

Merchants, Redmen Agree to Continue

Peterborough Merchants and Brooklin Redmen have agreed to continue in the Ontario Lacrosse Association's senior "A" league. Both clubs had threatened to quit unless the OLA lifted suspensions against some of their players.

The OLA has upheld the Eastern Lacrosse Association's suspension of two Brooklin players and one from Peterborough. Elmer Tran and Merv Marshall of the Redmen and Bill Armour of the Merchants were suspended for failing to obtain release from their 1968 pro clubs.

Another Peterborough player, Jack Armour, is under suspension until June 22, along with Brantford's Bill Squires, for a stick-swinging duel in a game here two weeks ago.

Oshawa Dazzles Lacrosse Chiefs in 17-12 Lesson

The Rochester Chiefs lost a game on Sunday June 15, but may have received as good a box lacrosse lesson as they will ever get.

Teaching the class were the well-disciplined Oshawa (Ont.) Green Gaels of the Ontario Lacrosse Association who hung a 17-12 defeat on the Chiefs at the War Memorial. It was an inter-league game with no bearing on the Chiefs' second place berth in the North American Lacrosse Association.

Rochester never led but twice came back to tie the score after trailing 6-1. The Chiefs were forced to play catch-up all the way, and much of it was exciting catch-up before an enthusiastic crowd announced at 4,218.

The Chiefs went all-out to stay in the game, a factor that moved Gaels' coach Jim Bishop to comment, "This is the hardest we've been pushed all season. And this big crowd is a tribute to your good club."

Chiefs' coach Ross Powless paid the Gaels the ultimate compliment, "This is the way lacrosse should be played."

Brooklin Beats Tired Warriors

Brantford Warriors' coach Jim Squires rubbed a hand over his aching legs and reasoned that his team just didn't have the stamina to match strides with Brooklin Redmen here Friday night.

"I imagine the boys were pretty tired," Squires said, trying to explain the Warrior's 12-9 loss at the civic centre. "I know I was."

The Warriors, who usually outrun the opposition in the third period, ran out of legs as the Redmen outscored them 6-2 in the final frame.

It was the first meeting of the season between the Ontario Lacrosse Association's two top senior "A" teams and attracted 2,009 fans - the largest crowd here this year.

It was also Brooklin's 10th consecutive victory and stretched the Redmen's lead over the second-place Warriors to six points.

Brantford took a 5-3 lead in the first period and was still in front 7-6 at the end of the second.

"We had a tough game in Belleville," Squires pointed out referring to the Warriors' 11-9 victory Thursday night over Peterborough Merchants. "It might have been different if we'd have had an easy game down there. But when you have a tough game and then that long ride home, it's hard to beat a team like Brooklin."

The Warriors didn't get back from Belleville until 4:15 Friday morning and most of them had to go to work the same day.

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