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*** SPORT SPOTS ***

by Ron Craine

Canada's national game, lacrosse, is due (or overdue depending on how you see it) for revival in Richmond Hill this year. Ray "Ozark" Fox is the guiding genius who started the lacrosse revival and he never in his wildest dreams imagined the player response that would be forthcoming.

Roy's home telephone has been ringing steadily and he is up to his ears in would-be lacrosse players. At one time he thought that his biggest problem would be finding enough players to field a team, now his problem will be to separate the wheat from the chaff and come up with the strongest team possible.

The response from the Richmond Hill area has been slightly terrific. Teenagers who concede that they have no chance of playing Intermediate "B" lacrosse, have pleaded with Ray for a chance to play between periods so that they will eventually develop into first class lacrosse players. It looked for a while as if lacrosse was really dead although an official burial service had never been held, but player response has proved otherwise.

The Intermediate "B" league in which the Richmond Hill team will operate will consist of teams from Huntsville, Brooklin, Streetsville, Bradford, Fergus, Dundas and Woodbridge. It should be a very active league where good lacrosse will be the rule. Woodbridge and Brooklin in particular have been very prominent in O.L.A. circles in recent years.

Money is the one stumbling block to Ray's plans at the moment. An outlay of a little over \$200 will give some sponsor his own lacrosse team and one of the nice things about the league is that all games in Huntsville are to be broadcast all over the northern part of the province and a sponsor will get some very valuable radio coverage as well as having the satisfaction of having helped in a large way to bring lacrosse back to this area.

If you are an interested sponsor or player please contact Ray Fox at BA. 1-4411 for more information. If you are interested in seeing good lacrosse playing in Richmond Hill support the games, when and if they get underway. Let's hope that Ray's ambitious plans all come to pass and that lacrosse goes over in a big way in our area.

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Just a small reminder that we need your help and co-operation if YOUR favourite sport is to receive its fair share of publicity. One solitary human being just cannot begin to cover all activities going on in and around Richmond Hill these days. What makes it even more difficult is the fact that this is not done on a full-time basis but on evenings and week-ends — in other words, there just isn't time. A phone call plus a few details to TU. 4-4057 will ensure YOUR activity gets its fair share of recognition and that you are not neglected or overlooked. We apologize if anyone has the feeling that they have been deliberately overlooked but a phone call will do wonders to clear the matter up to (we hope) everyone's satisfaction.

Mrs. Gibson, proprietress of the Gibson Girl dress store in the Allencourt Plaza, wants to hear from all young ladies between the ages of 15 and 60 who are interested in competing for the title of "Miss Sports Queen" of Richmond Hill. Mrs. Gibson will be taking entries for this contest until Friday, May 13, at her store in the Allencourt Plaza.

If you aspire to be the "Sports Queen" won't you please get your entry in to Mrs. Gibson as soon as possible? This year the "Sports Queen" and her court will reign over the annual Sports Day Parade and of course there are prizes to be won. Don't leave it until the last minute to enter the contest and take the chance of being disappointed. The success of this venture depends upon YOUR entry into the competition.

The contest will be well supervised and chaperoned and the young ladies will be under guard at all times. The contest itself will be conducted with all the rules of good taste and conduct that you would want to apply to an event of this kind. Let's see those entries pour in to Mrs. Gibson as soon as possible.

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The baseball seminar, sponsored jointly by the Recreation Committee and the Richmond Hill Ball Association had the first session at McConaghy School on Tuesday, April 5. The group present represented both coaches and umpires and some 34 people turned out for the evening of instruction.

Coaches were under the instruction of Mr. Jim Maxwell of the Scarborough Recreation Commission and he proceeded to fill in a brief history of the development of the game and then more specifically on to coaches' responsibilities and duties.

The dynamic Maxie Scheff instructed the umpire school and if a better instructor could be found anywhere we'd be inclined to doubt it. A wee book in his capable hands is not a collection of boring rules and facts but a very live and interesting publication. His blackboard presentation of obscure and baffling rules soon cleared up doubts and misunderstandings that some of us have harboured for years.

The Richmond Hill Ball Association would like to go on record as thanking the Recreation Committee for their co-operation in making these seminars a reality. It is generally conceded that the quality of coaching and umpiring in this area will reach new heights this year and that we now have the start of a very sound and vigorous organization.

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Don't forget that hockey comes to a spectacular finale in Richmond Hill Arena tomorrow night. All trophies will be presented to winning teams as well as awards to individual players. Final championship games will be played in the Little N.H.L. and Minor League series as well as exhibitions of mite and peewee hockey.

Hockey will be leaving us for another year and this final night will give us our last chance to see the younger set in action. Plan to attend and enjoy seeing all the thrills and pathos that championship games always bring. You'll never forget it nor regret it.

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Start Football Training Soon

Manager Bill Points and Coach Del Madely of Richmond Hill's good intermediate football team would like to remind all players and interested parties that a three week spring training session will start during the second week in May. Intermediate players must be over 17 years of age and 160 lbs. and under. The most urgent need is for a quarterback who can really take over the team and make it roll. Any players from the Richmond Hill district will be welcomed to the training sessions.

Mr. Points and Mr. Madely have some plans already formulated for next fall. It is planned to move Red Dunn to an end position to complement Denny Lynch playing at the other end position. This should give the team a potent passing attack as both Dunn and Lynch are speed boys and both have a good pair of hands. They also plan to move Ian Macintosh from quarter to a running half spot to take full advantage of his speed and deception as well as his ability to throw passes on the dead run.

The league is being bolstered this year with an entry being

received from Rexdale to make the league a well balanced organization. The midget team will not be operating this year.

It is planned to start flag football for boys 12 years of age and under 115 lbs. in Richmond Hill this year. There are 8 men to a team and each man has a handkerchief tucked into the back of his belt that must be pulled out to represent a tackle. It makes for a more interesting game than touch football. There are to be no line plunge plays but the game will be featured by end sweeps and passes.

Sneakers are the only equipment required and games are to be of half an hour duration on Saturday mornings. Players and coaches as well as referees will be needed to make this a successful operation. Football of this type can teach the rudiments of the game with the chance of injury being precluded. If you are interested in any phase of the venture please contact Bill Points at TU. 4-1944.

Frank Walsh Pres. Local Tennis Club

The members of the community of Richmond Hill who are interested in the formation of a tennis club in the area met with members of the Recreation and Parks Committees last Wednesday night to discuss tentative arrangements for the club. Mrs. C. Thomson, chairman of the Recreation Committee was present as were Mrs. Jean Thomson recreation director and councillor John Bradstock, park commissioner for Richmond Hill.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs. C. Thomson and the thirty five people present went rapidly about the business at hand. Mr. Frank Walsh was elected president of the new club while the secretary is Mr. Kai Holbek, Mr. Bernie Crane was on hand to pledge the support of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to the tennis club and wound up the evening by being elected reasurer of the club. Mr. Dennis Lamb was appointed publicity director while Mrs. Sue Fraser is to be in charge of research. Miss Judith Uren was appointed to head the junior members committee.

Curling Club News

The curling season in Richmond Hill will officially bow out over the weekend of April 23-24. The first season of operation has proven to be more successful than the most optimistic member would have predicted six months ago.

On Saturday, April 23rd, curling will start at 4:00 p.m. and finish at 10:00 p.m. with four six-end games. Following the conclusion of curling there will be novelty games and ice skating followed by dancing in the sumptuous lounge. This closing ceremony is open to members only and there will be no charge for the fine entertainment provided.

Junior members will have their closing ceremonies on Sunday, April 24th commencing at 1:00 p.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. Figure skating events will be held, prizes given and then come

the refreshments to signal the end of the season's fun.

The curling club executive has been approached by several people regarding leaving the ice in during the summer for the use of figure skaters. This would mean the addition of equipment to the present freezing plant plus the keeping on of extra help at the club. The executive feel that this is not an economically sound proposition at this time and the ice will be removed.

The lounge will be available to members and their friends during the summer months and it is expected that facilities will be available for wedding receptions etc. The setting is such that it would lend itself to an unforgettable reception and this facility will no doubt prove to be a very popular one.

Track Club Is To Carry On

The track and field club will operate as usual this year under a new name. It will now be known as the Richmond Hill High School Track Club. Mr. Bill Babcock will be continuing with the club in a coaching capacity.

The Recreation Committee of Richmond Hill felt that sufficient funds were not available to enable them to authorize a grant this year. It seemed as if the track was in danger of disbanding but the club is still a very live organization. Representatives of the club will be carrying on until the close of the school term in June and will be able to send contestants to all the important track meets. The midget, Junior and Juvenile track stars will be competing in the All-Ontario track and field championships at Windsor on the third and fourth of June.

Representatives of the club will also take part in the Canadian Championships at St. Lambert, Quebec on July 1st and 2nd.

The club has no sponsorship at the present time and club members are hard at work thinking up ways and means to raise funds to finance the necessary trips. The kids are sharp enough and determined enough to really make good. May they be a success and represent Richmond Hill High School at these important athletic events.

Minor Hockey

On Saturday, April 9, it was hoped to conclude the 59-60 programme but fate would not cooperate however the "junior" division was finished off. At 10 a.m. the Wings and Mustangs met to decide this year's champions, but, at the end of the set time, the two teams were tied up with two apiece. A 10 minute sudden death period was added without results and no more time could be spared so the game will be played over again at a later date.

Mr. Herbert Carnegie, recreational director of the Township of North York and former star with the Quebec Aces, faced-off the game and was to present the plaque to the winning team.

Billy Harris, of the Mustangs, suffered a concussion when he ran into teammate Roddy Leonard, in a pre game warm-up. Dennis Loughheed, of the Wings after getting off to a shaky start settled down to hold back the powerful Mustangs, who certainly had the edge in the play. Roddy Leonard scored both Mustang goals and George Lefler and Andrew Goodchild got the Wing's goals.

In the Junior Finals, the Jets upset the favoured Rangers and successfully defended their championship. John Flanagan scored first to put the Jets out in front. Eddie Palmer tied it up for the Rangers and this is how the game ended. After a few minutes of overtime John Flanagan scored to end the game and give the Jets the Plaque for another year. Don Heer, is the Jet coach. Bill Menzies coached the team last year.

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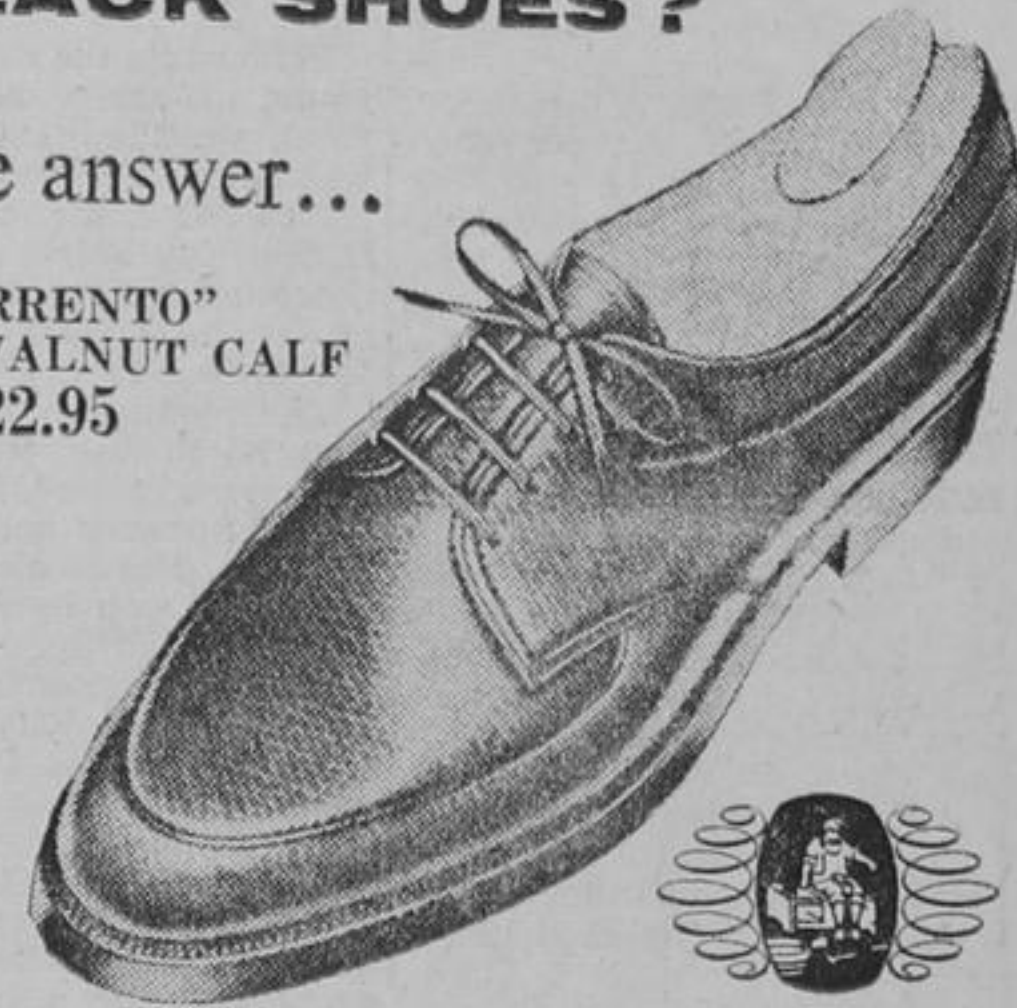
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