

Commercial League Report

by Winston Sardine
"Garnet Wins Opener"
The commercial league finals opened last Tuesday evening with the Garnet Plovers opposing the Hagersville Hawks. It appeared that the heavier Garnet crew intended to bump the swifter Hawks out of the arena as the first period opened, but the cost of rough play enabled the hungry Hawks to storm in front 3-1 before the 20 minutes were concluded.

Denny Wilson opened the scoring as he took a Larry Simon and Gord Richardson pass near the blue line and blistered a slap-shot past a screened Albert Powless.

Three minutes later at 13.30, Pat Lorimer sped in and snapped in a pretty goal; Ken Harrop drawing an assist. Only a minute later, Lorimer again connected from a sharp angle as he fed passes from Jim Herkimer and Bill Prince. As the stanza came to a close, big Ted Phibbs converted passes from Fred McKeen and Barry Miller — some beautiful teamwork set up this initial score for the Plovers.

Penalties were fairly even as the Garnet club were caught four times and the Hawks three by referees Paul Kett and Peter Myke. After a lot of muttering and beeping about the refereeing, the Garnet club apparently decided that they could still continue in their opening period fashion and once again a bruising, temper-testing 20 minutes ensued.

At 4.20 of the second period with Ken Harrop off for holding, Dave Pankhurst swept in to beat Henry Davis in-close; Paul Beischlag drew an assist on the play. Only seconds later, Larry Simon of the Hawks was nailed for holding and also drew 10 minutes from referee Paul Kett. Big John Beischlag evened up the game as he rammed in another goal-mouth play set up by Fred McKeen.

With the game tied at 3-3, the teams once more left the ice to do some planning and some more criticizing. Garnet had amassed five minors, including a bench minor in the period and the Hawks for their efforts had secured three minors plus a 10 minute misconduct that started in the third period.

Great hockey men — officials are paid to call infractions and players are paid to play according to rules. Each has his job and should stick to it. It appears that personalities must always enter into these games and I find it rather discouraging to hear the prejudiced remarks about people put in the position of authority.

With the Hawks minus Larry Simon, the tide appeared to turn in favor of the Plovers — they too must have made some decisions in the dressing room as I witnessed a great period of hockey. Garnet scored the go-ahead goal at 18.33 as Bob Jepson banged in a Fred McKeen and Ted Phibbs.

The action was end to end and very exciting for the fans. At 9.46, Gord Winger finished off a lovely play from Russ Douglas and Bob Awde to move the Plovers into a commanding 5-3 lead. Never quitting however, the Hawks with Larry Simon back, moved to the attack and closed the gap as Simon swept around the net to beat Albert Powless; Wilson and Harrop assisted on the pretty goal.

Big Fred McKeen who led all scorers with four points, counted his only goal of the night at 3.51 as he stole the puck and raced in alone to beat the Hawk goalie. Garnet led 6-4. Only 40 seconds later, Jim Herkimer and Pat Lorimer swept in together and Lorimer led off at the last second to Herkimer who fired a quick shot into the upper left-hand corner for the 6-5 count.

The game ended 6-5; a hard fought, bruising, penalty-ridden battle. These teams will do battle again on Tuesday, March 16 and on Thursday, March 18 as ice time is quickly slipping away. Garnet will be trying to close out the Hawks this week, so come out and see some real action.

Perhaps more energy could be applied to playing well and less to complaining loudly this week. I know the president would be greatly pleased! See you next week; maybe for the last time this year.

Minor Hockey

by Pete Myke

Our Canadians had to play off in the middle of the week against a fired up and determined team of Black Hawks, to see who played Saturday morning against the Braves.

It was a fast and exciting game with the Canadians winning 3-2. Ricky Anderson got one goal and Roger Webb got two.

Jim Caudle played a fine game for the Black Hawks and scored a pretty goal while Gerald Forest rounded out the scoring.

It would have been far better had the Black Hawks won as the Braves really turned on the power and finest Saturday morning and downed the Canadians 10-0.

Little Bobby General scored three goals, Clark Statts got two, as Steve Reid, Bryan Porter, Victor Beaver, Rodney Smith, and Rick Smith all got single goals for the powerful Braves.

Kelly Statts turned in a fine performance to earn the shut out. Doug Slack played quite a game in goal for the Canadians as the score might well have been 20 to zip.

Ricky Anderson and Roger Webb played up to par but the rest of the boys just didn't have it. This was the 18th straight win for the Braves.

Rodney Smith says the team hopes to make it an undefeated season when they host the Red Wings from Onieda on Wednesday night for the championship.

CANUCKS 4, SEALS 2

John Nopper put the right boys in the right place at the right time on Saturday and his team skated off with a 4-2 win over the Golden Seals coached by Bill Huffman.

Wayne Huffman scored the two goals for the Seals but they were offset by two pretty goals by Phyl Nye of the Canucks.

Larry Kett and Gerry Smith got single goals to push the boys into the finals against the North Stars led by Jim Nagel.

Ross Smith played a sensational game in goal for the Canucks to keep them in the game and he will have to come up with this type of effort to keep the Fisherville boys off the score sheet.

The Fisherville team got a bye into the finals by walling off the Kings 9-0 the previous week. With Kevin Smith and Larry Kett both back it should be quite a contest.

JUVENILES ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

What a series! What a team! What a game!

This just about says it all for this writer. It took three games to decide a winner, two of them on Durhams home ice. It took a tremendous team effort by a great team and finally a hard hitting, fast skating game on Sunday night before the boys could advance to the next round of the OMHA Juvenile Semi-finals.

In the first game of the series Hagersville handled the boys from Durham a lot easier than the officials handled the game. In a real tough, knock em down type of game where 33 penalties were called, Hagersville came out on top by a 7-2 score. After Durham arrived late and with all the ensuing penalties taking up three hours we were always well in command of the game.

Ross McKeen scored on a pass from Chuck Montague, then Mark Steele fired home an unassisted goal and Hagersville never looked back.

Jim Walker and Randy Brown fed the puck to Cam Johnson who fired what proved to be the winner.

Jerry Shuler and Paul Gray replied for Durham to narrow the score to 3-2.

Then along came Hagersville. Glen Hewson scored quick goals on a pass from Ross McKeen and with Terry Fryett and Walker setting up second.

Terry Fryett, who scored miles in the game, did a lot of fore checking. He was in between. That is why we know that it is Hagersville that is Minor Hockey.

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HAGERSVILLE 9, DURHAM 2

Sunday afternoon 100 fans travelled to see the Juveniles home victorious 9-2. We have been referring to them as Hagersville and not as Hagersville but we look around we see these boys that come from Jarvis, Hagersville, Selkirk and all over in between.

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"HEWSON STARS IN SERIES"

by Pete Myke

Glen Hewson would have to be the outstanding player in this series as he scored eight goals and picked up two assists.

Terry Fryett would come a close second for the tremendous job of killing penalties and his play making. Roger Spies played only two games but made his presence felt in the third game.

Ross McKeen and Jim Walker made a tough pair of defence for the Durham boys to get by. We could list all the boys and maybe we should as this was a real team effort.

I have personally criticized a lot of these boys this past winter but I can honestly say I was very proud and pleased with the way they conducted themselves in this game.

We must not forget Hub Fehrmann and Ken Graham who ordered and threatened the boys to behave and take everything that Durham could dish out and not retaliate.

Twice our boys refused to fight and it takes a bigger man to skate away for his teams sake then it does to swing back and pick up foolish penalties. Win or lose their next series it will take on Hell of a good team to beat these boys. This team is to start a series against Ridgeway Sunday March 21, at 7 p.m. in Hagersville.

It was decided to hold "the silent auction" next meeting and invite the ACW to participate. Each member is to bring two items. This works on the principle of the "penny sale." This joint meeting will be held April 14 in the parish hall. Miss Mary Murdoch will show slides of some of the many interesting places she has visited over the years.

The lunch committee will be Mrs. Harry Sumner, Mrs. R. J. Stubby, and Mrs. Edwin Parsons. The business meeting closed with prayer by the president.

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St. John's Evening Guild

by Helen Hobbs

St. John's Evening Guild was held at the parish hall on March 10 with the President, Mrs. Maurice Hoover in the chair. The meeting opened with the Guild Prayer and the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

The president gave the scripture reading. The roll call showed 12 members and one visitor present. We learned "the travelling basket" is showing a good profit and giving the girls a chance to display their culinary abilities.

New business: The Card Convener, Mrs. Jos. Armstrong, will be sending out several shut-in and get well cards, and wedding cards to the two new brides in the parish, Mrs. David Bradshaw and Mrs. Roger Harris.

The Rector decided against the congregational supper. Instead, he would like the emphasis to go to the anniversary service on June 13. A committee is to be set up, headed by Roy Turner. They would like the president and one of the executive from each of the church organizations to make plans. A letter of invitation will be sent out to candidates who have been baptised and confirmed in the past 15 years at St. John's.

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Mrs. Edwin Parsons then introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Earl Dyte. Her topic was the function of the Altar Guild. She explained its origin which was many years ago in England. She also explained the use of chalice, paten, wafer box, fair cloth etc., all the acquisitions connected with holy communion, and the different colors used in the chancel for different seasons.

She also recalled as a small girl taking her corn broom on a Saturday morning and sweeping the rug in front of the chancel

introduced one of the new hymns to be in the new hymn book. Mrs. Abbott also gave the chapter from the study book on Latin America concerning the education facilities in that part of the world.

The meeting closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and prayer.

A social half hour was spent over a dainty lunch served by Mrs. Melvin Bartlett and Mrs. Ivan Whitford.

The Sandusk Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Merrill Nie.

The meeting opened in the usual manner. We were told about the Women's Institute display for 1971 at the Caledonia Fair. Mrs. Merrill Nie was appointed delegate to the spring conference to be held on March 8 at Salem United Church.

Mrs. Leo Mulkins was program convener. Mrs. Craig Werner told of the conditions in Ireland which led to many Irish moving to Canada in 1846. We had a sing-song of Irish pieces.

Mrs. Wm. Nicol gave a talk on Canadian Industries. A social time was spent over a cup of tea.

Cheapside United Church Women

The UCW of Cheapside United Church met on Thursday afternoon March 11 in the Sunday School room with Mrs. Gerald Willis as hostess.

Mrs. Harold Nie opened the meeting with a hymn and a short talk on the theme "Loneliness and Prayer."

The roll call, a knitted article, was answered by 15 ladies.

An invitation was extended to the Cheapside WCU from the Nanticoke UCU to meet with them on March 18 when Rev. and Mrs. Ramrattan will be the guest speakers.

A number of other items of business were discussed. It was decided we will have a supper after the anniversary in May.

It was with sorrow that the group learned of the death of Mrs. Nathan Randalls (nee Ruth Tyrrell) husband.

Mrs. Harold Nie was in charge of the worship service. Mrs. Craig Werner read the scripture verses. Mrs. Nie spoke of how lonely people are and some things we could do to relieve the loneliness of others.

Mrs. Arnold Creaser conducted a very interesting bible study on the women of the bible, concentrating especially on Lydia.

Mrs. Harold Marshall chose Romans 13:8 as the bible verse for her talk on citizenship.

Mrs. Leo Abbott gave a report on the Erie Presbytery held in Paris, Ont., recently and

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