

# Sports

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## Ramblings



For the past few years I have followed with interest Ottawa area selections in the major OHA midget hockey draft. I have on many occasions watched eligible draftees perform and I'm always intrigued by the order of their selection.

It has become quite evident in recent years that some of the finest young players in the major OHA are being developed right here in the Ottawa area.

Scouts are rating many area players in the first 25 from all those available in the entire province. Even Brian Kilrea of the Ottawa 67's is now making early round selections from area boys, something he has been criticized for not doing in the past.

Of course, not all boys selected will make it but just the fact that they were picked speaks well for the area.

I have often wondered what exactly a scout is looking for. It appears that probably the most important ingredient is being a strong skater. Most boys drafted high are exceptionally good skaters. If you can skate, coaches can teach you other techniques such as puck handling, but if the skating is weak, they simply aren't interested.

This is one aspect of the game which is not stressed nearly enough in hockey associations in small valley towns. Boys are taught how to handle the stick long before they have mastered skating skills. However, I do realize that teaching kids how to skate is not an easy task.

It is also clear that OHA teams draft for size. Even though some of the smaller boys playing midget AA are not impressive they tend to be drafted at a lower level than one would expect. This is unfortunate because I feel there is room in our hockey system for this type of player.

Final year midget players also stand a much better chance of being drafted if that year has been spent at the Junior level and in particular the Tier II level.

## A's big winner

The Russell A's Fastball Team has started off the 1980 season exactly where they left off in 1979 — on a winning note.

In their first fastball tournament of the new season, they captured the championship of the North Gower Men's Fastball Tournament that was sponsored by Carling/O'Keefe.

Russell faced Stittsville in the opening game and won 5-4 in 10 innings. In the second game, the A's stomped all over Osgoode by a 10-2 score.

In the semi-final, Bridlewood proved to be tough competition but the A's prevailed and came out on top 2-1. The final against

DPW proved to be no contest and Russell claimed the championship by a 7-0 score.

A's pitcher Greg McLaren was awarded the most valuable player award in three of the four games played. As well, he captured the Carling/O'Keefe Trophy as the tournament's MVP. He was also awarded two Carling/O'Keefe sports bags for his effort. Mike Fleming also received a sports bag as the MVP of the final game.

The team won the Championship Trophy as well as a cheque for \$300. Based on their performance many more championships will be in store before the season is over.

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## Stewart shines at OTHS banquet

Carol Stewart, president of the Osgoode High School Athletic Association, took five honors as the OTHS wrapped up its athletic season with the 13th annual awards banquet.

Carol won the most valuable player award for senior girls volleyball after the team finished in second place in the western division.

She also nabbed the trophies for best display of leadership in physical education for a female

athlete, the principal's trophy for sportsmanship and academic achievement, an honor athletic award and the most valuable player in the senior badminton team.

Rhonda Oshier, captain of the junior Osgoode basketball team, won the trophy as most valuable player. Vera and Mary-Ann Vriend shared the honors in senior basketball.

The senior boys' volleyball team advanced to the quarter-

finals before bowing out of the South Carleton Invitational Tournament. The team players picked John Wyszynski as their MVP.

The OTHS football team once again won the Johnston Trophy by defeating Ashbury College in the annual home-and-home series. In other exhibition games they defeated Taguay but lost to Smiths Falls and Perth.

Rick Barr won the trophy for best lineman; Roy Black for best backfielder and Gary Manwell for most valuable player.

Ray Vidal was picked as MVP in junior soccer.

Most valuable player in junior boys' basketball was Nathan Waddell.

John Wyszynski accepted his second award of the evening when he was chosen as MVP in senior basketball. Wyszynski also won the "B" division scoring championship while team-mate Bill Heystee finished in sixth position.

Annie Stewart, was chosen as MVP in junior volleyball. However, the team didn't enjoy one of its banner years.

The senior badminton team won the Carleton Board tournament for the first time in its history, before finishing second at the Ottawa Valley Tournament. Most valuable player was Rick O'Brien.

Sue Kingsbury was voted MVP in girls' soccer as the team finished in fourth position with a .500 average.

Scott Straby who qualified for the Regional track and field meet at Trenton was chosen as MVP in that sport.

Outstanding athletic awards were presented to Gina Vriend and Nathan Waddell in the junior section.

Mary-Ann Vriend and John Freeman were honored in the senior division. The trophies are given to the men and women who have shown outstanding ability and achievement in the athletic program.

Dave Buckingham won the trophy for the male athlete who best displayed leadership in the over-all physical education program.

The Jack Twiname Memorial Trophy was presented to Janet Crerar for her sportsmanship, ability and over-all achievement in the athletic program.

Honor athletic awards went to Monique Martin, Vira Vriend, Janet Crerar, Mary-Ann Vriend, Bill Heystee and Bruce Doyle.

## Sneaks, paranoia, snatch trophies

By Garey Ris

Sneaks Inc., a womens floor hockey team and Paranoia Company, a mens floor hockey team walked away from the 3rd Annual Russell-Metcalf Gym Hockey League Banquet with most of the trophies as the league held its year-ending banquet May 31 at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre.

Besides winning the league championship this year, two of

the team members were presented with awards for their outstanding achievements.

Loretta Rombough was named top goalie and Matilda Bouwhuis was awarded the trophy for sportsmanship. Other winners were Helen Cherry of the Blue Banchees as the league's top scorer and Wendy Earl of the Green Hornets chosen as most valuable player.

Paranoia Company captured the mens trophy as winner in the RMGHL. Team-mates Wayne Hamilton and Gerry McBain took the honors as top goalie and sportsmanship. Both played for the championship team.

Bill Bouwhuis was chosen as MVP. He represents the Anchors. White Lightning's Tony Hendriks won the trophy as top scorer.

Tokens of appreciation for dedication to the RMGHL were awarded to Elaine Eggum, scorekeeper in the female division and to J.C. Empey the scorekeeper in the male division.

Chris Doyle and Tony Hendriks referees in the mens and womens divisions respectively were also given tokens.

After three years at the helm of the RMGHL, Don Empey and his wife J.C. have decided to step down. Replacing them are Theo Nynetap and Paul Achtereke.

## Warriors finale

The Russell Warriors hockey team, although not having all that much success on the ice this year, closed out the 1979-80 season with a most successful banquet at Benny's Hotel in Russell. The team and friends sat down to a Chinese dinner at 7 p.m. This was followed by the presentation of awards after which the banquet room was the scene of dancing for the remainder of the night.

Team manager Bob Clark outlined the successes of the team, indicating that fan support was very enthusiastic. He acquired three new trophies for presentation this year and thanked the donors for their generosity. Coach Chris Fleming also spoke briefly and praised Bob for his dedication to the team.

The Dorothy Ford Memorial Trophy was presented to Leo Achtereekte for his effort during the season. The three new trophies were also presented: The Bank of Nova Scotia trophy for the Most Improved Player was won by Daryl Ross; The Dr. Frank Kinnaird Trophy for the player who displays the best sportsmanship was won by Paul Boland; The MVP winner was Peter Nooyen, who also won the Benny Hotel Trophy.

Mr. Clark concluded the presentation by stating that the club was most grateful to hotel owner Benny Colasante for his offer of financial assistance to the team during the year.

Team Captain Peter Nooyen, on behalf of the Warrior players, presented Mr. Clark, coaches Chris and Mike Fleming with engraved plaques in appreciation of their effort during the season.

To the Unfit  
If you just sit  
You won't quit  
Being unfit.

PARTICIPATION

## Russell minor hockey newsletter

by Denis Ladouceur

Director, Richard Hamelin; Director, Rolly Tougas; Past Pres., Gerry O'Reilly.

Although the summer months are with us, your executive will be meeting throughout the next few months to formulate plans for the upcoming season. We have entered a team in the first Earth Ball Tournament, scheduled at the Lions Ball Park on June 28.

Once again attendance at the RMHA Annual Meeting was very low. Despite this, we were able to elect a new executive for the 1980-81 season. Members of the new executive are as follows: President, Denis Ladouceur; 1st-Vice Pres., Barry Carscadden; 2nd-Vice Pres., Emery Mead; Secretary, Emerald Miller; Treas.-Stats, Merrill McVey;

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