



Hot race

The heat of the playoff race in the Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League is demonstrated here by John Higgins (16) of Dixie and Burlington's Greg Moore (15) Thursday. Dixie won 5-1 to move into fourth place.

Rink helps Ventures win

By RON HEALEY
Dixie Arena Gardens is not one of the best hockey facilities around. It's old, cold and small. Some of the more endearing terms it has been called include "the ice box" and "the barn."
Thursday night, however, the Dixie Ventures used the limited skating area to their advantage as they played an aggressive checking style of hockey to bottle up the free-skating Burlington Cougars.

The visiting club, just two points behind the first place Streetsville Derbys in the Central Ontario Junior B League race going into the game, found very little skating room as the Ventures came out hitting. The Cougars never really got started as Dixie rolled to a convincing 5-1 victory, their second in as many nights. Wednesday, Dixie returned from Brampton with a 7-4 victory.
Ventures coach Norm Dow-

do noticed with interest the difference in Burlington's style of play in their previous two encounters, home and away games with Streetsville. The previous Sunday at home, the Cougars came out hitting and beat Streetsville 3-0 in a penalty-filled game. Tuesday they came into Streetsville and skated timidly and were handed a 7-0 beating.
"I told the guys before the game that they don't like to mix it up on the road like they

do at home and it was our strategy to run at them," Dowdall said. "They're a skating club that usually jumps all over your mistakes, but tonight they just never got unwound."
The Ventures started the game by using the body on Burlington captain Mark Lipnicky and when they found a reluctance to respond, kept on hitting. Dixie drew 12 penalties to Cougars' four, but the strategy paid off. Dixie killed all the penalties effectively until the lone Burlington goal in the third period was scored with the Ventures playing two men short.

Neither team shot particularly well, but Burlington netminder Rich Katchanoski, one of the best in the league, had an off night, while Ventures Grant Sloan was steady in the nets and came up with some key saves.
Mike McElroy capped a two-night scoring binge by scoring two goals in the Burlington game. He collected three goals in the game the previous night in Brampton.
Dave Poulin, who along with Bill Shut, played well on defence, also got a goal after being called up from the Juvenile team to replace injured Rob Morrison. The other goals came from Steve Leggett and Doug Trimble who got the first goal of the

game in the second period on a slapshot three seconds after stepping out of the penalty box.
Goalie Peter Lennon played a "super game" according to Dowdall in the 7-4 win over Brampton. In addition to McElroy's three goals, Leggett got two with singles going to Barry Carroll and Len Hawkins.
The two teams were tied 4-4 with three minutes left in the game but McElroy scored twice and Hawkins once to secure the victory.

NOTES: The victory over Burlington gave the Ventures 31 points and put them in a fourth place tie with Georgetown.
Sloan celebrated his 18th birthday with the victory over Burlington... The Ventures enter a busy stretch in the schedule this week. They played Streetsville last night, host Brampton tomorrow at 7:45 p.m., then have 8 p.m. games in Oakville Friday and Tuesday... Morrison and Guy Morrison are expected back in the lineup after recovering from minor injuries.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B (as of Mon. Jan. 3)

GP	W	L	T	Pts	
Streetsville	22	19	10	3	41
Burlington	30	17	10	3	37
Oakville	25	17	6	2	36
Dixie	28	14	11	3	31
Georgetown	30	14	13	3	31
Milton	29	13	15	1	27
Brampton	29	10	16	3	23
Acton	29	2	25	2	6

Erindale to reapply for OUA A status

By JOHN STEWART
While Erindale joined a new football league this week, it is continuing its quest for playing privileges for its basketball team in the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUA A).

A new application, which in effect asks the OUA A to set up a special classification for schools such as Erindale which are satellite colleges of universities located over 20 miles away, will be submitted to the OUA A in March. The OUA A has rejected Erindale's application before asking for a detailed legal opinion to protect the league from being inundated with similar applications from colleges of other universities.

The present constitution of the university league, only one team is allowed to compete in any varsity sport from a single university. The downtown campus already has a "basketball team, the Toronto Blues.
Erindale's team has proven in two years of exhibition matches with OUA A teams that the calibre of its play is competitive with the university league says Erindale athletic director Dr. Bob Ryckman.
This time when the application goes to the OUA A, it will have the full support of the university administration says Dr. Hyckman. The University of Toronto, as a member of the OUA A, will be requesting the constitutional change.

After Dr. Ryckman puts his case to his fellow athletic directors who make up the OUA A board, a secret ballot on the issue will be held.
Even if the application is approved in March, Erindale could not be scheduled in OUA A play for next year. Dr. Ryckman says the school might also apply for OUA A privileges in rowing, a sport in which the Mississauga campus has already represented the University of Toronto.
The student dominated Erindale College Athletics and Recreation Association has continuously expressed support of the OUA A application.

winners of that competition will compete in Syracuse in mid-February. Winners of that will advance to the U.S. championships in Hawaii.
Derbys
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the league playoffs. It's going to be quite a load for the Derbys and they'll need every advantage they can get.

Brodie's ejection from the game resulted from a fight following him off the ice. "The linesman told me to get off the ice," explained Brodie. The former Beehive obeyed and stepped onto the ramp leading to the dressing rooms. However, Brodie became involved in a fight on the ramp as the brawl which was going on the ice spilled over and down the ramp. "The referee told me I had left the ice to get into the fight so he ejected me from the game," explained Brodie.
Whatever the reason the Derbys will be without the hardshooting winger for the next few games. He scored once and shot another that was disallowed against Brampton. George Chandler scored two goals for the Derbys. Baker, Sutton, Scott Snarr and Prestidge scored the others. Earlier in the week the Derbys blanked Burlington 7-0.
The Derbys' next game is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Vic Johnston Arena. The Action Sabres provide the opposition.

Plans for second season all that keep Arrows going

It's only natural that Mississauga Golden Arrows coach Tony Callam is already thinking about next year. Following Sunday's 13-3 loss in Whitby Sunday night, Callam and owner Les Gall reflected on the current season and looked ahead to what lies in the team's future. "There are a few things that are certain about next year," Callam said. "I'll be back. Les will be back and not many of the players will be back. Maybe three or four. Five at the most."

The Arrows have a real home game Saturday when they face the Barrie Flyers at Fort Credit in an 8 p.m. game. Both Callam and Gall hope that the club will get permission to play their remaining eight home games in Mississauga. More importantly, they hope that they can get some commitment regarding a home arena for games and practice time for next season.
"Right now I just want to get this year over with as fast

as possible," Callam said, referring to the team's disastrous 2-22 maiden season. "I think everyone feels the same way."
Callam says his biggest disappointment is not the team's record but the uncertainty of where the team can practice and where the "home" games are. Actually, the Arrows have no home.
"We should be called the Mississauga Gypsies," Callam quipped. "My only disap-

pointment about the team has been that we have three or four guys who can play 100 per cent better who are not trying. And the guys who are really trying are not that talented."
Callam is willing to accept his share of the blame for the team's poor performance but says, "I guarantee we would have won at least one third of our games if we had a home. A place to practice for a couple of hours twice a week. Our number one priority is to get an arena to call home next year and to get some practice time. If we can't get that, we may as well forget it."
Gall will go to the first meeting of the new city council Monday to ask for a commitment regarding next year as well as confirming remaining home dates this year.
"Our goal is to have a place to call home by Feb. 20, the end of this season, so we have something to look forward to next year," Gall says. "The disheartening thing about this year to me has been the attitude of some players. I've learned a lot this year, especially promotion wise. And that's what your first year is for. To learn."
NOTES: Dave Large, Chris Bootland and Jim Glover scored in the 13-3 loss to Whitby... The game was 2-1 at the end of the first period, 6-2 at the end of the second, then...

Addition of new players doesn't help Beehives

Despite the addition of two new players to the lineup, the Dixie Beehives of the Provincial Junior A Hockey League dropped their first game of the New Year 7-3 to Ajax Merchants.
The loss was the 22nd of the 1976-77 season for the Beehives. It was only the ninth victory in 31 games for Ajax, who currently occupy the spot above Dixie in the standings.
Ajax has 21 points, four points out of the last playoff spot. The Beehives, in last place in the Tier Two Junior A League, have eight points on two victories and four ties in 28 games. The playoffs appear out of reach for the Bees.
Tony Ranucci, who toiled

for the Dixie Beehive Midgets last season, and Gerry Cantarutti, formerly with the Etobicoke Rep Juveniles, played in their first encounter as Beehives Sunday. Ranucci who is from Mississauga was one of the mid-level Beehives leading scorers.
Randy Dupre, who suffered a freak hand injury earlier in the season, celebrated his return to action Sunday by scoring one of the three Beehive goals. Bill Koitsas and centre Dan MacTae scored the others.
The Beehives go on the road for the first time in three weeks tomorrow as they travel to North Bay to face the third place Trappers. The Bees' last trip to North Bay ended in a 9-3 loss.

In a rare Friday night home game the Bees host Royal York Royals. Game time is 8 p.m. The Wexford Raiders travel to Dixie Arena Sunday. Game time is 7:15 p.m.
NOTES: The league leading scorer is Newmarket Flyer Steve Novis with 31 goals and 34 assists in 26 games. North York's Tom McCarthy has 34 goals and North Bay Trapper Jim Fox has 29 goals... Leading Bee is still Jim Baker with 33 points in 17 games. Blaine Thurston is the leading scorer among active Bees with 14 goals and 16 assists in 26 games. Mike Fitzgerald had 15 goals and seven assists in 26 games.

Shutouts common in Paperweight play

Shutouts were the rule rather than the exception in the Huron Hockey Association Paperweight league play Sunday.
Three of the four games ended in shutouts.
Robbie Dimichelle scored two goals and Don Smith recorded the shutout as the P&B Plumbing Maple Leafs blanked the Adam Burwash Bruins 2-0.
Dwayne Forde was unbeatable in leading the Brian Phillips Canucks to a 2-0 vic-

tory over the Stewart Gifts Red Wings. Michael Gibson and Darryl Forde supplied the goals.
Goals by Doug Kennedy and Bruno Dimichelle lifted the Lakeside Contracting Islanders to a 2-0 victory over the Worldwide Realty Sabres.
In the only non-shutout game, the Royal Canadian Legion Black Hawks edged the Ken O'Hara Flyers 2-1.
Warren Adolphe and Mike Groves scored for the winners while Aubrey Kent replied for the Flyers.

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