SIX NATIONS SPORTS

Warriors Move up for Lacrosse

The Brantford Warriors Lacrosse Team, winners of the Canadian "B" Championship for the last two years, held a meeting at the Civic Centre in Brantford last Wednesday night and decided to enter senior "A" series of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, this year.

"The only thing we demand of the O.L.A. is a six-team league," said Ray Simpson of the Warriors. Tentative entries in the senior "A" grouping include Brooklin, Brampton, Mississauga, Fergus, Owen Sound and Brantford.

Brantford will have two lacrosse teams this summer. A professional club in the National Lacrosse Association is in the process of obtaining a franchise. So there'll be plenty of excitement for lacrosse fans this summer in Brantford.

Anyone for Golf?

The North American All-Indian Golf Tournament will be held on July 4, 1969 at the Ava Golf Club in Brantford. This tournament is open to Indians only. The Galaway system of score-keeping will be used so anybody has a chance to win. Watch further issues of Tekawennake for complete details.

Hockey

The Ohsweken Hockey team play the Oakdale Training School Team on Tuesday, March 4 at 9:30 p.m. at Hagersville Arena.

Six Nations Indians demonstrate - slim snakes that swiftly slide on slippery snow

The students and teachers at the F,E, Madill Secondary School and a scattering of other spectators were really fascinated by a demonstration on the school's football field. Four Indians from the Mohawk reserve at Brantford were demonstrating how to throw the snow "snakes".

This sport is confined to the Brantford reserve Indians who have played it for countless generations. Their only competitors are the Indians from reserves in New York State at Tonawanda, Allegheny, Akron and a few other places. All are descendants of the old Iroquois tribesmen who inhabited the Finger Lakes region in New York State when the white men arrived in North America.

A snow snake is shaped much like a hunting spear, but it has refinements that could be achieved only by the skilled hands of a native craftsman - a skill which has been handed down from father to son for centuries.

Albert Porter, a lean-faced and sharp-eyed man of middle years, told The Advance-Times that the choicest of all woods for the snake is Juneberry and only the heart of a perfectly straight limb or trunk is used. In its finished form it has no sign of grain and is so smooth that it feels like satin in the hand. Other woods are used too, such as hickory, ironwood and maple.

When the Indian contestants meet either at Brantford or in New York State the prizes for games will sometimes run as high as \$400. each, so the players have a lot hanging on their strength and skill in these tournaments.

The amount of skill achieved through practice is attested to by watching the spectators try their hand. In dozens of attempts by the students and some of the teachers only one throw actually started the snake along the track for more than a few yards.

St. Regis Indian Jamboree - St. Regis, Quebec, July 4, 5, 6, 1969

Iroquois dances will be performed by the Akwesasne Indian Dancers of the St. Regis Reserve, daily at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

An area will be set aside for overnight campers. Campers will supply their own food and cookstoves.

A refreshment stand will be open on the grounds for those wishing to make use of it.

Anyone wishing to set up stands for the sale of Indian Arts and Crafts will be charged a fee of \$10.00. No foreign goods will be allowed, only Indian-made crafts.

Any group wishing to present their own dances on the program are welcome to do so. Please inform us in advance, so time will be available for you.

Come and meet old friends and make new ones. You will meet North American Indians from both Canada and the United States.

Wrestling

Hagersville wrestling team captured the zone 2 wrestling championship on Saturday at Cayuga. The team will now compete in S.O.S.S.A.

Ken Jonathan was one of the individual champions. Mike Martin placed second and Wendell Bomberry placed third.