

REPORT ON THE NORTH SHORE HOCKEY LEAGUE
- by Peter E. Mazza

DAVID WHALEN HONOURED AS LEADING SCORER

At the first game of the semi-finals Series "B" between Nipigon Flyers and Terrace Bay Superiors held here last Saturday night, Dave Whalen was honoured for his past season's hockey records. Throughout the season, all players' statistics released by statistician J. E. Broughton revealed Dave as the top scorer. Never was the race close. In achieving the honour as Leading Scorer, Dave shattered three records which in this reporter's opinion will take some time to beat. In the scheduled 30 games, the Superiors played only 28 games due to Geraldton Goldminers' unreadiness at the beginning of the season. In his 28 games played, Dave garnered 108 points, 43 more than Goldminer's Steve Rusnak's of last season. The previous record of Jim Moro's 48 goals in 22 games in the 1954-55 season is now second to Dave's 49 goals. Marvin Osmar's record of 39 assists of last season takes a second standing record to Dave's 59.

On behalf of O'Keefe's Governor Peter E. Mazza presented the Leading Scorer Trophy with a miniature to Dave. At the same time, on behalf of C. R. Strachan Jewellers Ltd., of Fort William, Peter presented an Automatic Gruen Wrist Watch valued at \$75.00 for his breaking of three League records.

Larry Dunville of the Red Rock Royals was acclaimed the winner of the George Wardrope Trophy (Most Valuable Player) and the P. J. Kapitan Trophy (Most Sportsmanlike Player). The presentations of these trophies with miniatures and an Automatic Gruen Wrist Watch donated to the League by C. R. Strachan Jewellers were made on Tuesday night in Red Rock. The only Superiors nominations for any of these awards was that of Jim Moro for the George Wardrope Trophy.

The Carling Trophy (Rookie of the Year) was won by young Allie LeBlanc of the Marathon Mercuries. The Nesco Trophy (Best Goalkeeper) was won by Deluce also of the Marathon Mercuries.

All these winners of trophies are deserving of congratulations.

In the last issue of the News, this reporter went into details on the "changing of his tune" by Intermediate Convenor and

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Vice-President of the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association, Frank Walters. Evidently his Executive unanimously endorsed his decision to have the N.S.H.L. winner meet the Bearcats before proceeding against the Kenora - Fort Francis winner for the district finals. An excuse offered by Frank is that this would reduce expenses of teams in the western division. Evidently no time was spent on the thought that this would increase expenses of the eastern division (N.S.H.L.). Furthermore, no consideration must have been given to our organized League which Member Clubs are involved in expenses throughout the season in meeting their 30-game schedule. Because of near 30 at our Executive Committee held last November having heard Frank's statement, President Art Currie has consulted all teams involved in our semi-finals as to their wishes, and all teams other than the Marathon Mercuries have declared that should they win the League Championship they will compete only if they are to meet one western team for the District Championship.

As a result of the League's suggestion to all locales under its jurisdiction to render further financial support to its Minor Hockey through an additional 10 cent per admission at any one League game, the following reports have been submitted:

- Terrace Bay at home to Marathon Feb 7th - \$47.43 collected through silver collection.
- Marathon at home to Terrace Bay Feb 14th - \$86.20 collected through 862 paid admissions
- Geraldton at home to Terrace Bay Feb 10th - \$40.00 collected through 400 paid admissions.
- Red Rock at home to Marathon, Feb. 17th - \$62.10 collected through 621 paid admissions.

This reporter is to understand that over \$70.00 was collected at Nipigon through paid admissions and has no report from Schreiber.

This community shares Nipigon's sorrow in the loss of their Arena Manager, John Broczkowski who was the victim of a freak accident late Monday night. To Mrs. Broczkowski and son Joseph, our deepest sympathy.

RECREATION FLYER (cont'd)

FILMS AVAILABLE AT RECREATION OFFICE

The following films will be available at the Recreation Office between now and Mar. 4th, for use by local organizations. For further information see the Rec. Office.

- 11 mins..... EYE WITNESS #80
- 11 mins..... SOREL
- 14 mins..... BEFORE THEY HAPPEN
- 24 mins..... COLOUR OF LIFE (colour)
- 11 mins..... THE DIKES