

Sports

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Chip off the ol' "Doc"

What can you say about a guy like Larry Robinson that hasn't already been said? We all know he's a star hockey performer, a superb baseball player, a fine father and an excellent human being. But there's another dimension to this fine young man, humility.

You might think that a man of Larry's stature (both physical and as a result of his contribution to the game of hockey) would naturally be above reproach or belittlement. No so. On Friday evening the "Marvelville Marv-

el" was here for one thing, to honor "Doc" like the rest of us. And like the rest of us he didn't mind taking a back seat to the man who has done so much for the residents of the Castor region.

A target of so much praise these past weeks for his efforts in helping to return la Coupe Stanley to Montreal, Larry told me of many charitable and unselfish things that "Doc" did to promote sport and activity in the area.

"Doc" was just like a parent.

He used to drive kids around to hockey games and help out with the teams and care for the kids if they got hurt. He was just a super guy."

Larry told of how "Doc" would drive the players to tournaments up and down the Ottawa Valley and the Seaway. He told of how "Doc" used to buy a kid a stick if he needed one.

"You never had to ask; "Doc" was always there."

"Doc" was with Larry all through Peewee, Minor Bantam, and treated him for thin blood when he was a teenager.

When Larry was younger he used to dread visits to the doctor's office. "I used to be really afraid to go and see him because everytime I did he always pricked my finger to take a blood sample. After a while I didn't want to go anymore because I figured my finger would be so full of holes the blood would just start leaking out. But that was when I was young, very young."

One time Larry was at the McVeys for dinner. Fish was on the menu. Barely into the meal, he got a bone stuck in his throat, lodged behind his tonsils. Well who do you think came to the rescue? You guessed it, "Doc."

It didn't matter who, what, where, when or why, if you needed "Doc" all you had to do was call. "Doc" was the type of person you knew you could count on. You knew he would never turn you down no matter what the circumstances. Any time of the day or night you could always phone "Doc" and he'd be right over."

To clear up the longstanding controversy, Larry Robinson says he hails from Marvelville. He grew up on his father's farm there. There was nothing but a small store but people needed a mailing address so Marvelville, Ont. became a mailing address.

Larry and "Doc" go back a long way. As a matter of fact they go back as far as they can

possibly go. Larry was born at the Winchester hospital and Dr. Frank Kinnaird delivered him. Larry says "Doc" will remain a friend forever.

As far as winning the Conn Smythe trophy goes Larry is extremely pleased but he is even happier that the Canadiens won their third consecutive Cup.

During the coming summer months Larry will play fastball with Marvelville area men including his brother Mo. and several of his cousins.

Larry is married and he and his wife, Jeanette, have 2 children, Jeffrey, 7 and Rachelle, 8 months.

You know, they're alot alike Larry and "Doc". They're humble and they both go out of their way to accommodate people. They are both extremely modest and neither likes to steal the limelight.

You could almost say Larry is like a chip off the ol' "Doc".



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

The Russell Public School boys volleyball team defeated Pleasant Corners to take their fifth straight championship in as many years. Back Row, left to right: Ronnie Bouwhuis, Richard

McKenzie, Todd McLaren, Jeff Butler, coach B. Gunnell. Front Row: Kenny Carscadden, Peter Latimer, Kevin O'Reilly.

Russell teams did very well this month in annual volleyball tournaments

Four elementary schools took part in the first annual Osgoode High tournament. They were Elizabeth Park, St. Leonard's Separate, Metcalfe Public and Russell Public.

In the boys division, undefeated Russell took a tall Metcalfe squad for the trophy.

Russell girls played to near perfection throughout the tournament outscoring Elizabeth Park in the final.

Seven schools participated in the eighth annual Russell Public School volleyball tournament. The schools involved were Berwick, Metcalfe, Nationview, Plantagenet, Cambridge, Pleasant Corners and host Russell Public.

The boys division final saw Russell take Pleasant Corners in a very exciting contest. The win gave Russell its fifth straight Championship.

Pleasant Corners emerged victorious in the girls division edging out the Russell squad in a hard fought contest. The win gave the Pleasant Corners contingent its second win in as many years.

Playground News

Do you know what you get when you put games, crafts, songs, swimming, the library, bus trips, and of course Kenna Paul and Linda Weatherall together at the community center? Well I'll tell you! Nothing. That's right, nothing! But . . . if to our list we add the names of all the children in Russell, we can come up with a very different answer. We can call it a Playground - full of fun, laughter and excellent learning experiences. Remember, no kids - no fun!

This summer, the playground will run from July 3, through to August 25. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and after lunch from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Kenna, Gale Chaters, and myself have just returned from a Playground Leaders course in Cornwall, and we are anxiously awaiting July so we can try out

our new craft and game ideas. We have tentative plans for one trip and if possible a second one. Last summer our excursion to Upper Canada Village and Ottawa were a great success as they were enjoyed by all; I'm sure this year will be even better.

Registration will take place June 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for children between the ages of 5 and 12. A fee of \$5.00 per child, and \$8.00 per family will also be charged to cover some of the expenses of materials.

Come July 3, I expect to see all the faces that I saw last year, only this time I want each one of you to bring along a friend who didn't come last summer.

Looking forward to July.

Linda Weatherall,
Playground coordinator
Kenna Paul,
Playground leader

Morewood R.A.

The Morewood Recreational Association is currently very active. Tennis lessons began May 24 and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays until June 22. These lessons are arranged through St. Lawrence College. Many people enjoyed the lessons last year and so they are being held again this year.

On Wednesdays mixed soccer teams play so come out and join in the fun.

Anyone interested in a ladies softball league, for fun only, call Val Hansen at 448-3298.

Come and join in the fun!

Show Ring Vote

Russell Agricultural Society members are asked to attend an important meeting June 15 when a vote will be taken on the proposed new livestock show ring for the fair grounds.

If a decision is taken to go ahead with the building, it will then have to be determined what size it should be.

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