

# Sports

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## Recreation Bahamian-Style

The last time it was Florida, this time it's the Bahamas.

A friend and I spent a week there at the end of August and I just loved it. Mind you travel and sports must be separated I suppose but they both come under recreation and that's good enough for me.

On top of the fun holiday it was the first time I had flown. I spent the whole flight gawking out the window like a kid staring at a toy train in a store window. We flew at 33,000 feet, most of the time over the Atlantic Ocean. Although I had never flown I gave my compliments to Captain Wilkinson of Eastern Provincial Airlines for a great touchdown. It couldn't have been smoother.

We stayed at the Grand Bahama Hotel on the Grand Bahama Island. It's a Jack Tar resort. In case you don't know, Jack Tar is a multi-millionaire who owns resort hotels all over the Americas.

One thing I noticed about the Bahamas is that people who live there don't care who you are as long as you have money. They are friendly but you feel almost like a car chassis on a GM assembly line. They always want you to go somewhere, see something and above all spend money. Granted vacations are made for relaxation. But one of the reasons people chose the Bahamas in the off season is because it's so cheap.

Surprise, surprise!

Once you get down there the prices will make you look twice at your travel brochure, searching feverishly for fine print where it says prices are double and triple what they are back home. But you won't find it, they don't want you to know that. They want you to have fun.

Have fun we did. We sipped Pina Colodas, Bahama Mamas and every other kind of Island Drink you can think of. I lounged by the pool just like they do in the movies. I laughed at insignificant things because that's what you're supposed to do on vacation. I spent money like I made it in my own basement, then I laughed some more. I gave tips to the waiters, then I laughed again even louder than before. Gosh I did a lot of laughing. Then I saw my Chargex bill. I laughed 'til I cried, and cried and cried.

Perhaps the most noticeable thing about the Bahamas, or at least where I was, is the great numbers of Canadians. Fully 60 per cent of the people at the hotel were from Toronto or Montreal.

The climax of the trip was visiting the El Casino in Freeport. It was just like the movies. Smoky room, shady looking characters. I fully expected Peter Lorre to emerge from the shadows. "Can I have a light pleeeeeeze." I was so taken by the whole place I went gamble crazy and lost four bucks on the slots. And yes I would go back.

## Bantams in Provincial Playdowns

After having won their league championship the Russell Bantam softball club have set out to capture a Provincial championship. Their first series was a best of three against Seabrook (near Marmara, Ont.). The first was played at Seabrook and Russell came home with a 6-2 victory. The following week the Russell Lions ballpark was the scene of action and except for a disastrous first inning the Russell boys could have finished the series. Seabrook took a 6-0 lead in the first inning. Little by little the Russell team kept pecking away at their lead and in the bottom of the ninth inning scored a run to tie it at 7-7. In the top of the 10th inning Seabrook scored a run to lead 8-7. Russell was unable to tie it in the bottom of the 10th thus giving the visitors the

win and knotting the series at one game apiece. Most young teams would have given up after first inning but the Russell squad didn't quit and with a little bit of luck could have made the comeback pay off in a victory.

Fans who witnessed the game said it was, despite the loss, one of the most exciting they had ever attended.

The stage was set for game three which was played at Sharbot Lake (about mid-distance for each team to travel). Unfortunately the local boys didn't have one of their better games and came up on the short end of a 12-6 score. The game was close until the late innings but Seabrooke prevailed, ending the season for a valiant Russell team.



### RUSSELL CARLETON BANTAM CHAMPS

The Russell bantams are shown following their win over Greely with the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Trophy.

Back row — left to right: Todd McLaren, Joey Fleming, Paul Cochrane, David Latimer, David Flynn and Don Empey (coach).

Front row — left to right: Serge Bouchard, Kevin O'Reilley, Todd Taylor, Ron Bouwhuis and Pierre Lafrance. Missing from photo — Paul Malboeuf, Timmy Cavan, Marc Leroux, Brian Graham, Phillip Oliver and Jamie Hicks. (Photo by Rowsell)

## Champions Again

The Russell bantam softball club, coached by Don Empey, once again claimed the championship of the Russell Carleton softball league and the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Trophy for the second year in a row. In the semi-finals, Russell was scheduled to play Prescott Road. The Road boys who have been completely outclassed by the Russell team all season chose to forfeit the series to Russell.

The finals had Russell facing the tough Greely team. After having defeated Greely in three tournaments by close scores, the Russell boys were not to be denied the league championship either and in a single game play-off, defeated Greely 7-4 in Greely.



### RUSSELL'S A's NOMINEES

After the voting had been completed by the players themselves the above three gentlemen emerged as the Russell A's nominees for awards in the South Carleton Fastball League. They will be competing against three players from each of the six other teams. They are left to right — Greg McLaren voted the MVP, Doug Hay — the best offensive player and Gaye Ford — the best defensive player. The league winners will be honoured at the conclusion of the final series. (Photo by Rowsell)

## A Bit of Everything By Garey Ris

The Russell Minor Hockey Association has lost its bid to have two of the 20 hours allocated to it changed to a more acceptable time.

By a 4-1 vote, the Russell RA upheld arena manager Paul Wylie's decision to have hockey begin at 6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings. Out of the 20 hours allotted to RMHA, only the 6 a.m. hour is in question. The RA's offer of the 5-6 p.m. hour in place of the 6 a.m. hour was unacceptable to the Assoc. The rest of the hours are identical to the '78-'79 season.

However, if there isn't sufficient registration, the early morning hour will be dropped. Registration will be held Sept. 14 and 15. If there are 160 boys enrolled, RMHA will need the 20 hours.

There have been some interesting developments in the CFL.

The Toronto Argonauts, under the guidance of Forrest Gregg are only two points out of first place. The Argos are no longer the laughing stock and have come a long way since last season. For once the double blue doesn't have club owners tampering in the operation of the team.

The door is still swinging at Lansdowne Park as the airlift continues. The Rough Riders haven't put together two good football games in a row and have a less than respectable 3-4-1 record. It's difficult to understand how Ottawa can tie the powerful Eskies and then get bombed in Montreal, win the return match and then to go into Hamilton and lose to the lowly Tiger-Cats. The Riders played two solid minutes during the contest, the first and last minutes of the game.

The acquisition of Martin Cox is a great asset to the Rider offensive machine. The "Gabe" is in a slump, catching only four passes in his last three games. Gerry Organ's punting has improved but went zero for four in the field-goal department. Should Ottawa not

gel, it could be an early vacation for George Brancato and his boys.

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With the Montreal Expos breaking all sorts of club records, wouldn't it be astounding if they went all the way and won the World Series?

The Expos have 22 games remaining in their schedule including six encounters with division-leading Pirates and six with the Phillies. Every game is a crucial one. On Sept. 6, the Montrealers were only one game back of Pittsburgh. The Pirates have a record of 83-56 while the Expos boast a 79-54 record with five games in hand. They have won ten games in a row, a first in the team's ten-year history.

Season attendance is way up at

1.5 million fans clicking through the turnstiles. If Montreal keeps up its torrid pace, attendance could well surpass the two million mark, another club record.

Anyone wishing to attend an Expo game can pick up tickets at TRS at Voyageur Colonial in Ottawa or at the ticket offices at the Big O located at the corner of Pie IX and Sherbrooke St. Best seats in the stadium cost \$7 and you can see a doubleheader for the same price. Two potential heartstoppers are slated for Sept. 17 and 18 when the Pirates invade the Olympic Stadium. The regular-season closes out in Montreal on Sept. 30 with the Expos playing the Phillies. By that time the Expos could have a solid grip on that elusive pennant.

### Russell Minor Hockey Association Registration

Friday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dr. Frank Kinnaird Arena

Season registration fee of \$40 payable at registration (\$25 will be accepted at registration with a balance of \$20 payable before league play Nov. 15).

There will be a used hockey equipment sale at the time of registration. Anyone with equipment to sell may bring it to the arena Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Russell Minor Hockey jackets will also be on sale—no deposit required.

## HELP WANTED

Applications will be received for the following positions at the Russell Arena until Sept. 19, 1979.

Lead Hand (seasonal)

(Part Time Staff (seasonal))

Please submit resume and letter of application to:

Mr. Paul Wylie  
Facility Manager  
Dr. F. Kinnaird Comm. Centre  
P.O. Box 9  
Russell, Ont.

## Metcalf and District Hockey News

Metcalf and District Hockey Association registration for the upcoming season was held at the Metcalf arena on Sept. 11 and was followed by a coaches' meeting the 13th. Coaches and managers are still being sought. Contact Marcel Lauzon, 821-1696. Player tryouts will be held at Russell and Kemptville arenas starting Sept. 22.

Members of the 1979-80 executive are Marcel Lauzon, president; Ed Vidal, vice-president; Keith Michaud, equipment manager; Bill Lyons, registrar; Peter Kruys, referee-in-chief; Joe Racine, house league coordinator; Dave Turley, treasurer; Blaine Hall, secretary and PR.

## G.J. (Gerry) O'Reilley

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