



How did he miss?

It's hard to believe but Streetsville Derby George Chandler, right, missed the net on this shot in last week's Central Ontario Junior B game between the Derbys and Dixie Beehives. Dave Dwyer (20) and goaltender Orest Okpysh look on. The game ended in a 4-4 deadlock.

Arrows held at Bay

The Mississauga Golden Arrows management warned their players that cuts are on the horizon and that the trip to Thunder Bay last weekend could well be their last.

Owner Les Gall claimed that the tactic improved although it did not reflect on the scores. The Arrows dropped the Saturday

night game to the Twins 11-3 and came up with a repeat performance 9-1 loss Sunday afternoon.

Coincidentally, the Arrows can claim consistency, if nothing else. The aggregate deficit of 20 goals matches that of last year's weekend trip to Thunder Bay. The Twins fans apparently remember that particular visit as only

750 people showed up Sunday — the Twins smallest crowd of the season.

"The guys played their hearts out," said Gall. "It was just a case of whatever Thunder Bay did, they did right. The puck bounced the right way for them and we were hitting crossbars and the post."

The Twins outshot the Arrows 37-35 Saturday but the Arrows rebounded in that particular statistic Sunday by accruing 42 shots to the Twins' 40. Gall was not ecstatic about the play of goaltenders Rick Katchanoski and John Traicus.

John Stainton, Dave Large and Bob Wilson scored in the first loss and Wayne Ormson spoiled a shutout by scoring in the last minute Sunday.

The Arrows host Brantford Thursday night at Port Credit Arena in their last Senior A game before facing the Russians.

MIHL all-stars doubly successful

The first game ever for the Sheridan Mall Intermediate All-Stars was at least a double success.

The All-Stars, made up of players from the Mississauga Intermediate Hockey League, defeated the Peel Regional Police 4-3 in a benefit hockey game Saturday at Meadowvale Four Rinks.

The game attracted almost 200 fans and raised money for minor hockey and the Credit Valley Crippled Children Association.

"It was a real success," said Don Logan, one of the All-Star organizers. "We'll definitely be playing another game."

Bees spurred by Derby challenge

By TOM MALONEY
The Beehives defeated Brampton 9-6 Sunday night to move within four points of Streetsville with two games in hand.

Tim Peters, Cruikshank, Palmer and Neil McLean scored two goals apiece with Jim Doherty adding one.

A couple of weeks ago Streetsville Derbys assistant manager Rusty Evans casually challenged the Junior A Dixie Beehives to an unofficial Mississauga championship hockey series.

Derbys coach Tom Barrett also noted that the Beehives organization might become upset by the idea but that the Derbys were, in fact, "trying to get hostilities between the two clubs to cool down."

Barrett's fear of hostility was not unfounded, although it was the Junior B Beehives who were seething. They were still

angry last Thursday night even though a 4-4 tie with the Derbys served to placate their tempers somewhat. The two teams, which have run away from the rest of the teams that are pretending to compete in the same Central Ontario Junior B league, have met four times this year and the Derbys have two victories and a tie to their credit.

"They (the Derbys) were trying to put the psyche on us," said Beehive Steve Cruikshank, who scored the final two Bees' goals on short-handed situations.

"If they can't beat us, what do they want to play the A's for?" wondered goaltender Orest Okpysh, who most agreed saved the game for the Bees with a series of spectacular saves in the last period.

Okpysh admitted that the Bees, including himself, are better prepared psychologically

for the Derbys than for any other team, but he said that the recent invitation by the Derbys to the As added a few flames to the fire.

"He (Okpysh) robbed us of six clear cut goals," said Barrett, who entered the dressing room area talking of horseshoes. "He was the best goaltender we've run into this year. I hope to hell it's horseshoes, or we're in trouble."

In the last two minutes of the game, Okpysh snared a slapshot by Steve Blair, stopped a hard shot from George Chandler, robbed Randy Strong who was sent in alone by Mike Prestidge and stopped a shot by Prestidge from the middle. Jim Baker also had an opportunity to score but the puck skidded

wide of the open net.

Dixie also had two good opportunities for a winner in the last minutes. Brian Walker was open on goaltender Rick Laferriere's doorstep, but Jerry Cantarutti didn't see him and Laferriere made a good glove save on a drive by Tim Peters.

Baker started the scoring with a backhand early in the first period and Lance Kealy evened the game with a power-play goal that went in off the skate of Leo Brideau. Jim Boyington was handed a five minute penalty for high sticking and Mark Palmer took advantage of the opportunity to put the Bees into a 2-1 lead. Dixie managed only three shots on goal during the five

minute power play.

Shawn Doherty converted a rebound to tie the game in the second period after Okpysh stopped a Morrison slapshot. Cruikshank put Dixie ahead 3-2 while killing a penalty.

Baker scored his second goal early in the third period after Walker collided with Okpysh to ruin his chances of making the save.

Bill Brodie scored on a slap shot after being set up with a smooth lead pass by Randy Strong to put Streetsville into a 4-3 lead. Most of the paid crowd of 450 thought Streetsville was in the lead to stay but Cruikshank scored on a breakaway, lifting the puck over Laferriere's left shoulder.



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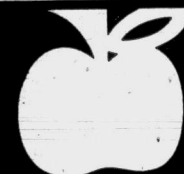
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Pop goes the streak

It was not a good week for the Streetsville Derbys.

After tying the Dixie Beehives, their closest rivals, on Thursday the Derbys saw their 15-game unbeaten streak snapped in Burlington on Friday.

The Derbys were beaten 6-5 despite goals from Len Bryant, Bill Brodie, Chandler, Baker and Blair.

The Derbys also made a player change by acquiring goaltender Kent Moffat from the Acton Sabres. Warren Barnes, a seldom-used defenceman, was sent to Acton.

The Derbys will be shorthanded for the next few weeks with Leo Brideau injured, Gary Venner suspended and Jim Boyington on vacation.

The Derbys will play against the Acton Sabres Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Vic Johnston arena.

Versatile Baxter OLA convener

Al Baxter is a versatile man. The Mississauga resident was appointed Junior B convener for the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Central division, making him the only OLA board member to have served with every division in the association.

Baxter is a former Junior A, Senior A and Junior C convener.

Baxter is also a former manager and coach in the Mississauga Junior Lacrosse Association and was once general manager of the MJLA.

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