

Sports



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Pictured are the lucky winners of the Bill Linegar Memorial Trophy presented to the MVP in each Division of the RMHA. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Linegar who presented the awards, Ron Bouwhuis, Peter Latimer and Billy Flynn. Front row, left to right: Cameron MacGregor, Darcy Provost and Darin Michaud. Absent from the photo is Andy Otto.

New softball association

For the past many years the minor softball program in the

Russell area has been operated and financed by the Russell Lions Club. The Club has found it increasingly difficult to maintain this operation and suggested earlier this year that a minor softball association similar to the RMHA be set up to carry on these sports activities. Recently a new softball association was formed with the following executive: President, Don Empey; Sec.-Treas., Nels Eggum; Members, Bert Woods, Mrs. Max Mayling; Advisor, Jack McLaren.

The new association will operate under the Russell Recreation Association and expects to be self-supporting. A registration fee of \$5 was levied per player. A new executive is always in need of some form of assistance and anyone wishing to help in the coaching or driving players to games should contact one of the above members of the executive.

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Kings of La Grande Ville

Montreal is fast turning into the greatest sports town in North America. When National Basketball Association franchises come to Canada, Montreal will most certainly be in line for a pro-basketball team. That would just about do it; give a town with three great professional teams a fourth major crowd pleaser.

It seems that no other "town" in Canada is as good a sports nest as La Grande Ville. In the past few years the people of that city have been getting great pleasure from watching the Alouettes play football. Watching the Canadiens win Stanley Cups is becoming routine for the sports fans of Montreal. Les Habitants have won the Silver Chalice, as it is so fondly known, so many times (four years in a row) that other National Hockey League cities are starting to forget what the Cup looks like.

But surely the greatest sports story of the year in Montreal, even overshadowing the performance of the Bleu, Blanc et Rouge, is the success of the Expos. In

only 12 years, a relatively small amount of time in Baseball, the Expos have gone from perennial losers to a National League contender and even a possible World Series competitor. And there is little doubt that the same could happen in Toronto with the Blue Jays. Fan support for the Jays has been good and with continued backing and support from Hometowners they could be a force to be dealt with in a few years.

At the time of writing the Expos were atop the National League and had just gone 27 Innings against the Philadelphia Phillies without allowing a single run. The Expos are leading the way and are becoming the topic of talk in the professional sports writers circles of baseball. Don't be surprised if at the end of the baseball season the Expos are sitting on top of the pile or very close to the top. A finish in the top three will be most satisfying for the players and management, barring the winning of the World Series Championship of course.

Not only does Montreal have

good teams but it also has ideal facilities for the games played there with the Olympic stadium, Montreal is perfectly equipped for any major sport. The forum could be used when the city gets its basketball franchise.

The fans in Montreal also know how to appreciate their teams. Through thick and thin the Montreal fans have stood by their teams. They are distinctly different from Toronto fans who seem to lack all patience and understanding. When the Jays go on a losing streak, which is pretty well all the time, or the Leafs drop a couple in a row or the Argos fail to win a game, Toronto fans immediately show their bitter nature. Montreal fans on the other hand that producing a winner is a long and sometimes painful task and that understanding and patience are absolutely necessary for proper appreciation when the moment of victory finally arrives.

After all any athlete will tell you that a team is good as the fans that support it.

Hockey all-stars —

No holiday for local boys

A few boys from Embrun, Metcalfe, Greely and Russell area will not be getting a holiday from the hockey grind during the summer months. Instead, they will be preparing for an international tournament to be held in Arnprior, July 1, and then a

second tournament which is scheduled to take place at Cape Cod on the Labour Day week-end.

The All-Star teams (one per division) include boys from Arn prior to Midget and takes in Eastern Ontario communities from the Pembroke-Petawawa area east to St. Isidore.

Competition during the team tryouts at the Kemptville and Arnprior arenas was extremely keen but now the final selections have been made. Area boys chosen were Peter Latimer from Russell, Pierre Lauzon and Andre Zuger from Greely and Norm Brisson from Embrun on the minor bantams. Paul Cochran was the only selection on the major bantams. Three Russell

boys, Todd Taylor, Ronnie Bouwhuis and Todd McLaren made the minor midget team while Greg McLaren was selected as the only major midget.

Practices resume in early June and will continue throughout the summer mainly at the Arnprior arena. This calibre of hockey will be new for most of the boys and the experience gained should help them considerably in their young hockey careers. This is the third year that these All-Star teams have been operating and each year the concept seems to meet with more success. For the area boys that have been selected it means hockey twelve months of the year. The experience gained should be well worth it.

Warriors banquet at Benny's

The Russell Warriors held their season finale at Benny's Hotel new banquet facilities on Friday, May 4th. The players and team management were guests of the hotel at a 7 p.m. dinner followed by dancing until 1 a.m.

Team manager Bob Clarke recapped the successes of the team stating that for the first year of operation they had done exceptionally well and could quite easily have ended up in the league finals. He also stated that he had not solicited area business for trophies this year but indicated that already a number of trophies had been promised for next season.

He also paid tribute to coach Chris Fleming for playing a big part in the team's success. Before the evening concluded a trophy donated to the memory of Dorothy Ford, by the Ford family, for the Warrior player displaying the most dedication, was presented by Pat McLaren to this year's winner, John L. Achtereekte. This trophy will be awarded annually.

Summer programs

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYTIME
Ages 2-4, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30, Russell Public School grounds. Games, physical activities, arts and crafts, storytime, free play, visits, etc. Cost, \$1.50 per week.

PLAYGROUND
Ages 5 - 12, Monday, Wed., and Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Arena grounds and Little's Bush. Sports, games, swimming, nature, arts and crafts, singing, dance, films, books, outdoor cooking, outings and more. Cost is \$3.00 per week.

Please register at the Russell arena, June 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Playtime information 445-2936. Playground information 445-5711.

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