

# sports

## The Players Perspective -

### "How do they view the hockey experience?"

This article looks at hockey from the child, "the player's" perspective. It is based on the book, "Every Kid Can Win", by Terry Orlick and Cal Botterill.

In one community, when 8 and 9 year olds were asked what they least liked about sports, over 80 per cent mentioned some negative, boring or failing experience. Children are afraid, above all else, of failing, of disappointing or displeasing the adults around them. Parents sometimes reinforce this fear by stressing the importance of performance, skill and winning, often at the expense of the child.

The following are excerpts from interviews with children 7 to 10 years old.

**Case 1:**  
Q. What is it that bothers you about losing?

A. Losing isn't the end of the world ... it's only a game ... have a bit of fun in it ... but you can't ... it's always win, win, win ...

**Case 2:**  
Q. What don't you like about sports?

A. I don't like hockey ... cause I can't skate ... Everytime I get up on skates, I just fall.

**Case 3:**  
Q. Would you like to be a star on a team? Why or why not?

A. Well, no ... I'd like to be a second star or something like that ... cause everybody would be cheering for you ... then you'd get all excited and you wouldn't play properly.

Children express a desire to have more fun and experience, more success as opposed to failure. They don't like "being pushed around, checked, boarded and

freezing." They would like to improve skills such as skating, feel more a part of the game, get the puck more often, and do more playing, less sitting around.

Many parents are not aware of the experience or feelings their children have because they seldom, if ever, sit down and discuss it.

The following questions are designed to encourage discussion of feelings and experiences. Sit down with your child, ask the questions, and encourage responses by listening attentively.

1. Do you like to play hockey? What do you like best/ least about it?  
2. How would you change hockey to make it more fun or to make it better?

3. Would you like to be good at hockey? (If yes, how good?) Why?

4. Do you like going to practice? Why or why not?

5. When you play, do you get enough ice time? Do all the kids play the same amount of time?

6. How do you feel when you lose or when you make a bad mistake? What makes you feel like that?

7. Would you like to be the star on the team? Why or why not?

8. Do you think it would make mom or dad happy if you were good at hockey?

9. What do you like/dislike about your coach?

10. What happens after a game? (i.e.) How does your mom, dad, coach, react to winning or losing? What do they say?

**NEXT WEEK:**  
*How Minor Hockey shapes children's values and learning ...*

## News . . . .

continued from page 2 and learn some delicious recipes.

### Oil Painting for Beginners

Although our last attempt to offer this workshop was unsuccessful, we would like to give it another try. Please let us know now if you are interested, so we can make plans to offer this course late next spring.

Are there many of you interested in a **Conversational French** pro-

gram or a **Word Processing** program? If there is sufficient demand for either of these courses we will pursue the possibility of offering them on a weekly basis, starting next fall. Now is the time to indicate your interest, as it takes time to initiate courses of this nature.

## Rosspport Notes

by ANNE TODESCO

The Annual meeting of the Rosspport Local Roads Board was held Tuesday evening in the Rosspport Community Hall with Chairman Mrs. Heather Jessop-McGrath residing and the secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Laurajane Tymko in attendance. Eight members were present. The financial report and the minutes of the previous meeting were passed for adoption. A review of the board's activities for the year and Mr. Don Olson of the Ministry of Transportations and Communications of Thunder Bay was present. The members of the executive were re-elected as Chairman: Mrs. Heather Jessop-McGrath, Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Laurajane Tymko and Trustee: Charles Hutterli.

Felix Legault is a patient in the Port Arthur General Hospital, Thunder Bay.

Mrs. Anne Todesco has returned home from McCausland Hospital.

Hilton Mushqush has returned from a holiday in Duluth, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lanigan and family of Nipigon spent the weekend with Dave and Hilda Mushqush.

Mrs. Gwen Gerow has returned from the McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay.

The local Annual Arthritis Society Campaign for funds, was a

whopping success exceeding the \$300 objective by nearly fifty percent. The campaign canvasser Ray Kenney, reports a total of four hundred and forty six dollars and thirty cents donated by local people of Rosspport and Pays Plat. This is an average of eight dollars and twelve cents per donor which is a very creditable average.

Guests with Mrs. Anne Todesco and on big game hunting are her son Jack Todesco of Sarnia, also Robert Hinchly of Sarnia and her grandson Charles Todesco of Thunder Bay.

William Ryequart, hans Sterner, and party of four hunters brought in the first moose to the local Government dock on the fifth day of the hunting season. In past years it was common to see ten moose brought in on the first day of open season. This is a startling drop in the bagging of moose the first day. Other hunters report a successful hunting expedition between here and Jackfish area.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mels of Vittoria, Ont. have enjoyed their annual hunting trip. There were a party of six men and one woman in the group and who shot the moose ... none other than Mrs. Mels.

T.V. Ontario recorded their trip for late winter showing on T.V.

John Fiashe and party from Willowdale, Ont. have arrived and are enjoying a hunting and fishing trip on Simpson Island.

Clayton Barber, Richard Ritchie, Ray Goulinerski of St. Williams, Ont. have arrived to camp on their favoured spot on St. Ignace Island to hunt.

Dave Iddison had his father George Iddison of Bala, Ontario and his brother Robert Iddison of Gravenhurst, Ont. visiting him and to enjoy a spot of hunting while here.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes

notice : decision

Decision CRTC 83-757; Lakeshore Community Television Ltd.; Terrace Bay, Ont.; Pursuant to public notice CRTC 1983-114 dated 3 June 1983, the CRTC announces that it approves the addition of the carriage of the signals of KOMO-TV (ABC) Seattle, Wash., WJBK-TV (CBS), WTWS (PBS) and WDIV (NBC) Detroit, Mich. on the broadcasting receiving undertaking serving Terrace Bay. These signals will be received via satellite from the CANCOM network. The licensee also applied to amend its licence by increasing the maximum monthly subscriber fee from \$15 to \$19 to cover the costs of providing the CANCOM services noted above. This part of the application is approved in part. The Commission approves an increase in this fee to \$18.44 which can only be charged to subscribers at such time as the above-noted services are available to them. This \$3.44 fee increase is justified based on the charge to be paid by the licensee to CANCOM and to cover the direct incremental costs related to the exhibition of the CANCOM signals, and is in accordance with the guidelines for rate increases associated with the addition of the CANCOM "3 plus 1" U.S. signals, set out in public notice CRTC 1983-109. Further, in line with such notice, the Commission defers its decision on the remaining portion of the proposed fee increase, until it has assessed the amount in excess of such guidelines.

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## Thank You

I wish to thank all my relatives and friends for the lovely flowers, gifts and get well cards, that I received while in McKellar and The McCausland Hospitals. Thanks to Dr. Perales and Dr. Wilkes, nursing staff of both hospitals and the home care nurses, who are taking care of me at my home. A very special thank you to Pat, for taking care of everything at home.

God Bless You All,  
Jos. Hubelit

## IN MEMORIAM

RELPH - In loving memory of our dear son and brother Roddy, whom God took home on November 12, 1975. Grief will not last, joy will return, For through the tears we clearly see, That while we part but for a time, With Christ we'll spend eternity. Fondly remembered by dad Tom and mother Hilda, brothers Tommy and Lloyd and sister Edie of Clinton, British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta.

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