

A's are happy with their lot

It appears that Midland Athletics president Hugh Robertson may have been barking up the wrong tree if he was

counting on any Terriers showing up in the early-goings of the A's training camp. Robertson had already made it known

that the A's weren't about to beg for the services of the players from the now-defunct Orillia Terriers club, but he had placed ads in

the Orillia area inviting anyone out to the A's camp and might have expected a couple of responses.

The Athletics opened their 1982/83 OHA Major Intermediate A show last Wednesday under the direction of rookie coach Earl Scott and continued Sunday afternoon in Wasaga Beach.

Scott trimmed the first-night crowd from 30 to a list of 24 and will take another look tonight (10-11 p.m.), and next Tuesday and Thursday at the same hours. Whatever he finally decides on will be fielded in an exhibition encounter in Collingwood on the 21st and the home audiences will get their first look-see on the 26th when the A's meet new entry Durham Huskies in a pre-season tussle at Midland Arena.

Robertson said yesterday that former players Ross Cousineau, Marc Duquette and Jim Wylie haven't shown at camp yet and there's still some question about a backup goaltender for Craig Watson, though Dave Sarson looks like he might take to the job.

Scott said Monday there haven't been any signings yet, but he's been impressed with the performance of a couple of former Junior defencemen, Terry King (from the Penetanguishene Kings) and Terry Cameron (from the Midland Centennials). Another recent Junior graduate, Doug Gillespie from Penetanguishene, appears ready to grab a spot (he played part of last season with the

A's), and all that youth has Scott in an optimistic frame of mind.

"I think it's going to be a better club than last year," he said this week. "With a couple of new defencemen we've got just what we needed."

So where, oh, where, have the Terriers gone? To the Barrie Flyers,

it seems, at least they will probably show up there when camp opens on the 18th, according to Flyers manager Doug Fleeer. Fleeer says a lot of the Orillia line-up did live "down this way" and toward Toronto last season and they may collect in Barrie on the heels of the recent signing of ace

goaltender Clyde Harris.

Does that bother Robertson and Scott? Not likely. They've got enough for a team -- a good team, they assert, and basically the same team that made the playoffs last year -- and they seem content to go about their own business... doggedly.

'New look' is old hat to the Kings

Penetanguishene Kings manager Peter Dubeau isn't shocked that a hefty percentage of his OHA Junior C bronze medal-winning club probably won't be back for a return engagement -- any Junior-level club, especially a successful one, expects a good number of its players to try for higher levels.

As a matter of fact, says Dubeau, the club is in a more solid position as it's about to open training camp this year than it was last season.

"You never expect a lot of guys to be back," Dubeau said Monday. "Last year, we went with virtually a new team and placed third in the province. This year, I expect about ten guys to be back, and as far as experienced players go, we're in better shape."

The club's top shooters of last season may be back: Carl Cowan will be attending Seneca College this year and is at training camp with the Aurora Tigers of the Junior ranks, but Dubeau says there's still a chance he might rejoin the Kings; and Dave Robillard returned to the area recently from a tryout with the Major A Kingston Canadians.

One major area of concern will be goaltending. Ken Dunlop is still at the Belleville Bulls' Major Junior camp, the club which selected him in the Midget draft, and Kevin Steele is "doing well" along with forward Brian McReynolds at camp with the new Major A franchise in Guelph.

Other possible losses include Doug Kirton, who will be leaving this week for a shot at the Brockville Bulls (Eastern Ontario Provincial A) and a couple of other talented youngsters that are giving

it their all at other Junior A and B camps around the province.

Dubeau also lost three over-age players, including the sharp-shooting Doug Gillespie, who looks like he'll be joining the Midland Athletics' Intermediate A crew.

But Dubeau still expects plenty of viable prospects when camp opens next Wednesday night (8 p.m.) and continues almost every day until the season opens Oct. 1.

Though history has been nice to the club they've made a habit of winning the Georgian Bay championship and last year edged as close as they've been to the provincial title), Dubeau says the track record is a mixed blessing at camp time.

"Players always think that a successful franchise is looking for a big improvement and it'll be too hard to make the team because it's been a good team," said the long-time manager. "But the way it stands -- and the way it stood last year at this time -- is, all positions are open. Just bring your equipment and be there."

The Kings, which will enter a leaner-scheduled, re-organized Georgian Bay loop with some new opponents and a new owner in restaurateur Nick Boudouris, will have three exhibition games before the regular-season opens.

And two of those games may provide Dubeau and coach Ron Marchildon with an even better yardstick of improvement than any pre-camp speculation: the games will be against the all-top-familiar Alliston Hornets, a league-mate this year, who took the Kings to seven games in the OHA quarter-finals only a few short months ago.

No shock as Bombs drop foes

by Susan Geroux

The weather was in the ladies' favour last Saturday as the Powder Puff Recreational Baseball League held its tournament games at Midland diamond.

There were no surprises as the first place Beige-Bomberettes swept the best-of-three series by taking the first two games over Hot Stuff.

In game one, the Beige Bomberettes' pitcher, Brenda Leonard, smashed out a homer in the seventh and Sandra Gibbons (third base) made an excellent defensive play when a fly ball was tipped off another players' glove and she managed to pull it in.

Sharon Weatherall, pitcher, and Bev Greenwood, short stop, both nailed a number of fly balls and played terrific defense throughout the game for Hot Stuff.

Game Two saw catcher Kim Koenig hammer out a homer to bat in three runs in the sixth inning and Betty

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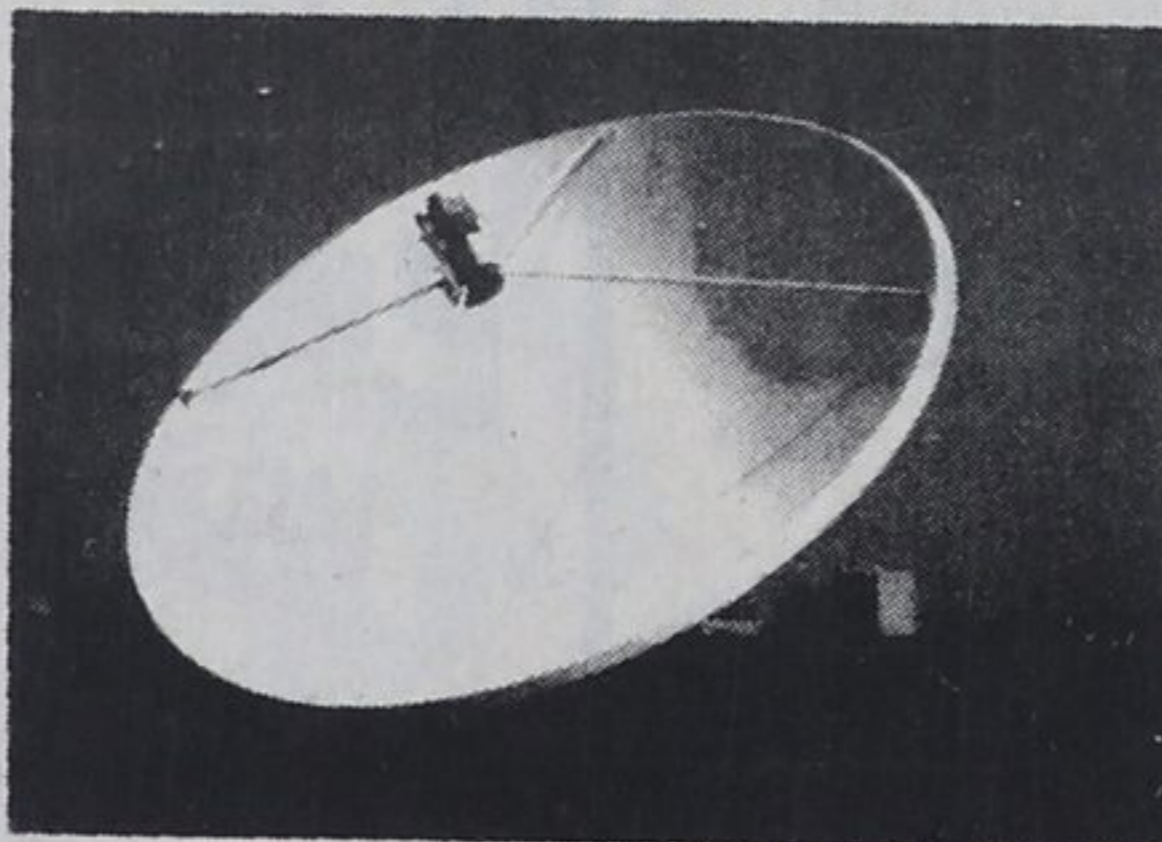
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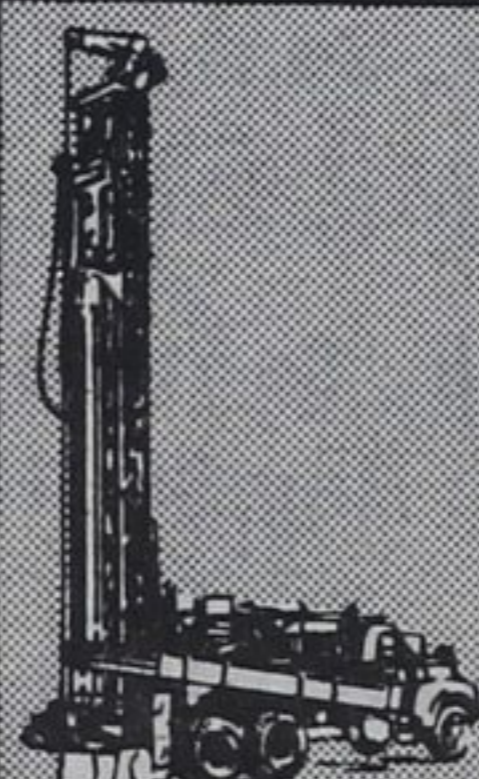
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