

Olympia Sports trounces Athenian Raiders

Jamie Dahmer knocked in four runs to lead Olympia Sports to a 13-3 trouncing in their Georgian Bay Fastball League game last Tuesday. Ben Pauze and Bob Dion joined Dahmer in

hitting first-inning singles to give Olympia an early 5-0 lead. Eight more Olympia runs were scored in the third inning when Dennis O'Leary walked, Bob Moreau reached base on an error, Bob Desroches and Dah-

mer hit back-to-back doubles and John Stamp and Bob Bald singled. All three Raiders' runs came in the fifth inning when Joe Gagnon and John Young singled, Earl Cousineau doubled and Don Sharden was

walked. Olympia hitting Raiders 8-3, and both teams committed three errors. Bob Moreau was credited with the win, allowing three runs on three hits and one walk, and striking out two Raiders.

Islanders 10, Olympia 9
A five-run performance in the bottom of the ninth inning just wasn't enough for Olympia Sports as they were edged 10-9 by Christian Island Islanders last Monday. Islanders took the lead

in the third inning after each team scored two in the first. Christian Island's Brian Walser and Everett King were doubled in by Bobby Rice before John Stamp singled in Jamie Dahmer for a fourth-inning

Olympia score. Two Islanders' errors and a single by Ron Desroches evened the game up in the fifth inning, but Islanders jumped in front again in the sixth when Roly Monague led off with a

triple and Carl Monague followed with a single. Walser and Everett King then singled for another run. The action heated up in the final frame, as Islanders took a six-run lead on Walser's two-RBI

single and Carl Banting knocked in Doug Monague after Roly Monague reached base on catchers' interference. Olympia mounted their ninth-inning attack when Bob Bald reached first on an error. John Gunther

singled and Desroches reached first on another error, scoring Bald. Bob Moreau then hit a two-run triple and two more runners crossed the plate on singles by Stamp and Ben Pauze.

Recreation scene

Registrations are now being taken for our two summer programs. The Playground program will run out of three locations. A French Playground at St. Joseph's School, and two English Playgrounds at Burkevale School and Bayfield Park. The maximum registration for each location is 20 children, taken on a first come first served basis. The cost is only \$7.00 per child for the two week period and registration forms are available at the Municipal Office, 10 Robert Street West. This program will begin on Tuesday, July 4 and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please register early.

Our second program will not get underway until Monday, July 10. This of course is our swimming program. Again registration forms are available at the Municipal Office. Keep a watch in the paper for a special night which will be set up for parents to register their children and also to meet the waterfront staff.

Again a quick reminder about the Little N.H.L. annual meeting to be held in the arena lounge on Wed. June 28 at 7 p.m. The ball is in your court if an executive cannot be formed there may not be Little N.H.L. in town this year. So please come out and work on the executive for a year and learn the other side of being a hockey parent.

On July 8 at McGuire Park the finals for our House League Softball Program will be held following is a schedule for this day. It would be really nice to see all the children show up and hopefully bring their parents along to watch. There will be crests for the winners and a treat for all competitors.

- 9 a.m. Jr. Boys, Semi final 1-3, 2-4.
- 10:30 a.m. Sr. Boys, Semi final 1-3 2-4.
- 1 p.m. Jr. Girls, Semi final 2-3 1 get by.
- 1 p.m. Jr. Boys, Final.
- 2:30 p.m. Sr. Girls, Final.
- 2:30 p.m. Tiny Tyke Boys, Final.
- 4:00 p.m. Jr. Girls, Final.
- 4:00 p.m. Sr. Boys, Final.

I would like to remind everyone about the bands which we are bringing into the arena for the teenage and older crowd who like rock music. On July 1 we will have Goddo and Battered Riffs performing. Doors open at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the arena any night roller skating is on and also at Ken Gauthier Sports, the Municipal Office, Johnstone Music Land and The Music Co. in the Huronia Mall.

Then on July 15 we will present Triumph and Moxy two bands which I am told are making it big all over Canada and who have just each released a new album. I'm sure you will enjoy yourself at both these dances so please buy your advanced tickets and save yourself a bit of money.

For the older set a dance will be held in the arena sponsored by the Figure Skating Club on Saturday, July 8 beginning at 8:30 p.m. Music Unlimited will be the band. All proceeds from this dance will go into acquiring a new sound system for the arena. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Figure Skating Club Executive.

Sportscene

by Garry Forbes

It killed Midland's minor soccer two years ago, and now its threatening Penetanguishene's minor hockey.

I just can't understand the parental apathy which has directly influenced these two occurrences. I find it hard to believe that a Canadian town with a population of 5,500 can't find enough interested people to form a 14-member minor hockey executive.

But that's what's happening. At a recent so-called meeting, all that was accomplished was a name change from Little NHL to the high-sounding Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association. The new name is representative of the house leaguers and Penetanguishene's six entrants in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

Parents of the "all-star" players seem to be indicating some interest, but according to PMHA Executive Director Burt Dubeau, without a centralized organization it would be difficult for Penetanguishene to support the teams participating in the OMHA.

That in itself is pretty bad, but what's worse is that there are 20 house league teams with 299 players which "are in danger of disappearing."

What is really sad about the situation is that it's not the kids who don't want to play the game—it's their parents who would like to see little Johnny grow up and secure a long-term no-cut multi-million dollar package with a pro club, but won't get out to help in the organization of a league that will help the kid develop.

Besides, from what I've seen (and experienced), most kids have a more realistic attitude about their future in hockey than their parents do.

A great number of kids would just as soon play house league and risk missing the big-league scouts than get involved in the dream-induced pressure applied by some parents, who often do plenty of coaching on the way home in the car, but shy away from practicing their words of wisdom publicly where they might get backtalk.

The kids want to play, and I think they have every right to.

Tonight, another association meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Penetanguishene arena lounge.

People who are willing to be on the executive and anyone who wants to help with the league should attend the meeting. 1977-78 association President Stan LeClair said after the last try.

To anyone interested in the preservation of organized hockey in Penetanguishene: Be there. And participate!

More soccer next season

Due to a surplus of players and an apparent re-kindling of interest in the game, Midland will have more than one men's soccer team next season and attempts will be made to form a Midland district men's soccer league.

Midland Leitz is at present the only men's soccer team in town and one of eight entries in the Barrie and District Soccer League.

Leitz had 40 players out to its spring training practices, and coach Roy Savage said several more players have since expressed interest in playing.

However, Barrie and District league rules stipulate that a season roster of 20 players must be registered by June 5. This trimming left a surplus of interested soccer players.

"Not only that," Savage said, "with 20 players there has to be some sitting on the bench. Some players don't play much because we want to field the best team we can."

"Pretty soon, some became disappointed and stopped turning up for practices."

These players are still interested in playing soccer, he pointed out, and some are riding the bench because it's simply the only game in town.

One of those who hasn't seen much action lately due to a two-week-old ankle injury, is John O'Hara. O'Hara recently came up with the idea of forming a second team to provide the surplus of players with a team to play on.

O'Hara coached Midland's Peewee soccer team to the Thistle Cup Simcoe County soccer championship last year. There are now no area minor soccer teams left, partly because of lack of parent participation, and partly because there is really nowhere to graduate to.

Leitz used to play in the first division Newmarket and District Soccer league before being relegated to their present league. Only three players on the present club are veterans of the old first division team.

"I've got the Thistle Cup at home right now, but there's no one left to share it with," O'Hara said.

According to both O'Hara and Savage, more player development is necessary, and both agree that in this case, the best place to initiate the interest in such development is at the top.

Savage said the formation of a new club could only help soccer in Midland, that more potential players could become interested.

"There seems to be a growing interest as it is," he said. "We've got to bring some of the younger players along with more teams and more development."

"I know of lots of guys around with great potential but little experience. There are many school-aged kids interested in soccer, and the real learning comes from playing the game in an organized fashion; any new clubs will provide that learning and stimulate the interest."

O'Hara said he is negotiating with a possible sponsor for the new team, has a reputable coach lined up

and has already discussed the idea with "pretty close to a full team plus some possibles."

The present Barrie league probably wouldn't be willing to accept a new club, Savage said, but the possibility of a Midland district league is being investigated.

"We know there are some good players in Penetanguishene, and there's Elmvale and other nearby places which could probably muster up a team," Savage said. "In fact, if things go right, Midland might even be able to field more than two teams."

Expo's win first

Penetang Expos capped off 13 hits last Wednesday enroute to their first win of the Georgian Bay Fastball League season, a 9-6 victory over Caswell's Antiques.

Caswell's Art Desroches opened the scoring in the third inning after reaching base on one of Expos' six errors. Expos came back in their half of the frame when Wayne Dion, Rick Moreau, Lloyd Leroux, Mike Brophy and Burke Thompson each singled.

Leroux, and John and Rick Moreau all singled in the fourth to give Expos a commanding 7-1 lead, but Caswell's threatened in the top of the fifth when Peter Arbour walked Tom Sibley homered, and Expos committed two errors giving up a total of four runs.

Expos scored once in the fifth after Al St. Amant singled, and Caswell's notched another in the sixth inning when Ken Popple crossed the plate. Rick Moreau increased Expos' lead to three runs in the sixth by hitting a double and scoring.

Caswell's committed only one error in the game, but hit only six times.

Lercar 11, Expos 1
Mike Brophy walked, then scored on Larry Leroux's single to give Expos an early lead and their only run in an 11-1 drubbing at the bats of Lercar Construction last Tuesday.

Only three errors were made in the game, two by Expos and Lercar outthit their opponents 12-4.

Lercar's first three runs came in the bottom of the first when Kenny Edgar tripled to lead off the inning and singles were had by Larry Gregoire, Alvin Robillard, Gord Dusome and Tony Forget.

Louis Belcourt, Gregoire and Robillard singled in the fifth inning and Forget blasted a two-run homer to add five more runs. Bob Hirts, Gregoire and Robillard each singled in the third inning to score two more.

Tony Forget went the distance for Lercar allowing only one earned run on four hits and three strikeouts. Alvin Robillard—league batting leader with a .625 average—and Larry Gregoire each found a base on their three at-bats. Gregoire had three RBIs in the game and Robillard knocked in two runs.



Gary Edwards displays a 2 ft. 3 in. 5 lb. prehistoric Bowfin that was caught at the Wye river, Sunday at 22 p.m. by 14 year-old Jim Hachey who fought the fish for an hour before the line broke and Edwards jumped in

the water, grabbed the tail and threw it out. One of the fishermen was bitten and received stitches. "The Bowfin is a living fossil virtually unchanged in the last 300 million years", said seasonal naturalist of the

Wye Marsh Burt VanIngen adding, "The Bowfin is not rare but is very seldom caught". The black spot on the tail surrounded by a yellow ring signifies that the fish is male. Staff photo by Gary Whittle

Georgian Bay Fastball

Brule takes three point lead

Hotel Brule took a three-point lead in the Georgian Bay Fastball league after winning both of their scheduled games last week.

Brule knocked off Caswell's Antiques 5-2 last Monday on the Brian Walser hit four times in five at-bats, collecting four RBIs. Wally Jamieson pitched one-third of an inning in relief for Bobby Rice, who was credited with the win.

Elmvale wins Area Three track meet

Elmvale's Huronia Centennial public school came out on top of the Area 3 track and field championships held at Midland Secondary School last week.

Meet Chairman Ted Ross said he was pleased with the performance of all the participants, especially those from Huronia Centennial, who has a "super, physically well-prepared team."

Huronia Centennial won first-place trophies in all three girls' individual championships. Vicki Holt placed first in the junior division, Angela Kirkton tied with Parkview's Sandra Reynolds in intermediate and Kerri Simpson took the senior title.

In boys' individual championships, Leigh Brandon from Waubushene placed first in junior, Sacred Heart's Doug Kozy won in intermediate and Rick Reeve was top senior.

Victoria Harbour was runner-up in over-all school standings, Sacred Heart placed third and Parkview was fourth in the 13-school competition, taking the Midland Public School trophy.