



It's gotta be up there...somewhere

WHERE'S THE BALL? CFRA's Cindy White (left), and Shelley Emond (centre) seem to be starting into space as they await pitch during an exhibition game in Russell which opened the 3rd Annual

Lob Ball Tournament in late August. J.C. Empey, pictured at right, enjoys a laugh while stepping into the batter's box.

(Gary Ris photos)

Sportlight

Soccer bounces up in Metcalfe

By Gary Ris

Metcalfe and area youngsters have yet another team sport to enjoy, thanks to two community-minded residents.

Barry Dawson and Bill Bradbury coach the Metcalfe Matadors, a boys and girls soccer team for children in the 8-14 year-old bracket.

This international sport, known for its furious pace and tremendous excitement, is in its second year of operation here. The cost so far has been minimal, only \$26 for two soccer balls.

The Saturday morning practice attracts 30 fun-seeking kids, willing to learn the basics of the game and something to do during the summer months when school is out. The Carleton Board of Education gave permission to the Matadors to use the field.

LOT OF FUN

"There is a need for this type of operation with such a low operating cost," Dawson said. "The players are having a lot of fun and are really enthused about the game."

Team players were elected to a committee which holds meetings to discuss various aspects of the organization, fund-raising events and upcoming games. George Wright, 12, is the president; Penny Hind, 10; vice-president; Mike Stachon, 11, secretary-treasurer; Stephen Turley, 12, equipment manager and Brad Dow, 12 is assistant equipment manager.

Dawson is easy on his players but won't tolerate laziness. If a player fails to show for practices, that player won't see action in the next game.

"We stress sportsmanship and good, clean fun," he said. "We haven't had any injuries yet and hope we don't get any."

Bradbury, like Dawson played soccer when he was in school. He played for the Richmond junior team in England while Dawson played at another school. Bradbury said he enjoys teaching the game to youngsters.

"The kids have a lot of fun on the field and I like teaching them," he said. "It's nice to put something back in the community."



Metcalfe's co-educational soccer team picture. Youngsters expressed great interest in the soccer program which costs participants much less than most other sports.

Soccer has enjoyed an enormous boost in popularity in North America in the last few years, due to lower cost and fewer injuries than most team sports and the North American Soccer League, with five teams located in Canada including the Montreal Manic, the Toronto Blizzard and the Vancouver Whitecaps.

"You'll have something in common if you visit another country," he said. "Almost everyone has played the game during their life and it gives you something to talk about."

NOT JUST SOCCER

After the two-hour morning workout, the kids usually take a

quick dip in the pool at either the Bradbury's or the Dawson's. A barbeque was held a few weeks ago by the coaches and attended by most of the players.

The Matadors will help open the Metcalfe Fair Oct. 2 by playing a game between the baseball diamonds. Dawson said he will answer any question regarding the game of soccer and its rules.

The Matadors should prove to be a worthy attraction. Dressed in their flashy red and black uniforms, (road colors are gold and black) the teams should provide local soccer fans with an entertaining brand of play.

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Ramblings

'AA' minor hockey is a reality, finally

By JACK McLAREN

I am pleased to see that "AA" calibre minor hockey in District 4 is finally a reality. As some may know, boys from the rural areas are no longer permitted to play on teams from the Ottawa, Nepean and Gloucester area but now will not be denied the opportunity to perform at this level provided they have the ability.

RMHA President Dave Wade dropped off a copy of a newsletter outlining the new structure and I will include most of it here for information to area boys. A copy of the letter along with a registration form has been mailed to every "A" registered player in the District.

District 4 of the ODMHA has decided to form the following teams of 'AA' calibre for the 1981/82 season — Major Pee Wee, Major Bantam and Major Midget. Minor teams in the above groupings i.e., those comprised of players in the first year of their age group may also be considered depending on the interest shown.

The formation of these teams has been endorsed by the District 4 Executive which is comprised of representatives from the Russell, Metcalfe & District,

Osgoode/Rideau, Richmond, Stittsville, West Carleton, Almonte/Pakenham, Perth, Lanark and Carleton Place Associations.

The teams will play a 30-36 game league schedule in the Ottawa and District Minor Hockey League. The majority of the 10 teams in this league are in the cities of Kanata, Nepean, Ottawa and Gloucester although in certain divisions Hull, Gatineau, Cumberland and Cornwall are also represented. Teams in this league will be limited to a maximum of five tournaments this year.

At this point in time it is hoped to acquire a block of ice for home league games at an arena which is central within the District. Practices will be rotated throughout District 4 as ice can be obtained. It is hoped to schedule practices of 1 1/2 hours duration so that fewer trips for practices will be required.

The teams will be selected at the conclusion of a two-week tryout camp which will be held early in September. No firm commitment for ice has been received yet but it is hoped that the tryout camp will be held in a central location with workouts of 4 hours per group per week for 2 weeks.

Russell Minor Hockey Association

NOTICE

The RMHA is looking for coaches in both 'A' and 'B' levels in the Novice, Pee Wee, Atom, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile Divisions. You must have a Level II Coaching Certificate or, if not, be willing to take the prescribed course.

Those interested are asked to call Judy Straby, Secretary RMHA, at 445-5216 or Dave Wade at 445-5488.

NOTICE

Russell Recreation Association 1981-1982 Ice and Hall Rental Rates

ICE RENTAL:

Ice Rental Consists of:
HOCKEY — 50 Minutes constitutes 1 hour rental
BROOMBALL — 60 Minutes constitutes 1 hour rental

RATES:

* Local (Residents) \$43.00 per hour
* Non-Residents \$47.00 per hour

* Each organization, team, or individual renting is responsible for moving nets and setting nets up after ice has been flooded.

Should the organization wish arena staff to move nets, an additional \$5.00 per rental hour charge will be levied.

HALL RENTAL:

The cost per hall rental is \$235.00
The above fee includes hall set-up and clean-up, and dispenser mix only.
As per L.L.B.O. Regulations bar closes at 1:00 a.m. sharp and all evidence of service and consumption of liquor shall be removed by 1:30 a.m. by the renting party.
Ice and hall rental arrangements can be made by calling the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre at 445-2050.

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