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JSA Floor Hockey report

By JONAS CHERNICK

Round 1: Jerry's Kids vs. One Hitters - Game 1 was all Jerry's Kids, and they walked away with an easy 6-3 win. Game 2 was a different story, and the Hitters were led by Jason Rubenstein's four goals to win 5-3 and tie the series.

Game 3 was close till the finish, but in the final 15 minutes, the Hitters put it away with goals by Bobby Stoller, Benjie Finkleman and Rubenstein with a pair. Jeremy Verin recorded his first career playoff shut-out, as the Hitters won 4-0. They won the series 2-1 in games, and moved on to play TIB.

JJJ vs. Bydis - Game 1 was a shut-out for JJJ's Sean Gray, as they beat Bydis 2-0. Game 2 was a turnaround, as David Earn scored four goals for Bydis to lead them to a 5-1 win. But in game 3, JJ came back and won with the hat-trick by Danny Braunstein. JJJ won the series 2-1, and moved on to the semi-finals against the Underground, the regular season champs.

Round 2: One Hitters vs. TIB - Game 1 was close, but Verin notched his second straight shut-out as TIB's offence couldn't get the job done. Morris Shenkarow scored for the Hitters, as did leading scorer Jason Rubenstein, to lead the Hitters to a 2-0 win.

Game 2 wasn't much different, as Dave Fox was the only player to beat Verin, with a pair of goals too late in the game. Mike Margolis, Nate Bensimon, Finkleman and the red-hot Rubenstein scored for the Hitters, to win the game 4-2 and sweep the series 2-0. The One Hitters became the first rookie team to make the finals in JSA Floor Hockey history.

JJJ vs. The Underground - Game 1 was extremely tight with goals exchanged by both teams in a back and forth fashion. Josh Wilder, Hartley Rosen and Dan Samphir scored for the Underground, and Trevor Paul, Alan Feldman, and Braunstein replied for JJJ. With the score tied at 3-3, and 10 minutes left on the clock, Braunstein scored his second of the game to take the lead, and JJJ went on to win 4-3.

Game 2 was another battle; this time the goalies and defence were the stars. Gray played great for JJJ in the cage, and Fraser McKenzie was outstanding for the Underground. (Cont. on page 11. See "Floor hockey scores".)




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Sports scores/ Harvey Rosen

Local team handball ace invited to join national team

Your resident sports maven sometimes finds it necessary to converse with an individual involved in a sport about which he knows nothing. The ultimate result is humility.

SPORTING TOUCH



By HARVEY ROSEN



REBECCA HOFFER: Team handball "basically water polo on land."

School, she was Athlete of the Year in Grades 4 and 6, as well as in Grade 9 at Laidlaw. The 5'8 1/2" athlete also captained her Shaftesbury basketball team in her graduating year.

Playing team handball was simply too tempting an offer for Hoffer to pass up. "Two young coaches came down to Shaftesbury High School and wanted to know who on the basketball team was interested in the sport," she explained.

"I was in Grade 11 and I didn't even know what the sport was," Hoffer added, as if she were trying to help me save face.

"It's basically water polo on land," she continued. "It's played on a large court, bigger than a basketball court. The ball is like a mini-soccer ball.

"There are two wings, left and right, two lateral backs, left and right, a center back, and a pivot and a goalie." According to Hoffer, "It's huge in Europe. It's semi-pro. Players can make a living at it. Last year's champ was Denmark."

Here in Winnipeg, there is a senior women and men's league of A and B classifications. There is also a high school circuit.

Hoffer conceded that she took to the game since "there is a transfer of learning from basketball and volleyball."

Parents Doug and Claire are going to see the nest empty when Rebecca leaves home in mid-May. Brother Matthew, going on 24, lives in Minneapolis. "I'm very excited but I have mixed feelings," she admitted. "I feel nostalgic at leaving home. It's been a good home."

While in Montreal, Hoffer will attend McGill University, where she'll complete her physical education degree. She also hopes to do a good deal of travelling with the Montreal-based national team.

"Last year," she said, "they went to the Pan Am Games in Argentina. Also to Austria, Holland, and the U.S."

Hoffer admits that it is a low-profile sport. "The national championships were in Winnipeg last year, and we had to call the press so they would come out and interview the people. They didn't even know about it."

On a more positive note, she added: "Any person who has seen or played handball absolutely loves it."

By the way, Rebecca, did you also know that in addition to Hershkowitz, there was also a Jimmy Jacobs who was the winner of three straight national four-wall singles titles?

But that's handball, not team handball. Right? Besides, I'd better get back to humble if I hope to develop and grow.

POST PATER:
 • Hats off to Mira Lecker and Janna Guberman, who qualified for the Western Regional Championship in rhythmic gymnastics to be held May 1-5 in Vancouver.

• Jewish forward Justin Duberman scored the first two goals of his American Hockey League career and had three assists for the Portland Pirates in a late March game.

He has played a few games with the Pittsburgh Penguins, but is having a tough time sticking at the top.

(Cont. on page 11. See "Harvey Rosen".)

Independent Maccabee Bowlers

Final standings as of March 13
INDIVIDUAL HIGH SCORES

- Hi-three scratch men - David Lewis 579.
- Hi-three scratch women - Arlene West, 504.
- Hi-three w/handicap men - David Bloomfield, 651.
- Hi-three w/handicap women - Gail Frankel, 675.
- Single scratch men - Murray Katz & David Lewis 221.
- Single scratch women - Arlene West, 203.
- Single w/handicap men - Murray Katz, 260.
- Single w/handicap women - Jill Brody, 266.
- MEN'S HIGH AVERAGES:** Ron Cantor, 168.8; Keith Levit, 166.9; David Lewis, 165.1; Doug West, 164.9; Sheldon Minuk, 151.0; Norm Glass, 149.8.
- WOMEN'S HIGH AVERAGES:** Debbie Lewis, 153.1; Arlene West, 144.3; Shari Ackman, 144.1; Carol Van Wallegem, 137.6; Joann Ellis, 136.0; Sheryl Levine, 118.0.

B'nai Brith Women's Bowling League

By BELLE DAITER, publicity

- Week of March 20
HIGH TRIPLE:
 1) Sadie Wolfson - 522 (192, 176, 154);
 2) Kay Sera - 518 (199, 166, 160);
 3) Charna Gilman - 468 (182, 162).
HIGH SINGLE:
 1) Elaine Paul - 170;
 2) Simma Kraiberg - 161;
 3) Annette Axelrod - 160.

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Floor hockey scores

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Wilder scored for the Underground, and Feldman for JJJ, but Jeff Booke scored what proved to be the game winner, as JJJ won the series 2-0, sweeping the Underground to make the finals for the first time in their lengthy JSA history.

FINALS:
One Hitters vs. JJJ - Game 1 was entirely dominated by the Hitters, as Stoller scored the natural hat-trick in the first half to lead 3-0. Bensimon, Rubenstein and Finkleman scored singles, and JJJ got goals from Trevor Paul and high-scoring Braunstein, but were beaten by the determined One Hitters 6-2. Game 2 was closer, but once again the Hitters piled on the scoring; Rubenstein with three, Stoller with two and Finkleman with one. Braunstein scored for JJJ, but to no avail. The One Hitters won the best-of-three finals 2-0 and held the cherished JSA Plaque proudly above their heads as they celebrated six straight wins, the championship and perhaps the birth of a floor hockey dynasty.

*** Each season, the JSA Floor Hockey Board of Directors chooses three players as Playoff's MVP (Most Valuable Players). This year's recipients are Jason Rubenstein (ONE) for leading in scoring with 13 goals, Jeremy Verin (ONE) for his netminding genius and a GAA of 2.00 with two shutouts, and Danny Braunstein (JJJ), who led a team that was a dismal 4-7-2 in regular season play to the finals with seven goals.

NEXT TIME - The season in review and the annual awards.

Harvey Rosen

(Cont. from page 10.)

• Gary Jacobs, on the comeback trail, KO'd Edwin Murillo of Panama in the fifth round, capturing the IBF intercontinental title in the process. He is expected to fight next for the European title.

• Veteran drag racer Kenny Bernstein of Dallas won the Top Fuel event at the Winston Cup at Chandler, Arizona.

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Crown withdraws charges against pro-Nazi Zundel

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO - Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General has once again slammed the door shut on a bid to have pro-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel charged with hate-related offences.

Citing insufficient evidence, the Crown last month withdrew the charges of conspiracy to promote hatred and of publishing defamatory libel targeting several Jews.

The charges resulted from a private complaint initiated by Sabina Citron, co-founder of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association. Citron had laid the charges against the Toronto Nazi propagandist on November 8 and a Justice of the Peace subsequently accepted them.

She said she laid the charges out of frustration at the government's unwillingness to prosecute Zundel under federal anti-hate laws.

The consent of the attorney general is required for such a prosecution to proceed, and Citron had hoped to sidestep that requirement by charging Zundel with conspiracy.

Citron was angry at the latest government an-



Sabina Citron led protests against the government's decision not to prosecute Nazi apologist Ernst Zundel. (Ron Csillag photo.)

nouncement, and she and about 15 to 20 supporters demonstrated outside the attorney general's downtown office to protest the decision.

"This is outrageous," she said. "The material we provided (as evidence) is extremely virulent (and goes beyond) incitement to hatred."

"We will not allow Zundel to continue his campaign. The decision to drop the charges is misguided and ill conceived."

Citron said she planned

to sue Zundel for libel. "He's defaming me personally and my people generally. No amount of damages are appropriate when you're killing someone's character. We demand he stop the vilification and defamation of the Jewish people."

According to written material provided by the attorney general's office, the evidence provided by Citron consisted of a videotape of a CBC production, "Hi-tech Hate", a transcript of a "fifth estate" broadcast that examined Zundel's Internet computer activities, and a May 10, 1995 edition of a magazine published by Zundel called *Power*.

Evidence of conspiracy between Zundel and associates in Germany is weak and there is no evidence that a breach of the peace would result, which is required in the conspiracy charge, the Crown asserted.

In addition, there was "no reasonable prospect of a conviction" on the defamatory libel charge.

Citron was highly critical of Attorney General Charles Harnick, who, when he served as Opposition critic, she pointed out, had censured the previous Ontario government for not charging Zundel.

Other Jewish groups said they would continue to gather evidence of Zundel's propaganda, with a view to supporting hate charges against him. "We will maintain this as the highest priority - that Zundel's hate-mongering business is put out of business," said Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Steven Shulman. "That (Zundel) continues to disseminate his hateful messages worldwide is a national disgrace," said Karen Mock, spokesperson for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

With reporting by Ron Csillag.

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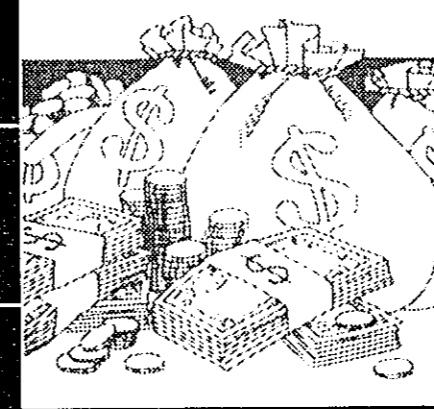
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