

Curling Cues

with **CRAIG KERR**



Interesting junior spiel

It's truly hard to believe six hours ago, I was lying on the beach with a Pina Colada discussing the merits of curling with an American friend—all in the interests of covering the Southern Florida men's curling championship and bringing you a fresh viewpoint on the game that has occupied us all winter. To quote this southern expert — "What's curling?"

As you may notice as we go along, news from the local front is slightly scarce this week. But don't despair — we have been holding back some 'Bon Mots' for disasters like this and will bring you 500 words, like it or not.

Saturday, March 27, we hosted the first, of what is hoped will be a long succession, Junior bonspiels. In all, there were two full draws registered, with curlers signed up by ratings, irrespective of club affiliation.

On arrival at Milton, teams were drawn and the action got underway. In the 9 a.m. draw, winners of the top spot were Mike Harris of Chinguacousy, Mike Johnson of Milton, Janice Deakin of Milton and Kelly Dorman of Dixie. Second spot in this draw went to Stephen Oldford and Scott Kerr of Milton curling with Dave Heimbecker of Orangeville and Andrea Christie of Chinguacousy.

In the 11 a.m. draw, the top team was Brad Schild of Orangeville, Jennifer Hampsay from Dixie, none and Judy Fedascek of Milton. Second place in this draw went to Gary Campbell of Dixie, Susan Tuckey of Orangeville, Mike Budworth of Milton and Patti Channell of Dixie. This second draw was extremely close, with only a quarter-point separating the two finalists.

Not only was this a superb opportunity for the young people to meet and curl with juniors from other clubs, but it promoted a balance in the teams that led to a high degree of interest throughout the day. Perhaps the organizers of the adult league Bonspiels could take note of this innovative arrangement for some of the hard-to-fill spels in the upcoming year.

Many thanks go to all parents and others who gave so much of their time to the organization and success of the Junior event. Perhaps now, with some attention paid by the executive, and some funds allotted for events next year, this section will be ensured of the resources it needs to develop as it should in the years ahead.

Friday night, a number of our finest donned eyeshades and armbands to lead a crowd of approximately 100 high rollers in the first annual Silver Dollar Night. It's not hard to see what Tilman Martin, Mel Phelps, George Fletcher, George McGaffin and Bert Stewart would do if it wasn't for other business pressures but many thanks to them all for their time in making this event a success.

The Town and Country is filling up from what we hear. As of Sat rday, there were only about twelve spots left, if you miss this one it's your own fault.

Ladies Monday Competitive Curling wound up with Kathy McKellar taking the A event, followed by Dorothy Taylor, while the B side honors went to Hazel Stewart, followed by a tie between Edie Cryderman and Irene Oldford. A successful week or two for a lot of people—well done, folks.

This week sees the last of the regular session of curling, leading up to the play-offs starting next week. With play-offs in the men's competitive schedule added this year, there promises to be some super curling left before we hang up the brooms.

Last time I looked, for example, there was a possibility of a six-team tie in men's 'B' and sorting that one out might require a night or two. Why not keep an eye on the schedules and drop over to catch some of these play-offs. It's good fun and besides, this is what we've been going for all year.

Some time ago in a bonspiel, we picked up a write-up on the principles of curling. At this time of year, it seems like a good time to quote some of this immortal trivia.

—Gracefully surrender the things of youth, beer, clean ice, heavy sweeping, and let not the sands of time dull your game. Broom tight on takeouts. If in doubt, come heavy and narrow.

—Be comforted that in the face of all aridity and disillusionment and despite the changing fortunes of time, there is always a big fortune to be made in ice maintenance.

—Be assured that a walk through the ocean of most skips' strategy would scarcely get your feet wet.

—Therefore make peace with your skip, whatever you conceive him to be; Nairy Thunderer or Space Cadet.

—Rest assured, next year will be better and you will finally get it all together.



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Novices finish in fine style Darts

Coming through with their finest effort of the year in their final games, Miltonve Realty novice Steamers captured the consolation championship in a tournament in Markham over the weekend.

It was by far their best showing of the year and the club did it in dramatic fashion. After dropping the opener 3-0 to Unionville, Milton beat out Etobicoke 3-2 in double overtime to advance to the consolation finals. In the championship game, Milton met up with Chinguacousy's Tier Two team and beat them 5-3 to claim the title.

In the opener, the score didn't indicate the play as Milton had five breakaways and through the great goalkeeping of Unionville's Dana Clark, couldn't put a shot into the goal.

Milton's Derrick Morley, Glen McBryde, Ian Ellis and Corey Howitt were continually robbed of excellent scoring chances. McBryde was amed Milton's most valuable player.

The second game provided the fans with more than their money's worth. Milton ran up a quick 2-0 in the first period against Etobicoke with Morley and McBryde notching goals. Bill Meleee and McBryde earned assists on the goals.

Etobicoke fired one in the second period and then tied the score at 2-2 on a penalty shot four minutes into the third period.

In overtime, the tournament adopted a game-plan whereas each team would remove one skater and another at the five, three and one minute marks until each club was left with one skater and a goalie.

Despite the lack of players on the ice, neither club scored. Morley put on a great effort in the game and was especially effective playing the final minute of overtime.

In the second overtime period, the teams started with five skaters but no goalkeeper. It took two minutes before Howitt collected a pass from Jamie Janjevich and slid the puck underneath a sliding Etobicoke defender for the winning goal.

Howitt was selected the game's most valuable

player with defenceman Kevin Wright putting in yeoman's service on the blue-line corp.

In the championship game, Milton ran up a 2-0 lead before the first period was six minutes old. Ching closed the gap to 2-1 in the final minute of the period but 32 seconds later Milton's Howitt scored his first of three for the night to restore the two-goal margin.

The teams exchanged single goals in each of the final two periods to enable Milton to claim the championship.

Ellis and McBryde added single goals to Howitt's hat trick. Tyler McDonald, Andrew Jame, Melee, Wright and Morley picked up assists to support the outstanding goalkeeping of Shaun Bain who was named the game's most valuable player.

Legion claims some revenge

Milton Legion major atoms gained a small measure of revenge and in the process advanced to the championship game of a tournament in Niagara Falls over the weekend.

Legion beat out Fort Erie 4-2 in the opener to provide the club with their revenge. Fort Erie had eliminated Milton from the OMHA quarter-finals three games to two.

Milton advanced to the final game before dropping a 7-2 decision to Stratford's powerhouse club. Stratford is on its way to claiming the OMHA zone championship.

In the three-game round-robin, Legion beat Fort Erie 4-2 and Woodstock 2-0. St. Thomas had blanked Legion 2-0 for the club's lone loss.

Milton then defeated Burlington's Tri-County team 3-1 with Shawn Healey firing all three goals. Healey played well throughout the tournament and was named to the all-star team receiving a pair of hockey gloves and a stick.

The tournament was for double-A major atom clubs and drew 16 teams.



Shaun Bain was named Milton's MVP in the Championship game.

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Minor hockey

NOVICE
All novice house-league players are asked to be present at Memorial Arena at 2.45 p.m. Sunday as directed by their coaches.

The championship game will be between Little Firemen and J.D. Currie Pkbg. & Hg. at 3.30 p.m.

St. Clair Paint 3
White Oaks 1

Ian Muir, Jamie Ward and Craig Bastone fired singles to propel St. Clair to the win over White Oaks.

Scott Hart chipped in with two assists while Jon Budworth put in a good effort in goal.

Teddy McDonald scored White Oaks' lone goal with Bangertier picking up an assist. Stewart Williams played well in goal.

Little Firemen 2
White Oaks 0

Trevor Frampton's shutout goalkeeping enabled Little Firemen to come up with the win and lift the club into the championship game.

Mike Fleming and Shane Miller fired singles and John

Solich and Dermo earning assists.

J.D. Currie Pkbg. & Hg. 2
St. Clair Paint 0

Ewan Kelly scored once and picked up an assist on the other goal to lead Currie to a perfect record in the playoff round-robin.

Jeff Green added a goal with James Schryer earning an assist with Jim Wood picking up the shutout.

Scannell Movers 2
Man's World 1

Terry Truman fired two goals powering Scannell to the victory over Man's World.

Robert Bednarski earned two assists with Ian Marshal and Mark Elkins adding one assist each. Chris Heipel played well in goal.

Mike Shaye scored for Man's World with Neil Bell earning the assist. Brad Fritzeley put in a steady effort between the pipes.

HOLY ROSARY
Top Singles

Men	
Al Brookhouse	331
Peter Martin	318
Dave McDonald	244

Ladies

Pat Yearsley	236
May Harkin	226
Laurie Gracey	217

Top Triples

Men	
Al Brookhouse	831
Peter Martin	694
Dave McDonald	665

Ladies

May Harkin	696
Laurie Gracey	587
Ann Sandles	561

Standings

Groaners	won 5 for 183
Alley Cats	5 for 79
Holy Rollers	2 for 75
Hot Shots	2 for 73
Happy Wanderers	5 for 69
Number Ones	2 for 63

Wheeler's outlucked

Milton Fifth Wheel major bantams didn't have much luck in a tournament in Georgetown during the March Break, dropping two games and were eliminated from further action.

Pickering beat Milton twice in the total-goals format by scores of 5-0 and 3-1. Glen Houston fired Milton's lone goal with Paul Wilson picking up an assist.

Bowling

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