

Downhill skiing no longer a seasonal sport at Glen Eden

With the purchase of hi-tech snowmaking equipment a few years ago and the use of computerized grooming equipment Glen Eden has all the necessary elements in place for year-round skiing.

Modern grooming equipment can move the snow to a uniform depth even if the temperature is 30° C and the snowmaking equipment can be adjusted for those dog days of summer. Of course freezing tubes will be installed un-

TOP OF THE SLOPES

derneath two of the main runs at Glen Eden with construction beginning immediately. The tubes will allow snow to remain unmelted on the slopes. Fewer tubes are needed at the top

because of the altitude but at the runs' lower elevations more tubes will be used to keep the slopes snowbound.

A computer system will control the freezing units in an effort to keep cooling costs low. The groomers will run at all hours to ensure an even base for skiers.

Remember summer skiing is different from winter skiing so ask your ski shop manager about the proper waxes and maintenance of

your equipment. It is especially important to check the snow conditions.

Corn snow is a spring ski condition which occasionally crops up in summer. More common is carrot snow, where ice crystals form in a verticle cone or potato snow, where the ice chunks get very large and difficult to ski in.

So when Glen Eden opens for the summer just remember that summer skiing is the best kind, and think snow!



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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Paul Boissonneault, all 8'9" of him, dwarfs Milton's Jeff Daw in action Sunday night in Aurora. Daw's line was held scoreless though the Merchants did win 4-2 to force a seventh and deciding game in the Central Ontario Junior B League final. Boissonneault wears size 23 skates.

Aurora's big man is the difference

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

There is little difference between the two finalists in the Central Ontario Junior B final. The teams play an identical style, they have similar skill levels, equal penalty killing, even powerplay proficiency and similar speed.

The difference is noticeable to the trained hockey eye. "It's that big kid," said Milton coach and general manager Rick Bince. "That kid plays like he's 10 feet tall. We figure it must be growth hormones, and as far as I know they're illegal in this league."

The player in question, Paul Boissonneault, has been manhandling the Milton forwards. "I'm just doing my job, like I've been doing all year," said the teenager. "Coach (Dana) Shutt told me to clog the front of the net. They seem to have some trouble scoring when I do. He's a genius."

The Merchants managed to climb back into the best of seven series with Aurora by winning games in Milton and Aurora on Friday and Sunday respectively to even the series at three games each.

"I watch the other team's bench all the time," said Bince. "Shutt knows it and puts the big kid right on the end of the bench so I can't see around him. I guess it's just smart."

Boissonneault is actually 8'9" and weighs in at a solid 320 pounds. With his large stride, he manages to be one of the fastest players on the ice, despite his lumbering skating style.

"We got him from a little mining town in Quebec," said Eagles' coach Shutt. "I got a call to go scout this player and his size wasn't mentioned. In fact his skills are such that I hardly notice his size."

Shutt says that the town in Quebec that Boissonneault is from, is full of tall people and while Boissonneault was slightly larger than most he was hardly exceptional.

"I'm told that in French Boissonneault means either 'no restraint' or 'buffalo spirit' depending on who you're talking to. That would square with the type of kid he is."

The Merchants have solved the big



Ryan Delaronde, pictured moments after he saw Aurora's Paul Boissonneault, the largish player with Milton's opponents in the Central Junior B final.

kid in the last two meetings with Aurora taking Game Five 4-3 and then returning to Aurora to win Game Six 4-2. They worked their magic by waiting until the big kid was off the ice before they did their scoring.

Game Seven was last night in Milton. Full details of the contest will appear in Friday's *Champion*.

Landfill liposuction on baseball park

It'll Be the Best Place to Play Ball in Halton

Brian Best Park will be undergoing an operation.

The baseball park, nearest to Milton District High School, which is situated on a former dump, will have the sod peeled back on either side of a line running down from home plate to the centre field fence. Underlying dump material will be removed and clean landfill laid in before the sod is closed up, a Leisure Services Department report says.

"The procedure shouldn't interfere with baseball on the site in the 1992 season," said Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Leisure Services for the Town of Milton. "We anticipate a quick operation, in fact it's necessary or the grass along the incision line will die."

She said the grass will be restored to its original position within 48 hours of the original incision, adding that numerous growth agents will be

applied to the area to ensure quick rejuvenation of the site.

Because of the timing involved the grass will be slit back slowly and material removal will occur while at one end sod is being cut while at the other it is being replaced, seeded and fertilized.

"What we want is a pleasant park for participants and spectators," Ms Reynolds said, "rather than a place where you're afraid to light a cigarette." Ms Reynolds was referring to the constant smell of methane which permeates the site as the garbage beneath it rots.

"In addition with the clean landfill we will be able to install much needed lights at the field," she said. Lights have not been approved because of studies show the ground too unstable to support the weight of the support standards.

The operation begins as soon as the ground is soft enough from the thaw. Work crews anticipate beginning next week though they were hoping for an April 1 start date.

Bills come to Milton

The Buffalo Bills are abandoning their Lockport, New York training facility and moving to Milton.

The team which begins training camp in July will use the extensive facilities at E.C. Drury High School for eight weeks prior to flying to New York where they take on the Jets in their opener on Sept. 13 at Shea Stadium.

A source with the Bills said they wanted a place where there was no minor football program so they could encourage one. Jim Kelly, Andre Reed, Cornelius Bennett and Thurman Thomas will conduct short camps for local kids. Those dates have not been announced.

School board dumps unprofitable sports

The Halton Board of Education announced that it would be dropping funding on every sport with the exception of basketball, hockey, and volleyball while adding baseball. Currently baseball is an unfunded sport.

"We want to encourage the high profile sports in an effort to increase interest to the general community and eventually make money on them," said a source at the Board.

"If we can make money we won't be as dependent on municipal taxation for our budgets," the source added.