, he was the dominant player on the ice and was especially effective killing penalties.

The teams resume action Thursday in Rockton with the fourth game back here at Memorial Arena Friday. The fifth game will be in Rockton the following Thursday. If a sixth game is necessary, it will be played Friday in Milton while the seventh is slated for the following Monday in Rockton.

In the other series Dunnville beat Smithville 9-2 and advanced against Paris 29ers in a best-of-seven semi-final. Dunnville won the opener 4-2 in Paris Monday night.



"I Dare You": At least that is what Milton goalie Pat Devlin appears to be relaying to Rockton's Wayne Chrysler in Friday's playoff game. Devlin stopped in the neighborhood of 60 shots and was without a doubt the major reason Aeros squared their best-of-seven

semi-final with Rockton at a game with apiece with a 4-2 win. Devlin stood his ground for the entire contest and overcame a host of jabberings and interference from Rockton. The series resumes Thursday in Rockton and Friday at Memorial Arena.

'Me and My Shadow'

Banvil sweeps Sound

By Michael Boyle

Showing a lot of character, Milton Banvil minor bantams bounced back from disadvantages in two games and refused to become antagonized by rough tactics to win twice and take their OMHA qualifying round series with Owen Sound in three consecutive games.

Banvil edged Owen Sound 2-1 on the shores of Georgian Bay Saturday before clinching the win with a 3-2 win Sunday at Memorial Arena.

In each game Owen Sound scored the first goal in the opening period only to see Milton bounce back with two second-period markers to take the lead.

The victory duplicated the team's efforts last year when they swept Owen Sound in three games. Milton will probably play Stoney Creek in the next round. Stoney Creek defeated Stratford 8-2 in the first game of their series.

Banvil met Stoney Creek once before this year. In the opening game of the Milton's

Beaver tournament, Stoney Creek threw the collar around Banvil for a 2-0 victory. Banvil put in a lacklustre performance in that game against a team it should have beaten.

The interesting note to the Banvil-Owen Sound series was the attempt by Owen Sound's coaching staff to nullify Banvil's Tim Pollen. The fleet-skating centre could have sang "Me and My Shadow" to a chorus of Owen Sound skaters.

Pollen was followed everywhere he went, most notably by Daryl Ackerman, a good player himself. Whether Pollen was killing penalties, on the power play or playing at full strength, he wasn't farther apart than just a few feet from a checker.

They held him, slashed him and checked him to the point that Pollen was becoming angry, but maintained his composure throughout. He didn't allow it to interfere in his offensive production, scoring once and adding two assists.

Banvil's coaching staff overcame the problem somewhat by triple-shifting Pollen once in three different positions and by utilizing the last change while enjoying home ice advantage.

Owen Sound jumped ahead 1-0 midway through the opening period when a pass from the corner was quickly deflected on the backhand into the goal.

Banvil started hesitantly and had more offensive opportunities while a man short than while at even strength.

Finally Milton got untracked in the middle frame. Mike Mangotich evened the score after Tracy Harding did a lot of work around the Owen Sound goal. During a scramble, Pollen somehow worked the puck loose and Mangotich banged it home with five minutes remaining in the period.

With just 22 seconds left in the period, Harding drove a slapshot from the point into the goal which gave Banvil a lead it didn't surrender. Trevor Riebot and Pollen assisted on the play.

With Owen Sound a man short, Pollen deflected a high shot from the point by Riebot past a surprised goalie. Mangotich had taken the puck from the draw and slipped it back to Riebot.

Ackerman picked up a loose puck at Banvil's blue line and skated in alone before driving a wrist shot high into the net for Owen Sound's final goal.



Double Protection: A Banvil player finds he needs to contend with a defenceman as well as a goalie in the Owen Sound nets during Sunday's game. Banvil won 3-2 to sweep the series in three consecutive games.

Wheelers face big game split pair of 4-1 contests

Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams face one of their biggest games of the season tonight (Wednesday) when they host Owen Sound in the fourth game of the OMHA playdowns at 7 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

Although Wheelers lead the series two games to one, the prospect of heading back to the Georgian Bay centre for a fifth game over the weekend doesn't exactly sit well with Wheelers' manager Jack Duimstra.

"We can't let up in the fourth game or we're going to have all kinds of trouble up in Owen Sound," explained Duimstra. "The refereeing up there is terrible. We took 13 minors for their two in the third game and I'm sure things won't change for a fifth game."

Owen Sound staved off elimination with a 4-1 victory Sunday at home after Wheelers had taken the second game, and a two-game lead, with a 4-1 win of their own Friday night in Owen Sound.

The standard of officiating in Owen Sound has caused several Milton teams all kinds of trouble over the past two years. In most cases, the Milton teams find themselves taking too many penalties for a variety of reasons.

The penalty aspect didn't enter into the second game when Wheelers allowed the Sound a quick goal before reeling off four

unanswered goals to take the win.

After Owen Sound opened the scoring 28 seconds into the game, Wheelers' coach Garry Hudson replaced starting netminder Norm Knoflach with Andy Saliba. Knoflach's jitters vanished after three minutes on the bench and he went back between the pipes playing well the rest of the way.

Again, Wheelers' threesome of Mark Haskett, Terry Ellwood and Rick Serafini did most of the offensive damage picking up two goals and five assists among them.

Jeff Harris tied the score for Milton. Serafini put Wheelers ahead to stay with Mike Henneberry and Haskett adding singles to round out the scoring.

Wheelers couldn't overcome a drastic shorthanded situation in the second period Sunday. The team played at least one man short for the entire period and two minutes of the final frame.

After a scoreless first period, Owen Sound jumped ahead midway through the second period. Haskett tied the score with a shorthanded effort one minute later before Owen Sound regained the lead with 3½ minutes left in the frame.

The home team saluted away the win with a goal midway through the third period and another with three minutes to go.

Davidson hits for two hat-tricks T-Birds grab 2-game lead in OMHA

Milton Trafalgar Ford T-Bird major peewees took a big two-game lead over Owen Sound in the first round of OMHA playoff action at the weekend winning 6-0 in Milton Saturday evening and 6-3 in Owen Sound on Sunday. Sean Davidson led T-Birds with three goals in each game.

T-Birds dominated Saturday's game at Memorial Arena taking a three-goal lead in the first period and didn't look back. Darren Shaw set up Davidson for the first goal at 7:47 with Lee Johnson also getting an assist.

The second goal came on a nice passing play. Ed Morgan moved the puck well out of the T-Birds' end with a pass to Chris Turner who drew a defenceman to one side before slipping the puck to Todd Horne who made no mistake with a shot high on the goalie's glove side. Shaw put the T-Birds three ahead as he did all the work in scoring a short-handed goal at 9:27.

Davidson repeated Shaw's short-handed trick at 9:21 of the second period and completed his hat-trick after he was set up

again by Shaw and Johnson at 10:03. T-Birds emphasized their domination with a third goal within a minute as Rich Brodie scored from Steve Scannell at 10:20.

Owen Sound fought hard during the third period to try to get back into the game. But a sound T-Bird defence backed up by good back-checking by the forwards kept them off the scoreboard. Greg Haugen played a steady game in goal for the T-Birds getting help from a couple of goal posts in recording the shutout.

Owen Sound played a little better Sunday in their own rink. After the T-Birds' power duo of Davidson and Shaw put T-Birds ahead after 34 seconds, the Reds came back with two goals to lead 2-1 at the end of the first period. Both goals came on lapses by the T-Bird defence as they first left a man unmarked in front of the net at 3:51 and then got caught flat-footed at the Owen Sound blue line as the home team broke out of their own end at 9:03.

Davidson soon got the T-Birds back on equal terms. He scored from Donny Van

den Heuvel and Mike Del Papa at 0:41 of the second period and Del Papa put the Milton squad ahead at 5:34. Davidson found him in his favorite position in the slot and he made no mistake with a shot into the top of the net. Morgan also got an assist.

Shaw got the eventual winner at 7:27 of the second. He started a passing play with Scannell and Brodie then got the puck back to complete the three-way play with a natty goal. Owen Sound got one back at 12:58 and T-Birds took a one-goal lead to the dressing room at the end of the period.

T-Birds tightened their defence in the third period and went further ahead. Shaw got his second goal at 3:14 assisted by Scannell and Davidson before Davidson completed his hat-trick at 9:40. He carried the puck out of his own end and up to the Owen Sound blue line where he let go a blast which beat the goalie on his stick side.

The third game in the series goes at Memorial Arena tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 7 p.m.