

Ball hockey league gets entry from Mississauga

Mississauga will have a team playing in the Ontario Ball Hockey Association this year.

Kim Paul has announced that a group from Mississauga has secured a

franchise and will operate a team in the three-year-old circuit.

The team, which will operate under the name of Erindale, becomes the most western entry into the

provincial circuit joining squads from Scarborough, North York, Thornhill and Toronto.

"We have chosen Erindale as the name on purpose," said Paul, playing coach and moving force behind the operation. "We wish to leave the door open for another future franchise in the area that may go under the name of Mississauga."

Paul explained that the team will play a 24-game schedule with home games Monday nights at either Erindale or Woodlands Secondary School. League opening is on April 2. The top four sides will make the playoffs with the ultimate winner earning the right to face a similar tier-two survivor from the Maritimes for the Canadian championship crown.

"Ball hockey is a blooming sport, particularly in the United States," said Paul. Last year, recreational leagues operated in Toronto, St. Catharines, Scarborough and Port Credit, among others with an estimated participation list of nearly 30 teams.

League regulations call for 14-player rosters with three men designated for a taxi squad. Paul says Erindale's roster is all set with the following players joining the playing coach and assistant coach Jim Adair: Carl Blum, Jeff Edmunds, Bobby Fox, Shawn Kenney, Shaldon Kenney, Kerry Paul, Chuck Pim, Pat Scott, Reece Williams and goalie Doug Lloyd.

Paul said he would like to acquire "three or four" more sponsors (at \$50 each) to offset equipment and registration costs. He can be reached at 822-7496.



Talented gymnastic quintet... Showing off their ribbons and the tyro trophy they won at the first Ontario qualifying meet are members of the Mississauga team (from left) Helen Gschwendtner, Nancy Norris, Marie Watts, Sally Williams and Dawn Travnik. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

Marie Watts: high voltage preview to Ontario gymnastic championship

Thirteen-year-old Marie Watts, the most successful argo girl from the ranks of the Mississauga Gymnastic Club in last year's Ontario finals, warmed up for an assault on an older age-group by finishing fourth in an invitational meet in Thunder Bay this week.

Marie was one of three Mississauga gymnasts to take part in the two-day affair at Lakehead University on Thursday and Friday, competing against tyro (Under-14) girls from the host Thunder Bay, Fort Francis, Marathon and Scarborough Winstonettes clubs.

She earned first place in compulsory floor exercises, added second place on vault, third on bar and a fourth on

beam to accumulate 34.65 percentage points, just a fraction below the winner's total.

The optional section saw the youthful Mississauga gymnast take the vault and add a third place in floor routine en route to a 31.55-point total — not quite enough to threaten the strong Winstonette fore-runners.

Dawn Travnik, who got top marks on optional vaulting and came fourth on compulsory beam, finished fifth in overall placings, while Joey Stafford came sixth, thanks to a third place on optional bars and fourth in compulsory floor exercises.

The Thunder Bay event served as a warm-up for the second stage of the Ontario Gymnastic Federation age-division qualifying series, scheduled for Cambridge this weekend. Mississauga will be represented in Argo (Under-12) tyro (under-14) and novice (under-16) competitions with eyes on the provincial finals.

Top six in each of the younger divisions will earn the right to face similar top half-dozen from various zones in the all-Ontario

showdown at Toronto's Monarch Park School May 12. The cutoff point in the novice division has yet to be determined.

The first provincial qualifying meet, staged at Glenforest Secondary School at the end of January, saw Mississauga emerge triumphant in both argo and tyro team sections.

Sparked by pig-tailed Queenston Drive Public school student Sherry Strong's first place finish, the hosts argo squad of Karen Bollinger, Sandy Bertrand, Stephanie Goolhue, Kathleen Hanche, Trudy McNeill and Anita Hamilton ruld its division.

The tyro section resulted in a runaway triumph for the Mississauga "A" team with Nancy Norris, Marie Watts and Helen Gschwendtner finishing one-two-three for the individual title. Dawn Travnik and Sally Williams played strong supporting roles.

Mississauga's "B" team consisted of Brenda Bollinger, Joey Stafford, Sonya Gray, Karen Sommerfield, Donna O'Neill and Cherie MacNeill.

Marks obtained in the compulsory routines of the first qualifying meet will account for one-third of a performer's total. The optional scores of the Cambridge meet take care of the other two-thirds.

Marks in the novice division where gymnasts perform a more demanding routine on par with the 1968 Olympic junior standards are divided evenly between compulsory and optional scores.

The best Mississauga showing in the first qualifying meet came from Merrie-Ellen Wilcox, who finished fifth overall. Heather Dowdall and Lynn Pryer failed to secure a spot among the elite 10.

This time around, the novice hopes are in for a welcome boost via the recovery of talented Nancy Burch.

The petite 13-year-old Glenhaven student was forced to miss the January meet because of a broken finger.

Novice competition, unlike the regional argo and tyro categories, is on a provincial scale at Cambridge with the cream of Ontario's under-16 crop vying for recognition.

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Port Credit juveniles knock out Clarkson, Erindale

Stingy Brad McFater allowed only one goal in three games as Port Credit eliminated Clarkson and Erindale in quick succession to reach the finals of the Mississauga Hockey League juvenile red division.

McFater's goaltending handcuffed Clarkson completely as they went out

in straight games to the high powered Port Credit forces. Doug Stephenson, Ed McMahon, Jeff Clare and John Donner supported Brad's whitewash.

Against Erindale, Stephenson threw in one goal and McMahon whipped in two in the 3-0 win. McMahon kept his playoff scoring streak alive by getting another pair in Port Credit's 5-1 win. John Donner, Bruce Keik and John Henderson provided the rest.

Erindale had reached the final by romping over Clarkson 6-2 in the semi-final. Dan Gaynor unleashed

a pair of low scoring drives and Dennis Falcioni, Jim Dandridge, Ken Doran and Mark Whitty scored singles. Glen Sakamoto got both Clarkson counters.

Malton advanced to the final by dropping Applewood 3-2 after their opening game 4-0 blanking. Peter Brassard, George Opreff, and Greg Edwards came through with the Malton firepower. Netting both Applewood scores was hard-working Bruce Gow.

LEAGUE GAMES WHITE
Applewood 5 (Bill VanWyck 3, Mike Duffield 2) Cawthra-26 3 (Joey Frazer 2, John Wales)

Lorne Park-29 3 (Aldo Odorico, Mike Sillars, Greg Ross; shutout Rod Crocker) Erindale 0

Cloverleaf-13 2 (Rick Coleman, Neil Christoferson) Clarkson-43 2 (Keith Howatt 2)

Judo meet

Lorne Park Secondary School's gym will be the venue of a huge east-west inter-district junior tournament this Sunday.

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Sports in short

Argonaut trainer feature speaker at football seminar

Toronto Argonaut trainer Merv Prophet and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Hugh Prouse of Mississauga will be the keynote speakers at a special clinic dealing with the care and prevention of football injuries.

The clinic, arranged by the Mississauga Football League, will be held at Applewood Secondary

School Monday, April 7 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Canada's top trainer, Prophet is widely known in football circles as the "miracle healer" of Argo injury blues.

The clinic is open to MFL managers, coaches and the general public. There is no admission charge.

Trampoline journey

Mississauga Trampoline Club founder and coach Rick Runowski has been chosen Canadians to participate in a highly specialized coaching symposium in Switzerland.

He will join national technical chairman of trampolining Colin Hancock of North Surrey, B.C. among the coaches at Mugglingen. The event, restricted to 40 coaches from around the world, is run by the International Trampoline Federation.

The Canadian pair will fly to Europe on April 30. This Saturday Runowski will take a slate of six Mississauga trampolinists

into the second Ontario provincial qualifying meet at York University. A week later, Port Colbourne is the venue of another stage of the provincial championships.

Mississauga entries did well in the first meet of the season in January, winning five of the six events they contested.

Joining defending Under-12 Ontario beginner titlist Glenn Runowski in the winners' circle were Christina Rupich, Keith Kennedy, Sabrina Smith and Angela Runowski.

Shelly Rupich came third in the beginner girls 11-12-year-old group.

Timmy Tyke triumph

Back-to-back shutouts by a young master of netminders, Lou DeMaestri, sparked Clarkson tyke reps to a pair of big wins in the Timmy Tyke Hockey Tournament.

Clarkson scored identical 2-0 victories over Malton Jets and Cedar Hill to move into finals' contention of the annual tourney, which has its climactic games at Maple

Leaf Gardens. Barric Sykes scored an unassisted goal, then Peter Boyleson set up Gord Smith for the insurance tally in the conquest of Malton Jets.

Peter Keegan earned assists on goals by Scott Reed and Jim Mehar as Clarkson blanked Cedar Hill 2-0.

All-Metropolitan finals

Eligible Mississauga Hockey League teams will start their all-Metropolitan B championship finals against appropriate Metro Toronto Hockey League opponents at Dixie Arena Saturday.

For the first time this season, MHL series winners in minor midget major, midget red, juvenile red and six different AAA divisions (tyke, minor atom, atom, peewee, minor bantam and bantam) will square off with MHL B category titlists for the all-Metropolitan championships.

All games are on best-of-five basis. Following is this Saturday's schedule at Dixie Arena:

2 p.m. minor atom — MHL vs Cawthra Fastrate or Fed Reeve 2 45 p.m. minor midget — MHL vs Courtesy or East York or North York Rangers; 3:45 p.m. tyke — MHL vs Lorne Park Penman or Leaside; 4:30 p.m. minor bantam — MHL vs Pop Shoppe or Litton Systems; 5:30 p.m. atom — MHL vs Clarkson Standard or Toronto Voyageurs; 6:15 p.m. peewee — MHL vs Leaside or Bundy; 7:15 p.m. midget — MHL vs Galucci or Goulding Park or Hawks; 8:15 p.m. bantam — MHL vs East York or Tricort or North Seven; 9:15 p.m. juvenile — MHL vs Mississauga rep Penmans or Scarborough combines.

Sabres getting sharpened

A four-week indoor training session to get Mississauga Sabres sharp for their rookie Halton Senior Baseball League season gets underway at Gordon Graydon Secondary School Thursday, April 5.

Sabres chairman Al Hicks said the Graydon gym is booked for four consecutive

Thursday workouts between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. He said players are welcome to attend. "Sponsorship is coming along just fine," said Hicks. "But we are still looking for a few." Sabres are scheduled to start their 28-game schedule May 13.

Peel champions ousted

Peel-Halton champion Brampton Centennial Bucs lost their first two games and were quickly eliminated from the Golden Ball Tournament for the all-Ontario high school basketball championships at York University.

In the opening round, Bucs were soundly thumped by Hamilton Winston Churchill, 76-48. A further defeat at the hands of Sudbury St. Charles in the consolation series sent

them packing. Warren Day set the pace for the Peel champions with a two-game total of 29 points. Bernie Niermann added 22.

This was the first time that a Peel area team reached the Golden Ball Tournament round.

Favoured Kitchener Eastwood defeated Toronto George Harvey in the final to walk away with the silverware.

Malton ladies meeting

The women's auxiliary of the Malton Minor Lacrosse Association will hold an open

meeting at the Malton Community Hall Sunday, April 8 at 8 p.m.

Dixie soccer date

Saturday, March 31 is the final registration day of Dixie Soccer Club, the largest of Mississauga's minor soccer area groups. Registration will take

place at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Boys born in years 1957 through 1966 are eligible.

Intermediate hockey

Formation of an intermediate hockey league for the over 21 years of age set is the object of a meeting at the Town of Mississauga offices tonight at 7:30 p.m. The loop aims to provide

organized hockey for Mississauga residents.

Among others, election of the slate of officers is expected to be on the agenda of the get-going get-together.

Cooksville registrations

The final registration date for the Cooksville-Erindale Soccer Club is Saturday, March 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Springbank Community Centre.

The club is expecting another substantial jump in the number of boys playing soccer this season. President Dick Annis says it will be difficult to unearth enough new coaches and managers to meet the demand. If anyone is interested in coaching or managing, contact Annis (270-6793) or Kathy Wallcroft (270-1800).