

SPORT SPOTS

by Ron Craine

Last Saturday ushered in Minor Hockey Week in Canada. By this coming Saturday the week will have drawn to a close and just how many thousand games will have been played is anyone's guess. From St. John's, Newfoundland, to Nanaimo, B.C. there are over 100,000 boys registered for Minor Hockey.

The slogan for the week is — "Don't send — Take your boy to the Arena." This slogan contains a very wise and much needed message. There are still some parents who have not seen their sons play a game this year but we hope that by this Saturday all parents will have made at least one pilgrimage to the local hockey shrine.

There is no doubt at all that the quality of the hockey to be seen is improving. Kids who could hardly skate two years ago are now very competent hockey craftsmen. All this augurs well for Canada's national game and seems to ensure an ample supply of talent for years and years to come.

The important thing is not whether a boy is a real whiz bang hockey player but that he is given a chance to play with others and learn the real value of team play. In some towns the hockey teams are formed on a school or district basis. If you live in a certain area, you have to play for certain teams and never, or seldom, meet players from the other end of town except during the heat of a hockey game.

This leads to a situation where a town becomes split into groups and factions and sometimes intense rivalry between the children who live in different sections. Under a system such as this it is not uncommon to hear things like "We'll kill those so and so's from the south end or the north end or some other end." Not too happy a state of affairs at all.

In Richmond Hill, teams are composed of players from all parts of town and every boy knows, plays alongside and likes boys from every part of town and from every walk of life. We don't have any "ends" to spark unhealthy rivalries, we just have Richmond Hill and district and the result is a good cohesive town. If you think back to your own childhood, you'll know what I mean.

Just recently the Toronto Marlboros have been on the griddle again for using bar room language during a hockey game. What beats me is the fact that the game was allowed to continue at all without the officials cracking down if the language was as bad as reported.

The officials who run the games in the Richmond Hill Arena would not tolerate such conduct even once and a player would be straightened out in very short order. If you ever hear a word out of place at a local game rest assured that it won't be tolerated once and the offender will have to answer to league officials. Your daughter, wife, or even your grandmother won't be offended at the local arena.

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The public skating sessions on Saturday nights at the arena are usually fairly well patronized and things run smoothly as a rule. However, some of the customers are so young they have to chin themselves to get their money up to the box office window and are not accompanied by some older person who would be responsible for them. They are getting out on the ice to skate with a crowd that is just too big and too fast for their skating abilities and one of these tots is going to get accidentally clobbered some fine evening.

Yes, there are officials on the ice but even so accidents can and do happen. The best protection these wee ones could have is for dad or mom to come with them and failing this, watch TV at home.

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Watch for the announcement of the next big, big hockey night at Richmond Hill Arena. The night will be upcoming in February and the evening will be featured by a visit from Detroit Red Wings' great stars, Gordie Howe and Red Kelly. It is hoped that autographed hockey sticks will be given to all the top scorers in the various leagues and that Messrs. Kelly and Howe will possibly officiate one of the games. This will be a big night at the arena, so whatever else you do — don't miss this great night.

Thornhill & District Hockey League

| Intermediates | P | W | T | L | Pt |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Dynosaurs | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Flyers | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Wings | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Calypto Kings | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Mustangs | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

| Flyers 5, Mustangs 3 | Dynosaurs 7, Calypto Kings 5 |
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| Wings 6, Calypto Kings 1 | Flyers 4, Wings 2 |
| Dynosaurs 5, Mustangs 2 | On Thursday, January 21, the Flyers took an easy win from the Mustangs 5-3. Andy Weina scored the hat trick with three goals and Terry Gain banged in the other two. Denny Connors netted all three for the losers. On Saturday, January 23, the Flyers fantastically good hockey to down the Wings 4-2. Terry Gain fired two goals for the winners. Singles went to Rodney Anderson and Ronnie Simpson. The Wings finally broke through when Blake McMaster bagged a pair in the third period. |

| On Saturday January 23 the Dynosaurs had their hands full with the Calypto Kings but finished up with a 7-5 win. Brian Henderson scored four and Bob Beatty scored three for the winners. Roddy Huggins beat the all star goalie of Dynosaurs David Reid three times and George Neeland twice. |
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| On January 24 the hapless Mustangs bowed to the Dynosaurs 5-2. Beatty got three goals and Henderson 2. Denny Connors and Roddy Leonard scored for |

| P | W | T | L | Pt |
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| 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 16 |
| 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| 11 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 |

| Al Baird in the Surf Marine goal, staged a real goalies' duel with luck finally running out on the luckless Marine team. Fred Henderson scored the lone goal of the game for Birrells on a nice solo effort. |
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| Wimbridge 1, Birrells 0 |
| This was Day Night if you'll forgive the horrible pun) as Dave Day earned a good shut-out in the Wimbridge net to keep his |

Richmond Hill Minor Hockey League

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| 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| 11 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 5 |

| NORTH YORK JUVENILE O.M.H.A. | W | L | T | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|------|
| Richmond Hill Rams | 7 | 1 | 2 | 16 |
| Alliston | 5 | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| Aurora "Jr. D." | 5 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| Nobleton | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Unionville | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Sutton | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Tottenham | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Queensville | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Richmond Hill Rams meet Aurora Jr. D. in Aurora on January 28th for final game of schedule. | | | | |

Hockey Results

January 25
Richmond Hill Juveniles 3.
Aurora 3

The two clubs were very evenly matched in this game as both goalkeepers fought a terrific duel. Harry Goodmakers in the Richmond Hill net made a great many brilliant saves only to see his efforts equally matched by Lowell McGlenzie in the Aurora goal. Bobbie King was the architect who fashioned the first goal of the game for Richmond Hill at 11:50 of the first period. Bob roared in and scored on a very fine solo effort. John Lightfoot scored the second goal of the game, assisted by Brian Atkinson at the 7:30 mark of the second period.

The first Aurora goal was scored by Michael Patrick from Glen Bennett at the 10:00 mark of the second period. Aurora tied the game up at 11:45 of the second period on a solo goal by Charlie Leeming. Ken Taylor scored from Terry Murphy at 12:65 of the second period to give Aurora the lead for the first time in the game. Bobby King tied the game up at the 12:40 mark of the third period on a fine unassisted goal. Coach Wally Stothers and sponsor Wick Mills are very much concerned over the injuries to two of their starry forwards, Gord Pipher and Jimmy Rushlow. Pipher has a leg injury that may bench him for the rest of the season, but it is hoped that Rushlow will be available for play-off action which gets under way very shortly. *

Richmond Hill Bantams 7
Woodbridge 3
Paul Jackson had a very very large night as he scored five goals and picked up an assist on a goal scored by Jackie Dubkowski. The seventh goal was scored by Anthony Crack on a very fine solo effort.

Jackson seems to be coming into the form he displayed last year and is making things very hot for the opposition. The team as a whole seems to be hitting into peak form just before the playoffs start.

Bob Ritchie continues to turn in sparkling performances in goal and seems to lift the entire team to greater efforts. *

Richmond Hill Hornets 1
Newmarket Pee Wees 5

A hard skating, free shooting Newmarket team laid it on the Hornets and made them absorb a sound 5-1 trouncing.

The Newmarket team seemed to be "up" for this game as their passing plays were slick and to perfection. The Newmarket defence was particularly sound and many threatening Hornet attacks fizzled out harmlessly as they were smothered in the corners.

The only goal for the Hornets was scored by Phil Dobbs on a play from John Boakalam and Gary Charty. Billy McVean played well in the Richmond Hill goal and the score could have been higher but for some great saves. Bernie Duguid in the Newmarket goal was particularly alert.

To-morrow night the Bradford team will be visitors at the local arena. The Hornets have beaten the Bradford team in two previous starts this year and seem a good bet to repeat. Remember that this is Minor Hockey Week in Canada and your attendance at the Arena is urged to-morrow night. *

Richmond Hill Putters 4
Newmarket Squirrels 1

The local squirt event sponsored by the Uplands Golf Club avenged the defeat of the previous meeting by dumping the Newmarket team by a four to one score. The disappointing thing was that the crowd in Newmarket was very sparse and the game was something of an anti-climax after the previous meeting in Richmond Hill with a large crowd spurring the kids to greater efforts.

Bruce Hutchison scored the

first goal of the game with the assist going to Midge Hiley. Dave Brodric scored two goals, one of them a solo effort and the other being set up by the ever ready Midge Hiley. Harvey Gordon scored the fourth Hill goal on a very fine solo performance.

Ron Hogarth was a very steady performer in the Richmond Hill goal and seemed to gain confidence with every start. Bruce Goddard an atom-sized bundle of dynamite was all over the ice and made some good plays in a losing cause. *

Newmarket 2
Richmond Hill Bantams 1

The Richmond Hill Bantam team dropped a tight game to Newmarket by a 2-1 score. Both teams played hard clean hockey and the game was in dispute right up to the final whistle.

Coach Jim Pollard gives great credit to net-minder Bob Ritchie as his brilliant play kept the local team in the game. Some of Ritchie's scores bordered on daylight robbery as the Newmarket team seemed to have him completely at their mercy.

The last game of the regular season will be played at Aurora to-night at 7:00 p.m. The Richmond Hill Bantams will then go into the playoffs against the Newmarket team. *

Richmond Hill Juveniles 9
Nobleton 4

Richmond Hill visited the Nobleton Arena and came home wearing a large Nobleton scalp. The team did not come out of the game unscathed as Gordie Pipher suffered torn tendons in his knee in the first period and Coach Wally Stothers is not yet certain just how long Pipher will be out of action.

Wick Mills team has been running into a spell of bad luck lately as Jimmy Rushlow is still on the inactive list with a badly broken nose. Regular goal tender Harry Goodmakers was on the sick list and Red Rowen replaced him in the net. With about 12 minutes left in the third period Bowen got a six stitch cut in his head and had to leave the game. Forward Dave Iverson replaced Bowen and did a good job, allowing Nobleton to score only one goal.

The first period saw some fast action with six goals being scored. Bob King opened the scoring on a pass from Pal Greenfield. Brian Atkinson scored the second goal on a five solo effort and John Lightfoot scored the third goal unassisted.

Lightfoot seems to have come out of the doldrums and is now playing the type of hockey that was expected of him earlier in the season.

The first goal for Nobleton was scored by Bill Tomlinson assisted by Dave Flasker and Neal Cutter. Gordie Pipher scored the fourth Richmond Hill goal with the assist going to Brian Atkinson. Just before the first period ended, Bill Tomlinson scored for Nobleton unassisted.

In the second period Bill Tomlinson scored his third goal of the game on a very fine solo effort. Bob King scored for Richmond Hill on a pass from Brian Atkinson.

The Hill team scored four times in the third period while Nobleton was able to light the lamp only once. Atkinson opened the scoring in the third period assisted by Eddie Gainer. Dave Iverson then scored unassisted followed by Bob King and John Lightfoot, both solo efforts.

At this time Bowen was injured and forced to retire with Dave Iverson taking over as net-minder. Dave did a creditable job and gave up one goal in his twelve minute stint to Neal Cutter of Nobleton.

Wally Stothers has his fingers crossed in the hope that Rushlow and Pipher will both be back in shape for the O.M.H.A. play-downs. Here's hoping that Wally's wishes are granted as this team can be a real threat in the O. M. H. A. series.

Richmond Hill High School Sports News

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On Tuesday, January 19, the Richmond Hill High School basketball team defeated Newmarket 27-16 in a fairly close, hard fought game. High scorer of the game was McLaughlin of Newmarket as he scored 12 points — eight points being on free throws. The junior team of Richmond Hill defeated the Newmarket Juniors by a 31-19 score. The game was very fast and some hard checking sent one Richmond Hill player and three Newmarket players out of the game via the personal foul rule. Roy Finlayson of Richmond Hill was the outstanding player in the game as he checked hard, rebounded well, scoring 11 points along the way.

On Thursday, January 21, the Richmond Hill Juniors sharpened their claws on the Aurora squad, winning 39-26.

Bill Munro was the game's top shooter, racking up a total of 10 points. In the second game of the afternoon, Doug Madill scored 22 points as Richmond Hill Seniors walked off Aurora Seniors 47-22. Too bad Doug wasn't playing for Aurora that is from the Aurora point of view.

On Friday night the Richmond Hill Midgets won their sixth game in a row as Bob Lewis scored 11 points. The final score was Richmond Hill 30 - Aurora 11.

The Richmond Hill Junior team is now in a three-way tie for first place sharing the cozy berth with Newmarket and Thornhill. The Seniors are all alone in second place behind arch rivals - Thornhill.

39 and are out to avenge their defeat. The Seniors are out to defend their laurels as they won the January 9 set-to by a close 51-49 score.

The Richmond Hill wrestling team visited Burlington last Saturday and came home with a nice win, outpointing Nelson Collegiate 29-19.

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Curling Rink Opening



Al Harley, President of the Richmond Hill Curling Club is shown about poised to let go the first stone to officially open the new rink. It turned out to

be a perfect shot. Assisting in the opening ceremonies was Mayor Ken Tomlin in the full regalia of an enthusiastic curler.

Thornhill Sports Notes

On Tuesday, January 19, the three boys' basketball teams from Markham provided the opposition for the Thornhill teams. In the senior game, Thornhill came out on the long end of a 50-26 score. Cliff Nuttall scored 27 points to be the outstanding player of the game.

Thornhill Juniors set Markham down by winning 51-33. Bob Howes ran wild as the big fellow potted 34 points. Thornhill Midgets lost to Markham by a very one-sided score and actual figures were just not available.

On Wednesday night, Runnymede Seniors visited Thornhill to play an exhibition game. The game was very lopsided as Runnymede won going away 81-33. Despite the meagerness of the team effort, Cliff Nuttall scored 22 of the team's 33 lean points.

On Friday, January 22, the Thornhill Midget team dropped a very close game to the Newmarket cage squad. North Toronto Collegiate provided opposition for the Junior and Senior teams in an exhibition tournament. The Juniors bowed to North Toronto by a 44-31 score but the Seniors refurbished some of their tarnished laurels by winning over North Toronto 56-55. Cliff Nuttall again showed the way home with 22 points.

The Thornhill wrestling team is working out under the tutelage of student Eddie Medons, a mite of a lad who tips the scales at 240 pounds. Eddie is doing a good job with the team and they will soon be ready for some serious competition.

Four boys' curling rinks are in action in a house league with Stouffville and Markham. They curl at Unionville once a week and we hope that now the new club is open in Richmond Hill a bonspiel between Thornhill and Richmond Hill can be arranged.

Badminton clubs are now engaged in some fast and furious action as students prepare for the Margesson Invitation Trophy meet. Come on and get in shape for this exciting tourney and see if you can help Thornhill retain the trophy.

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