

Sports

There is something about two grown men waltzing around a 20 foot enclosed ring trying to beat each other to a pulp that frightens some people and delights others.

I don't know if its ever been proven but I would venture that the sport of boxing (if indeed you want to call it that) dates back to the cave man era when it was fashionable to crush an opponent's skull with one neat blow to the head with a club. While boxing involves no timer it works around the same principle; that of trying to render unconscious or at least out of action the adversary.

Despite the seemingly barbaric nature of the sport (for it truly is a sport in my mind) boxing offers a great deal of entertainment.

I feel very excited when I watch a good fight matching two calculating opponents in a battle that requires enormous amounts of energy, unbelievable stamina and a good deal of style.

On the other hand there is probably nothing more boring than a mismatch such as the ones shown on television this month namely the Larry Holmes - Alfredo Evangelista bout and the Ken Norton - Randy Stephens contest. They were the two duller fights I have watched in the last two years.

Most observers felt Larry Holmes was far above a title defense against Evangelista and I could hardly disagree. Similarly, Ken Norton barely had time to work up a sweat before icing Stephens in the third round of their match.

Boxing is not a sport like hockey or football. While the pace is often grueling and the body contact punishing, boxing requires a different kind of finesse than football hockey. A song about Muhammed Ali would seem to say it quite nicely; a good boxer must "float like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

Watching a young Ali at work

Peter Van Dusen

Boxing — Frighteningly delightful

brings to mind the term poetry in motion.

Style is all important in boxing. It's the fighters in the best style souped with endurance that usually take the big money and end up in the top spot.

Because a boxer is on the go for most of a fight, he must be in perfect shape. Any excess weight or lack of conditioning only serves to slow him down and minimize his chances.

It's hard to say just what it is that makes people like boxing, but it's probably the same type of thing as auto racing; the desire to see someone pull all the stops and go for the big one, regardless of the outcome. The best part of any boxing match is when one fighter goes for the jackpot in trying to salt away his opponent.

Did you know that some of your favourite stars such as Chevy Chase, Sly Stallone, Art Carney and Steve Lawrence are all avid boxing fans? That's

right, boxing seems to have something for everyone.

One thing that you'll find in boxing that you may not find in many other sports is the tremendous respect one fighter has for another. Because of the nature of the sport, the one on one aspect, the level of intimacy is much greater.

And if you're really good the payday can make the whole thing worthwhile. Ali receives several million dollars for winning a fight. Not bad eh?

Bobby Orr

When Bobby Orr was just a youngster, just entering the NHL he was heard to say that he did not think he would play past the age of 30. He was right.

Earlier this month the Chicago Black Hawks defenceman un laced his blades for the last time, a bad knee proving too much for the one time winner of the Conn Smythe, Norris, Art Ross, Calder and Lou Marsh trophies.

One thing that goes undisputed about Bobby Orr is that he was a gentleman on and off the ice. He played the game cleanly, masterfully and it scares one to think that he may never have achieved his full potential as a hockey player.

Many good players have come along in the past few years since Orr was sidelined with his bad knee but no one ever forgot about the talented defenceman. Everyone thought he was just waiting it out, behind the scenes, until he was fit enough to return full force to the league. But that never happened.

He was displeased with his play in six games with the Black Hawks so far this season, scoring only two goals and two assists.

Many defencemen would be satisfied with that total but not Bobby Orr. If he couldn't give one hundred per cent he wasn't going to give at all. That's just the kind of man he was, and that was his style.

RUSSELL RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 20, 1978

8:00 p.m.

Dr. F. Kinnaird Com. Centre

The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

- The Chairperson's Report
- The Treasurer's Report
- other Business

approve:

- The Minutes of the last Annual General Membership Meeting of November 29, 1977, as published and hold the election of officers.

Nominations are requested for the following positions: Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary; Directors, 4

Please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee to record your nomination.
Peter Romme, Nominating Committee Chairman, 443-5547;
Keith Boothe, 445-2009; Antje Loucks, 445-5411.

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Russell Warriors

The new Warrior Intermediate hockey team is off to a fine start, winning two and losing one. Under the guidance of Chris Fleming and son Mike the team is gradually coming together as a cohesive unit and is providing an entertaining brand of hockey. The coach Fleming stresses that the primary aim of this team with the opportunity to play at the intermediate level. A quick look at the team roster indicates this principle is being followed. Recent additions to the team include Gaye Ford and Don Honey to go along with ex-Raider Wayne Warnock, Mike Millar, Geoff Cochrane, Ed. Honey, Pat Fleming, Paul Boland, Paul Bols, John and Leo Achtereekte and others who have graduated from local hockey system. Bryan Cochrane and Bill Cherry are performing exceptionally well in goal. Home games are scheduled every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The Dec. 17 game has been re-scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15, at 8:00 p.m. with the Raiders taking over the Sunday afternoon time.

Metcalf and District Hockey News

The Metcalfe and District Hockey Association has been busy holding their advance team try-outs in the Russell and Kemptville Arenas, and presently in the Metcalfe Arena, for their "A" and "B" teams. The final team rosters are expected to be formed prior to this publication. We will have both "A" and "B" teams playing in all divisions from Atom to Midget, with one Juvenile team entered in the Carleton Dundas Minor Hockey League. The girls' hockey team will be playing in the newly formed C.O.M.E.K. Girls' Hockey League. The new orange, black and white sweaters have arrived, with our team socks expected any day. These new

sweaters will be worn by all our travelling teams, with the team name of "MUSTANGS" having been adopted.

The only concern of the association executive at present is a lack of participants to play in our Saturday morning house league in Atom to Midget divisions. We have the ice time available, with a fine group of coaches who have indicated they are willing to assist in forming a house league schedule. The Novice and "Learn to Skate" divisions have been

well attended. FOR INFORMATION, CALL MARCEL LAUZON, 821-1696.

The Hockey Schedule Booklet is nearing completion and is expected to be released approximately December 15th.

Our Metcalfe Fair exhibit of "Guess the Number of Pucks in the Cage" certainly generated a lot of interest. There were 569 pucks in the cage and the winner of the canoe was 13 year old Allen Torrance of Oxford Mills.

See you at the arena!

G. J. (Gerry) O'Reilley



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Russell R.A. News

By Garey Ris

A revised public skating schedule will take effect at the Russell arena, starting Jan. 1. Public skating will be available on week-days from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a 50-cent fee for Saturday and Sunday skating.

Rental ice time is available at the arena for \$30 per hour after 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A limited number of hall rentals are still available for December by calling 445-2050.

The next RA meeting will be held Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

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