

Talking Sports

by Tom Shields



With the warm weather coming, local softball is starting to get organized for the summer season, but Ron Marchildon, recreation director for the town of Penetanguishene has a bit of a problem getting older people interested in helping out and forming an executive.

This minor softball program that Ron has set up is for both boys and girls from 7 to 16 years old, and although there are lots of youngsters waiting to take to the field, Ron has not found enough people interested in the kids to help him form an executive.

And to have a good league, coaches, managers, and umpires are also needed, especially umpires, as a kids game would be dynamite without someone there to call the balls, strikes, and who's out.

Ron will have another meeting at the Penetanguishene Arena lounge next Monday night at 7:30 p.m., and this time he is hoping for a far better turnout of softball-interested citizens who are willing to help out with the youngsters.

Looking for a job?

In case you are unemployed and looking for a job, I think that there might be a few openings in the near future. These jobs, however, will be in the hockey coaching field, and they will be open in the major league category only.

I'm looking for the Toronto Maple Leafs to lower the boom on Leonard (Red) Kelly after a dismal year and a four game series with Philadelphia that saw the Flyers breeze by the Hog-towners in four straight games, with Bobby Clarke and company barely working up a sweat.

Red has some talent on the Leafs — not much mind you — but the thing missing in the Philly series was gumption and back-bone. If Red couldn't get it out of the players, then it's time to get someone who can.

The Leafs can also dispose of a few players in the off season, such as Norm Ullman and Eddie Shack who are too old, a few others who lack the major league talent and competitiveness, and others for a lack of guts, such as Inge Hammerstrom who was scared silly of the Flyers.

Leafs can keep Gord McRae for the nets, Darryl Sittler for a forward line, and Borje Salming for defence. After that they should make some healthy trades by throwing Keon's name in the hat.

The windy city of Chicago should be minus one Billy Reay within the next few weeks as the fans were singing, "Good-bye Billy" to his nibs in the Chicago stadium on Sunday night. And when the fans get down on you, its time to go. Its time, anyway, for Billy, who has been in Chicago since before expansion was even thought of by Clarence Campbell, chief czar of the NHL.

Coaching positions that are pretty solid are those of Bob Pullford in Los Angeles, Floyd Smith in Buffalo, Al Arbour in New York Islander territory, and Marc Boileau in Pittsburgh. Add, of course, the king of coaches, Freddie Shero in Philly.

Winner at 7-second mark

The classic came on Sunday morning, right in the Penetanguishene Arena, when Kenny Edgar scored with just seven seconds elapsed on the overtime clock, to give the Penetang IGA team the recreation league championship, and you can read about that series elsewhere in the sports section. Congratulations, though, to both teams for a whale of a series.

To wrap up the column for this edition, we have a question. Who has amassed the greatest fortune as a single person in the world of sports?

If you think its Mohammed Ali, you are wrong. You are also wrong if you said the great soccer star, Pele of Brazil.

The person making the most money at a sport is Sonja Henie of Norway who earned an estimated \$47,500,000 in the figure skating world. Source of that information is the Guinness Sports Record Book.



Ready for a rest

Grant Lotton, stepping down after a year as general manager of both the house league and all-star branches of the Penetanguishene Minor Hockey League, was worn out by the time Sunday's round of games ended and the season drew to a close. He won't be back next year, since his job will take him out of town more often than in the past, but he will leave behind a solid year's work, and a few suggestions for the incoming executive, elected last night.

Figure skater Brian Orser invited to two week seminar

Figure skater Brian Orser of Penetanguishene has been invited to a two week figure skating seminar at the University of British Columbia in late August. He is one of 46 Canadian figure skaters chosen by the Canadian Figure Skating Association to attend this seminar. The figure skaters were chosen on ability and their competitive record. During this seminar which will involve singles' free skating and compulsory figures, the skaters will

receive instruction from the top figure skating professional instructors in Canada. Last year such skaters as Canadian men's champion Toller Cranston and Canadian ladies' champion Lynn Nightingale attended the seminar for instruction. During the two week seminar, the skaters will be staying on campus at the University of British Columbia. Brian also attended this seminar last year.

Hockey season ends with 8-game tourney

Little NHL declares league champions



Coaching both teams

Rev. Sid Maddock coached both juvenile house league teams in the Penetanguishene Minor Hockey League this season — the first time in years any juveniles have played in the league. Next year, he hopes to have four teams entered as some of the younger players move up — and he could use an additional coach or two.

Staff photo

Sunday was Little NHL championship day at the Penetanguishene Arena as 16 teams of boys ranging in age from 5 to 18 battled for top house league honours before a large crowd of parents, relatives and friends.

It was a day that left organizers exhausted but the kids happy, and with everything from a toddler scoring on his own goaltender to a marathon shoot-out to break a tie, there was more than enough excitement for the fans.

The day marked the end of the Little NHL season, and the end of hockey until next fall for the almost 500 Penetanguishene and area youngsters who played house league or all-star hockey.

And it also marked the beginning of a period of relative peace for the parents, coaches and members of the league executive — some of whom, as volunteers, devoted more than 20 hours per week helping to provide recreation for the youth of the community.

Play began shortly after noon, as the "babies" of the league took to the ice for

junior D action that saw Mark Dubeau score all five goals as he led his Lions squad to a 5-4 victory over the Bears. Wayne and Gilles Charlebois each had a pair of goals for the losers in a tight, sometimes awkward game for those who are still concentrating most on standing up, rather than playmaking.

The longest shoot-out But the closest, longest — and most hilarious game of the day was in the junior C division. After regulation time, the Tigers and Panthers were locked in a 2-2 tie, and when the first overtime period ended in a scoreless draw, tournament organizers decided on a shoot-out.

The problem was that the youngsters had never played a shoot-out before — where a member of each team takes a shot at the opposing goalie until somebody scores.

One little fellow, confused but determined, swooped down on his own goaltender to blast a drive home. League general manager Grant Lotton, who had been explaining the procedure to the kids, kept blowing his whistle as the future star made his play, and

disallowed the score for humanitarian reasons. He pointed the lad in the opposite direction, told him to do the same thing, but this time the youngster met with failure.

Before the game ended, each team had gone through its complete roster and were on the second round, before Tigers' Vince Brunelle fired in the winner.

Lotton called the game the "longest shoot-out in history." With the teams playing two 15-minute periods and one 20-minute session of straight time, the game lasted a total of one hour and 35 minutes.

Brunelle had scored the first goal for Tigers as well, with the other marker going to Peter Dion. Neil Charlebois and Steven Maddock were the Panther marksmen.

In junior B play, Arthur Leroux, James Grozelle and Dennis Leroux powered Newmarket to a 3-1 win over St. Kitt's. Victor Leblanc had the only goal for the losing side.

Tight tyke tussle

Oshawa squeaked through with a 6-5 victory over Niagara Falls for the Friday Night Tyke House League championship, led by Henry Marchildon, who picked up a hat-trick. Jodie Blanchard added a pair and Shawn Marchand had a single to round out the Oshawa scoring.

Mike Brunelle had a big night for the losers as he picked up four goals for Niagara Falls, but David Quesnelle had the only other goal for the squad and it wasn't enough against Oshawa.

In a hard-fought peewee B game, Vancouver took the championship by defeating Oakland 2-1. Brian Leclair and Steven Grozelle scored for the winners, as David Desroches picked up the lone Oakland goal.

The battle for the bantam B crown was more like a rout, however, as Chicago whipped Detroit 6-2. Vince Garrett turned in a three goal performance for Chicago with Danny O'Hara picking up a pair and Pat Duval adding a single.

Pierre Therrien and Mitchell Stewart replied for Detroit.

In midget competition,

Sweden edged Canada 6-5, led by George Mundy's hat-trick. Ken Quesnelle, M. Desroches and Jamie Maddock added to Sweden's total.

In the losing cause, Paul Lefave led Canada with a pair, as J. Richardson, Roger Dupuis and Roger Marchildon posted singles.

Greens take juvenile championship

In juvenile play, a year-long rivalry went right to the wire, as the Penetanguishene Greens defeated Midland Blues 4-2, with the insurance goal scored into an empty net as Blues attempted a comeback.

Bill Mundy had a pair of goals for the winners, as Guy Quesnelle and John Sagle added singles. Kelly Smith and Ken Wiggins found the range for the Midland Blues squad.

This has been the first year for juvenile house league hockey in Penetanguishene, with Rev. Sid Maddock of St. James-on-the-Lines and All Saints Anglican Church acting as the coach for both teams. Several of the players hailed from Midland or the Midland Point area, since Midland minor hockey offered no juvenile competition.

The Penetanguishene Police Association sponsored both teams, and they sported the sharpest sweaters in the league — and the ones used

when the high school teachers played. Maddock is hoping for four

teams next year, battling for the Rogers Cup, sponsored by town councillor Mary

Rogers. In regular league play, the Midland Blues had taken the title.



Greens take juvenile title

The Penetanguishene Greens nipped the Midland Blues 4-2 Sunday, with the last goal into an empty net as Blues tried to stage a comeback. Greens' goaltender Gord Dusome, pictured above, played a sharp game for Penetanguishene, after catching a puck on the side of the head early in the match. As one observer said as the goalie stood bent over — "he'll be right back in the net. That's his style." He was.

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Minor Softball Meeting
Monday, April 28
7:30 p.m. at the Penetanguishene Arena Lounge

Minor Soccer Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.
at the Penetanguishene Arena Lounge

Teen Dance
Friday, April 25, 8:30 p.m.
at the Arena Lounge Penetanguishene
Dance to records - Admission 50 cents

Archery
Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m.
at Corpus Christi School

Badminton
Friday, evenings 7-9:30 p.m.
at Corpus Christi School

Industrial League Hockey

Last game in that series was played Sunday, April 20 with Penetanguishene IGA emerging as the winners. Awards night will be held on May 31, 1975.

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