

Sports

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'78 — Ali down, up; Riders out

The last year was a good one for the armchair quarterback and the sideline cheerleader.

It was a year of great moments and shattered dreams. Perhaps the greatest single sports event of the year occurred February 15th, in Las Vegas when a relatively unknown man, Leon Spinks, marched into the ring and did what many others had not been able to do. Leon Spinks virtually wiped away a legend. After 15 rounds, the hero of many and enemy of few was expended, wasted, barely able to stand under his own strength.

Muhammad Ali had been beaten. It took awhile for the initial shock waves to pass and just when we believed we could except the fact that the "Champ" was through it happened.

September 15th, New Orleans. For many of us the 8 months since Ali had fallen was just enough time to start looking around for a new hero. Would Leon Spinks be that hero? Not on this night. On this night many felt ashamed for dismissing Muhammad Ali so hurriedly. In what was one of boxing's most

emotional matches, the old warhorse beat the kid to become the first man in the history of the sport to win the world heavyweight boxing title three times. Millions watched as somehow, from somewhere Ali got the strength to dispell all the rumors. On this night the "Champ" was not washed up, he was not merely a shadow of his former self, and he was not a showman as far as conceit goes. Ali had a dream and he fulfilled it. What can we expect from him next? Is it possible that boxing has found a suitable counterpart for Gordie Howe?

Still dealing in triples, the Montreal Canadiens captured their fourth hockey crown in a row defeating the Boston Bruins 4 games to 2. For the Canadians the Stanley Cup was a fitting end to a season that saw many records set and many others broken. Needless to say a major contributor in the Montreal victory was Marvelville's own Larry Robinson.

On the football scene, 1978 witnessed the continued incompetence of the Toronto Argonaut scouting and hockey staff.

After the Anthony Davis fiasco you'd think the Argos would have learned the lesson. No chance. While the Hogtown fans were still reeling from the David Dud, the gang upstairs was already talking to Terry Metcalf. What a mistake. Metcalf spent most of the past season watching either himself or Chuck Ealey get nailed for sizeable yard losses. Metcalf should not, however foot all the blame. The man does have talent but perhaps the Argos should have gone the package deal route and tried to lure the St-Louis Cardinal front line up here with Metcalf. Who will the Oarsmen get next year? Don't worry, you and I will never guess.

Still in football, it was a good year for the Edmonton Eskimos and a disappointing year for the Ottawa Rough Riders. The Esks won the Grey Cup and if numbers mean anything, which many contend they do not, the Riders should have walked off with the goods. They had the most impressive record in the league winning more games than any other team. But it's not

simple a matter of winning during the year as we all know. When it came to the big one Ottawa bowed out and made way for the Rough, Bleu et Blanc from Montreal. Maybe next year? That's what they all say.

In the world of motor sport it was a good year for the Lotus team, except.

Mario Andretti walked away with the world driving title, the first American to ever accomplish the feat. But the victory was soured somewhat with the death of team mate Ronnie Petersen at the Italian Grand Prix in Monza.

Argentina captured the World Cup of soccer defeating the Netherlands 3 to 1 before a hometown crowd.

Affirmed captured the Triple Crown of horse racing, edging out Allydar in all three of the big money races.

The Dallas Cowboys had their hands full downing the Denver Broncos, the Cinderella team of pro-football in 1977-78. The 78 Super Bowl was the single most

viewed program in the U.S. during the year.

For the Los Angeles Dodgers its like the story of the little train that wouldn't quit. Unfortunately the New York Yankees read the same children's stories.

After a sluggish start to the season the Yanks came back with the takeovers of coach Bob Lemon from Billy Martin, to capture baseball's most coveted title, the world series.

For the Dodgers it has to be a little disheartening because that's twice now they have dropped the beans to New York.

But give credit where credit is due. The Yankees were perhaps the biggest success story of the year.

Who will Ali retire? 1979 will bring? Will Ali retire? Will the Argos win the Grey Cup? Will Montreal repeat as the undisputed champions of pro hockey? Will the Riders blow it again? For these and the answers to many other questions, stick around. It promises to be a good year.

RMHA Newsletter

The CDMHL schedule is now well under way with our teams improving with every game. Our Midget and Bantam Warriors are leading their respective divisions, while others with slower starts are beginning to get the feel of competition and are "coming on".

Standings and team statistics for all Warrior and Braves teams will be found on our RMHA bulleting board at the arena. These statistics have been carefully and painstakingly amassed by our Association Statistician, Merril McVey, to whom we owe a sincere vote of thanks.

Our Skate-a-thon, though a success in some aspects, was a bit of a disappointment to us as only about fifteen adults turned out to skate in support of Minor Hockey.

In our next newsletter we will attempt to "put across" to you, by figures and explanations, how our financial situation is, including the cost of ice time up until late March.

Thanks again to all those who have supported Minor Hockey in 1978 — Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your RMHA executive.



RECREATION EXECUTIVE

Recently elected members of the Russell Recreation Association are Keith Boothe, treasurer; Eddie Edmunston, vice-chairman; Jack Charters, chairman. Missing from the photo is director; Diane Davies, secretary; Chuck Norris, director; and Max Mayling.

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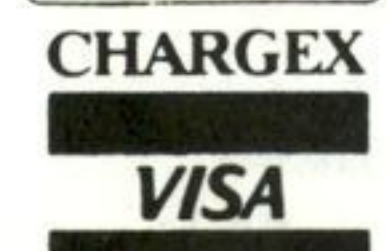
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CDMHL Christmas Tournament

The Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre will be the scene of the third Annual Carleton Dundas Minor Hockey League Tournament from Dec. 26-30th. Tournament times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. The divisions are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, Atom; Wednesday, Pee Wee; Thursday, Bantam and Friday, Midget and Atom A and B finals only. On Saturday, Dec. 30th, the A and B Championship games for the Pee Wee to Midget Divisions will take place. This will be followed immediately by the presentations of awards. In each game there will be a medal awarded to the MVP from each team and the winning team of the A and B divisions will also receive trophies to keep. Crests will also be presented to both winning and losing teams in the championship and consolation rounds.

Tournament chairman, Barry McVey reports that a total of 32 teams will take part in the tournament consisting primarily of

teams from the CDMHL. Teams from Embrun and Maxville are also entered. The Chairman also points out that although Russell is hosting the tournament, it is a league tournament. All proceeds realized will go back to the league. Daily admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for teenagers and children 12 and under are free. The purchase of a booster button for \$1.00 will reduce the admission fee at the door.

The Russell Minor Hockey Association is proud to be hosting their first CDMHL Tournament and the organizing committee is working very hard to ensure its success.

Schedule change notice

The Russell Warriors will be playing Friday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, December 17 the Warriors usual playing time at 3:00 p.m. when they entertain the high flying Osgoode Braves.

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