

Waxers' loop to radically change?

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Markham's Jr. A Waxers will be playing this season, but just what sort of league they'll be in is suddenly up in the air.

The six-team Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) unexpectedly dropped to four clubs last week, leaving the remaining organizations in a bind.

League champ Orillia Travelways are probably out, because their arena was shut down late last season and no new facilities are available.

Finding ice time has also been impossible for the new Hamilton franchise owners. That's left Markham, the Richmond Hill Dynes, Aurora Eagles and Owen Sound Greys as the only clubs left.

They're looking at several methods of making a viable season possible, and the alternatives discussed could radically change the league.

What seems likely right now is an interlocking schedule with the five-team Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA),

bringing clubs from Sudbury and further north into the Markham Centennial Centre.

Also being explored is interlocking play with the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA), which would see the Waxers battling with the likes of Humber or Seneca College.

Unionville's Ron McTear, one of five partners owning the Blue-and-White, was vague about how certain the new arrangements are.

He said the four OJHL teams have "reached a consensus to explore the desirability" of teaming up with the NOHA. "Markham's position is to interlock," he added.

As for an OCAA interlock, McTear said the owners discussed the possibility of "some play" against College teams. But he didn't know if it would be exhibition games or real league outings.

Either way, he noted "a four-team league just doesn't make sense to me."

While McTear was cautious about the league's future, Aurora co-owner John McDonald wasn't.

The colorful Unionville resident, who coached the Waxers for two years before resigning this past spring, is bubbling with enthusiasm about the possible changes.

"I'm very excited about the concepts for this year. Last season was a piece of crap, with six teams playing each other 10 times.

"I think the fans get sick and

tired of watching the same clubs come in," he continued. "Now the people are going to see some good teams and players they've never seen before."

McDonald was particularly excited about an OCAA connection and said most of the present OJHL owners are in favor of it.

He added the colleges seem to like it as well, but their schedules for this season are already set and

that could create problems. The OCAA expressed interest in another area too, proposing to host this year's OJHL allstar game in Barrie.

Still, things are very much up-in-the-air, particularly over Orillia's future. It could still be in the league in some form, particularly as Collingwood has shown some interest in leasing the franchise for a year.

Errors kill Mite boys

Bad first innings have proved costly for the Unionville Fruit Company mites this year.

The softball boys committed four errors and allowed four hits in the opening frame as Bramalea opened up a 5-0 lead and went on to win 9-4.

Grant Barbesin homered and Kevin Scott collected a pair of doubles as the locals battled back in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 6-4.

But with David Cox on the mound replacing Randy Pipher, Bramalea brought in three more runs to sew up the win.

Chris Markson picked up an RBI and David Cox added a single in the loss.

The Wednesday night softball game between Unionville and Aurora turned into a slugfest with the locals emerging victorious.

Powered by a 13-hit onslaught, Unionville downed Aurora 16-10. Paul Davies cracked one out of

the ballpark and collected three hits to pace the offence.

Kevin Scott also smashed a homer and picked up three RBIs while Grant Barbesin homered

and added three RBIs.

David Cox connected for four hits and an RBI, and Andrew Meanchoff contributed to the offence with three hits and two RBIs.

Golf tourney

The Markham Minor Football Association is putting on a golf tournament to try and offset the \$400 cost of outfitting each player on its three teams.

This coming Wednesday is the date for the Raiders tournament, and the location is the Maples Golf Club on Hwy 48 in Ballantrae.

The \$60 entry fee includes the golf, dinner and a contribution to the club. Hole-in-one prizes are being offered from Air Canada and Rowland Mercury.

Tee-off times are 11 a.m. and after. For more information contact Gary Slatter at 475-7809.

Markham's three teams, sponsored by Chimo Hotel, Canadian Tire Markham and Bramalea Homes, start their seasons August 24.

However, the Doug McKenzie's Bantams have an exhibition game against Ottawa 2 p.m. next Saturday at Centennial Park. Last season the Atoms won their division crown.

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ONTARIO HYDRANT REPAIR 3 — OPTIMIST CLUB 0. Ontario: Stephan Williams (2), Anthony Petronaci, Goalie; Benji Rempel. COUSENS' COUGARS 3 — WANG COMPUTERS 2. Cousens: Mark Hill, Ron Caruso, Paddy Kennedy. Wang: Michael Tawadros (2).

ATOMS

GROUP TRAVEL CO-ORDINATORS 0 — COLLEY, BORLAND & VALE 9. NOVA CYCLES 2 — MARKHAM TROPHY 5. Nova: Jason Lee, Adam Chambers. Markham: Chris Smock, Brian Crowley (4).

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