

It's A Long Way From Hagersville To Memorial Cup

With baseball about to begin in earnest, I thought it was time to wrap up the hockey for the last time this season.

With the Stanley Cup playoffs in full swing, there is still a lot of interest in hockey and for one Hagersville family it is the uppermost thing on their minds at present. The family I am referring to is that of James Vanni of Almas Street. When this paper comes out, their son Jim will be in Calgary starting the Memorial Cup playoffs.

To non-hockey fans you might say so what. To anyone who knows anything about hockey, this is the highest point a boy can reach before joining the National Hockey League. This is the first time a Hagersville boy has gone this far. One other boy, Paul Kett, did play Junior 'A' for Niagara Falls but did not reach the Memorial Cup playoffs. The trip to Calgary and the top did not come easy for Little Jim as I call him.

Jim started his hockey days in Hagersville playing Novice in the House League.

Tommy Robinson was his first coach and Courtnage's sponsored the team. At this early age Jim had the earmarks of a hockey player as he would score anywhere from 3 - 8 goals on a given morning. Jim's father took over coaching him the next season in Pee-Wee hockey. Caledonia beat out the Hagersville team both years before Jim moved up to Bantam.

In the second year of Bantam, the winter of '68 - '69 this Hagersville team finally got past Caledonia in the first round before losing to Forest in the Semi-Finals. Tony Yacubino was the manager for these two years and Jim teamed with Anthony Yacubino and Glen Hewson to score over a hundred goals as a line. With the fall of 1970, Jim moved up to play Junior hockey with the Hagersville entry in the 'D' league. He played with the team till the January 10th deadline for signing players before going to the Hamilton Jr. 'B' team.

Under a lot of criticism from players and fans for leaving a Jr. 'D' team that would not make the playoffs to go and play 'B' hockey for Hamilton, Jim was on his way. Of all the moves in his career I think this was the most important and hardest he had to make.

Jim played regular that spring till the playoffs started, before giving way to 18 and 19 year olds. With his moving up to a higher class of hockey, Hagersville Minor hockey was reimbursed for his services. This was the only time,

that a player has turned money over to Minor Hockey in town.

In the fall of 1971, Jim went to the Dundas Blues where he scored 25 goals and picked up 34 assists for the Jr. 'B' team.

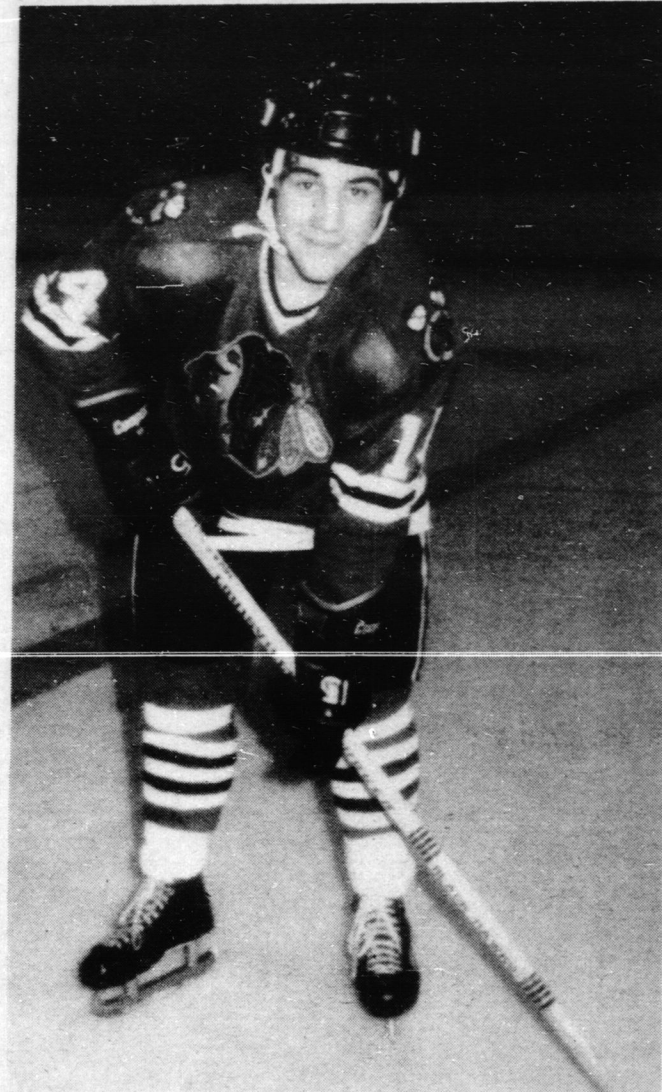
The next fall saw Jim move up to second tier Jr. 'A' with the Chatham Maroons. With the '72-'73 season only eight games old, Jim returned to Dundas where he scored 30 goals and had 39 assists. Along with his two goals and five assists at Chatham it made for a good year.

His performance gave him a tryout at Ottawa with the 67's at the start of the '73 - '74 season. On the last cutdown date, they released him. He moved on to the Windsor team in the Southern Ontario second tier Junior league and again was cut on the last day.

Most boys would have been discouraged and ready to give up, but this little fellow had the guts and determination to try once more with Buffalo Tondas. Willie Marshall was the coach at Buffalo and being a small man who played Pro knew and saw something in Jim. He signed him to play Jr. 'A' and then the team was uprooted when their ice arena was not finished and the team moved to Glencoe near London.

Playing against teams like Detroit, Welland, Chatham, Niagara Falls, Guelph, Michigan and Windsor, Jim scored 32 goals and 46 assists to lead the club in both departments. In December he was called up to the St. Catharines Black Hawks for a two game trial. He picked up an assist and showed enough that Hap Emms called him up for three more games in January. He scored a goal and an assist in the three games and went back to finish the season with the Tondas.

When the season was over for the Tondas, Emms called him up to the Black Hawks for the remainder of the season. With four goals and the same number of assists in ten games his future looks great. This St. Catharines team is a power packed team and to be called up late in the season and crack the lineup is a real accomplishment. In the last playoff game when the Hawks beat out Peterborough with Jim Turkiewicz, Stan Johnathan and Doug Jarvis, Jim scored the final goal to send the team on to Calgary. I wish him all the luck and hope he can stay free from injury for the balance of the playoffs.



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Harvesters Workouts

The Jarvis Harvesters continue to work out on Tuesday's and Thursdays in preparation for their opening game on the May 18th weekend.

It almost seems impossible that the season has arrived so quickly. With the good weather we've had over the last few days, the teams are getting outside much earlier than usual. Dennis Craddock and Hub Fehrman want all players to know that the positions for the team are still open and want anyone interested in playing to come out to practice.

Local Choristers Learn From A Master

It is not without good reason that most English Cathedral organists are also called "Master of the Choristers". Choir members of churches in the Haldimand Deanery, as well as visitors from Port Dover, discovered what it was like to work under a Master of Choristers last week when they took part in a choral workshop under Dr. Gerald Knight, Overseas commissioner of the Royal School of Church Music.

During the hour and a half session at St. John's Church, Cayuga,

Dr. Knight prepared music for the service of Evensong, including hymns, the canticles Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis and Psalm 81. The local organists had chosen a chant for the psalm composed by Dr. Knight when he was organist of Canterbury cathedral.

Close to 75 choristers attended from Caledonia, Cayuga, Hagersville, Jarvis, Nanticoke, Port Dover and Dunnville. These choirs will combine again to sing for a Deanery Evensong in St. Paul's Church, Dunnville on

May 16 on the occasion of a visit by the Rt. Rev. Clive Abdullah, Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Knight had a lunch time discussion

with the clergy of the Deanery at All Saint's Rectory in Hagersville. Later in the afternoon he met some of the choir leaders at St. Paul's Rectory, Jarvis. He

asked both groups to examine the reasons for having church music. It can become merely a habit. He emphasized the importance of the words in all service music and insisted that unless the music helped the words it was not worth having. He gave examples of ways in which bad music can make nonsense of the words and therefore put people off going to church. He stressed the importance of the organist practising even the simple parts of the service to do them absolutely as well as possible.

He congratulated the

choristers in the evening on how much they had accomplished in a short time. Many found themselves reading music they didn't think they could. They learned the essentials of speech rhythm singing of psalms and some important things about making hymns much more intelligible. Dr. Knight is visiting some of the 1600 affiliated choirs of the Royal School located outside Britain. There are over 6000 there. He will be in Canada and the United States this spring and in the fall heads for Australia and New Zealand.

Junior Farmer News

On Sunday, April 7th the Haldimand Junior Farmers executive met for their monthly director's meeting. The meeting lasted for approximately 2 1/2 hours and many items were discussed, planned and assessed.

First of all, reports were given from various people on the month's past events and then discussion ensued on the upcoming ones such as the car rally on May 12 and a square dance at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville on April 27th.

Plans were made to have a box lunch social at Kohler to welcome the U.K. delegate, 22 yr. old Ian Bibb who is coming on April 12th to spend some time with the Haldimand Junior

Farmers. He will be visiting first with the Fox's of Cayuga and then with another as yet undetermined Junior Farmer host family.

A large portion of the meeting was spent suggesting ways to earn money for the forthcoming year. Such campaigns as a newspaper drive, a bottle and glass collection and a car wash were actively debated, as well as suggestions like preparing and selling a cookbook and ordering and putting up for sale Junior Farmer T-shirts or jackets were all tentatively listed as possible means of acquiring funds. Any one with ideas, comments or criticisms please contact a Junior Farmer director soon.

Pancake Supper A Success

The Junior Farmer pancake supper on Saturday, April 6th turned out to be a barrel of fun to all those who attended. The pancakes were delicious and after everyone had eaten their fill we were treated to a talk and a viewing of slides from Jeff Burnham of Ohsweken who was fortunate to have spent a large part of last year travelling in India with the "Crossroads" project.

He had some interesting tales to tell and had set up a display of his souvenirs which

included snake - skins, ebony carvings, Indian magazines, Indian currency, leather sandals, ivory necklaces and many more strange and exotic looking objects.

Afterwards we participated in a bit more strenuous recreational activity including some hilarious games and some not-so-hilarious dishwashing. Several new memberships were sold as a result of the evening and I'm sure the visitors enjoyed themselves as much as the Junior Farmers.

H.S.S. Report

On Monday, May 6, at 1 p.m. the R.C.M.P. band will be at Hagersville Secondary School. This is open to the public at no charge. Having this band at the school is a musical and pleasurable experience that I think should be enjoyed by everyone. I'm sure that the band would love to have you all and so would we, so come.

Also on May 24 Sea Dog will be providing a night of entertainment at Hagersville Secondary. This will be the last dance at the school this year and the attend-

ance at this dance will decide if there will be dances at Hagersville next year. The admission is only \$2.00 with a students card and \$2.50 without, so come along.

Sea Dog is steadily rising to be one of Canada's big name bands. Besides playing with Lighthouse they have a refreshing sound that promises to provide you with hours of enjoyment. So come and treat yourself.

Sandusk Notes

Mrs. William Bray and Mrs. Winnie Culver spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Dennis.

Miss Sharon and Michelle Nie spent the weekend with their sister, Mrs. Wayne Leffer and family.

Mrs. Merrill Nie and Mrs. William Bray attended a shower Friday evening in Cheapside Community Hall in honour of their cousin, Mr. Ralph Loft-house and his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Nie and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leffer and family on Sunday. Sharon and Michelle returned home with their parents.

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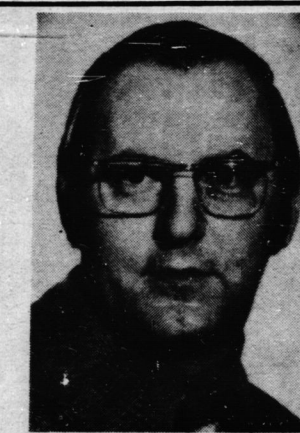
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