

Sports

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Ramblings



Recent announcements by the Ontario Major Junior League and the Western Hockey League that they are throwing away the traditional hockey uniform in favour of the brand new Cooperall outfit is bound to have an effect on just how all hockey players will be dressed in the future. You may recall that a year or so ago the Winnipeg Jets wore this new uniform during training camp and apparently were quite satisfied with its performance. As yet the new style uniform has not been officially adopted by the N.H.L. but with the two above leagues having given it their blessing it is only a matter of time until the big league follows. By the end of November all teams in both leagues will be outfitted with the new Cooperall outfits.

The new gear is produced by Cooper Canada Ltd. and is 20 per cent lighter than equipment now in use. The research and design has been going on for almost five years and the end result should provide a better protective piece of equipment. Besides being lighter it is tougher, cooler and should be more comfortable on the player.

The outfit consists of a stream-lined pair of waist-to-ankle warm-up type pants which eliminate the need for stockings. Under the outer shell is an inner girdle, stretching from above the knee to the ribcage, somewhat like a pair of football pants. The girdle is made of lightweight material with plastifoam pads in strategically-placed pockets for protection from injuries by sticks or skates. When worn this equipment will give the appearance of a one piece suit which in turn will resemble space-age technology.

Although Cooper is the first on the market I shouldn't think C.C.M. is far behind and it won't be long before this type of equipment is the rule rather than the exception.

I understand it will cost about \$500 to outfit one player, which is quite expensive when you consider that the skates and helmet are extra. I am told that Cooper is providing all teams in the major O.H.A., including Ottawa 67's, with this equipment free of charge in an effort to get their foot in the door so to speak. Once the product is accepted at this level and that is only a matter of time, then obviously it is the start of bigger and better things for Cooper in the future. You can rest assured it is not Cooper's intention to supply equipment to every youngster playing hockey in Canada free of charge.

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Rolly Tougas.

The above are responsible for the operation of the Russell Minor Hockey system including finances, administrative duties and setting club policy. While most of their time is spent with office duties there are those faithful souls who support the on-ice activities. One such group is the club convenors made up of the following:

Novice — Mike Tremblay; Atom — Dave Chesire; Pee Wee — Bill Morgan; Bantam — unfilled; Midget — unfilled.

The people who will be dealing directly with the players are of course the teachers. These people will spend endless hours and drive many miles before their task ends next March. Only the head

coaches are listed here but they in turn have faithful assistants.

Novice — Daryl Ross; Atom A — Garry Patterson; Atom B — Lorne Clost; Pee Wee A — Ed Honey; Pee Wee B — Bob Martin; Bantam A — Mike Miller; Bantam B — Ian Cunningham; Midget A — Dave Wade.

Not forgotten is the loneliest job of all, that being Referee-in-Chief, assigned to Yvon Bourguignon.

Already the executive has a number of irons in the fire. They

are operating the 150 Club. Tickets are on sale at \$25. each.

There are two weekly draws at \$50. each and two final draws of \$500 and \$300. A Skate-a-thon is scheduled for later in the season and a club tournament in March '81. In addition Russell will be the scene of the annual CDMHL tournament to be held during the Christmas-New Years break. The club is once again putting together a Hockey Book which was very successful and informative in its first year of publication last season.

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Sports Trivia

Question — Who originally developed the slapshot?

Answer — Not Bobby Hull or Bernie Geoffrion but New York Rangers former great Bun Cook in the late 1930's. According to Muzz Patrick, Bun was the first to slap the puck and Alex Shibicky (also of the Rangers) was the first to perfect the slapshot.

Question — What is the average NHL salary in 1980?

Answer — \$108,000 annually. In 1969 the average was \$24,000.

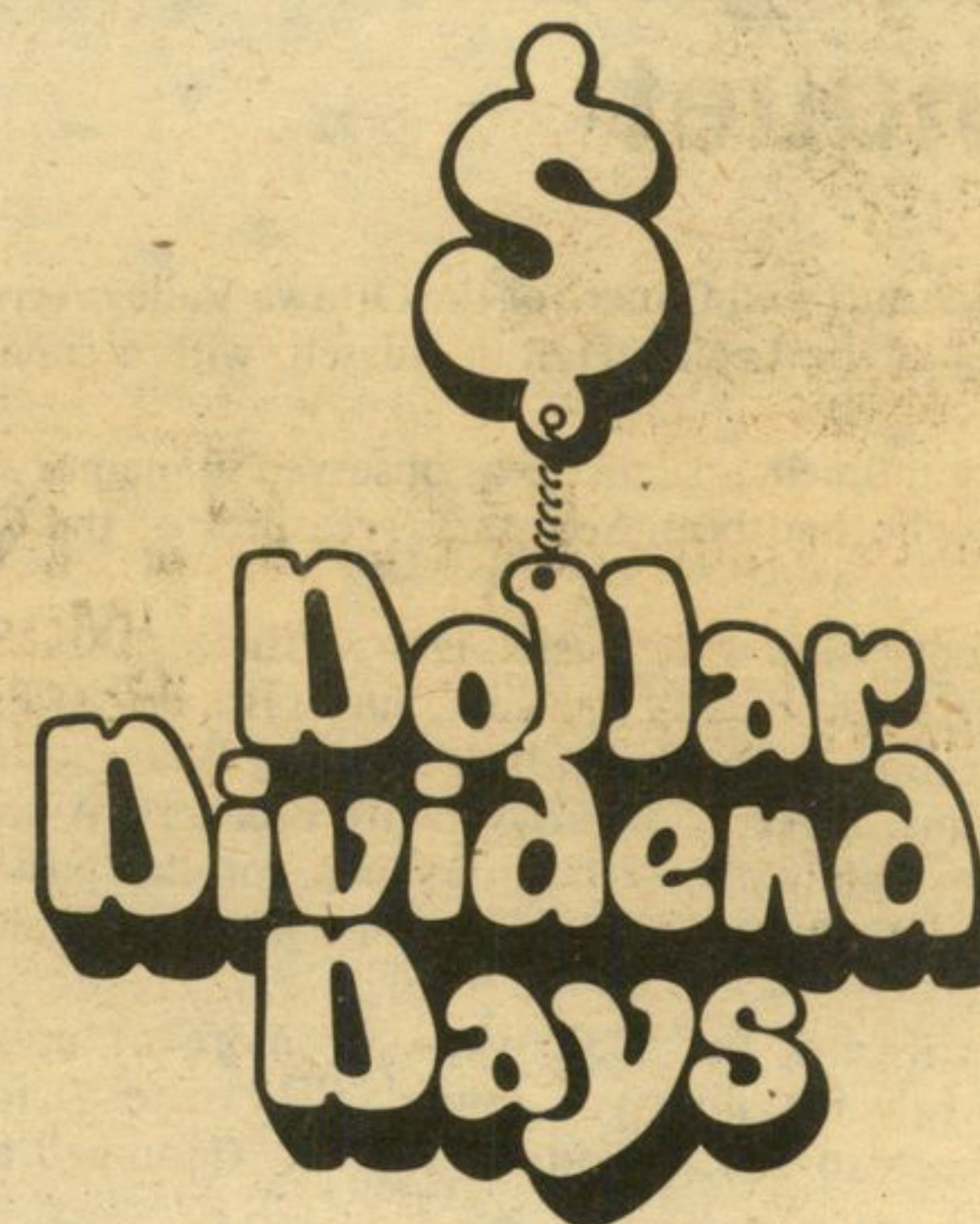
Metcalf Minor Hockey News

The Metcalfe and District Minor Hockey Association reports that once again they are looking forward to a most successful season. Many of their teams will be defending the Championships they won last year. Members of the executive are as follows:

President — Marcel Lauzon; Vice-Pres. — Ed Vidal; Secretary — Tom Hay; Treasurer — Vacant; Equip. Manager — Keith Michaud; House League Convenor — Joe Racine; Registrar — Cy Leman; Fund-Raising — Spencer Waddell; Referee-in-Chief — Peter Kruys.

Looking after the boys on the ice will be the following coaches: Atom A — Pat McGoff; Atom B — Denis Morand; Pee Wee A — Don Gamble; Pee Wee B — Ron MacPherson; Bantam A — Peter Kruys; Bantam B — Bob Corlette; Midget A — Ed Vidal; Midget B — Vacant; Juvenile — Wilf Jungk; Girls Team — Dick Wells.

Secretary Tom Hay reports that three teams, the Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam A, will be travelling to Lake Placid on the weekend of Dec. 12-14 to play exhibition games against Lake Placid teams in the new Olympic Stadium. The boys are really looking forward to this as well as a tour of the entire Olympic village while there. Teams from Lake Placid will in turn visit Metcalfe on Jan. 17-18, 1981. Take special note that a Minor Hockey Fund-Raising Dance will be held at the Greely Recreation Hall on Saturday night, Nov. 15/80. Come out and support minor hockey.



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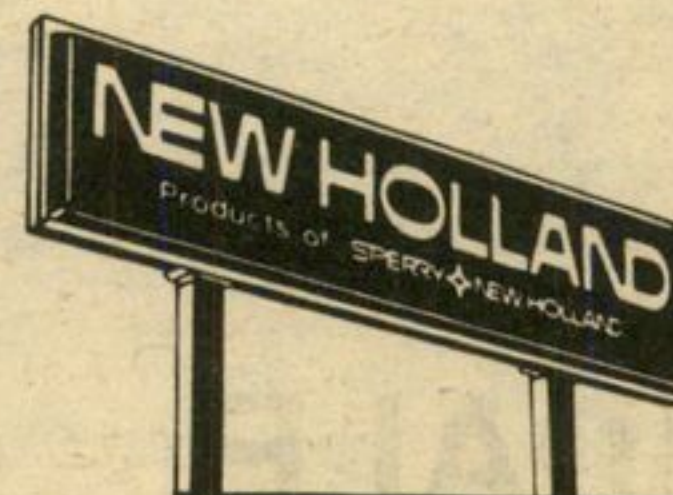
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