

There was someone interested in the Aeros hockey team



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IT'S REFRESHING anyway, to discover at least somebody is reading the sports column. Somebody IS interested in the Aeros.

After reading the article in these pages last week which stated Milton Aeros intermediate B hockey team was on the brink of another collapse, Gary Thomas of Milwone Realty Corp. stepped in and rescued the club.

"I guess when I saw the article," said Thomas, "I decided to come forward and sponsor the team. I'd hate to see intermediate hockey in this town go under."

Thomas met with Aeros' co-owner Russ Lane later in the week and ironed out a three-year agreement over the weekend. Although Thomas wouldn't disclose the amount of money involved, you can bet Milwone is doing it in a big way. The realty company will be the club's sole sponsor.

Thomas said he wouldn't get personally involved with the running of the team but would reserve some input in the club's promotion.

"I have a couple of good ideas to promote the team," added Thomas. "I think with a little extra push on the part of the team, we could get better participation from the town."

The club will be known as the Milwone Realty Aeros and will wear new uniforms, designed by Thomas, in the Milwone colors.

The Milwone sponsorship brings to an end Rockwell's involvement with the team two years ago. The new uniforms will displace Aeros' blue-and-white jerseys which were heralded as the club's bold new beginning two years ago.

Just when you thought the fastball season would be coming to a close, someone goes and starts another tournament at Brian Best Park.

A top-flight fastball tourney, featuring eight of the best intermediate teams in the area, has been organized for Saturday Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. and running through the day.

With \$500 on the line for first place, and just \$100 for runner-up, the event features some of the best ball around.

The tourney has been set up as a single knockout tourney. One loss and you're strictly a spectator from then on. With a large winning purse, the teams will be definitely playing all-out.

So far, teams from Streetsville, Palermo, Kilbride, Milton's two intermediate OASA teams and possible Colbeck's ORSA team will be approached for the \$100 entry fee and the run for the money.

The games will be played out to a winner, meaning some could go well into extra innings. The teams will be allowed to dress 17 players with the only stipulation being that no player be registered under a Senior A or Senior B card this year.

The draw will be held the preceding Friday night. One thing of interest, the loser of the first game Saturday will be out of the running before any of the other six teams have played.

The Milton Minor Hockey Association is in desperate need of coaches for its Tier Two teams for the coming 1981-82 season.

The Tier Two teams, formerly selected which have been upgraded by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association to the second rep-team level, start league play at the end of September and, so far, just a few teams have coaches.

Anyone interested in coaching the teams, is asked to send an application form to the MMHA or hand a form to any executive member of MMHA. If all else fails, get in touch with Howie Scannell at 878-3328.

Also, house-league teams will be looking for a few coaches in the not-too-distant future for the start of play in October. It might be a good idea to hand in an application form or give notice of coaching interests to MMHA at annual

Vanguard tourney brings out the best

Most of the best minor bantam soccer teams in Ontario will be appearing in Milton this weekend as MYSC hosts the Vanguard International Soccer Tournament.

Strong teams from Mississauga Soccer Club, Mississauga Croatia, Oakville and Chinguacousy will be challenged by Guildwood and Yorkview, St. Catharines and Peterborough as well as teams from Quebec and the United States.

One of the favorites will probably be the team from Braddock Road Boys Club, Springfield, Virginia. Other teams from that club have appeared in local tournaments this year with impressive performances.

St. Hubert, from Quebec, will add some color to the entry but are something of an unknown quantity as are the team from Northville, Michigan.

The host team, Corbetts of Milton, will

registration which started last night and goes again next Tuesday.

The Comets, the new nickname for Milton's major midget rep hockey team, will be the first rep team to get underway. The club will be holding its first tryout for any and all interested players tomorrow night (Thursday) from 6-7:20 at Memorial Arena.

All players in the area 15 or 16 years of age, as of Dec. 31, 1981, who are interested to try out are asked to do so. The team will also hold tryouts Sept. 9 from 10-11 p.m. and Sept. 16 from 10-11 p.m.

The following is a list of times for tryouts for all the rep teams in MMHA. All are held at Memorial Arena.

Novice: Sept. 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 2-3 p.m.

Minor Atom: Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 3-4 p.m.

Major Atom: Sept. 12 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 4-5 p.m.

Minor Peeewe: Sept. 12 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 5-6 p.m.

Major Peeewe: Sept. 13 from 1-2 p.m. and Sept. 14 from 9-10 p.m.

Minor Bantam: Sept. 12 from 9:30-10:30 p.m. and Sept. 16 from 9-10 p.m.

Major Bantam: Sept. 8 from 9-10 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 6-7 p.m.

Minor Midget: Sept. 9 from 9-10 p.m. and Sept. 10 from 9-10 p.m.

Juvenile: Sept. 8 from 10-11 p.m. and Sept. 10 from 10-11 p.m.

Hope you had a little fun with the quiz last week. Here are the answers.

1. The last time Milton participated in Ontario Baseball Association play was last year when the club lost in the first round to Hagersville. Campbellville last played in OBA play in 1979 when they lost, also in three games, to Whitby Merchants.

2. In the Canada Cup questions, Canada won the first event, in 1976, when Darryl Sittler scored halfway through the first overtime period to beat Czechoslovakia two games to none in the final. The USSR won the 1981 world hockey championships in Sweden and the under-rated United States team, made up of many collegians, surprised the world by winning the gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid.

Milton Memorial Arena will be alive again this weekend when Milton Geriatrics hosts its fourth annual Oldtimers Hockey Tournament Sunday and Monday.

All told, seven teams including the champions of the last two years, Milton Mallers and Burlington Rusty Nails, will be registered for the tourney.

The four teams in the Milton Pleasure League, Great Skate Place, Milton Geriatrics, Century 21 and Banvil Blades as well as Terry's Pirates from Oakville, in addition to the aforementioned teams, will be present.

The games will be one-hour in duration with a points system used to determine the winner. There will be no playoff or championship games.

Action gets underway Sunday at 9 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. with Monday's action slated for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is one dollar for adults with children free if accompanied by an adult.

Oldtimers hockey features restrictions to slapshots and bodychecks and is generally regarded as an entertaining brand of hockey.

Bruce Hood's International School of Refereeing concluded another successful year at E.C. Drury School and Memorial Arena.

National Hockey League officials' bird-dog Frank Udvari attended the Flyers' game Friday night which was officiated by 18 members of the school and a handful will be asked to attend the NHL referees camp later this month.

Some interesting numbers on the school.

The officials represented nine provinces and 17 American states including Alabama. They came from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island and Boston to San Diego, Cal. In addition, there were two women and two Austrians.

The winning team at the school was led by Mark Pare. He was in his first at the school and is a two-year NHL linesman.

against Springfield. Other key games Saturday are Mississauga Croatia against Northville at Brian Best at 1:30 p.m., Guildwood against St. Catharines at E.C. Drury at 10:40 a.m. and Downsview against Chinguacousy at Brian Best at 3:10 p.m.

On Sunday morning, the big games will probably be Mississauga against Springfield at E.C. Drury at 9 a.m. and Chinguacousy against Mississauga Croatia at the Boyne at 10:40 a.m.

Both semi-finals will be played at Brian Best at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The final is at Clarkston Monday at 1 p.m.

be fighting to uphold local honor but their chances, in this company, are not very good.

Play starts at 9 a.m. Saturday with games going on four fields, Brian Best, E.C. Drury, Baldwin and the Boyne. The first game at Brian Best features Milton

Colbeck evens ORSA series on dramatic ninth-inning win

Staving off elimination, Omagh-Colbeck Realty World bounced back with a ninth-inning 4-3 win over Shedden Friday to even their Ontario Rural Softball Association second-round playoff series at 1-1.

Dale Inglehart provided the dramatics at Brian Best Park Friday by driving home Len Jillard with the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

The late-inning victory was necessary. Colbeck dropped the opener 7-2 at Shedden Wednesday night with a roster so depleted, manager Charlie Withnell was called upon to play right field.

The third game goes tomorrow (Thursday) at Shedden. Coaches Val Caputo and Withnell are renting a bus to take the team and any interested spectators to the game.

Anyone interested is asked to call Caputo at 878-2624 or Withnell at 878-2905 as soon as possible. The cost for the trip is in the neighborhood of \$6.

Inglehart's third single in a row climaxed a come-from-behind effort for Colbeck. Jillard started the inning with a single and moved up when Tony Ceelen's grounder was mishandled for an error.

Inglehart then strode to the plate and delivered a lined shot into centrefield. Although Jillard was run into by a Shedden infielder, the speedy shortstop made it home in plenty of time.

Keith McKinnon went the distance to earn the win on the mound. Interesting enough, McKinnon didn't surrender a walk and struck out just two in the game.

McKinnon allowed six hits while Colbeck struck for 11 safeties.

McKinnon scored the first run in the game scoring from third base on a passed ball after reaching on an error.

Shedden jumped ahead 2-1 with a two-run fourth before Colbeck evened the score with a single run in the fifth. Inglehart's first of three successive singles scored Glen McClure.

Colbeck regained the lead when Tom Marchment's RBI single in the sixth scored McKinnon. After Shedden tied the score once again in the seventh, Colbeck won it in the bottom of the ninth.

Frank Robinson, Marchment and Jillard added two hits apiece to Colbeck's offence while Ceelen and Perry Caputo added one

hit each.

In the series' first game Wednesday, Colbeck went to Shedden with just eight ballplayers and coach Withnell was forced to suit up. Two players, George Trencs and McClure opted to play in playoff action with the Georgetown Fastball League than play with Colbeck.

Shedden jumped all over Colbeck rolling over starter Al Fenton for a 6-0 lead after four complete innings. Colbeck scored twice in the sixth courtesy of three walks and left the bases loaded.

In all, Shedden out-hit Colbeck 8-4 and was aided by four Colbeck errors in the third and fourth innings which led to four unearned runs.

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Mohawks jump to OBA



To the victor

That's Milton's Pierre Pilote carrying around the trophy after his Chicago team defeated Montreal 1-0 to take the Original Six oldtimers hockey tournament Sunday at Markham. The players on the winning Chicago team each received a trip to the Caribbean. The tournament drew teams from each of the pre-expansion NHL clubs.

Father Jim sees officials in 2 lights

In an arena of quick-witted, practical jokers, one referee stands out among the 23 staff and 125 students who participated in Bruce Hood's International School of Refereeing last week.

He is amusing, possessed with a fantastic memory who will have remembered all the officials' names in time for their first full meeting. And he is also a priest.

For the most part, Father Jim Armstrong, 31, is just one of the boys. He takes part in the school, in fact he runs it in Bruce Hood's absence, kids around and is a full-fledged member of the clan.

Father Jim met Bruce Hood as a student at Vern Buffey's Referee School in the early '70s. Father Jim was looking at a possible official's career and attended the school for three years.

When the World Hockey Association was formed in 1974, Buffey joined the outlaw league and the NHL asked Hood to set up his own school. Hood looked around for helpers and found a willing aide in Father Jim.

Father Jim's role with the school became larger as he stayed with the school and has now reached a point where he is assistant director of the

school. He was instrumental in running some of the day-to-day happenings in Hood's absence last week for his duty with Canada Cup exhibition games.

His own officiating career grew. He refereed in the Eastern Hockey League as well as doing college and high school football, basketball and baseball games in addition to hockey.

However, when Father Jim joined the seminary, his involvement with professional hockey was lessened.

That was changed in 1977 when he was ordained as a priest. With several NHL officials and referee-in-chief Scotty Morrison on hand to witness his ordination, Morrison asked Father Jim if he would like to become the chaplain for the NHL officials.

"Every hockey team had a chaplain and it seemed every football team was telling the world what value a chaplain has for the team, so the NHL officials decided that maybe it was time they had one," said Father Jim. "I came made to order. A priest who was also a referee."

"I deal mainly with the personal side when the officials come to Pittsburgh. Sometimes the personal side interferes with their work, like all of us, and I try to do my best to help them out."

Father Jim is an invaluable asset to the school. His memory is excellent and he has no difficulty remembering every official's name. It is particularly effective when giving instruction during a limited time on ice. He has everyone's attention quickly and the session goes ahead smoothly.

He also gives a seminar on the role of authority in today's society reflecting on how the officials apply in game situations. The psychology seminar gives the school a broader spectrum.

For most of the year, Father Jim is a priest at a suburban parish in Pittsburgh, St. Elizabeth's. With three priests and a congregation of 3,000 families, Father Jim has his hands full during the year and, no, he doesn't remember every name of all the members.

With his five-year session at the church coming up for a change shortly, Father Jim said he is looking into being released to study full-time preaching at a Protestant school. Unfortunately, no Catholic university has the subject. The school he has in mind is in Maryland and, he adds, it won't affect his association with the refereeing school.



Father Jim Armstrong