

DOMINION DAY REGATTA

The sweet sound of cheers inspired Mississauga



What's New In Sports

By BRYAN CANTLEY

Right about now, the eyebrows of many local folks have risen to their hairlines upon reading and hearing that grand Mississauga is being considered as one of 12 possible sites for a stadium with a toupee.

Ah, yes, I say with a yawn. As quick as you can say, "Mississauga domed stadium", eyebrows come down and people begin to scoff. Really, it must be considered as a pipe dream. There just aren't enough forward thinking, athletic-minded big shots who can promote such a wonder DESPITE all the benefits it can offer as an attraction.

The proposed stadium would set someone back about \$50 million and require 150 acres of land. It would be suitable for baseball, football, conventions and hockey. Hockey? A rink that would hold 25,000 fans would somehow be included in the complex.

HOUSTON ASTRODOME

The only domed stadium in the world is the Astrodome in Houston, Texas, and it has done wonders for the city in so many ways. When it was built in 1965, it cost a little over \$32 million. But, it has been paying for itself surely but slowly.

The stadium's gross income per year, according to an extensive report done last year by a group of North York officials trying for the domed stadium in Downsview, is in the neighborhood of \$16 million. That does not include the tremendous amount of tourist revenue the city has received. Houston has become one of the major convention centres on the continent behind Chicago and New York because of the Astrodome.

And, above all, fans have revelled in the fact that an attraction can be witnessed under superb 72-degree conditions in an air-conditioned setting. Before, when the Houston ball club played out of antiquated Rice Stadium, it was either too hot, too cold or too wet to see baseball. Now a weak Houston team regularly draws 20,000 mainly because of the atmosphere.

Toronto and the surrounding areas have many things going — except the afore-mentioned political go-getters. For instance, Toronto ranks as the eighth largest city of all those included in the American League (out of 13) and ninth in the National. As some cities have more than one club, it explains why there are more than 10 cities included in each league. Toronto also was the largest of cities who were bidding for a franchise — ahead of Dallas, New Orleans, Buffalo and Milwaukee. Milwaukee got it.

NEVER A POSTPONEMENT

Toronto is easily accessible by the entire Golden Horseshoe and studies have proven that Toronto residents pay more on entertainment than any city in Canada. Besides, what better arrangement is there than to have some fans coming from Sudbury or London assured of seeing a football or baseball game in comfort. Football games get mighty cold late in the season, especially around Grey Cup time, and baseball in Toronto — of the cities that showed the most days per year with precipitation — would never be postponed, thereby assuring fans of a game on a particular day.

Such a stadium would, without a doubt, mean millions in tourist revenue and Toronto, already tops in conventions in Canada would get better. Buffalo will have its domed stadium in 1972 but still a similar deal for Toronto would be far more convenient for people travelling across the country.

Mississauga has the land and the convenience and it would be rather fantastic to have a domed stadium on the premises. Even if Mississauga was to be denied it, it would not matter. Someone, somewhere has the money to go ahead. After all, this is supposed to be the richest part of Canada and if Montreal can support a ball club (and how they are doing it) there's no reason why Toronto can't do it. N'est ce pas?

TORONTO — The Mississauga Canoe Club was beginning to feel like the New York Yankees, the Montreal Canadiens and the Boston Celtics. Everywhere they went they became some-

what disliked because all they would do was make a mockery of regattas.

But this year it became a little different as Mississauga came down to the level of the other clubs. So, it

was a sound for sore ears to hear fans along the banks of Long Pond at Centre Island last Wednesday during the Dominion Day Regatta, shouting "Come on Missie!"

As one paddler in the

senior war canoe admitted, it was difficult to hear "Go Missie" over the din of the crowd as it struggled to overtake Gananoque. Suddenly, with the finish line looming, Brian Burton's

crew put on a terrific burst of power to pass Gananoque and win by about five feet.

The win in the senior war canoe put the lid on Mississauga's regatta win as they outpointed West Rouge 128 to 99. It was Mississauga's first win in regatta competition of the three held this year. They tied Mohawk and lost to West Rouge in the others.

Mohawk had 88, Gananoque 49, Carleton Place 26 and Newport Beach Kayak Club of Newport, Calif., 25. The Dominion Day Regatta, the 78th, featured top canoeists from all over North America plus the best rowing clubs in both countries. The 26 canoeing races were interspersed with 24 rowing races.

Don Rowing Club of Port Credit finished well back of the rowing pack. They had just 23 points while perennial champs, St. Catharines had 383 points and the Argonaut club of Toronto had 290. Brockville finished third with 147 followed by Hamilton Leander with 133 and Buffalo West Side with 57.

FOUR WINS

Mississauga was again in danger of losing with six events remaining but four victories sent them to their win.

Besides Burton's victory, the juvenile K-4 crew of Peter Ray, Jamie MacDonald, John Knox and Scott Oldershaw saddled a powerful first, the open K-4 crew of Les Reithausser, Reid Oldershaw, Hans Nichan and Archie Chase won their event, and Mac Hickox teamed with Bob Boaz, Chris Garner and Dan Murphy to win the senior C-4. They collected other wins in the juvenile C-1 when

Scott Oldershaw had no trouble winning his event, in the juvenile C-2 when Scott Oldershaw teamed with Paul Moraze; in the bantam war canoe when Chris Garner's crew edged Gananoque; in the senior C-2 as Hickox and Stan Machacek continued to dominate the event.

West Rouge's Rick Strong all along until his spill. In a couple of upsets, Mac Hickox was a poor second behind Andy Toro of Ann Arbor, Michigan, while the top Canadian ladies' paddler, Mary Homer-Dixon of Mississauga was third behind Marcia Smoke of Ann Arbor and Fran Fox of Potomac, Washington, D.C., in the ladies' K-1. Marj teamed with Carol Tennant for the K-2 and finished a strong second behind Miss Smoke and Sue Beckfort. Reid Oldershaw was third in the junior K-1 behind a couple of American Olympic paddlers.

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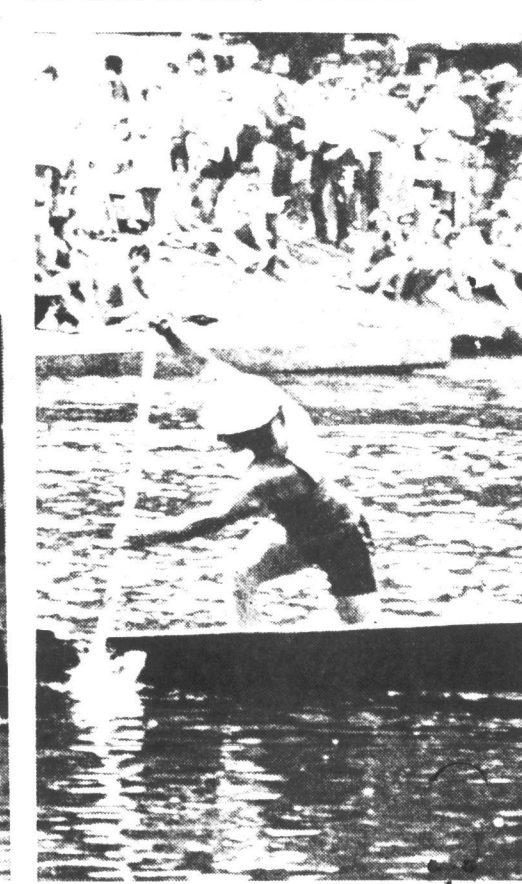
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Coach Mac Hickox and Commodore Ron Hollands proudly display their Dominion Day Regatta pennant.



The Don Rowing Club had a fine third in the junior heavy cox four.



Hickox was a disappointing second in his specialty — the C-2 — in front of a good crowd.

Wayne McDonald, Nigel Hess in list of scholar-athletes

MISSISSAUGA — Wayne McDonald and Nigel Hess, both of Port Credit, were two of 95 athletes at Indiana University to receive a B or better (3.00) grade point average during the second semester of the 1969-70 academic year.

McDonald, a senior and captain of the golf team at Indiana, topped the list with a straight A (4.00) average.

Hess, who is at Indiana on a tennis scholarship, also combined academics with athletic excellence by scoring 3.15.

McDonald recently placed ninth in individual scores in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship at Columbus, Ohio. He fired a four-round total of 292 for less than a 72 average per round. McDon-

ald, who is the defending Canadian Amateur champion, was eight strokes behind the winner, John Mahaffey of University of Houston. Houston also won the NCAA team championship.

Ken Trowbridge of Brampton fired a 306 for four rounds. He also plays for Indiana.

The two Port Credit youths were the only Canadians to make the elite of scholar-athletes.

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