

# Sports

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## Ramblings A's Default



I must admit some disappointment when I learned that the Russell A's fastball team was forced to default the semi-final against Blossom Park a couple of weeks ago due to an insufficient number of players on one particular evening. This was, in my view, the only possible way that any opposing South-Carleton team was going to advance against them. Defaulting any game, let alone a play-off game is bad business and it is obvious that if the A's are going to regain their winning ways, more dedication and effort will have to return to their game. There were too many mental errors committed this past season, for one reason or another.

A couple of Review issues ago I suggested that perhaps the time was ripe for the A's to move up to Intermediate level. What just happened recently tends to support my statement. While the South-Carleton league now provides a better opportunity for local area players instead of imports, it is obvious to me that the A's team is getting stale — they are a much better team than they showed. A good touch Intermediate league should change all that.

Some of the players have expressed dissatisfaction with this year's operation — unless changes are made they won't be back and then you will end up with a house league team.

## CFL Boredom

For the most part I try to stick to local sports' topics in this column. Professional activities get more than adequate coverage in newspapers, magazines, T.V. etc. But I can't help commenting on the lousy product the CFL is trying to ram down our throats this current season. Even the T.V. game commentators are getting embarrassed. I just finished watching Ottawa play Hamilton (commercials were the most exciting part) and one would think that both teams were the most exciting part) and one would think that both teams were scrimmaging for the first time this season. George Brancato got more yardage walking to the ice bucket than the entire Ottawa backfield did all afternoon. While the Constitution is all our government has on its mind these days and I as a patriotic Canadian would dearly like to watch good old CFL football, I couldn't help but turning the dial and having a peak at an NFL game (actually I do this quite often). It was like switching from a high school game to an All Star professional contest.

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# High School Hopping

By Janet Jansen and Janet Hunt

At only month two of the new school term, spirit is high at North Dundas with sports, clubs and dances already organized.

The sports scene is jumping with Green, Red, Black and Gold teams vying for supremacy. In girls soccer, Red came out on top. In boys football, Red defeated Gold 26-8, Black buried Green 50-14. Gold nipped Red 11-8 in girls basketball.

In the annual Athletic Association Runathon, Red out-distanced Green 67-53. Gold came third with 47; Black fourth with 41. Top male runner was Pat Hornsby who chugged 38 laps in an hour for a new school record. Top female runners at 30 laps each were Patricia Rance, Andrea Beeching, Bernadette Wouters and Debbie Hornsby.

In interscholastic sports, both the senior and junior basketball

teams won over Osnabruck 36-24 and 51-12 and over Seaway 27-21 and 45-28. In soccer, the junior lost 2-0 to Osnabruck, 1-0 to Glengarry and 2-1 to Tagwi. Seniors lost 6-0 to Glengarry and 4-1 to Tagwi.

Other teams and clubs include drama, Reach for the Top, drivers education, library and Society

Helpers. The junior and senior bands, under the direction of Mr. St. Louis, are rehearsing for their first concerts in early November.

Nancy Vanden Bosch was elected student council president; Tony Wouters, vice-president; Dawn Williams, senior treasurer; Bernadette Wouters, secretary, and Pat Hornsby, social con-  
venor.

## Minor hockey opens

The Kinnaird Arena is echoing once more to the sound of crashing sticks and whistling blades as minor hockey gets into full swing.

Some 120 boys and girls are registered. The Huron Hockey program is being well received by both players and coaches and should aid in developing good players.

Finances are always a problem. Fund-raising projects included a cash Bingo on October 9 at the Catholic Church, for which the executive are sincerely grateful.

Planned for this winter is a One Hundred and Fifty Club draw. A total of 150 tickets will be sold at \$25 each with two draws a week for 20 weeks and a final two draws of \$500 and \$300. Contact members of Russell Minor Hockey Association for tickets.

A minor hockey booklet is being published and other fund-raising events will be announced. Meetings are open to the public and meeting times for minor hockey are posted in the Arena.

## Marvelville Ringette

The Marvelville Ladies Ringette team is already getting prepared to defend their championship of the Gloucester Ladies Ringette League.

The league has brought in a new rule which prohibits anyone under the age of 25 from participating in league play. Each team will play 16 games this season with the Marvelville opener scheduled for 21 Oct. The league has been divided into two divisions, A and B with Marvelville participating in the A Division against Blackburn, Beacon Hill and Orleans.

The Casselman team has decided to drop out of the competition for this season. The Marvelville team will be playing at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre and home games are scheduled on Sunday nights from 9 - 10 p.m. Home opener is scheduled for Oct. 26 against Orleans.

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