



## Sidelines

by Garry Forbes

# Your basic recreationals

People, it seems, play recreational sports for differing reasons.

It could be rec hockey, football, basketball, baseball, or any of the other myriad of sports activities wherein people collect for loosely-organized and laxly-officiated one-shot pickup games or more regularly-contested league play.

But whatever the sport, the collection is composed of participants who are vastly dissimilar in ability, physical characteristics, background, outlook, general and career interests, as well as a lot of other things.

Due to this - or because of it - the various practitioners of rec athletic activity approach and play their games with wildly differing thoughts in mind.

Fortunately, we've been able to find some patterns in all this after countless hours of thoroughly informal research, study and testing.

Though most people won't fall neatly into any single category, you'll probably discover that you are personally the perfect Type R while everybody else is an uneven mix of the other three.

**TYPE A: The I'm-Too-Good-To-Be-True's**  
These people would have made it to the big

leagues were it not for having to cut back on 80-hour-a-week practise sessions in order to support their aging, helpless cat.

They tell everyone every game that this is not the best they're capable of and proceed to list a creatively-assembled bunch of reasons why not.

They know a lot of little tips and secrets to help your game; they'll offer them by taking you aside patronizingly or hollering during play. They always know the scores, the standings, and how many goals or runs or touchdowns they've accumulated in games as well as practices and warmups. They never know their assists records because they're not very impressive, or, in the Type A mind, not very important anyway.

During pre-game loosening in arena sports, they take face-high slapshots as the rest of the team circles the zone and the goaltender has his back turned. In field sports, they warm up by kicking or throwing balls away needlessly and foolishly in efforts to impress teammates and spectators.

Despite the fact there are only teammates and friends watching the game, the Type A rec player harbors a fantasy that there's a scout lurking around somewhere.

Due mostly to colossal ignorance, Type A's always spend more time in the game than anyone else.

**TYPE B: The I'm-Only-Here-For-The-Beer Club**

They're not quite as serious about the game as Type A's - in fact, they're not serious at all about anything whatsoever. They're generally of some value as a short-term source of fun, but, with time - an hour or so, say - they can get excruciatingly obnoxious.

They may show up in the bag, unlike some of the essential equipment they often forget to pack. They also may get dumb in warmup, but will laugh with glee when the puck hits the goalie in the back of the head or when the ball rolls under a bus.

Other than all that, they're pretty harmless and we think every rec team should have one.

Tom Hudspeth, in fact, has insinuated that the Toronto Argonauts lineup contains a whole bunch.

**TYPE X: The Muscle Beach Gang**  
No rec team needs one of these.

He's a goon, an intimidator, the greatest source of bad and spilled blood in the realm of friendly and non-collision sport. The highlight of his year is the pre-season ritual

wherein he gets cement poured into one ear and stoppered at the other.

At one time he may have been some use at pro or semi-pro levels as an assassin, but in his present state his only practical use is as a warm bench.

Believing in 'survival of the fittest', he trips, slashes and elbows the weaker and slower players most, likening them to the sad creatures on his backyard mink ranch. Of course, he's rarely fit himself and if it came down to it, he'd probably get clobbered in the alley by a fair-sized chinchilla.

Everyone blames everyone else for allowing him to show up and he's usually asked to take a hike before the season is halfway over.

**TYPE R: The Authentic Recreational Sportsman**

They join a recreational team or pickup game because they want a little physical activity, a little good-natured competition and a little socializing.

Unfortunately, their spouses or partners are always of the opinion that those same considerations could be had at home more regularly if it weren't for recreational sports.

# Athletics display upward mobility

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The Midland Athletics have emerged from the basement.

In a battle which would leave the losers alone in the OHA Intermediate A Hockey League cellar, the Athletics emerged triumphant with a convincing 10-3 clobbering of the Owen Sound Greys Monday at Midland Arena.

The night before, the Athletics lost their fourth straight of the young season with a 3-2 decision at the hands of host Port Elgin Sunocos. Low spot on the league's totem pole is a familiar position to the A's: last season, their first in the Intermediate loop, Midland won only two games and tied one in 36 outings to secure the bottom rung.

"We couldn't have played better," said

in the third.

The Athletics held a 2-1 lead after the first period on goals by Andy Zurawski and team captain Ken Knapton. They then pulled ahead 4-1 with a goal from Terry Spiker and an unassisted, shorthanded effort from Wayne King at the midway point of the second, but Owen Sound threatened again with their second and third power play goals of the game late in the

penalized, outshot, and most important, outscored in Sunday's game, and all three statistics were by narrow margins.

Midland collected 20 minutes in penalties to Port Elgin's 22, and goaltender Craig Watson faced 40 shots to 36 for the Sunoco's Dave Rainer.

Port Elgin grabbed the lead early in the first period and never let go. Midland goals came from Robertson and Cowan, with Doug Gillespie, Spiker and Zurawski picking up assists.

Next outing for the A's is Friday in Barrie against the Flyers. Next

home date is Sunday at 8 p.m. when Midland will take on the league-leading Collingwood Shipbuilders.

**ATHLETIC NOTES:** The A's have scheduled Oct. 23 as "Dollar Night", and all paying customers showing up for the A's Athletics-Flyers matchup at Midland Arena will get

in for a buck. After the game, the team will host the season's first Booster Club, with all drinks going for \$1.... Marc Duquette suffered a slight knee injury in Monday's

game but manager Stewart says he should be ready by Friday...defenceman

Bruce Guthrie, who may have been a valuable newcomer to the A's lineup, will definitely be sidelined

for several weeks after tests late last week revealed a broken collarbone. Guthrie received the break in last Tuesday's game in Collingwood....

## Athletics 10, Greys 3

Athletics manager and interim coach Shawn Stewart, pointing out the fact that it was the most goals the A's have ever come up with.

And, according to Stewart, it's not that the Greys have gotten any worse; it is, he says, substantially the same lineup Owen Sound fielded to make it to the league semi-finals last year.

About 150 people showed up for Sunday's game, which became so one-sided in the third period that the shots-on-goal count was abolished.

Paul Goodine completed his first regular-season game in the Midland net, stopping 25 Owen Sound shots in the first two periods. Greys goaltenders Brian Caley and Scott Baker faced a total of 27 in the first two periods before Midland shooters rained on them

middle frame.

But Wayne Dixon came up with a goal with only 35 seconds left in the second period, and from there it was a coast for the home club. King, Zurawski, Ross Cousineau and Larry Cowan each found the Owen Sound net in the third to complete the blasting.

Owen Sound goals came from Brad Underwood, Don Hutchinson and Michael King, with team captain Bill Barclay picking up a pair of assists.

The A's King notched three assists, as did High Robertson. Paul Robillard and Spiker each scored two assists.

Midland was assessed 26 minutes in penalties--including a second-period 10-minute misconduct to Goodine--against Owen Sound's six minutes.

The A's were out-



## Out of the saddle

Midland Athletics' goaltender Craig Watson attempts to make his way back into position while Wayne Dixon battles for

the puck behind the net in OHA Intermediate A league play at Midland Arena. The A's won their first game of the season

Monday with a convincing 10-3 victory over the Owen Sound Greys.