

# Fastball fate unsure

A meeting scheduled for Monday, March 5th will probably decide the fate of one of the oldest fastball leagues in eastern Ontario. League President Keith Russell is confident that enough teams will show interest to keep the league operating. Richmond has pulled out to play in the senior RA league in Ottawa but it is hoped that all other teams will remain. A number of intermediate teams in Ottawa and surrounding areas have opted to join the senior City league making it a possible twelve team league. This

could seriously affect the existence of intermediate level fastball in small towns outside Ottawa. The teams in the senior City league have already been in contact with a few boys who are valuable assets to teams in the South Carleton league. Despite this it is hoped that Embrun, Carlsbad, South Gloucester, Metcalfe, Osgoode and possibly an Ottawa team will operate in the local league. Russell, who once ruled the league, has not participated for the past few years.

# Minor teams to compete

The Russell Minor Hockey Association is sponsoring a tournament at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre during the school mid-March break. The first stage takes place March 19-25 and the tournament will wind up on March 31st and April 1st. This will give all Russell minor hockey players, Atom to Midget an opportunity to play in their competing levels. It is sanctioned by the ODMHA-ODHA and will be divided into two groups. Group I will comprise competitive "C" teams while Group II will be made up of house league teams. Eight teams will participate in each division for a total of 56 teams for the tournament. Organizers have indicated that teams from all over the Ottawa Valley will be participating. Awards will consist of championship trophies for "A" and "B" division winners; runner-up trophies for "A" and "B" divisions; MVP medallions for each team in the finals and RMHA souvenir buttons for each player participating in the tournament. Each team is guaranteed at least two games. Tournament chairman Paul Laviolette invites parents and minor hockey supporters to come out and cheer their favourite team on to victory.

Jack MacLaren

# Sports Ramblings



During the past few years I have, on a few occasions, made hockey excursions to far away places in Canada and the United States. A recent trip to Providence, Rhode Island with the Gloucester Ranger bantams to attend the Edgewood State Championship proved to be one of the most pleasant and interesting tournaments that I have attended in a long time. Only one other Canadian team, the Nepean Raiders, attended.

I was most interested in watching the American teams to assess just how much progress they are making at developing the basic skills of the game. Some of the teams are still struggling but a few demonstrated that they are now ready to compete at a very high level. Their enthusiasm for the game is overwhelming. Occasionally parents get carried away and don't accept the game in the proper perspective but even Canadians do that on occasion. The boys are obviously taught that playing positional hockey is a must whereas Canadian teams are allowed or at least take more individual freedom. They are benefits from both systems but the positional play tends to me more conservative.

One is left with the impression that competitive minor hockey in the States is a game for "rich kids". During a trip to Boston last year we were told that one hour of icetime costs about \$75.00. In addition the better teams are forced to travel great distances to tournaments in order to find a level of competition whereby they can improve their hockey skills — this can prove to be very costly if one is forced to do it on a regular basis.

College hockey is on the lips of every young hockey player in the country. Unlike Canada, hockey scholarships are handed out freely by U.S. colleges and many have been given to boys in the Ottawa area. The day is rapidly approaching when a sufficient number of graduates from the U.S. minor hockey system will be available to fill this requirement and Canadian boys will no longer be recruited. Many young men prefer to play college hockey as opposed to Junior A. There are some boys who are able to successfully combine Junior A hockey with education but most find it impossible. The Ottawa 67's encourage boys to continue their schooling but there are a few OHA teams who frown on this and make it very clear to the boy upon his arrival at training camp.

The quality of minor hockey in the U.S. is improving rapidly. We have for years watched the emergence of the Soviet Union as a hockey power — our friends south of the border shouldn't be far behind.

## Figure skating news

This year's carnival, "Fantasia on Ice" was a great success. Club members, plus guest skater Gair Sachkiw, enjoyed putting on the show as much as their audience enjoyed watching them. The carnival, a show of skills learned in the past skating year, reminds us that another season is almost at a close. The outgoing Executive wish to express their thanks to all those who gave their time and energy to the Club over the past year.

## Minor hockey tournament schedule

- Atom II, Mon. Mar. 19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. Mar. 20, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Pee Wee II, Tues. Mar. 20, 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Bantam II, Tues., Mar. 20, 9 p.m.-11 p.m.; Wed., Mar. 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Midget II, Thur., Mar. 22, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pee Wee I, Fri., Mar. 23, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Bantam I, Sat., Mar. 24, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sun., Mar. 25, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Atom I, Sat., Mar. 31, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sun., April 1, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Warriors stay alive

Russell Warrior Intermediates have captured the fourth and last play-off spot in the Russell-Cambridge league. The team, in its first year of operation, is now involved in the first round of play-offs against Crysler. With four games having been played the series is tied at two games apiece. Crysler won the first game while the Warriors were

victorious in the next two. The fourth game played at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre last Sunday before a large crowd was a convincing 4-0 win for Crysler. The fifth game was scheduled for Casselman last Thursday night while the sixth — and what could be the final game — is slated for the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre, Sun., Mar. 11, at 3 p.m.

## Disco on Ice

Metcalfe Figure Skating Club is presenting "Disco on Ice" for their annual ice show on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and .50 for children.

This year's Club has 77 members and welcomes any boys or girls wishing to join. The Club, apart from weekly lessons and practising, has been busy with many successful fund-raising projects over the winter months.

The teacher this year is a local Russell resident, Bev Meikle, and Bev has put many innovations into the skating routines for the Disco show. Last year's ice show featuring "Star Wars" played to a record crowd and this season's club organizers are hoping to surpass last year's attendance. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Metcalfe	24	21	1	2	44
Chesterville	24	9	12	3	21
Winchester	24	7	13	4	18
Russell	24	5	16	3	13

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Metcalfe	24	24	0	0	48
Chesterville	24	15	9	0	30
Morrisburg	24	12	12	0	24
Winchester	24	8	16	0	16
Russell	24	1	15	0	2

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Metcalfe	24	11	8	5	27
Winchester	24	12	10	2	26
Chesterville	24	8	10	6	22
Russell	24	7	10	7	21

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Metcalfe	24	16	5	3	35
Chesterville	24	13	7	4	30
Russell	24	13	7	4	30
Morrisburg	24	4	15	5	13
Winchester	24	4	16	4	12

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Russell	22	19	3	0	38
Winchester	22	7	12	3	17
Metcalfe	22	7	13	2	16

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Winchester 2	24	16	6	2	34
Metcalfe	24	16	7	1	33
Winchester 1	24	11	10	3	25
Morrisburg	24	6	16	2	14
Russell	24	1	21	2	4
Chesterville	12	11	1	0	22

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Chesterville	24	16	1	7	39
Metcalfe	24	9	10	5	23
Winchester	24	8	10	6	22
Kemptville	24	4	16	4	12

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Metcalfe	23	17	5	1	35
Russell	23	15	5	3	33
Winchester	23	4	17	2	10

Teams	Gp	W	L	T	Pts
Morrisburg	24	20	3	1	41
Metcalfe	24	18	4	2	38
Winchester	24	13	10	1	27
Edwardsburg	24	9	14	1	19
Kemptville	24	7	12	5	19

## Russell leading scorers

Atom A	G	A	Pts
D. Provost	12	17	29

P. Paquette	13	13	26
Pee Wee A			
P. Latimer	12	15	27
K. Carscadden	14	12	26
Pee Wee B			
M. Cook	10	13	23
S. O'Reilly	12	9	21
C. MacGregor	7	10	17
Bantam A			
R. Bouwhois	14	20	34
T. Paquette	21	9	30
C. Laviolette	18	9	27
Midget B			
T. Harrison	18	18	36
J. Cochrane	14	15	29
P. Labelle	11	16	27

## Metcalfe and District leading scorers

Atom A			
D. Gamble	21	18	39
A. Bradley	32	6	38
K. Acres	11	16	27
Atom B			
R. Stanley	28	13	41
P. Finnis	14	14	28
J. Benson	15	12	27
Pee Wee A			
A. Zuger	20	14	34
J. Baird	16	13	29
P. Lauzon	13	10	23
Pee Wee B			
C. Reaney	13	6	19
L. Dillabough	12	6	18
M. Vidal	11	7	18
Bantam A			
R. Corlyon	9	15	24
M. Patterson	12	9	21
T. Cavan	4	14	18
Midget A			
D. Stoker	16	9	25
J. Quinn	9	13	22
D. Vanderydt	9	6	15
Midget B			
J. Wyszynski	13	16	29
J. Bezanson	6	13	19
S. Racine	11	7	18
Juvenile			
D. Vanderydt	21	14	35
D. Shelaga	14	13	27
J. Stanley	10	15	25