



SPORT SPOTS

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Thornhill Hockey Winners



The "Mustangs", winners of the Thornhill & District Hockey House League for 1959-60, are shown above receiving congratulations from the well-known local hockey star, Richie Charles. The members of the "Mustangs" who ranged in age from 10½ to 14½ years put on a terrific drive after the halfway mark in the schedule to win every game in the remaining half except one.

Back row (left to right) — Coach Norm Davidson, Billy Harris, Rickie Weaving, Roddy Leonard, Terry Morse and Captain Denny Connors being congratulated by Richie Charles.

Front row (left to right) — Bruce Shilton, John Davidson, Billy Marshall and Gary George.

— Photo by Barbour

People have been heard to wonder out loud in the past about just how useful the Town Park is in the community of Richmond Hill. This piece of ground is one of the busiest areas in what is becoming a very busy town. Last Thursday night was a fair example.

On the main softball diamond, Dynes Jewellers were holding a softball practice. The eastern end of the park was full of would-be Richmond Hill Indians as the intermediate football team held a spring training session. A few steps from the softball diamond, the budding Richmond Hill lacrosse team was holding its initial practice session in the arena. Besides all this sporting activity there were still a hardball diamond and another softball diamond that will soon be in full use. Like we said before the park is definitely one of the busiest areas in our town.

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The Richmond Hill Combines were the last lacrosse team to operate in Richmond Hill and the team played its last game in 1948. That means a twelve year gap in the continuity of the game that Richmond Hill was once famous for. A twelve year gap because this year the Richmond Hill Zeros will go to the lacrosse wars as they campaign as an intermediate "B" O.L.A. team.

Teams representing Richmond Hill in former years have gone a long, long way in O.L.A. competition. In the hungry thirties a team from Richmond Hill packed people into a game at Rochester, New York, as they won a championship game from a U.S. team.

The 1948 Combines had the Burton line as their real scoring threat, with Ray, Cleve and Harry Burton along with Hughie Kerr, who proceeded to mow down the opposition. Other members of the team were Dick Taylor, Stan Foster, Roy Thompson with Pete Rumble wielding the big goalkeeper's stick.

One of the best known lacrosse players in Richmond Hill was our present Fire Chief, Alf Stong. Al White's brother, Rusty White, who now makes his home in Ferguson, was another big lacrosse name. Gord and Al Orr, Bert Cook, Scotty Johnston, Bill Buchanan, Jeff Elliott and Gord Smith were all names to conjure with in the lacrosse world.

Before this summer is over, there will be some new lacrosse stars crowned and unknown names today will become increasingly familiar. One thing is certain and that is that a great many Ontario towns will be aware that Richmond Hill has returned to the lacrosse fold and that the team means business.

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A new printing schedule is now in effect for "The Liberal" and will effect some changes in deadline times for sports news. Monday morning will now be wrap-up day for sports news, and anything occurring after this time will have to be carried over until the following Thursday. If we can arrange to get your copy earlier, it will certainly be a big help and we'll do our best to see that your endeavours get their just share of the limelight. Thank you for your co-operation in the past and we hope that this new schedule (which, by the way is unavoidable) won't inconvenience anyone too much.

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A minor softball coaches' meeting was called for Monday, May 2nd, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Hall. The attendance was terrible. Out of some 26 coaches, all of five turned out to the meeting. Bouquets to the five who came to the meeting, and the flat of our blade for the rest. The coach is the man (or woman) around whom the kids now and plan to see that your team is ready for competition. Remember this, THE KIDS ALL NEED YOU!

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Mr. Ray Gemmill, deputy-governor of the Kinsmen and a director of the R.H.B.A., drew a ticket for the winner of a new softball glove to be collected at Al's Cycle and Sports. The tickets were minor baseball registrations received on April 23rd and April 30th and the lucky winner was Patrick Berrand of 217 Altamira Road. Congratulations Pat and don't forget to claim your glove at Al White's store.

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We need a public swimming pool in Richmond Hill. That a town of this size should not have a place where our children can learn to swim and learn the rules of water safety is nothing short of being incredible.

Sure a pool will cost a little money, nobody is denying that, but let's take a look at what we would gain for the investment. Through our school system a series of swimming classes could be set up which would open up a whole new field of physical education in Richmond Hill. If all school children were able to make use of the pool under supervised conditions we would have a generation (and succeeding generations) of children who would really know and understand the basic rules of water safety.

If one life was saved because of a program of this type, the entire cost of the pool would be paid many times over. Financing a pool need not present too much of an insurmountable problem.

The new Curling Club was built on a debenture system with the banks co-operating to finance a debenture over a three year period. Debentures for a pool would be of much smaller denominations than those of the Curling Club and the immediate cash outlay per debenture holder would be correspondingly small. If only 300 of our population of 15,000 backed a venture of this type, the total outlay probably would not exceed \$150.00 per person over a three year period. And these debentures would be interest-bearing and redeemable.

There is a type of outdoor pool that can be used very early in the spring of the year and can also be used into late November. This type of pool has a high windbreak fence surrounding it and the water is slightly heated. This makes the pool available for use from March until November and is the principle used in swimming pools in such places as the famous winter resort, Sun Valley.

Land need not be a problem and we have some publicly owned land in Richmond Hill that could be ideal for pool use. One very suitable tract lies very close to Richmond Hill High School and would tie in very nicely with our secondary school physical education program.

Taking an optimistic view it need not be too much of a chore for a pool (public) to be built in our town. As swimming pools are a very popular item indeed it would not be very long before the pool was self-sustaining and the debentures paid off. Financing in this way is not a new idea as the ice plant in Richmond Hill Arena was put in using the debenture system. Let's hope that we can do it again and that we soon have our pool.

Dynes Jewellers Have Good Turn-Out

Dynes' Jewellers softball team is having a great many softball hopefuls out for their pre-season practice sessions. Most of last year's team are back for another softball campaign and several newcomers are also working hard to catch a spot on the team.

The infield positions are going to be up for grabs. In addition to most of last year's line-up there are several new infielders who show great promise and could cause coach Stan Ransom to revamp his line-up.

Gord Majors is a big boy who looks awfully good at any infield position and seems to wield a heavy bat. Bob Pettie is a boy who formerly played in the Blantyre League and besides covering a lot of ground in the infield has a very powerful throwing arm. Al Fairthorne, who last year toiled at third base for Lansing Sunoco, seems to be capable of doing an outstanding job at the hot corner for the Jewellers this year.

Lorne McLean, who was reported on the limp with cartilage trouble in one knee, was out in centre field the other night and was covering ground like a gazelle. George Ward was on the mound and, according to catcher Sil Steffan, has never thrown better this early in the season.

Moe Williamson has not yet shown at a practice as he and his recent bride, the former Mary Sanderson, are still on their honeymoon trip.

It is a little early in the year to go out on a limb with predictions, but this could be the Jewellers biggest season yet. Eric Hillaby has been out to every practice and the big "Buns" seems to be welding as potent a bat as he ever did.

With Vern Dynes about to open up in a new location, it would be a fitting gift if his team were to bring home a championship. This year the Dynes fans should have plenty to yell about as the schedule should produce some really great softball.

Richmond Hill Vee's Midget Ball Club Is Shaping Up

The latest report from Richmond Hill's Midget Softball training camp has word that the team is rapidly shaping up into a strong contender for Ontario championship honors.

During the past week the "A" squad took two of three games from the "B" squad by scores of 6-5 and 2-1, while the "B" squad took a 1-0 decision from the "A's".

The pitching appears to be the strong point this year with four top line pitchers ready for the coming season. Dave Grant (11-0 last year), Larry Guio (a newcomer from De LaSalle), Roy Finlayson (from Toronto of the Town's I.L.) and Dave Deighton (with last year's club and Buffalo of the Town's I.L.).

The infield consists of Bob Owen and Don Lawrie competing for first base (both strong hitters), Steve Plummer back at second base, shortstop and third base still open.

In the outfield, Ken Avery has added much strength with his long ball hitting and strong right arm. Eric Prosser, a holdover from last year has still got his speed for the center pasture and Phil Hammond looks like he will catch a place in the other field.

Although the team lost two top catchers, Fred Kyle should more than make up for it with his booming bat and hustle behind the plate.

Coach Bob Deighton figures on carrying 18 players until the playoffs and this he figures will give the team added depth on the bench.

With opening day less than two weeks away it looks as though Roy Finlayson will get the nod to hurl the first game.

During the practices the club has yet to show any power at the plate but Bob Deighton figures this is due to the fast start of the pitching staff.

However this club looks as though it will win its share of games on smooth fielding and clutch pitching.

The team is arranging for an exhibition game with the North York Lions Midget ball club within the next week.

A final word has it that the team would appreciate any contributions as at this moment it is a self-supporting club with the collapse of two sponsors from Richmond Hill.

Anybody interested in doing the kids a big favour is asked to contact either Bill Oakley or Bob Deighton at the Richmond Hill Police Department, TU. 4-4433.

Over 300 Ball Registrations

Saturday, May 7, saw the end of R.H.B.A. registrations at the Richmond Hill Arena. Some 40 to 50 children completed their registrations on this final day to bring the total number registered to just over 300.

It was surprising that so many boys want to play hard-ball this year. Most boys registering from the two separate schools, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady Help of Christians, expressed a desire to play the long-base game. Ray Gemmill and his fellow members of the Kinsmen Club will have lots of talent to choose from this year.

Schedules are being drafted and should be available this week. It is anticipated that some 20 teams will be formed and soon be in action in all the ball parks available.

Richmond Hill High School News

Richmond Hill High School and Thornhill High School met head on in a dual track meet last Thursday. Thornhill High won the meet handily as they swept all the track events. Cliff Nuttall of Thornhill achieved an ambition of long standing as he finally defeated Richmond Hill's Doug Macdell in the senior 120 yard high hurdles.

The Richmond Hill Track Team placed second to Thornhill in the Georgian Bay meet at Camp Borden as the Hill team scored 70 points. Last year Richmond Hill won the meet with an aggregate point total of 72. This year Thornhill racked up 115 points which would give some idea of their track superiority.

Evel Addison won the junior javelin at Camp Borden with a toss of 111 feet 6 inches, to miss tying the record by a scant two inches. Ron Dalley won the intermediate discus and got a second place in the intermediate javelin. Ron Brice won the senior two mile run handily as he lapped six of his opponents and also placed second in the senior mile.

Sometime in the near future, the students of Richmond Hill High School will be calling on you to sell ball point pens for the World Refugee Year program. The cause is a good one so lend an ear to the student sales pitch. Besides, the pens are good value for the money.

Thornhill High School Sport News

The Thornhill Track and Field Team has proved in the first 3 meets of the year that they are undoubtedly the cream of the district. On Wednesday, May 4, the Thornhill Team outpointed Pickering College 305-239. The Thornhill team swept all the track events, while Pickering proved to be much superior in the field events. On Thursday, Thornhill and Richmond Hill met in a dual meet and Thornhill again swept all track events to win the meet 105½ to 52½. Next Saturday, the team will be going to the Quaker Relays at Pickering College.

On Saturday, May 7, the track team went to the Georgian Bay Championships at Camp Borden and swept all before them as they scored 15 first places and posted a final total of 115 points. Bob Howes, who was counted on heavily in the intermediate field events, is laid up with scarlet fever and was unable to take part in the meet.

Despite the cold, wet day the Thornhill Track Squad swept to victory in all relay divisions. The team won the junior 440 yard relay, the intermediate 880, and the senior 440. Bob Patterson ran a terrific anchor leg in the senior relay as he started with a 15 yard deficit and won going away.

Cliff Nuttall placed second in the senior high jump and took first place in the senior 120 yard high hurdles and broad jump. Bob Patterson won the senior 100 and 220 yard sprints.

Roy Smith won the intermediate 120 yard high hurdles and intermediate 220 yard sprint. Eddie Jay won the 880 and intermediate mile. Warren Jackson was an outstanding junior performer as he won the 880 and the junior as he. Another good junior performance was turned in by Glen Hooper as he won the 220 yard sprint and placed second in the high hurdles event. John Rumble vaulted to victory in the junior pole vault.

There is not a doubt in the world that Thornhill High School has the outstanding track team in this area. The field events are not their strong points, but on the track they are moving down all opposition. This year the school has won championships in football, basketball and track and is now pointing toward a victory in the Eckhardt Trophy Meet. Come on girls and let's win the trophy for Thornhill.

NEWMARKET — James R. Christie, age 17 and Peter Monahan, 18, were fined \$25 and costs as first offenders, after stealing the hub caps off a Timothy St. resident's car.

Province Wide Programme

Richmond Hill Centre For Physical Fitness Survey

The Physical Fitness Study Committee of the Ontario Department of Health chose Richmond Hill as the pilot survey town for a physical fitness survey to serve as a model for all Ontario. The survey was conducted on two levels with Mr. Bill Babcock, local high school teacher, serving as chairman of both survey groups.

The first survey was conducted by a group of students from the high school and they interviewed a great many people in the process of gathering data. The second level of the survey was conducted in the high school library recently when a group of public-minded citizens met for four hours to answer survey questions.

Survey questions were in booklet form and the panel of citizens were called up to decide just what parts of the survey were applicable to our present situation. The survey went into the relationship between school activities and adult programs and just how much use is being made of our school buildings and properties for the betterment of the community. The idea was to rate just how well our town facilities were meeting the needs of our community and to make specific recommendations for improvement.

Throughout the evening it became very apparent that the big need is for a co-ordinating body to tie all loose ends together and to prevent overlaps in certain fields of endeavour. In one area the town fell far short of approaching the ideal norm as we just do not have a public swimming pool of any size or shape.

Just what results the survey will have, or just what effect, if any, the specific recommendations made by the panel in our town remains to be seen. It is most apparent that both governments, provincial and federal, are

most concerned with the physical fitness programs now in effect. Whether or not an increased schedule of grants for recreational purposes is to be made remains to be seen. We can only hope that like a lot of other government reports this one is not buried in some obscure record bureau.

There were representatives from almost all phases of Richmond Hill activity on the panel. The chairman, representing the Richmond Hill secondary school teachers was Mr. Bill Babcock. Professor John Passmore was representing the Ontario College of Education Physical Education Department. Also representing the educators was Mr. Grant Nighswander, while Mrs. Buckley was the public Health Nursing representative.

Other panelists present were Mr. Sil Steffan, president of the R.H.B.A., Sgt. Joe Rainey of the Richmond Hill Police; Dr. John Wynne, Councillor Howard Whillans, Mrs. Revs. Acton, Mrs. Irene Worrell, Mrs. Ruth Castle, Trustee Bob Ross and Mr. Paul Binkley.

Lacrosse Team

Fred Wise and his Town and Country Frozen Food Company will be sponsoring the intermediate O.L.A. lacrosse team. Appropriately enough the team will be known as the Zeros and team colours will be red, white and blue. The back of the sweater will carry the name Richmond Hill and also a number. The front of the sweater will bear the Town and Country legend and the name Zeros.

Roy "Ozark" Fox had a fair number of players out at the Thursday night workout at the Richmond Hill Arena, but more players are still needed. If you would like more information about the team or about the league, please contact Roy Fox at BA. 1-4411.

Making Plans For New Local Arena

One thing that you will be hearing more and more about in the near future is a shiny new arena for Richmond Hill. Not an addition or a refurbishing of the old arena, but a brand new enterprise.

John Gropp and a group of interested people are making a survey of all the rinks that have been built in Ontario over the past 15 years. They are checking on costs, construction methods, seating capacities, size of ice surfaces, size of freezing plant and a thousand and one other details.

They are also enquiring as to methods of financing, and why it was decided to build and finance in the particular way chosen. It is hoped to obtain from these exhaustive studies a most complete and exact picture of the size and price of arena that would best suit our area.

A lot of people are going to look sideways and say that the program is overly ambitious but it ain't necessarily so. Right now ice time in arenas in the Metro area is at a premium. One old arena, Ravina Gardens, is to be done away with this summer and that will increase the demand for time. If you cared to stay open long enough you could rent ice time virtually every hour of the day and this is no exaggeration. Not too long ago yours truly was playing in a league that got ice time after 1 a.m. — that's really early in the morning.

If we had two arenas in town they could both be made to pay their way. The town is growing, not shrinking and if we ever needed a new arena, now is the time.

The other argument in favour of a new arena is that it would have an adequate freezing plant. Arenas with plants that can hold a freeze all summer are rented out to figure skating clubs and this summer a hockey school is being run in Weston. In this way an arena could be used for 12 months of the year, instead of being idle for nearly six months. Almost sounds like darn good economy.

Just how soon this arena venture gets off the ground, we wouldn't care or dare to predict. One thing is for sure that if and when the time comes to put the plan into operation, Mr. Gropp and his colleagues will know just about everything that can possibly be known about costs and construction and will also have sound ideas as to financing methods. More power to their aims.

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