



Winners

Local skaters did very well at the recent Summer Skate '86 competition in Thornhill. The team of Jennifer Nocito and Brad Hopkins took gold in the Junior Dance, while (above) Unionville's Liane Seal topped the Junior Bronze Ladies A division.

Alley reopening

The official opening of the Markham Bowling Centre Tuesday begins a new era at the longtime establishment.

Fred May is no longer the owner; he's sold out to Gerry James, the man in charge of rebuilding much of the centre after last year's disastrous fire at the Markham Shopping Centre.

James, who's been in the bowling alley construction business for 42 years, has kept on Ron Hicks to manage the lanes. Hicks is familiar to many as May's assistant for the last two years.

The pair have big plans for the lanes, much of them a continuation of the work May started. Construction of a lounge has been completed, and Hicks has applied for a liquor licence.

An expanded format for bowling lessons has also been developed, as well as a complete pro shop.

However, Hicks noted "the major changes we want to make aren't so much physical. We've really cleaned the place up. It's not a hangout anymore."

But the big bucks have been spent to overhaul the establishment, including \$30,000 on the kitchen alone. That's in an effort to develop a luncheon trade.

Unionville Slowpitch

Team	G	P
Fred Hermack Insurance	19	32
BBC Electric	20	32
Village Interiors	20	31
Dynes Insurance	20	30
George Minor Insurance	20	28
The Insurers	20	24
Rosswill Pools	19	22
Edmunds Roofing	20	22
Markham Trophy	18	21
T.A. Connell R.E.	20	20
McKenzie Recs	19	19
Brodies	18	18
Markham Pharmacy	19	18
Bramalea Ltd.	19	18
The Meat Shoppe	19	14
Griffith Landscaping	20	14
Peter L. Mason	20	14
Village Box Meats	19	11
Calathumpians	19	11
B & M Motors	20	11
Kemac Pools	20	11
Unionville Broadloom	20	7

Interiors 21 — Connell 13
 Rosswill 14 — Box Meats 9
 Edmunds 31 — Kemac 14
 Mason 24 — Meat Shoppe 1
 Minor 7 — Broadloom 0
 Brodies 17 — Interiors 17
 Dynes 17 — Edmunds 8
 Broadloom 17 — Connell 10
 Bramalea 22 — Griffith 12
 BBS 23 — Insurers 10
 Meat Shoppe 16 — BBS 15
 Minor 28 — Mason 12
 Trophy 13 — B & M 6
 Trophy 9 — Griffith 0
 Hermack 21 — McKenzie 1
 Pharmacy 13 — Calathumpians 7

Waxers now in 9-team loop

By FRANCIS KING
Sports Editor

It's official. The four-team Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) and the five-club Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) have agreed to join forces.

The deal was struck two weeks ago, and will bring clubs from Sudbury, Nickel Centre, Rayside-Balfour, Elliot Lake and Espinola into the Markham Centennial Centre this fall.

"I'm delighted with the result," said Unionville's Ron McTear, one of the owners of the OJHL Markham Waxers.

"We as owners have to solve our own problems, and working out this agreement is certainly something that's never been tried before."

The 10-game interlock between the two circuits pretty well solves the dilemma OJHL owners faced when the Orillia and Hamilton franchises unexpectedly dropped out.

With only four teams left (Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora



ville's John McDonald, the former Waxer coach now an Aurora owner.

He called that arrangement 'crap', and McTear had to admit he's not thrilled with bumping the number to 12.

"Markham's position last year was 10 games between each team was too much," the Calathumpian's restaurant owner said. "But I don't feel we have any other alternative (in raising the number this season)."

A possible alternative to it was some sort of an interlock with Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) teams. The idea found favour with several OJHL officials, including McDonald.

But the concept, which would see teams like Seneca and Humber College battling it out with the Waxers, was shot down.

"Believe me, I'm not against play with the colleges on an exhibition basis," said McTear. "I never have been. But my feeling is it's not the first direction to head in (to solve the OJHL's problems)."

As for the NOHA interlock, he wouldn't predict what the financial impact would be (i.e. travel expenses), nor whether OJHL clubs would be competitive.

"The financial aspects are yet to be determined," McTear pointed out. "There is a gate

and Owen Sound), the loop was hardly a viable enterprise on its own.

Under the new, essentially open-ended agreement the Waxers will play once at home and once in each NOHA rink.

Come the playoffs, the leagues would go their separate ways until two winners have surfaced.

Then another series would be played between them, in accordance with the Centennial Cup Canadian Tier 2 Jr. A championship playdowns.

The rest of this season's schedule has the four OJHL clubs playing each other 12 times, two more than last year. This makes a total schedule of 46 games.

Now, playing 10 games against each other came under some fire by OJHL people, including Union-

York Major Slowpitch

Team	W	L	P
Fathers	21	0	42
Connell Real Estate	13	11	26
Betz Pools	12	8	24
Butter Makers	9	11	18
Mothers Pizza	6	16	12
Kerry Industries	5	16	10

Butter Makers 12 — Kerry Ind. 11
 Butter Makers 13 — Betz Pools 6
 Fathers Lounge 10 — Mothers Pizza 3
 Fathers Lounge 21 — T.A. Connell 3
 Mothers Pizza 7 — T.A. Connell 6
 Mothers Pizza — Betz Pools (No results)

CORRECTION



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Due to an error in the advertisement on Saturday, August 23rd, the sale date was omitted. The Noritake sale ends Saturday Sept. 7 or while quantities last.

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