

Sports Splinters

By Murray Stone

ROLLER SKATING HAS BECOME THE LATEST CRAZE LOCALLY with attendance jumping dramatically in the past three weeks; 259 guys and gals were spinning their wheels last Tuesday at the Centre and the hoped-for "magic" 300 mark is fast approaching. If you still haven't joined the sport, here's the **LATEST NEWS** on the **REVISED FORMAT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7th**. From here on, in a further effort to provide the best arrangement for the skaters, there will be a **SPECIAL TWO (2) HOURS** from 6 to 8 p.m. **FOR CHILDREN ONLY**, those under 12 years of age, at a reduced rate of just \$2 per skater. This will let the kids have the floor to themselves without adults getting in their way. **THE ADULTS ONLY** time will be from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for skaters **OVER 13 YEARS OF AGE ONLY**. There will be a 1/2 hour overlap of Children's time and Adults but this shouldn't pose any problem. Possibly more adults will skate now; it was felt some were hesitant to skate when smaller children were on the floor. This way **YOU NOW HAVE THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**. The enjoyment factor seems high and with the dust problem licked, it's clear sailing. **COME SPIN SOME WHEELS AT THE CENTRE — LIVE A LITTLE.**

THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST GLEN TAY BLOCK RACE was nothing short of a **SUPER SUCCESS**. Facing postponement as late as 4 p.m. due to stormy weather, the 9.6 mile tour of the **Glen Tay Block** went off without a hitch blessed by improved but slightly humid weather. A **RECORD ENTRY LIST** of 156 runners raced the course through the beautiful Perth area countryside. They came from as far away as Kapuskasing with sprinklings from Trenton, Kingston, Smiths Falls, Carleton Place, Almonte and even Shawville, Quebec, which was represented by the "Striders", but most were from Ottawa track clubs. A total of 17 Perth runners completed the event led across the finish line by Rick Moxon and Ross McLean in 14th and 36th places and times of 52:48 and 56:01. Particularly happy was "Doc" McLean who clipped 6 minutes off his '78 clocking. From the Perth district, there were 3 runners from **MCDONALD'S CORNERS** (Ken Heatherington, 67th in 62:52, John Bianchi, 113th in 74:11, and John Heatherington, 114th in 74:14, **PLUS 2** from Lanark, Dave Robertson, 78th in 63:48, and Jim Paul 147th in 88:58 and Jimmy Toderian from **DRUMMOND CENTRE** 140th in 84:47. The other **PERTH** finishers were: Mike Clifton, 54th at 60:28; John Kelford 55th in 60:30; Stan Earl 64th in 62:21; Terry O'Hearn 72nd in 63:23; Dave Girdwood 74th in 63:33; Brad Kyle 86th in 66:05; Roy VanDerstine listed 97th in 69:29 but really 96th with a brilliant spurt in the last 5 yards; Greg Canuel 110th in 73:26; Doug McDonald 111th in 73:28; Mike Jones 19th in 75:27; mighty mite Kris Percival 120th in 75:39; Bob Peskett 130th in 78:04; Tom Bowes 142nd in 86:48; eleven-year old Lesley Manion in her first-ever distance race, 143rd in 87:22; and Barb Kent 148th in 89:07. Colin Hine of Lanark Senior Baseball pitching note, listed from Carleton Place placed 63rd in 62:18.

THE 1979 CHAMPION WAS YOUTHFUL ROB LIVINGSTON of the East Ottawa Lions running in the Senior Men's class with a time of 46:40. Former P&DCI track champ **DOUG SCORRAN** ran 2nd just 14 seconds off Rob's pace and Steve Findlay, a Carleton Place lad, was third in 48:58. Both Doug and Steve race under the colours of the Ottawa Kinsmen Harriers. In the **JUNIOR MEN'S DIVISION** Ian Moss of the Harriers, was top man in 51:23 (8th overall), Rob Hardy of East Ottawa Lions, 2nd at 52:35 (13th overall), and Mike Wardlaw, 3rd also a Lion in 52:49 (15th overall). **THE MASTERS MEN'S SECTION** saw Gerry Hare of the NCRA (National Capital Runners Association) the winner in 53:11 (18th overall). Jim Howe was 2nd in 56:15 (38th overall) and Paul Lindsay 3rd, in 57:21 (44th overall). **THE SENIOR WOMEN'S CLASS** had Ann Wardlaw of East Ottawa Lions 1st in 58:23 (48th overall) then Pauline Lotbiniere, of the Lions in 67:21 (88th) and Eleanor Thomas, NCRA 3rd in 67:44 (92nd). **THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S DIVISION** winner was Angie Hohlheimer of Almonte in 74:17 (116th overall), then Perth's Kris Percival at 75:39 and Lesley Manion in 87:22 both Pioneer Track Club members. **THE MASTER'S WOMEN'S GROUP** had Sheila Hare 1st in 76:27 (124th overall) from NCRA, followed by Barb Rainboth, Ottawa in 84:19 (138th).

THE BILL WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY was presented to Rob after the race by Jack Wilson and perhaps even better was the medal and kiss Rob received from Miss Perth, Colleen McParland. Branch 244 Royal Canadian Legion, sponsors of the event and represented by President Ken Armour and Sports Chairman Roy Wood, awarded medals to the top 3 in each division. In addition, each of the Male winners was bestowed a kiss by Miss Perth — the gals got only a handshake and as Ann Wardlaw noted "how come MR. Perth didn't give us our awards"...yeah, how come? Handsome Legion crests were handed out to each entry in lieu of the T-shirts of 1978.

A LOT OF WORK AND ORGANIZATION WENT INTO THE RACE to make it the success it was. Tom Graham, the chief honcho of the event with assistance from Peter Code, did another great job but passed along thanks and appreciation to the following: the Perth Police and the OPP for excellent control and guidance along the course, to the CBER's under Earl Holmes for supe service, and these people for work around the route, the finish line, stats, etc — Leslie Henderson, Paul Tobey, Gus Canuel, Steve March, Darrell and Ron Wood, Jeff Greenley, Bob Barr, Bob McNichol with help from 2 1/2 year old son Andrew, John Ryan, Phil Scarrow, Emil Roy, Grant Donaldson, Rob Campbell.

HOW OLD IS TOO OLD TO RUN 9.6 MILES? Not 67, that for sure. **EGONS RUPNERS** of the NCRA, Ottawa, is 67, has white hair and loves to run. He was here on Thursday and certainly didn't finish last. He was 129th in 77:15 and completed the 9 1/2 miles amazingly fresh; he wasn't even breathing hard. This "young-at-heart" runner didn't start his "career" until age 55, and over the 12 years has even run **MARATHONS**. He beat his daughter Baibo, 32, in the recent Ottawa Marathon, but she came back to "edge" him by 5 minutes in the **Glen Tay Block**. In conversation with this writer, he noted he was now training for the Montreal Marathon running 5 miles a day, and thought that age 55 was a good time to start a running career. There appeared to be great rapport between father and daughter. Each enjoyed "ribbing" the other about running feats. A very pleasant "extra" of the '79 **Glen Tay Block Race**.

GLEN TAY BLOCK CHIPS...three former Perthites back for the race; Greg Bennett placed 51st in 59:13, Colin Stephenson 81st in 64:50 and Eddie Johnson 150th in 93 min. even. Ed joked that he "gave it a good fight for last place" but avowed as how he really enjoyed the great scenery of the route...**COMMENTS ON THE RACE** all complimentary, "well-organized", "enjoyable", "just super"...**THERE WERE SOME GREAT FINISHES** the runners exciting the crowd with roaring dashes for the tape even after 9 1/2 miles...**MORE NEXT WEEK AS SPACE ZAPPED** for this week.

Lan. bounce Falls from playoffs Hopetown hounds Blue Jays

By MURRAY STONE
The 1979 baseball season came to a quick end on Saturday for the Smiths Falls 77's. Lanark applied the coup de grace with a 4-2 victory, copping the best-of-5 series 3 games to one.

The net result was somewhat of a justification for Lanark which had been deprived of home game by the league and the semi-finals got away with a bit of sour taste. The triumph by the Lanark club sweetened things and evened out the problem but does not whitewash the league error which must be corrected for future years.

Lanark now awaits the winner of Series "A" between Perth's pennant champs and the challenging 4th place Hopetown Hawks. And they'll have a least a week to cool their heels, rest their pitchers, and revitalize for the championship round.

Perth has its collective hands full with upstart Hawks and at this writing are far from holding the favourites role. The Hawks lead the series 3 points to one on a win and tie and can't be written off as opponents for Lanark in the final, though most observers feel that the Blue Jays will bounce back.

It's likely the set will be the 5-game limit with games Monday (past), Wednesday, and Monday.

MONDAY, JULY 30 — Hopetown 8, Perth 5

It was Perth's game to the 5th with a 5-3 lead but the Hawks strung 4 hits in the 5th for 5 runs and victory. Perth rallied in the bottom of the 7th leading the bases with 2 out but couldn't swing the needed runs.

Each team collected 7 hits, Gene Borrowman leading the Hawks with a 2 for 3 including a triple, Keith Mordy was 2 for 4. A pair of home runs by Mordy and Gene Bassett. Keith Fournier 2 for 3 to pace Perth. Five errors with Perth committing 3.

Ian Borrowman all the way on the mound for the Hawks striking out 8, walking 5, hitting one batter. Perth started Breck Fournier and he struggled through to the 5th before giving away to Dave Fournier. Breck fanned 5, walked 3, allowed 7 hits and all 8 runs. Dave held the Hawks scoreless, hitless and walkless, striking out 2.

Smiths Falls 8, Lanark 2
The 77's jumped Lanark 4-0 in the first frame and it was all downhill for Lanark from there on. They managed a single run

in the third on a double by Keith Storie and a single by Bob Wilson and their other run in the 5th on 3 singles and a fielders choice.

Glen Dance the full route for the win on 7 hits, 3 strikeouts, and he didn't walk a batter. Colin Hine lasted 1 1/2 frames giving up 4 runs on 3 hits, 3 walks, a hit batter. Dale Bowes took over for 4 1/2 and also allowed 4 runs on 5 hits, not walking a batter, striking out 2.

Kevin Hermer and Linton topped the 77's hit parade with 2 for 4's and each belted a triple. Quigley smashed a 2-run homer. Bob Wilson the best for Lanark with 2 for 3. Eight errors, 4 by each team.

WED. AUG. 1

Lanark 3, Smiths Falls 2
Lanark grabbed the series lead back from the 77's with an extremely close victory. It was good playoff baseball, tight and tense.

Bob Wilson hung tough on the mound for Lanark spinning a 3 hitter, not walking a batter, fanning two. Again Smiths Falls went with their only frontline hurler in Glen Dance and he was strong striking out 6, scattering 4 hits, and like Wilson didn't walk a batter.

All basehits were strung over 7 different batters. Three of Lanark's four were extra-base jobs with Keith Sweeney and Dale Bowes booming triples and both were left stranded.

The score was knotted 2 all in the second then Lanark got a single from Wilson followed by Sweeney's triple for the winning run.

The 77's put together a triple by Quigley, an error and a single for 2 runs in the second and Wilson didn't allow them another hit until Linton's single in the 6th and a double play erased that when Dance bounced to Gemmill at short, who fired to Keith Sweeney at second and on to Win King at first. Lanark was without regular shortstop Art Sweeney and left fielder Ray Storie.

Five errors with Smiths Falls bobbling three chances. Perth 1, Hopetown 1
The Hawks scored in the second, Perth in the fourth—that was the ball game. Only 5 hits apiece and only Myles Lowry of the Jays had more than one with a perfect 2 for 2.

Perth made all 3 errors of the game but got away with them. Hopetown was flawless afield. Dave Fournier the route on the mound for Perth striking out 7, walking 3. Paul Cowie all the

way for the Hawks rifling third strikes past 11 Blue Jays while free passing but one.

SAT. AUG. 4 — Lanark 4, Smiths Falls 2

Lanark threw their ace Dale Bowes at the 77's and he throttled them on 5 hits, 2 walks, and fanned 4. His mates backed him with 6 hits four of them doubles, and turned a perfect fielding performance to eliminate Smiths Falls 3 games to one.

The 77's were shaky and committed 4 miscues two of which led directly to Lanark's winning pair of runs in the 5th. Two others gave Lanark its run in the second.

Keith Storie's 2 for 4 was the best hitting effort, Bob Wilson,

Art Sweeney, Dale Bowes, and Lornie MacDonald all had doubles.

Still another game on the mound for Glen Dance as the 77's determined to wear him out. He fanned 6, walked one and this was the only batter he walked in 22 consecutive innings—a super control effort.

Over the 4 playoff games each team scored 12 runs which proves the point that it's all in the way you put them together.

PLAYOFF NOTE

5th and deciding game between Perth and Hopetown will be played at Perth on Monday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. This is a change from the original standing schedule.



"All you do is pull the trigger" they told me. But despite the little girls holding their ears, Colleen's gun didn't fire on Thursday to get the 72nd Anniversary run of the **Glen Tay Block Race** started and a reload was necessary. [Was the safety still on...?]. Despite the misfire, Miss Perth did a super job and the race was a resounding success.

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