

SPORT SPOTS

by Ron Craine

The Richmond Hill Hockey Association has done it again. It didn't seem possible that they could produce a smash hit hockey night twice in a row but last Friday night dispelled any and all doubt.

At least 400 people were in attendance at the Arena to watch the kids in action. Four hundred people is very good as crowds go in Richmond Hill and the noise they can generate in the small building is deafening. For 25c spectators got a good look at some stars of hockey of the 1970 era and got a chance to win some good door prizes as well as holler just as loud as they felt like. If that isn't a good two-bits worth, then what is?

Gerry James and Garry Edmundson of the Toronto Maple Leafs made a brief but pleasant visit to the scene of action. Their first duty was the presentation of autographed hockey sticks to the leading scorers in the R.H.M.H.A. and the recipients of the sticks were more than a little thrilled. Dave Brodrick, the leading scorer in the Jr. A series received a stick, as did Mike Engler, top man in the A.H.L. series. Steve Sanderson won a stick by being the leading scorer in the N.H.L. and Duane Patfield was high man in the Minor League.

Two boys who received sticks from James and Edmundson were more than a little surprised. A very nice gesture saw sticks go to Jim Morris, leading scorer for the visiting Brampton Lions Squirts and to Bob Paul, leading scorer of the Unionville Pee Wee team. The expressions on the faces of these kids was absolutely priceless.

At the end of the first period in the Richmond Hill-Unionville game, Gerry James and Garry Edmundson were called to centre ice and two moppets in full hockey regalia presented them with bouquets of roses.

Johnny Gropp and Dennis Acomb, both students of the local hockey school and dressed in Putter uniforms made the presentation and handled the job well. The sight of these two kids, neither one of them higher than a grasshopper's knee, skating out in full equipment was one that won't be forgotten for a long, long time.

Garry Edmundson, while not as well known as some of the other Leaf players, endeared himself to all the children in the place. He seems to love kids and was not too busy or too anything to sign autographs or exchange a few words with the small fry. He gave out enough autographs to paper a good sized room and won himself a host of new admirers. As a public relations man, he does a terrific job for professional hockey. Maybe we will be lucky enough to have him back again sometime.

It is hoped that one more big hockey night can be held before hockey bows out for the year. There is nothing easy about running an event like this and the executive of the R.H.M.H.A. can be justly proud of the great job that has been done. Congratulations fellows on the way you are selling hockey in Richmond Hill.

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It is indeed an ill wind that blows nobody good. The tempest in Detroit that saw Red Kelly end up in a Leaf uniform and Marc Reaume wearing a Wing suit has blown out. Both men seem to have benefitted from the swap.

Reaume never did seem to have the confidence of the Leaf brass and wore his hockey pants out on the bench. If last Saturday night's game is any criterion, Reaume will be getting a regular turn on the Detroit defence and his play would seem to merit the promotion. Kelly, while seeming a little out of place at centre for a while, seemed to spark the Leafs' great scoring drive in the third period. The Kelly, Mahovlich, Ehman line was flying at times and, when they got used to each other, should be a potent line for sure. Seems like everyone concerned is very happy with the new deal.

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Tubby Barrow, vice president of the R.H.M.H.A. has only the highest praise for those whose efforts made last Friday's hockey night so successful. As Tubby says, "No matter how hard the convenors of such a night work, it is the people who sell the tickets who make the night a success. As vice-president of the league, I would like to thank all those who helped in no small measure to make the venture so successful."

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In the last two weeks, two hockey teams operating in the R.H.M.H.A. have had to forfeit games that they had won, due to illegal substitutions from the bench. The kids don't make their own substitution, and it seems rough that they should be the ones to suffer due to a misunderstanding of procedure on the part of an adult. It is possible that some coaches are not as conversant with league rules as they might be and this should be an easy situation to rectify. When you are working with kids of this age, it is nice to win but not by disregarding rules — a little character building is also an essential part of the whole business.

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Tickets for the hockey nights at Richmond Hill Arena are being sold farther and farther afield. The winning ticket on the transistor radio belonged to a Mr. T. M. Hunter of 16 Rosedale Road in Toronto. Some ticket salesman is doing a really good job.

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Maple Leafs Visit Town



There was another big hockey night in Richmond Hill last Friday when Maple Leaf stars Garry Edmundson and Gerry James attended and received an enthusiastic welcome from players and fans. Left to right Garry Edmundson of the Leafs, Johnny Gropp and Dennis Acomb, stars of tomorrow, who presented roses to the honored guests and Gerry James. — Photo by Lagerquist

R. Hill Mercantile Hockey League

1st Game
Craigies 4
Pop's Restaurant 3

In an exciting contest Craigies managed to outscore Pop's four goals to three. Pop's goal keeper, Al Orr played an outstanding game as he stopped numerous close-in drives by Craigie forwards who were in on him time after time. Pop's who did not have as many scoring chances made most of their opportunities. John Drummond, Jeff Jones, Gord Patterson, and Stan Thornington shared the winners goals. Jeff Jones also picked up a pair of assists. Pop's scorers were Hugh Kerr Bill Fleming, and Gord Percy, Jim Neal had two assists.

2nd Game
Allencourt 7
Dobby's 3

Dobby's is the new sponsor for the Stevenson crew of old but it didn't change matters as they were defeated by the league-leading Allencourt team. Allencourt held a commanding lead throughout as Dobby's scored all

their goals in the third period to keep the game from a rout. Allencourt were helped considerably by the fine goal-tending of Don McMillan and outstanding defensive play by Moe Williamson. Matt Kinnari scored twice while Charlie Mashiter, Frank Mashiter, Jim Wells Norm Roberts and Moe Williamson scored the others for the winners.

Ron Dafeo, Tom Byberg and Roy Fox scored for the losers.

League Standings

Team	W	L	T	P
Allencourt	10	2	2	22
Craigies	9	3	2	20
Pop's	5	8	1	11
Dobby's	1	12	1	3

Leading Scorers

Kinnari	Allencourt	37	24	61
Roberts	Allencourt	20	25	45
Wells	Allencourt	12	28	40
Thornington	Craigies	23	15	38
Jones	Craigies	9	17	26
Mashiter	F.Allencourt	15	10	25
Neal	Pop's	12	13	25
Apps	Allencourt	10	11	21
Foster	Allencourt	7	14	21
Drummond	Craigies	9	9	18
Mashiter	C.Allencourt	6	11	17

Hockey Results

Richmond Hill Hornets 3
Unionville 1

Billy McVean made three key saves in this game to thwart the Unionville bid for a win or a tie. On two breakaway plays Billy outguessed the opposing forwards and came up with brilliant stops. The Hornets had the better of the play all the way but some erratic shooting around the Unionville goal was all that kept the score from going higher.

Scott Sheppard opened the scoring on a brilliant solo effort at the 2:45 mark of the first period. Scott got a partial breakaway and made no mistakes in beating the Unionville netminder. Rich Chalkin blasted a hard shot from the left point that Rod Mabley deflected at the 6:00 mark of the first period.

The second period was scoreless as both goalkeepers rose to great heights and made some very fine scores. Phil Dobbos opened the scoring again at 3:45 of the third period on a nice unassisted effort. A minute and fifteen seconds before the game ended, Bob Blough scored for Unionville as McVean finally yielded a goal with the Unionville team applying terrific pressure.

Richmond Hill Hornets 5
Unionville 2

The Hornet line of Scott Sheppard, Roddy Mabley and Jimmy Zubeck has become a very productive goal scoring unit as they scored three goals in this game played at Unionville.

The first goal of the game was scored by John Bookalam assisted by Gary Charity and David Walsh. The Sheppard, Mabley, Zubeck line scored their first goal of the night with Scott Sheppard scoring, assisted by Rod Mabley and Roddy Grupp.

John Bookalam scored his second goal of the night assisted by Phil Dobbos and Norm McLeod. The fourth goal was scored by Scott Sheppard assisted by Mabley and Zubeck and then reversed things for the fifth goal as Jimmy Zubeck scored assisted by Mabley and Sheppard.

Bill McVean, Hornet goalkeeper, seems to have the happy knack of making key saves. Bill is as cool a customer as you can find and refuses to be suckered into making the first move. His steady performance has had a lot to do with the Hornets winning their last five straight games.

The Hornets have four games left in the regular schedule, a home and home series with Aurora and Newmarket. At the present time Newmarket and Richmond Hill are in a tie for first place and the final results could well hinge on the last two games of the regular season.

Brampton Lions 2
Richmond Hill Putters 0

The Brampton team got their revenge for the 2-1 loss the Putters inflicted on them in their first meeting. The little fellows put on a display that had the crowd cheering and on the edge of their seats throughout the game. The improvement in the calibre of play is very noticeable and the young players seem to ooze confidence.

John Imber opened the scoring in the first period as he beat Ron Hogarth, Putter goalkeeper, with a fast shot to the corner. At the 6:30 mark of the second period Ian Douglas scored for the Brampton team on a fast breakaway to give Hogarth no chance on the play.

Ron Gibb and Midge Hiley were very effective on the attack for the Putters and but for some erratic shooting the Putters could have had at least one goal.

Newmarket 9
Richmond Hill Bantams 1

The Richmond Hill Bantams were eliminated from the O. M. H. A. playdowns in no uncertain matter by the Newmarket team. The team was in some difficulty before the game got underway as only ten players were on hand for the trip to Newmarket. Mike Howard did double duty on the defence and skated himself into the ice in a vain attempt to stem the Newmarket tide. Ricky Bradshaw scored the lone Richmond Hill goal.

The Bantams will now go into the North York League playoffs and it is to be hoped that Anthony Crack will soon be better and able to get back into action. Despite the lop sided score the Bantams played well in this game against Newmarket and we wish them luck in the North York league playoffs.

R.H.S. GIRLS ATHLETIC NEWS

The senior and junior girls' basketball teams have done extremely well this season. So far both girls' teams have won the games played with Aurora, Thornhill and Markham. The teams have lost only one game, to Newmarket.

At the exhibition game with Markham played on Tuesday, February 9, a winning game was played.

The senior team scored a victory with 41 points to Markham's 19. High scorer was Deane Winston with 17 points.

The juniors were also victorious scoring 37 points over the 11 points scored by Markham.

— Nancy Passmore, G.A.A. Publicity Editor

Curling News

The Valentine Bonselpiel, restricted to Club members only was a huge success, so much so in fact, that the members are already clamouring for a repeat performance. One hundred and eighty members took part in the gala event that got under way Friday night and wound up late on Saturday.

The event was run in teams, consisting of 3 rinks to a team. The winning team was composed of rinks skipped by Mr. McDonald, Roy Chandler and Dave Brownlee. The men received electric knife and scissor sharpening sets while the ladies were presented with sets of Corning cook ware.

Second place went to rinks skipped by Harry Webb, Art Gibson and Austin See. The men received ice buckets and the ladies prizes were coffee percolators. Third place went to skips Don Little, Bob Austin and Earl Scott with the mens prize being carving sets while the ladies received hors d'oeuvres trays.

Consolation awards went to skips Doc. Cowan, Leon Lambert and Barry Brent. The men received travelling clocks while their fair partners received a rack of kitchen utensils.

From now until the end of the month there is a full card of activity at the Club. There will be an open mixed 'spiel on Saturday, February 20th and a Filly Bonselpiel on Tuesday, February 23rd. A Filly Bonselpiel is restricted to ladies with seven years and less curling experience.

A cup and saucer Bonselpiel, open to Club members only gets under way on February 24th and a crowded schedule for the month of February to highlight an already extremely successful first year.

Richmond Hill Minor Hockey

JR. A.

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Biltmores	16	15	0	1	31
Tiger Cubs	16	11	3	2	24
Petes	16	5	7	4	14
Marlboros	16	3	9	4	10
Teepees	16	4	10	2	10
St. Mikes	16	3	12	1	7

A.H.L.

St. Mikes	16	10	3	3	23
Bears	16	9	5	2	20
Barons	16	10	6	0	20
Canadiens	16	5	7	4	14
Reds	16	5	10	1	11
Bisons	16	3	11	2	8

N.H.L.

Americans	16	11	4	1	23
Bruins	15	9	2	4	20
Leafs	15	8	4	3	19
Wings	15	9	6	0	18
Canadiens	15	6	5	4	16
Rangers	15	4	8	3	11
Hawks	16	3	8	5	11
Maroons	15	1	14	0	2

MINOR LEAGUE

Wimbridge	14	9	1	4	22
Birrells	14	8	4	2	18
Leafs	14	7	5	2	16
Bayview Plaza	14	6	6	2	14
ABC Bowling	14	4	9	1	9
Surf Marine	14	1	10	3	5

PLAYING IN COLLINGWOOD

Wick Mills' juvenile hockey team goes to Collingwood this Thursday night to play against the Collingwood team in a two-game, goals to count series. Game time at Collingwood is 8:30 p.m. with the second game going on Monday, February 22, at Richmond Hill with game time being 8:30 p.m. The winner of this series will advance to play against the winner of the Bowmanville-Trenton series, now underway. If you want to see good, fast hockey action, head for the arena next Monday night and you will see all the action and excitement there is as these two teams fight for every goal.

Minor Hockey

JR. A
Paris Electric Tiger Cubs 3
Consumers Gas Marlboros 0
Ken Chapman scored two goals to lead the Cubs to victory. Jimmy Wilson scored the third goal with an assist going to Joe Harwood. Craig Smith and Michael Weeks were skating hard in the Cub cause. Gary Lewin played well in the losing Marlie cause.

Mills & Hadwin Biltmores 5
Don Thurston Teepees 1
Dave Gill scored two goals as the Biltmores poured it on the Teepees. Dave Brodrick, Roy Sullivan and Harvey Gordon each scored singletons for Biltmores while Wayne Harrington picked up an assist. The hard working Midge Hiley was the Tee Pee marksman.

Victoria Orange Lodge Flyers 2
Rumbles Transport Petes 2
Ron Clark and Bob Hutchinson scored for the Flyers as these two evenly matched teams played a very tight, crowd pleasing game. The Methe brothers took care of the Petes for the Flyers. The hard working Midge Hiley was the Tee Pee marksman.

A.H.L.
Superior Sand & Gravel Canadiens 1
Quality Utilities Reds 0
This was a very close game with both sides being in the game all the way. The winning goal was the lone goal of the game to give Canadiens the win. Bob Jones was outstanding for the losing Reds.

Young's Ser. Stn. St. Mike's 4
Decantis & Rice Bisons 1
Rick Ringer was the principal lamplighter as this young man scored two goals in the St. Mike's victory. Mike Engler and Howard Cazaly scored goals with Graham Jardine picking up an assist. Danny Shadoff was the Bison goal getter with Jim Loftus assisting on the play.

Loren Gordon Barons 1
Al's Cycle & Sport Bears 0
A single goal scored by Bob Ogilvie assisted by Bob Johnson and Dave Southwell was all that separated the two teams. Goals by Dave Smith of the Barons earned a well deserved shut-out. Allan McKenzie was the best player on the ice for the Bears.

N.H.L.
Griffin Construction Maroons 3
Rotary Club Rangers 2
Maroons finally broke the jinx in this game as they won their first game of the season. George Sheppard scored twice as Brian Hinson scored the third goal assisted by Ted Thornhill. Rangers goals were scored by Bruce Sim and Robby Townsend assisted by Dave Pollock.

Holiday Fuel Leafs 2
Dynes Jewellers Black Hawks 2
Bernie Jenkins scored both Hawk goals with assists going to Bill Stone and Ken Wyman. Leaf

DONCASTER

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The well baby clinic for this month, will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at the Thornhill United Church.

Friends and neighbours of Debbie Fox are happy to learn that she is home from the hospital where she went on Tuesday, February 9 to have her tonsils removed.

Birthday greetings go out to David Kindness, of Henderson Ave., who celebrated his 5th birthday on Friday, February 12.

While her brother was celebrating his birthday, Denise Kindness, of Henderson Ave., entered hospital for an operation on Friday, February 12. Her friends and neighbors are happy to learn that she is back home now.

The Doncaster Community Ladies Club reports that the highest euchre score of the marathon they are sponsoring along with the First Thornhill Girl Guide Mothers, that was turned in to date was 95, by Mrs. Cade and Mrs. Riseborough.

Mrs. Martin, of Sprucewood Dr., and son, have returned home from the hospital.

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Thornhill Sports Notes

Thornhill's big Senior basketball team continues to ride rough-shod over all opposition as they are making a very determined bid for a basketball championship. On Wednesday, February 10th they trounced Pickering College by a 68-31 score.

The big feature of the Pickering College game was the fact that Cliff Nuttall hooped 31 points, as many points as the Pickering College team were able to score. Other scorers for Thornhill in this game were Ted Nagel and Bill Stratton with 10 points each while Bill McGhee scored 9.

The Junior team had an easy time of it as they disposed of Pickering College handily, winning by a 53-16 count. Bob Howes went on a spree in this game as he scored a total of 34 points.

On Friday, February 12th, Aurora visited Thornhill for a junior and senior game. The Junior game was a real contest with Thornhill coming out on the long end of a 38-34 score. Bob Howes sank 22 points for the winning Thornhill team.

The senior game was strictly a no-contest affair as Thornhill seniors came walked to a 79-24 win. Nuttall again lead the scoring parade as big Cliff sunk 35 points. Bob Howes made an appearance in the Senior line up in the second quarter and scored 11 points in his brief appearance. With Howes and Nuttall on the court at the same time the opposition is in a quandary as to just how to defend. No matter which boy you defence, it leaves the other clear to run up a high score. Bob Howes will be appearing regularly in the senior play-off games.

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