

Sports

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So you think you're tough eh?

Every now and then you come face to face with disgraceful display of unathletics that you're so taken by the entertainment value that you just have to talk about it.

A while back in Toronto they held the "So You Think You're Tough" boxing tournament. It was a gross display of inability but a welcome respite from the usual Saturday afternoon fights on CBS. Those bouts are for real, the fighters have been around and they're in it for the bucks. The boys gathered in Toronto were there to find out who was the most formidable "amateur" fighter. It was a combination of guts, very little talent and loads of fun for the spectators.

One of the most entertaining

matches of the tournament featured moutain-man Danny Sullivan, 210lb. opponent look like a dwarf. Putting the Good-Year blimp to shame, Sullivan is a mean 6' 5"-320 lb. gargantuan. Ha!

If you saw his first fight you had to laugh. Sullivan was fighting a feisty little cracker who made such fast work of him that Mrs. Sullivan (Danny's mother) was probably still summoning neighbours to watch Danny's contest when she noticed him reeling about in his corner. Danny's opponent slapped him silly in a matter of seconds. A real Davy and Goliath story.

All in all it was a good tourney

and gave the average joe a chance to try his skills in the ring, even if most of the competitors came away feeling a little sore and a lot defeated.

Another series

We're going to play the Russians again. Why not? We get more entertainment out of watching the Soviets play over here than we do out of watching our own N.H.L. teams in action. Wonder why? The answer is simple. They're them and we're us that's why. Sure, you'll hear everyone say that Canadians don't have any sense of nationalism. That may be true but we have a certain critical unity

problems in this country that make it hard to pull together.

But when the Soviets set foot on Canadian soil, there are people in Toronto cheering for Les Canadiens and people in Montreal cheering for the Leafs. We couldn't ask for a better remedy for the unity crisis.

Now if we could just get the fisherman in Nova Scotia to support the Edmonton Oilers. But anyway, it's going to be some kind of series.

Putting Russell on the Map

Russell ought to have a pro

basketball team. That would certainly put Russell on the map as far as pro sports is concerned.

We could have the likes of Karim Abdul Jabar strutting down the main street signing autographs for city-slickers and carrying a Russell Skyscrapers flag or poster. Sure Toronto has the Leafs and the Jays and maybe even the Argos. But Russell needs a team to complement the Warriors and the fastball teams. No other community around has a basketball team of National Basketball Association calibre, so why not Russell? Maybe some day. As you know I'm just kidding right now, but save this column for 100 years. Who knows.



"B" Champs

Back row, left to right: Michel Provost (coach), Monique Blanchard, Joanne Lapalme, Sylvie Brisson, Chantal Lapalme, Sylvie Lamadeleine, Mathilde Lafortune, Manon Dube, Germain Laplame (manager).

Front, left to right: Annick Lafortune, Edith Frisson, Francine Lapalme, Darquoise Menard, France Menard, Helene Servant, Diane Clement. Photo courtesy "Rally Photo", Greely

Fitness Trail for Russell

A proposal for a fitness trail on land along the south bank of the Castor River opposite Russell Village has been approved by Russell Township council.

The proposal was submitted to council by Dan Thompson, manager of the Russell arena, at the request of village resident Greg Rokosh. The Township owns the land in question.

Mr. Rokosh said the fitness trail would be located just west of the Russell Dam. It would be roughly circular and extend for about one kilometre, he said.

The track's main feature would be a series of work stations to be used by hikers and joggers. The track would be made of an all-weather base, possibly wood chips, and could be used in winter by cross-country skiers. The work stations would also be made of natural products, such as logs.

"The idea is not to disturb the environment. The trail would be wide enough so people could walk or jog without bumping into each other," Mr. Rokosh said. He added that "the project relied on community financial support for success". He said "Wintario and The Young Canada Works Program of Canada Manpower were

also being looked to for support". It is hoped that the trail can be constructed this summer.

Sure Second

With one game remaining in their schedule, the Russell Raiders are guaranteed of second place.

In a home and home series last weekend, the Raiders and the Osgoode Braves lost its eighth game of the campaign by a 5-3 count.

Randy Blondin registered the hat trick while Keith McRoberts added a single as Russell fought to draw on Friday night. Blondin scored one on Sunday bringing him up to 33 goals. McRoberts got his 15th and Dave Lee scored his 3rd of the season to round out the scoring in Sunday's loss to Osgoode.

Osgoode will finish in first place with Russell in second position. Third and fourth place positions haven't been determined with Glencairn and Richmond tying for third. Stittsville will finish in fifth and Kars in the basement of the SCIHL.

Girls Hockey Tournament

The Metcalfe Mustangs recently held their first Annual Girls Hockey Tournament. Metcalfe and District Girls are part of the recently formed COMEK Girls Hockey League. COMEK comes from the first letter of each of the member teams. Chesterville, Osgoode, Metcalfe and District, Embrun and Kemptville. These five teams along Nepean, Arnprior and Massena, New York, constituted the eight teams in the tournament. Tournament officials expressed complete satisfaction with their first effort and promise it will be an annual event.

Embrun was successful in winning the 'B' Championship and Massena took the 'A' Championship. A photo of the Embrun team is featured in this edition of the review. Crests were presented to all participants.

During mid January the Metcalfe and District team visited Arnprior for an exhibition game and later in the month they travelled to Massena.

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