

Coaches: you owe it to the boys to learn

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As I See It

Having just spent this past weekend in Base Borden at the first half of the Level Three hockey coaching certification programs, a

question of great concern comes to mind. A comment was made to the effect that all coaches for minor hockey will have to hold at least a Level One coaching certificate in the year 1985.

This seems to make a lot of sense as I think of all the information being taught in the courses at all four levels.

Sure, practical experience is valuable but it also seems necessary to have some kind of education available to those men who will be leading the boys.

If a man is a storehouse of knowledge in the game, having played the sport for several years, it doesn't necessarily mean he is the best man for the job.

He may not be able to pass that knowledge on with the most effect or he may simply not understand what it is the boys are needing in the way of guidance.

There are so many things you must un-

derstand to be a good coach and they just don't come from playing the game.

Boys in minor hockey are looking to you for guidance in playing techniques, skating and shooting and every facet of the game that may enter into it.

The way you approach the situation is what counts.

Young boys require a lot of patience because they simply do not have the capabilities of understanding a certain play or skill the way an older individual can and you must allow for that.

All plays might have to be broken down into a number of steps depending upon the age of the boys and the dispensing of responsibility will vary with the age involved.

The most important thing a coach must remember is the boys are there for the fun of it and if he cannot make the game fun for them, then he has certainly failed in his job.

That is the primary purpose of a minor hockey coach and should he do a poor job, he can kill all interest a player may have in the game.

In order to succeed in his task, a coach must be willing to give of his own time, both on and off the ice and there are no short cuts.

If he wishes to teach the boys something, then he must admit he can learn as well and that involves attending a clinic such as this.

A coach owes it to the boys and to himself if he takes pride in a job well-done to attend a course of this calibre.

It is mandatory that all minor lacrosse players must have a level one coaching certificate for that sport. Why not hockey?

If one boy loses interest due to bad or inadequate coaching, that is one boy too many and too high a price to be paid for the amount of time it takes to attend a coaching clinic.

A coach is a leader but he must follow those more knowledgeable than himself first to earn that title.

Ker-splash!

Bourgeois champion puddle jumper

This year's winner of the fourth annual Honey Harbour Puddle Jumping contest held Saturday is Larrv Bourgeois of Midland.

He jumped the 250 foot hole in the ice with his 440 Kawasaki snowmobile with only a 20 foot start to claim the first prize money.

He received \$350 for his win.

Joe Woods of Midland picked up \$200 for placing second, having cleared the hole from a 25 foot start on his 440 Blizzard.

Charlie Russell of Waubashene drove his 440 Moto Ski to third place by jumping the icy distance from a 30 foot start for which he wins \$150.

Bruce Vessair of Honey Harbour had his problems that day as his "thing" broke down and he failed to do any better than fourth in the field of 22 competitors after clearing the hole from a 35 foot start.

If his machine hadn't broken down, he would

have won easily because of his specially modified design.

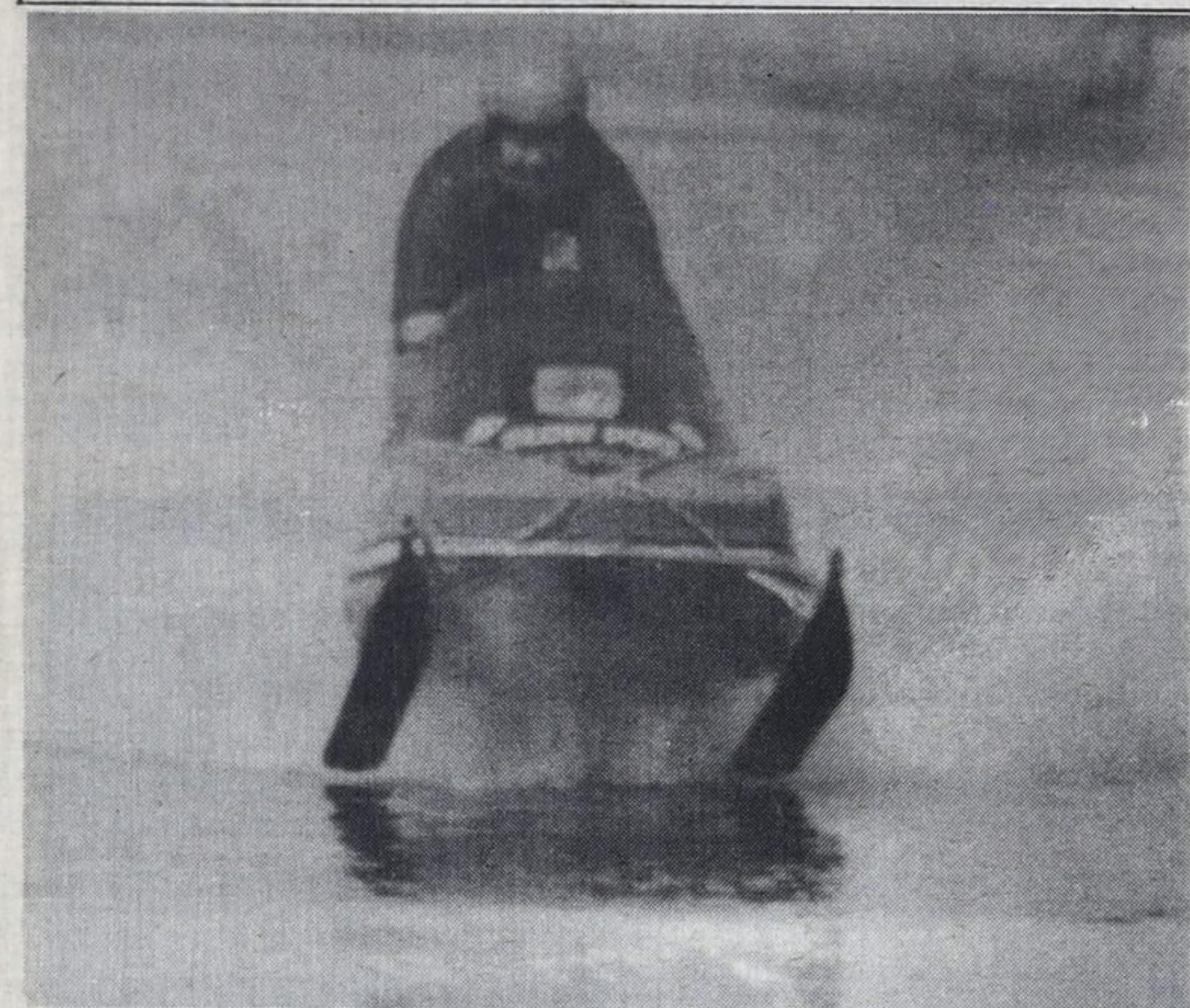
He had a 340 Bombardier engine in an Allouette frame which he painted Moto-Ski orange with the Moto-Ski name on the side.

He also had a grass racing track on the machine which is solid and that combined with his wide skis on the front, made his "thing" a puddle jumping man's dream.

The event was sponsored by Honey Harbour's Lions Club and jumpers came from far away as Guelph to compete. Fans have increased in numbers in the past few years till it has become a highly attended event.

Each driver paid a \$15 registration fee to enter.

Bruce's brother, Gary will be continuing his season this week as he leaves today for Quebec where he will be doing some tryouts for the Bombardier team.



Keep moving...or sink!

You have to be going pretty fast if you want to drive a snowmobile across water and stay afloat to tell about it. Machines of all sizes were speeding across a 25 foot hole in the ice at

Honey Harbour this past weekend and the driest rider emerged the winner. Larrv Bourgeois of Midland cleared the hole with a 20-foot start to take the top spot.

Penetang Rec Hockey finals tied at one game apiece

Hindson Marine of Penetanguishene Recreational Hockey tied their playoff series with Dock Lunch at one game each Sunday in Penetanguishene Arena as they edged out Dock Lunch 6-5.

Dock Lunch took a 1-0 lead early in the first period on a goal by Ken Edgar. Gary Buttineau of Hindson Marine tied it up seconds later.

James Dupuis and Roger Dusome scored singles to make it 3-1 at the end of the first period.

It only took Dock Lunch six minutes to

stage their first two-goal comeback of the game.

Martin McNamara was the first to score, then Larry Cowan showed no mercy on goaltender Frank St. Amant by blasting one into the net to tie the game at three apiece.

Hindson Marine came out flying in the third period to take an early lead on goals by Ken Cowan and James Dupuis with his second of the game.

It wasn't until the last minute before Dock Lunch made their second comeback. Larry

Cowan scored with 37 seconds left to bring Dock Lunch within one.

Right from the face-off, Dock Lunch raced in and Bill McIntosh scored to force overtime with 32 seconds to go.

In the sudden death overtime period, Wavne Dupuis played brilliantly as he stopped an onslaught of shots by Hindson only to be beaten by Marcel Vallee who shovelled one in on the short side to end the game.

Sunday Sinners Bowling League Standings, Mar. 22

	W	L	Pts
Lucky Striker's	26½	12½	62
Allev Cat's	21	18	49
Pat's Rat's	19	20	45

Born Loser's	17½	21½	42
Heavv Roller's	16	23	39
Seven Up's	16	23	36

Midland Minor Hockey House League

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Dorion top bowler with high single

Winner of the High Single of the Week Trophy as donated by Summers Trophies in Midland Industrial Bowling for this week was Brian Dorion who bowled a 315.

Dennis Brabant still holds the high average for the league with 243 while Jules Marion has 237 and Louis Maurice has 234.

In the eastern division of the league, Quality Carpet Care has first place with a strong lead with 56 wins and 22 losses for 129 points.

In second is Commodore Hotel with 50 wins and 28 losses for 116 points and third is Norsim's Canadianas with 39 wins and 39 losses for 91 points.

Sitting in fourth is Bayshore Lanes with 31½ wins and 43 losses for 73 points with Bay Mills Bombers a little further back with 28½ wins and 48 losses for 65 points.

Legion Red is last with 28 wins and 50 losses for

63 points.

In the western division, Brabant's Construction has 52 wins and 26 losses for 122 points and they are closely followed by Garner's Sports with 47½ wins and 30 losses for 111 points.

Legion Gold is third with 42½ wins and 35 losses for 96 points and fourth place belongs to Huronia Auto Glass with 38 wins and 40 losses for 87 points.

Ladouceur Construction is fifth with 28½ wins and 49 losses for 62 points while the basement spot is filled by Bay Mills Rookies with 25½ wins and 52 losses for 58 points.

High scores for this week were bowled by David Bowen with a 306, Pete Lacroix with 297, Bill Lalonde with 292, Maurice Lapensee with 291, Len Lesperance with 289, Jack Bowen with 283, Richard Marion with 281, Rodney Todd with 280, Tom Sauve with 279, Dennis Brabant with 278 and Jim Bressette with 278.



Drawing large crowds every year

Large crowds are fast becoming the rule, not the exception for Honey Harbour's annual Puddle Jumping contest held every spring. The event calls for snowmobilers to attempt to drive across a 25 foot hole in the ice

and an icy bath is waiting for those who fail. This year's winner was Larrv Bourgeois of Midland who made the distance with only a 20 foot start.