

Sports Corner

By Doug McLellan

I guess we might as well talk about the Junior series between the Combines and Falconbridge first as that seems to be the only hockey news with some promise attached to it. We could talk about the McIntyre-North Bay games but they are all over and knotted up but don't be too surprised a thing of the ancient and forgotten past. Well, the Junior series is all if the locals lose and you don't see the Farrie Flyers up here for a couple of games. The Porcupiners won the opening game of the series by a very decided 7-2 edge, thanks mainly to the outstanding efforts of a juvenile, Doug Towers. He was ably supported by Gordie Warner, another fugitive from the Juvenile ranks.

The Combines would look like money in the bank if they could retain this pair for the remainder of their first of five series which takes place at Sudbury, but they won't have them in their line-up for more than one more game. The kids can play 3 games Junior and still be Juveniles, available for the winning Juvenile winner when they play the South. Rather than lose their Juvenile status and stick to the Junior series, both Towers and Warner will play three games and then wait for the Juvenile winner. Here's hoping we're wrong, but from here it looks like a tough fight for the locals.

The past week saw the McIntyre Maecmen be shunted to a siding for another year. The North Bay Black Hawks did it the hard way too. The Gateway boys dropped the first game by a 7-4 count and then came roaring back with 4 straight wins, to earn themselves the right to meet the winner of the Toronto-Waterloo series for the All-Ontario Championship.

Maecmen fought hard and courageously throughout the four losing contests but they were beaten by a superior team. The eyes of the North will be on the Black Hawks in their coming series and everyone wishes them the very best of luck.

HERE AND THERE: The fans who saw last Wednesday's game in Waterloo, and one policeman in particular, have tried very hard to paint Ray Hannigan as the villain of the O.H.A. The rumpus started around the half way mark in the final period in the third game of their best of seven series. The Marlies up to that point had won the first two games and were well on their way to copying three straight. The Kitchener-Waterloo fans still couldn't believe that their heroes, who had won the regular schedule, were not going to win the Allan Cup as they had previously thought. Up to the 'Hannigan' incident, there were only two penalties in the game, both to Jack Shewchuk of the Dutchmen. On both penalties he was punished for dishing out illegal bodychecks to Hannigan. On the last run-in of the two, Shewchuk, who is the roughest, dirtiest character in the league, told Hannigan that he was going to "cut him to ribbons" before the season was over. Then it happened, Hannigan and Shewchuk tangled again with Hannigan coming out on top, via a crack on Shewchuk's head with his stick.

Bill Dinning, Shewchuk's defence partner, then decided to take a hand in the battle. The result was that Hannigan was given two majors, one for hitting Shewchuk and the other for fighting with Dinning. Dinning was also given five minutes for his part in the tussle. While the two were sitting in the penalty box, with a cop plunked between them, they started at it again. Words were exchanged, and what do you think happened. The feather-brained cop told Hannigan that he was going to lay a charge against him for profanity. Wasn't that the pay-off.

The Dutchmen couldn't beat the

Marlies at hockey and everyone in Kitchener was mad about it, including the lame-brain who thought that it would show them who was boss and would lay a charge against Ray, thus becoming the 'Hero of Kitchener'. The cop must have been disappointed when the chief of police said that he wouldn't lay any charge as "you have to expect those things at a hockey game."

It's a good thing that somebody knows the score. Someone should have showed the cop a picture that appeared in the Star after the second game of the series. It shows Flash Hollett and Art Hurst battling it out and a policeman struggling in the middle of them.

There was no question of charges laid there, and it was obvious that the cop was getting the worst of the battle. Can you imagine any two guys fighting in a penalty box and not one rough word being uttered? Can't be done.

Don't get this wrong. Hannigan was definitely wrong in hitting Shewchuk on the noggin as he did. He is lucky that the big defenceman wasn't seriously hurt. But the big fuss lies in the fact that Hannigan came close to being charged with profanity, a ridiculous thought which was wholly unfounded.

This may be rushing things a little bit but here's a choice bit of baseball. Don't be surprised if the Kirkland Lake Greyhounds don't enter the T. B. L. this year. Remember the fuss they had over the play-offs last year? Well, as an aftermath of last year's squabble, they are almost certain not to have a team. Their entry is so uncertain that two of their infielders are going to line up with the Hollinger Bombers.

Danny Wilks is already at the Hollinger while Frank O'Grady is to follow shortly after his return from Windsor where he has been going great guns with the Windsor Spitfires in the Jr. O.H.A. Mort Donlevy didn't make the trip with the Falconbridge Combines because of a shoulder separation which he suffered recently. According to the Combines coach, Donlevy has been playing a good sound game on defence, as is sadly missed by the team. The third game of a best of three series between the Schumacher and Timmins Lions is going to be a delayed affair, as it isn't to come off till this coming Saturday. This game should be a must for you as it is really going to be good. The teams will both be going all out to cop a victory and gain the right to meet the South End Tee Pees who earned the finals by trouncing Moneta in two straight games. You will remember that Timmins won the first of the current series, as they erased a four goal deficit and went ahead in overtime, and then in the second affair, Schumacher came to life and ended up on the long end of a 4-2 count. So, it's very easy to see that Saturdays game is going to be a hum-dinger. The injury jinx hit the South End Tee Pees last week. Rod 'Beardery' Belisle, stick-handling wizard, received a broken arm in practice. The break wasn't too bad though, and he may be back before the finals are over. Ray Voltaire, a Combines first two games against the Falconbridge crew as he didn't receive his birth certificate in time for the games. The Combines' management isn't taking any chances on over age players and rightfully so, after what happened to Pierre Cadeux at Stratford. Cadeux was playing under a certificate belonging to a younger cousin, by the same name and was given a five year suspension for so doing. Don't be surprised if the same fate happens to a Marlboro junior who is said to be over age. If the Combines had not been engaged in their series with Sudbury last week-end, local fans would have had a glimpse of St. Mike's Majors. The Irish made a little trip into the North country and played at Sudbury and Kirkland Lake. The idea of the journey must have been that the Majors hoped to pick up a few recruits for next year's club. It was no secret that they were very weak during the season just passed and wanted to strengthen for the coming campaign. Oddly enough, the only two real promising players on last year's club are from the north, Gordie Hannigan from Schumacher and Tim Horton from Sudbury. Two more local hockeyists have drifted back home for the summer. Stew Pirie and Mike Miller are back in South Porcupine after playing in the Cape Breton Senior League this past winter.

IT'S A QUEER WORLD

If some sensible person from another planet happened to pay us a visit we might find it a bit difficult to explain some of the news he would find in almost any daily paper, remarks The Financial Post. It would not be the lurid reports of our latest crime wave that would baffle him, but the stories of our weird and wonderful attempts to throttle what his whole world needs most--production. Various provincial milk boards have warned dairy companies which wished to sell their product a little cheaply available in certain parts of Canada have sanctioned. Public money is to discourage products like potatoes and apples from reaching people who would be glad to eat more potatoes and apples.

And right now in several of the provincial legislatures ways and means are being discussed to prevent manufacturers of margarine, from making their product attractive and cheap. Not only would we have a difficult time explaining these things to a visitor from Mars; if we go much further with this nonsense we may not be able to explain it to ourselves.



Runners-up in the very closely contested High School Boys Curling Bonsel was the Kirkland Lake High School rink shown above from left to right: George Will, skip; Gerald Saunders, vice skip; Murray Cooper, second and William Olzoury as lead. Advance Photo

High Lowdown

Happenings At T.H. & V.S.

When the boys are celebrating the passing of the exams in their own particular way you might spare one and toast to the girls new Hair do's. I would like to mention several I particular but for fear of offending the rest I will not.

We shall simply say that spring must be here with all the new styles or hair do's. You know what young mans fancy turns to in spring--well perhaps a girls turns in a somewhat similar line--Hence the new hair do's.

Speaking of spring one thinks of the spring breakup. Those philosophers and observers among us note that this word may be used in a double sense. When spring comes it does funny things to people, therefore people do funny things. For instance couples some times break up and look for someone new. Consequently there are several people waiting around for the spring break up and waiting to step in. Steady's be ware!

Well Ed Day how is the band aid. Fooled you, you thought I was going to talk about Ed and Janis didn't you. Well I merely wanted to inquire whether or not you were sitting down or not Ed?

What happened to the Lux adds? Too much competition I guess.

Spring does do some funny things. Take Mike Senik for example. Mike has quit his nocturnal prowlings and can now be found downstairs every noon improving his mind by playing checkers!

The Tri Y are really in the spirit of things. They are getting as near to the real thing as possible by having the Boys Hi Y plan a mock wedding. They are out of season but they sure caught a big one that time.

Talking to an annoyed teen ager yesterday, he was complaining to me about the unjust things in this world. He was trying to study, but there was strong competition. Dad was busily engaged in his home work shop and the noise of the lathes, band saws and other tools buzzed and drummed into his ear. Big sister was pounding away on the piano--something about sailing down a river or some such thing, little brother was harmlessly blowing spit balls at him from across the table and a general pandemonium reigned. Now when this student wanted to turn on the radio just for a minute to hear the final installment of the "Atom Smasher" his mothers' voice rang out "Junior (he reference to Lucien Pare -- Ed can't blow spit balls and anyway he is an older brother) turn off the radio you can't have the radio on and study too, the noise is distracting." There ain't no justice.

Best of luck goes to the Senior basket ball team who leaves for Kirkland Lake Friday noon to enter the N.O.S.S.A. tournament.

Best of luck goes also to the fifth formers who are writing exams this week. As the fifth forms are writing in the English and French rooms the classes are having fun playing hide and seek in the halls hoping that no teacher will find them and that they will have a spare. As yet I have not heard of a class that has succeeded.

I could tell all about Bob and Diane L. but for some unknown reason Diane does not like it so I will not say anything about it--not even the truth. I shall pass on to another budding romance in the school that of the situation developing between Andre Charon and Lucien Pare. Yep I guess spring is really here.

Pool sharks beware -- Gabby Brilinger is becoming a conformed player. Figures to prove this are: G.B. has played six games since the beginning of the year and since he broke his ski's doing the impossible at Kam last week, he will have much more time to devote to this skillful game. Lorne Taylor, The Moose and Jim Fraser should remember that you should never take on more with your heart than you can kick off with your heels. That is not a very good place to use that expression but I just had

to use it somewhere and that was the only place that I could find.

Gad it is nice to see Jock Belec back at school again. No Jock has not been sick he was just recovering from the recent spell of studying he had over the weekend. I hope ti does not spoil your game Jock.

If you enter a Spanish class you would be highly amused to see them arguing over whether Pedro took his handkerchief or someone elses handkerchief out of his or somebody elses pocket. Mary Gibson has started her renewed drive for increased Spanish vocabulary for which she has several she has made up herself.

What are the girls going to use to attract attention now that spring is here and they have of take off their fur coats. It used to make things interesting walking behind a group of girls and guessing who they were. One good thing about it though there will be much more room in lockers and the school in general now that they have reverted to lighter clothing--especially the library room.

I think that by now the girls a few in particular will agree that I have said enough or more than enough for one sitting. Well, probably I have, besides I have to keep some ideas for the coming exams. Adios amigos.

"Scoots" Solve Travel Problem

Canadians have displayed considerable ingenuity in providing themselves with methods of transportation particularly suited to the needs of various sections of Canada. Thus we have seen considerable advances pioneered by this country in adapting the airplane for use as a means of conveying passengers and freight to Canada's northern mining areas. We have been one of the world's leaders in using the tractor train for long winter hauls, and we have added comfort to winter travelling in many areas by using snowmobiles, which are passenger vehicles powered by mechanism similar to tractors.

Another innovation in transport is now being used extensively in the Georgian Bay area of Ontario. There, fishermen, trappers and others living at some distance from towns and cities are using motorized vehicles called "scoots" for their winter travel needs. "Scoots" are flat-bottomed boats powered by airplane motors and propellers. They are particularly valuable because they can travel with equal ease on ice or in the water. Speeds up to 100 miles per hour are possible, and "scoots" are being welcomed as the answer to transport problems in an area which frequently saw people and communities virtually isolated from convenient contact with "the outside world" when peculiar winter weather conditions were prevalent.



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"Kilocycling with Mike"

Residents of south-western Ontario are among the comparatively few Canadians regularly enjoying television broadcasts. The programs originate from stations in northern New York State or Michigan and are received with unusual clarity in that part of Canada. A number of receiving sets have been set up in hotels and theatres, and eager onlookers are always on hand when the machines are in operation. Technical operation of television sets, while not particularly difficult, requires a certain amount of skill and for that reason the public has been asked not to attempt to operate these sets which have been installed in public places.

Aran Young is one of the few Canadians who has successfully invaded the comedy radio field in the United States. In addition to his radio work, Young has also been featured in the movies. He had an extensive background of experience in Canadian radio in Vancouver and Toronto before going to the United States. Another Canadian from Vancouver, Susan Fletcher, was also in a recent movie. She won the chance by her ability to tell English dialect anecdotes. At a social gathering a Hollywood executive heard Miss Fletcher displaying this talent and he offered her a role in a picture he was producing which called for a girl house-keeper with an English accent. Miss Fletcher is currently heard on a Canadian network with a program of news and comments on Hollywood happenings. Previously she had extensive experience in theatrical work in this country and the United States.

A former Canadian singer and musician is currently being hailed as "England's Frank Sinatra". He is Denny Vaughan, late of Toronto. During the war years he was with the Canadian Army Show as a singer and pianist, and he remained in England to sing with several English bands, including the famous Gerald organization. Clubs have been formed to honor Vaughan, and he is now considered one of the most popular male songsters in England.

GAS TAX TOO HIGH

Motorists are still paying war high gasoline taxes, says the Financial Post. Almost a third of the money paid

for filling the gas tank goes direct to the provincial government. In some provinces the tax is 11 cents per gallon, in the rest it is a cent or two more. At 22 miles to the gallon, a few motorists can boast better than that, this means a direct tax of half a cent a mile.

Shortly after the last war broke out gasoline taxes were taken over by the Dominion Government and the three to five cents prewar levy was jumped to the present figure. The federal move was described as temporary. The motorists hoped that the raise would be too. But that hope is still unrealized despite the fact that Ottawa moved out of this field over a year ago. When the provinces took over again the war-time increase was maintained right up to the hill.

To own and operate a car today, concludes The Post, costs fully twice as much as it did in 1939 and the major reason is not higher manufacturing costs but higher taxes. It is there we must have substantial reduction if we are to have cheaper cars and cheaper driving.

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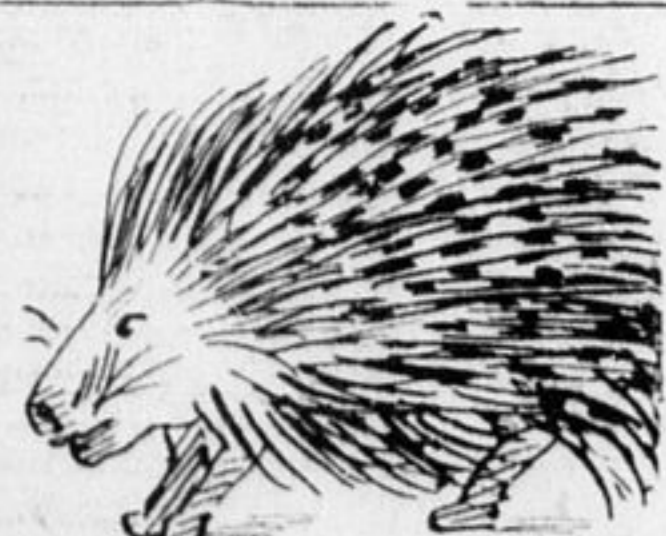
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