

# Sports

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## Ramblings



### No Boycott

With the Winter Olympics behind us, the controversy over the Summer Olympics in Moscow continues to rage. Everyday we are confronted with pro-boycott and anti-boycott propaganda. President Carter and Prime Minister Thatcher have told their athletes that they will not be permitted to attend. Prime Minister Trudeau must think the games are scheduled for 1981 because no policy decision has yet been announced even though they are just a few months away. It obviously was not an election issue. The Executive Committee of the Canadian Olympic Association just recently rejected the American call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics. While the committee may be criticized for reaching this decision without waiting for the federal government's policy to be announced, it obviously felt it could wait no longer for the politicians to make up their minds. The Canadian government has stated it will confer with other Western and Third World countries before making up its own mind before the May 24 deadline. Why should our decision be influenced by that of other countries?

While everyone in the free world denounces the occupation of Afghanistan by Soviet troops, I for one do not think that a boycott of the Moscow Olympics will have any effect on the present Soviet position in this occupied country. In fact since the U.S. has announced the boycott there is evidence that the U.S.S.R. has poured additional troops over the border in an effort to bring the country under complete military domination.

So what are the Western World political leaders trying to achieve by a boycott? What will the end results be? What would they do if this hadn't been an Olympic year? How would they have punished the Soviet Union had the invasion occurred in 1981? Anyone who is so naive as to think that boycotting the summer games in Moscow will make the Soviet Union withdraw essential troops from Afghanistan is dreaming. The athletes of the Western World should tell their political leaders to "stuff it." Let them find other deterrents. It may be political savvy for the U.S. President in an election year to call for a boycott but it is obvious that as time goes on his support is eroding. To suggest that alternate games would compensate is ludicrous. The athletes of the Western World should now unite and if necessary pay their own way to Moscow.

Two events in the Winter Olympics just completed in Lake Placid probably did more to unify the people of the United States than any political decision made by the President during his first term, namely the five gold medals won by Eric Heiden and the magnificent gold medal effort by the U.S. hockey team.

How can Jimmy Carter deny similar expectations by the summer athletes?

## NOTICE

The Russell Minor Hockey Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre, May 26, at 8 p.m. Election of officers for 1980-81 will be held at that time. Anyone wishing to place a name in nomination should contact Gerry O'Reilley at 445-2008. Anyone wishing to propose an amendment to the Association's constitution is requested to forward it by mail to Gerry O'Reilley, 16 Trillium Crescent, Russell, Ont. at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

## RMHA Tourney

The RMHA held a most successful tournament during the March school break. Tournament chairmen Barry Carscadden and Mike Miller were most pleased with the calibre of play as well as fan response. Over a 1,000 players participated. Results are as follows:

Competitive "C"		Novice (Round-robin)	
Atom A	Embrun 4	1st	Winchester
	Stittsville 2	2nd	Chesterville
Atom B	Char Lan 3	3rd	Russell
	St. Isidore 2	4th	Canterbury
Pee Wee A	Char Lan 9		
	Carlsbad 0		
Pee Wee B	Russell 2		
	St. Isidore 1		
Bantam A	Carlsbad 8		
	Metcalfe 2		
Bantam B	Russell 4		
	Edwardsburg 2		
Midget A	Metcalfe 3		
	Winchester 1		
Midget B	Russell 4		
	Morrisburg 3		
<b>Juvenile (Round-robin)</b>			
1st	Blackburn Hamlet	Bantam A	North Gloucester 4
2nd	Kemptville	Bantam B	South Gloucester 2
3rd	Winchester		Cumberland 2
			Metcalfe 1

## Recreation News

by Paul Wylie

Once again our hockey and figure skating season is at a close and thoughts are on ball and summer activities. The following events are coming up and we would like you to take special note of them:

**1. Morning Break Program**  
for Mothers and Tots  
Thurs. 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Exercise for Mothers  
Co-op babysitting for children  
Registration: 24 April/80  
Program to run til June 26, 1980  
Cost: \$6.00 per mother

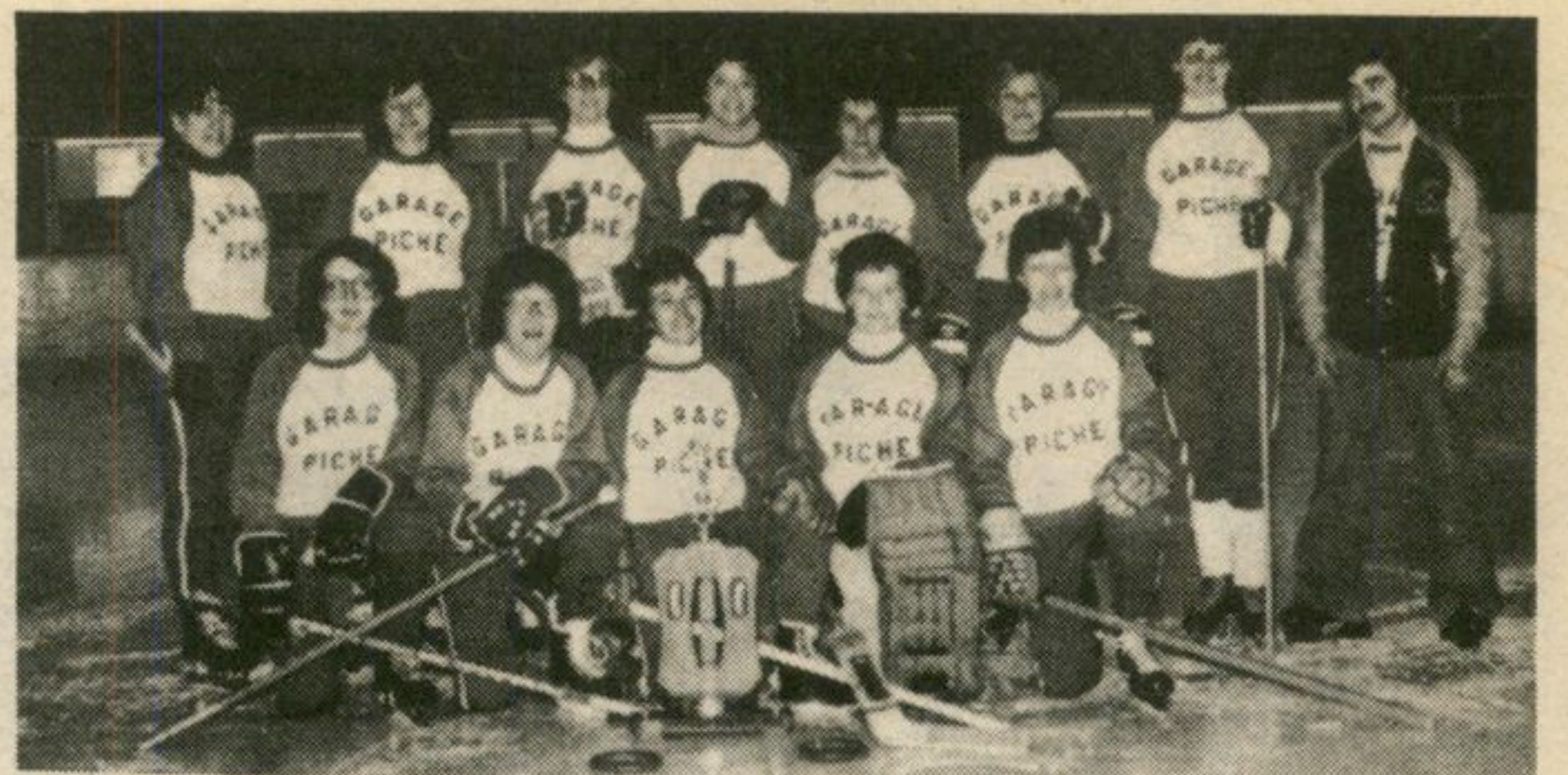
**2. Ball Hockey**  
Those people wishing to participate and coach or referee Ball Hockey at the arena are asked to attend a meeting Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. upstairs hall Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre.

This activity will take place from June 2 to August 15, 1980. Your Support is appreciated.

**3. DID YOU KNOW!**  
We are in the process of organizing an "Old Home Weekend" for July 3, 4, and 5, 1981. Due to the amount of work needed to put such an event on, I ask you for your comments, recommendations and your commitment to attend by letter. This information will certainly assist the committee in preparing a program to meet your requests. Please direct your letters to:  
Paul Wylie,  
Recreation Director,  
Box 9,  
Russell, Ont. K0A 3B0

**4. Donations of toys** would be greatly appreciated for our 1980 Summer Program. All donations can be dropped off at the arena.

Don't forget any comments are very much appreciated. If you can help with programs or even have suggestions please call 445-2050.



The Marvelville Ladies Ringette team went through the entire season without a loss and are shown following their championship play-off victory over Beacon Hill. Back Row, left to right: Charlene MacCarrgar, Marcia McDougall, Pat McLaren, Lynn Ransome, Carmen Paquette, Linda Godwin, Bev Welk, Jacques Piche (Coach). Front row, left to right: Suzanne Cousineau, Shirley Young, Claudette Piche, Ramone Marion and Evelyn Vidal. Missing: Cindy Jamieson, Jane Kingsbury. Photo by Michael Van Dusen

## Figure skating season success

Power skating is being enjoyed by 20 boys participating in levels 1 to 5 now. They earned their badges under the guidance of Fred Epps, Steven Epps, and Mrs. Penny St. Pierre with assistance from Alex Hayward and Michael Edmundson.

Badge level figure skating involved approximately 65 girls. Three professionals were hired during the season: Laura Schulhauser, Renée Ladouceur, and Bev Mickle. Badge levels 1 to 10 were taught by our junior coaches: Jodi Chaters, Sandra Corneau, Sharon Bogden, Kerri Middlemiss, Cindy Hayward and Annette Therkelsen, and supervised by the professionals. A number of levels were earned by each skater plus the added enjoyment of participation in such an enjoyable sport.

Canadian figure skating testing was necessary during the year by our senior skaters. In December they were tested at Gloucester Arena and on March 12, we held our own test day at Russell Arena. The individual passes were awarded as follows:

**Preliminary figures test (CFSA):** Sara Edmundson, Tracie

McVey, Ann Adams, Lisa King, Linda Paquette.

**First figures test (CFSA):** Sandra Corneau.

**Dance preliminary (CFSA):** (Dutch waltz, canasta) Julie Corbett, Billie Jo Bogden, Jackie Bogden, Linda Cooper, Sara Edmundson, Tracie McVey, Linda Paquette: (Dutch waltz) Jodi Chaters, Sandra Corneau, Annette Therkelsen.

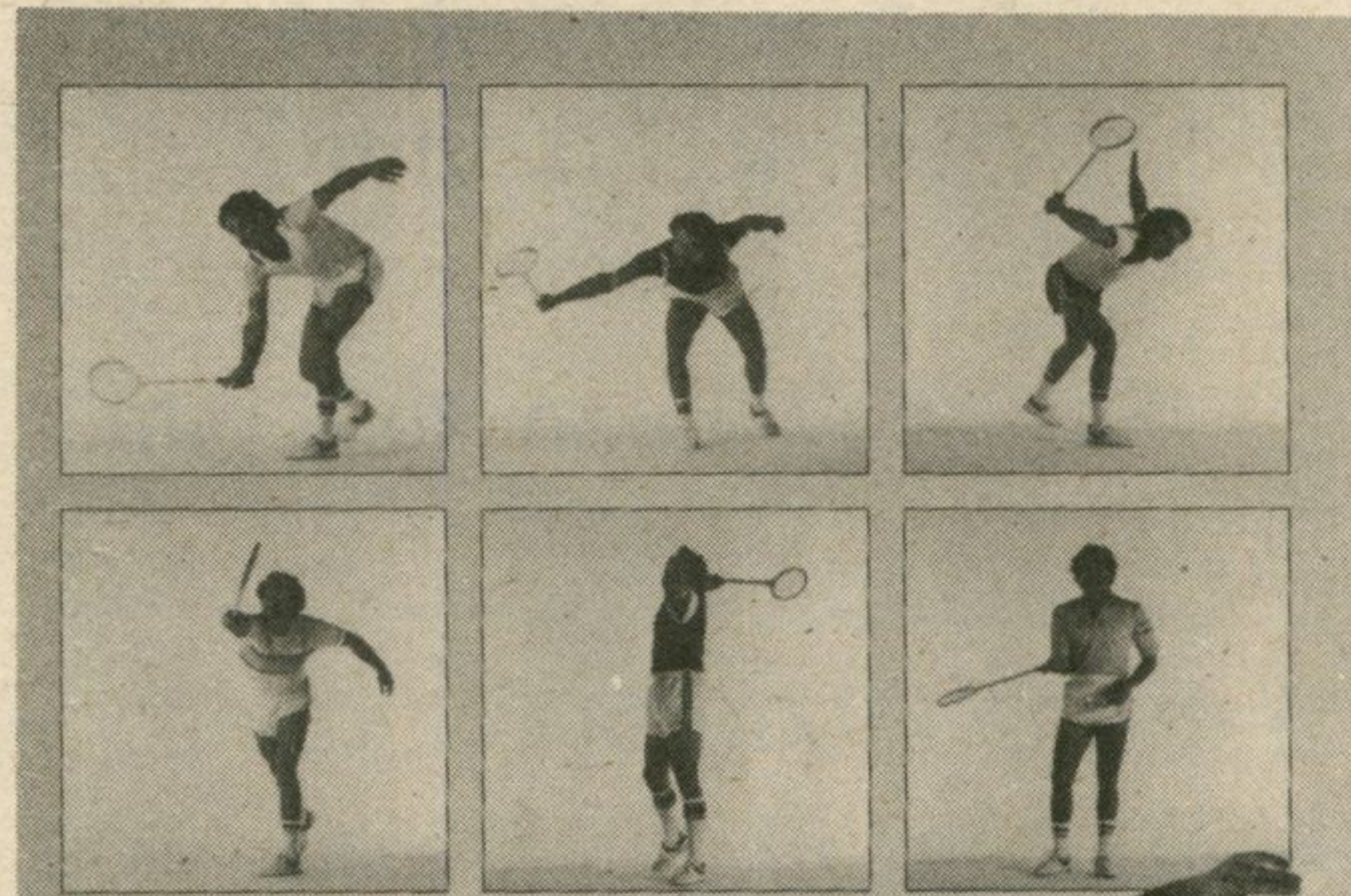
Our new executive and committees for next season will be: Robert Boyd, past-president; Pat Shea, president and RA representative; Bruce Patacairk, vice-president; Merna Furuness, secretary; Charles Verge, treasurer; Jean Chaters, Robert Corbett, Penny St. Pierre, Alana Forrester-Verge, directors; Nancy Romme, test chairman; Sharon Bogden, Shirley King, ice chairmen; Shirley King, test records and badge sales.

If anyone wishes to enquire about our forthcoming season of October, 1980 to March, 1981, please do not hesitate to contact the ice committee: Sharon Bogden, 445-2801; Shirley King, 445-5478.

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