

ESPSS athletes on right track

The ESPSS Track and Field team enjoyed a successful meet at the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association Indoor Track and Field Meet held recently at York University.

In the Midget Girl's 50 meter hurdles, Christel Meisinger and Tammy Maheu finished fifth and sixth with times of nine and ten seconds respectively.

Rob LeClair came in second in the Midget boys pole vault with a height of 2.65 meters. Teammate Kevin Gignac rose to a height of 2.30 meters to finish fourth in the same event.

Dean Buckholz picked up a fourth place finish in the Midget boys Long Jump. Beattie Spencer, representing the Junior Girls in the 50 meter hurdles clocked a time of eight seconds, good for third place. Also in

the Junior Girls, Ruby Degenaar came in second in the Shot put with a distance of 10.81 meters.

In the Junior boys Pole Vault, Gary Duval cleared the bar at the 2.65 meter mark which gave him fourth spot. Dave Restrup came in fifth with a measurement of 11.73 meters in the Shot Put.

Kevin Farthing of the Senior Boys finished sixth in the 50 meter hurdles in a time of eight seconds. Kevin Wagg and Dave Hornburg finished fourth and fifth in the Pole Vault with respective heights of 3.45 and 3.40 meters.

ESPSS will be holding its Track and Field Day tomorrow. Their next competitive meet will be Wednesday, May 8, when they will be hosting the Annual CKMP Track and Field Meet for the area schools.

Furious MSS rugby action underway

Midland Secondary School kicked off another rugby season Saturday by hosing its first ever rugby scrumdown. Although the MSS senior Marauders were not victorious after the eighth team tournament, organizers have already agreed to make the scrumdown an annual event.

Brock High School emerged on top after defeating Barrie Central Secondary School, 21-6 in the final

match. But after only a 10-minute break between their second and final game, MSS was defeated 19-0 by a strong Thornhill squad in the consolation final.

Other competitors included Westhill Secondary School, Scarborough Secondary, King City Secondary, Barrie North High School, and Barrie Eastview High.

Midland's best match of the day was with Barrie North High

School, which was soundly defeated 16-6. Darrin Morrison, Rod Steffler, and Scott Carpenter each scored tries of four points each, while both Jim Wraith and Steffler converted tries for two points.

MSS Marauders' coach John Nix reports that the senior Toronto referees found the level of competition equal to that of Toronto high school rugby.

The first league games of this season will be played by MSS today by the Marauders midget, senior, and junior teams at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively, against three Barrie squads.

Figure skaters elect executive

Penetanguishene's Figure Skating Club elected a new 1985-86 executive earlier this month.

The following are 1985-86 executive members: President Mary Lou Meisinger, Vice President Peggy Labatte, Secretary Michelle Quealey, Treasurer and Membership Jeanne McIssac, Can Skate Wendy Piitz and Michelle Quealey, Liaison Ross Spearn, Precision Mary Deschambault, Power Skating Patsy Ladouceur, Amateur Coach Carol Hodgins,

Ice Captain Sharon Zwicker, Test Chairperson Peggy Labatte, Can Figureskate Anne Murphy, Carnival Lynn Cousins and Clara Piotrowski, Carnival Liaison Sharon Zwicker, Ways and Means Anna Charron and Ross Spearn, Newsletter Carol Hodgins, Fall Warm Up School Peggy Labatte and Sharon Zwicker, Publicity and Telephoning Shirley Dorion, CFSA 1&2 Sharon Zwicker and Peggy Labatte and Past President Sharon Zwicker.

St. John Ambulance was formed in Canada in 1883, and it has its roots in the Crusades. The modern training and service organization traces its ancestry to knights who established a hospital for Crusaders in Jerusalem in the 12th century.

Midland Right to Life chapter. For more information telephone Sherry Jeffery (526-4835) or Marie Nickson (526-7025).

Re-elect

Allan McLean
Simcoe East



The Jays ways

Prior to last night's game in Oakland, Toronto Blue Jays shared a piece of first place with Detroit Tigers. Jays' 1985 record of 12-7 is just slightly better than last year's after the same number of games. Team batting average is just .250 but improving the last few games. Pitching has been spotty at best but sports a team E.R.A. of 3.42. The addition of Jim Clancy from the disabled list is definitely a plus. The starting five should rack up a lot of wins from here on in, as long as the bats keep pounding as they have in the last four games.

The thing that concerns me is that, for a contender, Jays have too many liabilities in the line-up. Thornton, Shepherd, and Lee have been to bat a total of three times with no batting average. Occasionally, they get to see some late inning work defensively or as pinch runners.

Even Aikens, Burrough and Matuszak have been used rather sparingly. It's not easy for a player to perform consistently when he is being used only sparingly.

Jays have six part-time players at this time. It doesn't appear that these players are going to be suffering from overwork this season.

For a serious contender to carry so much excess weight seems to be akin to cutting off your nose to spite your face. Cox needs players who are capable of getting the job done, not inexperienced rookies. You're going to carry them, play them. It'll pay dividends in the stretch run.

By the time this paper hits the streets, the decision has already been made as to who goes when Clancy is officially added to the roster.

Aikens seems to be the number one candidate. But since Gary Lavelle hasn't pitched since April 20 due to inflammation in the elbow and only a total of six innings prior to April 20, he could replace Clancy on the injury list, thereby giving Aikens, or whoever, a stay of execution. Delaying the inevitable is no good for anyone. A move has to be made clearing the way for someone to emerge as the DH. This would offer a little more stability to the line-up. At least the players would know what their jobs are and could, perhaps, play with a little more consistency. Carrying six part time players out of a twenty-five man roster into the crucial month of June when they meet their A.L. East contenders 23 dates out of 27 is nothing but suicidal.

The brain trust of the Blue Jays must make the difficult decision now and give the team the month of May to find the groove before entering what might become the deciding month of the 1985 season.

'Burgher Bits'

Look for a trade in the near future, involving a power hitting outfielder (Barry Bonnell?) for possibly Aikens or Burroughs. Also, if Toronto ever wanted to get rid of Dennis Lamp, now might be the time, since he is performing admirably. His spot could be filled with Tom Filer or Henke from Syracuse. There are several options still open.

Touching bases

Olympia Fastball League is gearing up for another season. Several clubs have already held tryouts. The League expects to commence play around the third week of May. There are seven teams ready to play ball. Tom Powell, Olympia spokesman, is looking for one more entry to replace Midland Printers who are not returning this year. The teams which have already entered are: Wye Heritage, G. Wilicers, Brooklea, Garms Sunoco, Christian Island, Dial-A-Movie, and Huronia Satellite.

Any team wishing to join the Midland Olympia Fastball League are invited to phone Tom Powell at 526-4457 or Jim Counahan at 526-8374.

Midland Stoneleigh Firebirds of the Simcoe Rural Fastball League are currently looking for players. A nucleus of last year's squad has been turning out for practises this year, but as several of the players are shift work, the team will need a few new faces to augment their lineup.

Firebirds practice Thursdays and Mondays from 7-9 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. Practices are open to anyone.

Simcoe Rural Fastball League will be holding an executive meeting tomorrow night to finalize plans for this year.

One item on the agenda, according to League President Rob Wilson, is the determination of the Phepston status. The S.R.F.L. currently stands at 11 including Phepston.

Wilson added that several teams have strengthened themselves with the addition of players from other leagues. Based on early reports this league could become extremely tight this year from top to bottom.

Penetang - Midland Minor Ball Hockey League is ready to roll with 15 teams from Atoms through Bantams. The schedule starts on Monday, May 6.

Ask the ump

Question: Can you explain the Infield Fly Rule?
Answer: This rule creates more discussions and questions on the ball field on the part of coaches and players than almost any other rule. Before the rule can be enforced, there must be runners on first and second or the bases must be loaded. Also, another important criterion is the fact that there can only be one out or none out.

The ball must be hit in fair territory and be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort. An outfielder, pitcher or catcher who positions himself in the infield on the play will be considered an infielder for the purposes of this rule. The ball remains alive. The umpire must immediately call, "Infield fly, the batter is out if fair."

The infield fly is in no sense to be considered an appeal play, the umpire's judgement must govern. This rule is identical in both baseball and softball.

Midland Minor Hockey Association



GENERAL MEETING

Centennial Arena, 7:00 p.m.
May 23rd, 1985

Notice of motions of amendments to the constitution must be received by the secretary three weeks prior to the General Meeting.

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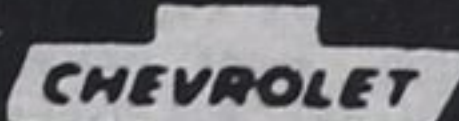
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