

Sports

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Ramblings



North Dundas Big Winners

High School hockey in this area, unlike Ottawa, is not a big part of either the North Dundas or Osgoode High recreational program. There are obviously very good reasons why neither of these schools have pursued a more vigorous hockey program. I recently attended an exhibition game between North Dundas and Seaway High School at Morrisburg and came away feeling that there should be much more emphasis on this type of activity within the two local high schools serving the Russell area. To my knowledge Osgoode High has no hockey program while North Dundas limits its hockey program to a few exhibition games a year.

The game at Morrisburg was most enjoyable. Firstly from a hockey standpoint in that it was a wide open contest with great spectator appeal and it was obvious that the boys involved were having a great deal of fun. On the North Dundas side a number of the boys are also playing for the Winchester Hawks Junior B club while on the St. Lawrence side an equal number have suited up with the Morrisburg Lions Junior B club. Representing the Russell area were Allen Frappier of the Winchester Hawks and Todd McLaren of the Gloucester Ranger Midget AA team. The quality of hockey displayed by both teams was of an extremely high calibre.

More importantly, in my opinion, was the atmosphere created by the 300-400 young fans in attendance. It seems to be the accepted criteria today that once you get this number of young people, particularly at a high school event, that all sorts of problems, including underage drinking and unruliness, will occur. I left the arena with nothing but the highest admiration for both the North Dundas and Seaway kids. They were there for one reason only, that of having a good time, cheering their team on, chiding the opposition in good fun, but at no time was there ever any evidence of any rowdiness, drinking or the evil things which we as adults have been led to believe takes place at such events. My only regret is that such sports events don't take place more often. It was quite obvious that the North Dundas coach, Bernie Harper, whom I have known since my coaching days in Embrun, when he was and still is coaching Chesterville minor hockey teams, was enjoying the game immensely. Bernie keeps telling me that this is his last year at coaching but by his enthusiasm displayed during this game I doubt very much if he is ready to retire. By the way North Dundas won the game 7-6, their second win in as many attempts against Seaway High.

Oldtimers should be fun

Oldtimers hockey is almost as popular as minor hockey in today's sports scene.

The Russell Oldtimers Hockey Association has been active since the new Dr. F. Kinnaird Centre has been open. They play every Thursday night from 8-10 p.m. I have spent some time recently at the arena watching the former "stars" play and in most cases the majority of "adults" involved are participating for all the right reasons. Unfortunately there are a few who consider it a competitive league, which it is not. I suggest that these people line up with the Russell Raiders, provided that they are good enough or if not sign on with the Russell Warriors. Oldtimers hockey should be fun and anyone who has aspirations of grandiose things shouldn't be involved. I have been told that referees involved have taken abuse which is unheard of and in fact there are cases where some officials will not have anything to do with this "fun league". I suggest to the Oldtimer Executive that the time to get tough is at hand and cool a few heels before you lose sight of what you originally set out to achieve.

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Embrun Carnival

The main attraction at the Embrun Winter Carnival this year was the "Volkswagen Squeeze." Seven local organizations competed in the one minute contest to see which club could squeeze the most people into a Volkswagen. 24 girls and women from the St-Isabelle Club took 1st place. The team from the Knights of Columbus came in 2nd place.

Carnival event winners:

Pool Tournament — Men's Single, Roch Sauvage. Doubles, Pierre Perras, Francoise Mendard.

Ping Pong — Richard Martel.

Backgammon — "A" class, Bob Richard, "B" class, Peter Van Druynessen.

Knights of Columbus Hockey Tournament — "A" Division — Embrun, "B" Division — Touraine.

Bed Race — "A" Class — Embrun Firefighters, "B" Class — (Area Firefighters) St-Albert.

\$500 draw Paul Martel

\$300 draw Paul Doré

\$200 draw Yvon Brisson

Presiding over the festivities of the Embrun Winter Carnival were a fine selection of beautiful young women:

Queen: Marthe Seguin

1st princess: Louise Bourdeau

2nd princess: Joanne Bourdeau

3rd princess: Joanne Lemieux

4th princess: Suzanne Lapointe

Morewood Carnival

By Ian Coulthart,

Morewood R.A. president

Morewood Winter Carnival was blessed with excellent weather and large crowds for a weekend packed with events for everyone. Friday night's Bingo and Bean Supper were successful events highlighted by the crowning of our 1980 Carnival Queen, Penny Van Dongen.

Carnival trophies went to:

Beverly Merkley

Snow Sculpturing,

Married Women's Team

Ladies Broomball,

Blue Team

Men's Broomball,

Cauvier brothers

Log Sawing,

Morewood Beavers

Boys Hockey

CDMHL Roundup

With the regular season drawing to an end, the latest league stats issued by statistician Ed Vidal will probably see very little change in the final league standings.

Atom A Division

Chesterville appears to be the top team with a bit to spare. It has been a long season for the Russell boys with only two wins and a goal-per-game average of slightly in excess of one. It is pointed out, however, that most boys on this team are in their first year of competitive hockey and therefore will still be eligible for one more year at the Atom level.

Pee Wee A Division

Metcalf and District plus Russell are conducting a tough battle for first spot with little to choose between the two teams. Both teams are well coached and concentrate on defensive play with a goals against average just slightly in excess of two per game.

Bantam A Division

Winchester is the class of this Division winning all twenty games played while scoring 177 goals and allowing an average of 1-per

game. This outstanding performance has overshadowed an excellent effort by the Metcalfe team which has lost only 5 games all season. Russell has third spot captured but trail both the top two teams by a fair margin.

Midget A Division

Metcalf and District with a well balanced attack would appear to have little opposition in this Division. Having lost only one game in 22 played it would seem that some of these boys are excellent candidates for the Metcalfe Jets Jr. B team next season. Despite strong goaltending from Todd Taylor the Russell team is struggling just a bit with a major problem being lack of scoring punch.

Juvenile A Division

Morrisburg, with only two losses all season, appears to have a good grip on first place with Kemptville and Metcalfe following close behind. While Russell's record of only four wins may not be overpowering it is pointed out that many of their losses were by only one goal. This is also their first year of juvenile competition.

B Division

Morrisburg teams are claiming top spot in three of the four B Divisions with Russell and Metcalfe teams providing the keenest opposition. Not to be outdone by the A team, the Metcalfe and District Midget B team has absorbed only one loss all season and lead their Division by a wide margin.

5-4. While the calibre of hockey has remained reasonably good, the fan attendance has dropped. One possible explanation is the lack of hometown boys. For the Raider management it is a no-win situation. Without the out-of-town players the team would not be competitive. With in-town players the team would have a losing record and no one likes to support a loser but the executive is looking for increased attendance at the home play-off games. With good quality hockey and players like Loyal Hughes, Chris Ray, Dave Lee and Randy Blondin, the Raiders deserve your support.

Raiders

in Semi-Finals

The Russell Raiders who have experienced an up and down season now find themselves in the best-of-seven semi-finals with the Bridlewood Cougars. The Cougars won the opening game

Carleton Dundas

Minor

Hockey League

"A" Division

| Atom | W | L | T | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|
| Chesterville | 16 | 1 | 3 | 35 |
| Winchester | 12 | 5 | 2 | 26 |
| Metcalf | 6 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Russell | 2 | 18 | 1 | 5 |

Pee Wee

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|--------------|----|----|---|----|
| Metcalf | 13 | 7 | 2 | 28 |
| Russell | 10 | 7 | 4 | 24 |
| Winchester | 7 | 10 | 3 | 17 |
| Chesterville | 5 | 11 | 5 | 15 |

Bantam

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|--------------|----|----|---|----|
| Winchester | 20 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Metcalf | 14 | 5 | 2 | 30 |
| Russell | 8 | 9 | 3 | 19 |
| Kemptville | 3 | 15 | 1 | 7 |
| Chesterville | 2 | 18 | 0 | 4 |

Midet

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|--------------|----|----|---|----|
| Metcalf | 20 | 1 | 1 | 41 |
| Winchester | 12 | 7 | 2 | 26 |
| Russell | 7 | 11 | 2 | 16 |
| Chesterville | 7 | 12 | 1 | 15 |
| Kemptville | 3 | 18 | 0 | 6 |

Juvenile

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|------------|----|----|---|----|
| Morrisburg | 13 | 2 | 3 | 29 |
| Kemptville | 10 | 7 | 3 | 23 |
| Metcalf | 8 | 7 | 5 | 21 |
| Winchester | 7 | 12 | 1 | 15 |
| Russell | 4 | 14 | 2 | 10 |

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