

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

North York Basketball League Starts - School Defends Titles

When the Aurora High School Bombers meet the Newmarket Raiders this Friday it will mark the start of the North York Basketball League schedule for 1953.

The teams of the league, Aurora, Newmarket, Pickering College and Richmond Hill appear evenly matched which should make for some very crowd-pleasing basketball games. Each school has entered three teams, namely, Senior, Junior and Midget. The Midget series is replacing the former Junior 'B' group which did not produce very brilliant basketball. The Midgets are all 15 years old or under and probably the keenest hoop artists that a school can find as they are eager to learn to become future shining lights of the hardwood court.

Aurora Seniors are defending their championship of last year but from recent performances it looks as if this just isn't their year. The powerhouse quintet will be the Pickering College Preps who are the most feared representatives of the group. The Raiders of Newmarket have lost Hugo their high scoring star so there goes their chances. The Richmond Hill Rhillers are an unknown quantity even though they hold a pre-season win over the Bombers in overtime. At present, the locals are hoping that Big John Kingston can get back into last year's scoring form. If he does, watch out!

The Junior Rhillers, last year's undefeated title holders, will be up against some very stiff competition from the College boys of Pickering. The locals have one of the best starting line-ups in the league which rotates around team captain Lloyd Grainger and smooth working Clark Dedlow. Richmond Hill holds an exhibition win over the Aurora squad so that just about eliminates one of the contenders.

The Midgets of Richmond Hill are small in name only. They are led by Neil Risebrough this year's

team captain. The grapevine has it that with such skyscraping boys as Neil Mortson, Bruce Munro, Mike Oddy, and Jack Burns the Midgets are going to be at the top when the final whistle sounds. The team carries three lines of aggressive boys who, in the years to come, will give the students something to cheer about.

The following are the dates and places of the tripleheaders involving the Richmond Hill District High School. All games start at 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 14	Rhillers at Aurora
Jan. 23	Rhillers at Newmarket
Jan. 28	Aurora at Rhillers
Feb. 5	Rhillers at Pickering Col.
Feb. 11	Newmarket at Rhillers
Feb. 16	Pickering at Rhillers

Slaughter House Hockey League

The Slaughter House Hockey League, with its president Dr. T. Darlington of Woodbridge, includes the following clubs: Ebenzer, Maple, Elia, Woodbridge Farmers, Robinsons, Edgeley, Sunset and Legion.

Games are played each Tuesday and Friday evenings in Woodbridge Memorial Arena. Seven games constitute a round and two or possibly three rounds will be played before play-off time.

The scores for Friday, January 2 were Elia 6, Maple 0; Edgeley 5, Legion 1.

Edgeley Line-up: Alf Bagg, manager; goal, Jim Bagg; Line 1, Martyn Hedges, centre, Don Elliott, Rt. Wing, Allan Bagg, left wing; Line 2, Ron Keffer, centre, Don Bagg, right wing, Bruce Murchison, left wing; Line 3, Doug Keffer, Norm Bagg, Jack Follis; defense Eldon Fierheller, Ab. Foster, Harold Clapp, Don Mitchell, Murray Stevenson.

Elia Line-up: Jim Jackson, manager; goal Tom Drewry; defense Bill Pollock, Allan Jackson, Jim Browning, Jim Jackson; centres Earl Low, Ken Jackson; wings Ray Thompson, Lloyd Thompson, Jack Law, Jim Brillinger; alternates John Sanguin, Earl Marchand.

Unionville Curling Club

The ice at Crosby Arena which was in excellent condition was much enjoyed by the 16 rinks which took part in the Curling Bonspiel on Boxing Day. The games were keenly contested, in both the men's and the mixed rinks. The winners were as follows: Men, Harry Maynard, Bob Rae, W. L. Clark skip (only three on this team); J. Bunton, Harold Lawrie, Len McMullen, Murray Roberts, skip.

Mixed rinks: Mrs. Ferguson, Bruce Ray, Mrs. N. Third, Doug. (Pat) Hood, skip; Mrs. Herb Smith, Doc Meredith, Mrs. Meredith, C. Blundell, skip.

King City Wrestling Club Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bell arranged a pre-Christmas party for the boys of King City Wrestling Club before the holidays. After a demonstration of wrestling, the parents were invited to the party which was held in the room that formerly housed the King Memorial Library. The coach, Bob McLeod, gave the boys a talk on good behaviour, and asked them to set an example for other boys to follow on the public street. Christmas cake and cookies were served at refreshment time.

Maple Mens Bowling Club

The Maple Mens Bowling League finished the first series on December 18, with Dean Quinton's team No. 4 on top. The turkey roll was also held and the winners were Alex Strachan with a score of 798 and Ernie Hemphill with 562. Lucky chicken winners were Ken Jarrett and Bob Julian.

The Bowling Alley held an open turkey roll from December 22 to 27. The lucky winner again was Alex Strachan with a score of 804.

The Sports Clinic

An Official Department of Sports College Conducted by Lloyd Percival

What It A "Natural Athlete?"

In answering this very popular question the smart thing to do will be to get one thing settled right now and that is — every single person who was born mentally and physically sound is born a "natural" athlete. It's just a matter of that person finding the activity and the special part of that activity for which nature has suited him. The idea that certain people are born to be hockey, basketball or tennis players and so become great athletes is, to put it in popular words — "a lot of guff!"

Any psychologist will tell you that a person can't be born with skills of any type. They must be acquired through practice of the right kind. People are born only with physical powers or talents that can be well adapted to certain activities. For example, a person may be born with the type of body that is an ideal type for swimming and another person may be born with the type of body that is perfect for running the half mile. What causes trouble is that you will so often find a person with a body very suitable for swimming trying to run the half mile and the person with the half-mile type of body trying to be a distance swimmer or a shot putter.

Expect Ice To Be Ready For Sat.

The managers of the Richmond Hill arena have indicated that there might be a possibility of having ice this coming week-end. The recent cold snap has done much to enhance the prospect of ice and an ice maker is busy at work.

Skaters have had an opportunity to skate on the mill pond where there is a good safe layer of ice.

Local hockey teams are either waiting for the ice or are going elsewhere to practise until ice is available in the village. The village Curling Club will commence activities as soon as possible and are anticipating a busy season.

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OAK RIDGES & LAKE WILCOX NEWS

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Mrs. H. B. Brown (Jean Saigeon Kirkpatrick) of Edmonton was a guest on Tuesday of her cousin, Mrs. C. L. Stephenson. Well-known in Edmonton for her work as a musician, she was president last year of the Women's Musical Club. Since leaving Edmonton, she has visited relatives in Detroit, Chicago and Windsor before coming to Toronto.

The following letter has been received by the Oak Ridges Lions Club from Bruce Malcolm, executive secretary of district "A". "We have read with much interest in your last two monthly reports, that the Club has maintained an average of 100% attendance for the last three meetings. The boys are surely to be commended and congratulated upon maintaining such a splendid record, and it is hoped it will be continued for the balance of the term. There can be no doubt whatever in the minds of anyone, but that the Oak Ridges Lions are a bunch of aggressive go-getters and are determined to make their community a better place to live for all citizens, and especially those less fortunate."

Mr. George Rule, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Rule was a patient in Newmarket Hospital, for two days last week.

The following are the results for last week of the Lake Wilcox Community Club Bowling League: Ramblers 19, Wolves 18, Jackpots 17, Rovers 16, High Flyers 8, Spitfires 6. Prize night hidden score, Johnny Neal 514, Mrs. L. Farrey 366. Both received a silver spoon.

Seen at the Ridge Inn on New Years day, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mercer and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephenson and family, and many others from Aurora and district.

George and Robert Gourlay, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Gourlay, celebrated their 10th birthday on January 1. They were the first twins in Toronto born at the Toronto East General Hospital in 1943. They were born on their maternal grandfather's birthday.

Mr. John Bagg of Newfoundland was eighty years old, New Years Day.

Mr. and Pat Demers moved to Toronto January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maguire moved to Jacksons Point January 1st.

Another Richvale Champion Boxer

In October 1951 this paper carried the news that Miss Grant, 60 Yongehurst Rd., had exported a 3-months-old Boxer pup "Herald of Blossomia" to Johannesburg, South Africa. This week we report that Herald is now a Champion at 14 months. He won his title in four straight shows, being undefeated en route, under visiting English and American judges of international repute.

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PUBLIC SKATING 35c, 16 years and over	7.30-10 p.m.
TUESDAY	
PUBLIC & SEPARATE SCHOOLS	1-4.30 p.m.
BANTAM LEAGUE HOCKEY GAMES	6-8 p.m.
JUVENILE HOCKEY (if home game)	8.15-10 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
FIGURE SKATING	3-4.30 p.m.
PUBLIC SKATING adults 35c, children 25c	7.30-10 p.m.
JUVENILE HOCKEY PRACTICE	10.15-11.15 p.m.
THURSDAY	
HIGH SCHOOL	3.45-4.45 p.m.
T. H. L.	7-12 p.m.
FRIDAY	
PUBLIC & SEPARATE SCHOOLS	1-4.30 p.m.
BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE GAMES	6-8 p.m.
MIDGET HOCKEY (if home game)	8.15-10 p.m.
SATURDAY	
FIGURE SKATING	8.15-10.15 a.m.
T. H. L.	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
PUBLIC SKATING adults 35c, children 25c	7.30-10 p.m.
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