



Remember fellows...please, no body contact

by Ron Johnson

Readers may have detected a few well-aimed zingers directed towards some of the older hockey teams and players by this writer. I am taking this opportunity to explain my motives. (My boss says I don't have to apologize!)

These elder statesmen of the ice have earned my admiration and respect. They enjoy it in the spirit in which it was intended to be played.

The purpose of their games is to rejuvenate not only old bones and muscle tissue, but also the old desires and inspirations to compete in a team sport at a level which pushes the player to his personal limits of performance and participation.

That is to say that on any oldtimers' team a player can partake of the game in order to fulfill his competitive instincts, or he can play

because he enjoys the camaraderie of the team while they are on the bench or in the dressing room, or on the ice for that matter.

This area sports three oldtimers' teams; the Midland Oldtimers, the Penetanguishene Brule Hotel Oldtimers, and the Georgian Bay Indians, based in Elmvalle. I would urge readers of this column to get out and watch a game played by one of these teams. If you are tired of watching fights, high-sticking and wild slapshots, then these "old boys" play your kind of hockey.

Each team sports some previously well-known hockey names from this area. Some from the senior and intermediate ranks, and others from the local recreational leagues, and even the odd ex-pro mixed in to lend colour to the post-game story periods.

On Midland, such names come to mind as Terry Moore, former goalie for the Midland

Flyers seniors, Billy Knibbs ex-NHL'er, Harvey Benoit also of the Flyers and the rec leagues, and Murray Yorke a fine defenceman from the Flyers.

Penetanguishene's veterans include Alvin Robillard, a multisport star for many years, Larry Banks, school teacher and ex-Flyer, Ken Davidson sponsor and former senior player, Gary Ronald a veteran netminder in local rec leagues.

Elmvalle boasts Corby Adams, formerly one of the finest senior players in Ontario, perhaps still so, ex-intermediate players Stan and Grant Ritchie, Charlie Scott sponsor and ex-Midland intermediate, and Jim Brodeur, who likes Frank Mahovlich.

These gentlemen are the players who the young adults grew up admiring as hometown heroes of the old Midland Arena Gardens. Take my word for it they are still worth watching.

The main reason I am writing all this is the fact that come this Sunday morning, I am contemplating strapping on the rusty bobskates myself, as the Midland Athenian Raiders of the Simcoe Rural Fastball League do battle with the Midland Oldtimers.

I just wanted to let you fellows know there was no harm intended, and to remember there's no body contact in Oldtimers' hockey!!!

Random Notes...Argos were only super in their thrashing of the Rough Riders from the Rideau...Even though Cleveland was playing in the NFL game, it couldn't compete with the excitement and near perfect execution of the Argos...you could say that the Double Blue have been a salvation of not only the CFL, but of Football fans in general...Bet with your hearts and not with your better judgement for the Grey Cup!

Sports report

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St. T's do well at OFSSAA

Vince Deschamps is seen here "putting one away" for St. Theresa's senior boys' volleyball team at last weekend's OFSSAA

championships. The local boys gained province-wide respect for their play in the

— Photo by Bruce Finlayson

Windsor tournament. Messrs. Heins (12) and Newton (far right) observe.

No cigars for A's

Midland down for the count twice

BY RON JOHNSON

Midland Athletics have run short of goals, not recommended if you make your living as a hockey team. Due to this dearth of scoring, A's lost both of their games in the OHA Intermediate League last Friday and Sunday.

At home Friday Athletics got zapped by the rejuvenated Georgetown Raiders in a 7-0 shutout. Sunday A's took the show on the road for an afternoon game in Port Elgin. The Sunocos dealt the visitors a similar fate in hanging a 7-4 loss on the A's.

Manager Shawn Stewart attributed Friday's shellac-ing to "just one of those games that any team can run into."

Raiders were in top form and there are few teams at this level that can play them close when they are on their game. Midland was flat, and that was all that need be said about this affair.

Georgetown outshot Midland 42-28 and got goals from Guy Cormiere, with a pair, Tim Turner, Steve "Alphabet" Bronizewski, Gary McFadden, Glen Murray also bagged two.

Sunday was different story. Athletics stayed with Port Elgin all the way after recovering from a dreadful start.

Sunocos jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead and it looked like Friday revisited.

That was before the Gillespie-Dixon-Robillard line got untracked. In the middle stanza, Doug Gillespie opened the scoring for the A's from Wayne Dixon and Hugh Robertson. Later, Paul Robillard scored from Gillespie and Dixon. Score at the end of two periods; Sunocos 3, Athletics 2.

Larry Cowan tied it up for Midland early in the third assisted again by Dixon and Gillespie. Terry Spiker

completed the scoring for the A's by putting one behind the 'keeper on a breakaway. A breakaway?

Apparently Midland thought the first team to reach four goals wins the final part of the game. Sunocos poured in the last four tallies without much resistance from their opponents.

For Port Elgin those denting the twines were Bill Barclay with two, Brad Underwood with two, Murray Corbeau and Tim Greaves. The last three goals for Sunocos came in the last four-and-one-half minutes.

ATHLETICISMS...Wayne King and Bruce Guthrie missed Sunday's game because of work...Midland outshot Port Elgin 32-27...Craig Watson tended net on Friday, while John Duval played Sunday...A's play a home and home series with Collingwood, starting in Shipbuilderland on Friday, and returning to Centennial Iceland next Tuesday.

Three cheers!

Midland Leafs win regional floor hockey in Orillia

Midland Adult Rehabilitation Centre Leafs travelled to Orillia on the weekend for the 10th annual Huronia Regional Centre Floor Hockey Tournament.

Leafs were entered in the "A" division and came home with the championship hardware.

Huron Park School entered a team in the "B" division, but were unable to win a contest in the tough competition.

In the Leaf's first game they downed Barrie by a 6-3 count. Goal scorers were Steve Galbraith with four and Tim Guerette with a pair.

Game 2 saw the Leafs win 5-4 over Woodstock, getting goals from Galbraith with 3, Guerette and John Higgins with solos.

The championship game pitted the Leafs against a determined Palmerston squad. Palmerston proved to be no match for Midland however as the locals won 6-3. Galbraith once again led the way with a hat trick, while Guerette, Higgins, and Marc Reaud potted one each.

Midland Leafs: John Higgins, Steve Galbraith, Jim Maheu, Norman Beauchamp, Mike McKee, Marc Renaud, Mel Hahn, Tim Guerette, Paul Moreau, Jim Moreau, Perry Stewart, Barry Desjardine, Rick Taylor, Andy Larocque.

In "B" division action, Huron Park lost their first game by a close 6-4 score, getting goals from Louise Dignard, who had two, Todd Garrett and Jeff Brandon.

The locals were swamped in the second round and eliminated from further play. The powerhouse from Richmond Hill crunched them 15-0, but coach Joan Vaisius' team played with spirit and enthusiasm.

Huron Park Roster: Kevin Allen, Wendy Argue, Jeff Bowen, Earl Brandon, Louise Dignard, Francis Dumphy, Todd Garrett, Brenda Pilon, Paul Kirby, Fred Jackson, Jeff Brandon.