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Too close for comfort

Goalkeeper Jason Leadbeater (right), paid the price for being caught out of position as he makes a head-first dive back into his goalcrease during action in a Stouffville Minor

Hockey Association houseleague contest at the Rec Centre on Saturday. Fortunately for Leadbeater, one of his defenceman corralled this puck and took it out of harms way.

Study results for second ice pad to be revealed April 19

A consortium of user groups looking to build a second ice pad in Stouffville is to present its findings to the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) on April 19.

The group, which is made up of local hockey association and skating interests, is to report to the committee on quotes obtained from contractors on building the second pad at the in camera meeting. It will also present plans for a board to keep the public informed on details pertaining to the new arena.

Group spokesman Jim Hamm said it was imperative to keep the lines of communication open every step of the way. The board being proposed would include two members of the user groups, two member of PRAC, and two members of council.

Hamm suggested such a board would result in a better working relationship with the builders and with the public than was in place when the present arena was built.

"This board would look at quotes and study options," said Hamm. "It would help keep the public informed, and would make sure there were no hidden costs. You've got to keep the public up to date. It's their money."

Hamm said his group is looking to obtain a grant from the federal government's infrastructure program, and that he would like to see construction on the second pad begin in 1995.

He said his group will arrange a meeting with council after getting together with PRAC.

Brock Rugby Club is all set to begin another campaign

The Brock Rugby Club was scheduled to kick off the 1994 season with an initial training session for men's teams on Tuesday at the Blackwater Corral just south of Blackwater, Durham Rd. 13, just east of Hwy. 12.

The club, which is entering its 16th season, is to hold its official registration night for the men's and women's teams two nights later.

A junior (under 19) registration will take place in May.

Spring training is to start April 26 for women's teams.

The club will be out to expand upon its 1993 success, which included a second-place finish for the men's first team.

The squad posted a season record of 12 wins against only one defeat, and staked its claim to the Marshal Trophy consolation championship.

For the first time ever, the club also fielded a second men's outfit, with the rookie-laden crew winning five games and losing four.

The under 19's got off to a slow start but rebounded to make the quarter finals of the Toronto Rugby Union East Junior Championships before losing to a talented Ajax Wanderers side.

The women's team, which had a record of four wins and five defeats, is looking to move ahead due to expanded organization and

coaching.

The club is looking to start an under-17 men's team and an under-19 women's squad in the near future.

The club will continue to focus upon drawing players from the Uxbridge area this season, said club officials.

The club offers a high degree of experience and technical knowledge and can provide a high level of coaching to people who choose to join.

Anyone interested in joining the club as a player, referee, or social member should call Mark Pinguet at 852-7163 (men's and junior teams), or Kate Cavers at 852-5137 (women's team).

Guest list expected to grow for Celebrity Classic

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Momentum continues to build for the Chrysler Celebrity Classic At Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club June 22-26.

Talking with tournament manager Lorrie Noel of Markham's Golf Strategies of Canada recently, I was told the star studded event will present many opportunities for camera buffs intent upon scoring pics of the 70 some odd sports and entertainment heroes taking part in the \$200,000 extravaganza.

Noel related a story from last year's Classic at Mississauga's Lion Head Golf Club, where basketball great Charles Barkley sent a seven-year-old girl home with stars in her eyes.

Barkley, noticing the child watching intently from the edge of the roped off spectator area surrounding one of the greens, beckoned to the youngster to come into the green.

The hoops hero then proceeded to go into his routine with her, pretending to use her as a leaning post while awaiting his turn to putt, and generally making her the centre of attention for a few minutes.

While Noel said the rules are fairly lax regarding photos when compared to the super serious pro events, the cautioned that there are limits.

"You should respect golf etiquette," she said.

"For instance, don't shoot while a golfer is going into his backswing, or just as he's about to putt."

Noel said the list of confirmed participants and hoped for celebs continues to grow. She said there's a chance Mario Lemieux will be there, and she's optimistic Patrick Roy and Vincent Damphousse of the Stanley Cup champion Montreal Canadiens will take part.

The Leafs Wendel Clark and Doug Gilmour are also being approached, along with other Canadian sport and entertainment greats.

She said she's hoping former

basketball superstar Michael Jordan decided to pack in his misguided baseball fling with the Chicago White Sox organization in time to take part in the Classic. Apparently, Jordan is riding the buses with the Sox Double A squad these days, with a \$16 a day food allowance. The novelty may wear off in a hurry for a guy who is used to Lear Jets and caviar.

Noel said people looking to volunteer for assorted duties at the Classic can pick up applications at the Stouffville Rec Centre as of this week.

She's looking for helpers for such things as transportation, scoring, martialling, and ticketing.

Volunteers should be at least 18 years of age, although she said younger teens with golf volunteer experience will also be considered for some of the numerous positions available.

Stouffville District Secondary School boys physical education chief Dave Connell revealed the school has agreed to take on sales of Classic tickets as a fundraiser for the school's athletic council.

The school will keep one half of all the proceeds from ticket sales, and will probably engage in an intensive sales campaign sometime in late May.

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Speaking of Connell, the likeable teacher is sporting a cast that goes half way up his right lower leg after enduring a triple crack to his fibula during the Uxbridge Islanders Oldtimers Hockey Tournament over the Easter weekend.

Connell, whose Uxbridge Oilies went on to win the tournament's C division, said he was on the receiving end of a slash. When asked if he got the number of the player who nailed him for future reference, he replied, "No. I was too busy crying!"

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Stouffville's Gary Morton posted a sixth-place finish in an ISMA Supermodified stock car racing feature that was part of Speedweeks at Daytona Beach Feb. 16.

Another local racer, Peter Gibbons, qualified in 12th place for the ARCA 200 at Daytona Beach Feb. 10, but had to settle for a 24th place showing in the race.