

SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE



Softball time has long come and gone (and a very rewarding season it was!) and although cold winter winds are now howling and blowing the softball season just past was celebrated at one more ceremony last week.

Members of the very successful Wimbridge Cleaners softball team, Ontario title-holders in the intermediate AA division and holders of the Jimmy Alexander Memorial Trophy as well as the O'Keefe Trophy, emblematic of the York-Simcoe Softball League championship each received a couple of personal awards.

Each player received a much-crested trophy from the Wimbridge Cleaners' management in recognition of the team's achievements. The jackets are just the thing for these cold winter nights that are ahead and all team members are highly appreciative of their new garments.

Mayor Ken Tomlin, on behalf of the town, presented each player with a personal award in recognition of the kudos coming to the town as a result of having a Richmond Hill team bring an Ontario championship to add to other laurels.

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So once again congratulations are in order to a great bunch of ball players, to the coaches of the team, Mickey Smith and Russ Cripps and to the team sponsors, Wimbridge Cleaners. If next season is half as successful as this one was, no one will have any cause for complaint.

Here goes a little something that makes editors turn blue and makes publishers turn a delicate shade of purple. This column is being written on December 8 — two days prior to elections in Richmond Hill — it has to be that way with deadlines being what they are. Be that as it may we are going to take the liberty of congratulating a successful council candidate, Mr. Al White.

From the time that Al allowed his nomination as a town council candidate to stand, the outcome has been obvious to all those who know Al. White, or have had the privilege of hearing him speak. A great many of us know Al in connection with his behind-the-scenes activities in sports and others know him as the ever-gentle proprietor of his sporting goods business in Richmond Hill. In whatever capacity you know the man, the one thing that is always evident is his plain, common horse-sense.

We mentioned his behind-the-scenes sporting activities and they are legion. For a goodly number of years, Al has looked after the scheduling of the Town Park for softball and other activities. He has given help and sponsored many hockey teams in the Richmond Hill Hockey Association. If there is a sport you can think of that Al White has no interest in, it must be something they play only in Pakistan.

But all sporting interests aside Al will take to council a sane, commonsense approach to all problems which confront him and of one thing you may be sure, he has the interest of the Town of Richmond Hill at heart and this means the interests of each and every one of the town's citizens.

So congratulations again, Al. We're glad to see you were elected and wish you nothing but the best in the coming year. One thing we know for sure — if you're not elected just look out your window some cold frosty morning and you'll see a guy running north as hard as he can go with an editor and a publisher in hot pursuit, both brandishing great big Louisville Sluggers and with a wild gleam in their bloodshot eyes. Just wave as we pass by, yours may be the last friendly gesture we'll ever see!!

There you go, Mabel, we told you this was no Pierre Berton type political expose! Are you happy now?

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All the expert 5-pin exponents in the Town of Richmond Hill have a chance to compete in the bi-weekly All Star Bowling at Allencourt Lanes. The prize to qualify for the tournament has been reduced from \$3.50 to a flat \$2.00 and the number of qualifying games reduced from five to three.

The actual tournament itself has been streamlined with the ladies rolling five games and the men a total of seven games. This shortening of the tournament should do a lot to stimulate both bowler and spectator interest in the matches, which, incidentally, are well worth watching as competition is keen and excitement runs high.

If you fancy your skill with the king-sized marbles, why not have a try? Prizes are worthwhile and you could be the big winner.

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What the heck is it with these kids today anyhow? Back when we were going to school (when Pontius was a Pilate) there used to be lots of fights both in and out of the school grounds. These fights were often pretty rough and tumble affairs but no permanent damage was ever done to our knowledge. Not so today. We were unfortunately enough to witness a schoolboy ribbard or "beef" as it is more popularly known. They didn't wrestle or trade punches but they kicked at each other just as hard as they could. Both were lucky, no serious damage resulted before the fight was broken up, but the size of the boots worn by the opponents could have resulted in serious injury to either or both contestants.

Whether TV, comic books, movies, newspapers or books made kids start to fight with feet is beyond our ken. The practice is deadly and has resulted in more than one death and subsequent charge of murder, or at least, manslaughter.

If you must fight, and being boys, you're bound to, in the name of all that is holy use your hands! Bare knuckles can inflict serious enough hurt but at least they don't maim and cripple for life as a kick backed up by a heavy nail studded boot can very easily do. Nazi storm troopers and Gestapo men used boots and you know what the world thinks of their kind. A vicious kick is a coward's way to settle anything so let's all wise up before it's too late.

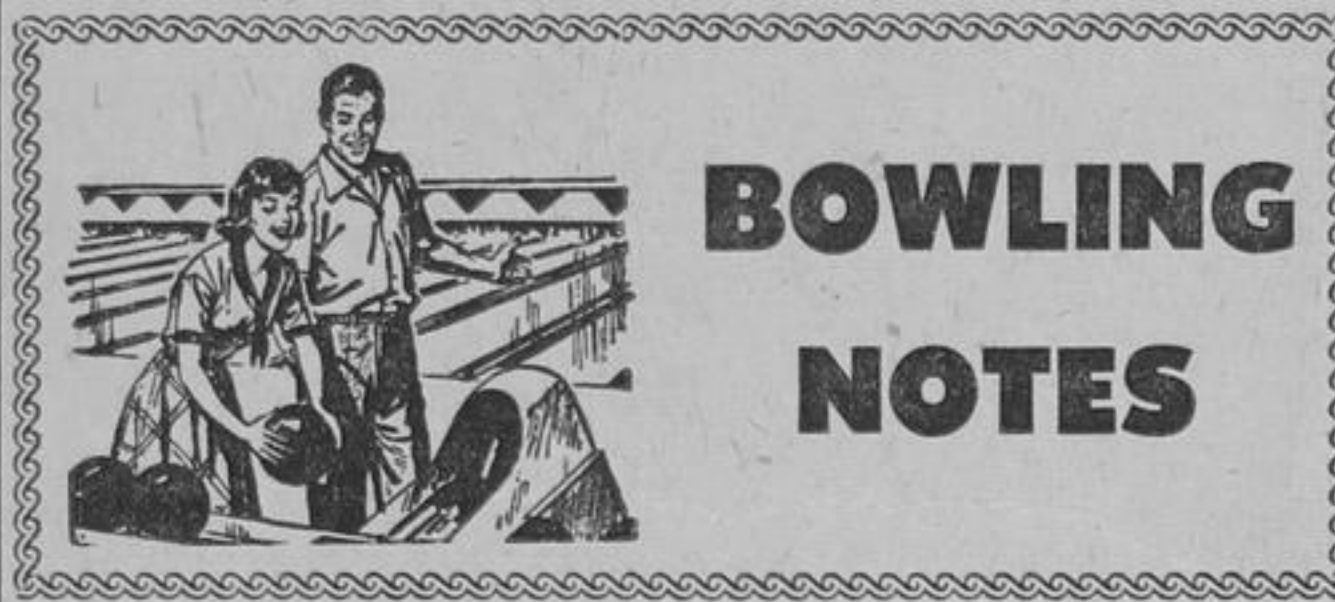
DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Indians Hold Post Season Pow Wow

Richmond Hill Indians, an intermediate football team held a post season get together and a bun feed at Heron Park Hall in Scarborough. The turkey dinner was enjoyed by all team members and executive and was paid for by the players themselves.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Thornhill Basketball Teams have not yet started into any serious competition but have had two exhibition games one against Aurora and one against Richmond Hill. The Thornhill Junior Team lost a 35-30 decision to Aurora and the midgets dropped a 14-8 decision to Richmond Hill.



BOWLING NOTES

Richmond Ten Pin Mixed League With only one more week of action remaining in the second series the scramble for first place is getting hectic with four teams being tied for top honors.

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The husband and wife team of Muriel and Bob Steven came up with two very fine high triple games in league play. Muriel trundled a very fine 683 while Bill Jones

High triple and high single honours went to Bill Jones with a 791 triple and a very fine 301 single. Thelma Woolfrey with a 643, Ken Bregg with a 638, Al McLeod with 636, Gerald Wood 611 and Madge Nicholson with a 603 were other high scorers.

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HOCKEY RESULTS

Squirt Division MacDougall Teepees 0 V. Oil Flyers 1. Ricky Chapman paced the Teepees to their 3-1 victory over the Flyers as he netted two of the three goals scored by his winning team.

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Peewee Division Americans 3 Reds 1. Al Aldred, R. Tierney and B. Clattenburg scored the three goals that gave the Americans the win over the Reds.

Barons 3 Canadians 1. Tom Dyson enjoyed a good night as he scored two of the three Barons goals with the other goal falling to Bill Cowan.

Bisons 0 Aces 1. Harold Briden scored the lone goal of the game as the Bisons and the Aces played one of the closest games of the season.

Bears 1 Brian Pollon and Bob Morris scored the goals that gave St. Mike's their one goal win over the Bears.

Maroons 4 Americans 1. Bill Hurston scored twice as Maroons powered their way to a win over the Americans.

Wings 1 Rangers 1. Wings and Rangers were very evenly matched and neither team was able to mount any sort of sustained attack.

Black Hawks 3 Bruins 3. The two teams traded goal for goal in this game and ended up with 3 goals each at the end of the game.

Wimbridge Cleaners 2 Rick Bradshaw was a one man riot as he blasted in five goals on behalf of the Jones boys.

Trailways 2 Gormley Sand & Gravel 2. Bruce Waters scored both goals for the Busboys as the two teams traded goals for the tie.

Senior Hockey League Results Craigies 7. Despite the final score, Albert Orr, netminder for Pops Restaurant was chosen as the star of the nights play.

WOODBRIDGE — National Health Minister J. Waldo Doolittle, speaking at the annual meeting of the Cancer Society at Regency Towers, congratulated the organization in its efforts to arouse public interest in the dread disease.

WOODBRIDGE — Metro has been informed that Council will relocate Weston Road to deal more adequately with increasing traffic.

Blueliners Win Again 4-2 Score. Another win was notched up by the high flying midget Blueliners last Friday night in Unionville when they downed a hard trying close checking Newmarket Club, by a 4 to 2 score.

Ritchie Elliott had another big night as he scored two good ones unassisted, with speeded Rod Kelson and Dean Wainwright accounting for the other two Hill tallies. Bruce Walker assisted on both of the goals scored in the second period and was outlucked on several occasions by the Unionville goaler. Another standout was Long John Grieves who was powerful both on defense and attack.

Goal - Bob Ritchie. Defence: Ritchie Elliott, Paul Hackett, Peter Hiscott, Ian Ross. Forwards: Bruce Walker, Dean Wainwright, Rod Kelson, John Grieves, Doug Jameson, Tom Reynolds, Earle Freeland, Dimitri Corkeil, Robin Craig.

Earl Cairns, assisted by McRae and Butler got Dobbies off in the lead in the opening minutes of the first period. Allencourt got back on even terms before the end of the period as Jim Wells banked in a pass set up by Moe Williamson and Matt Kinnari.

Allencourt took a commanding lead in the second period as they scored three goals without a reply from Dobbies. Jim Wells scored from Harold Van Dyke and Glen Wright, a newcomer to the Allencourt team, rapped in a shot set up by Frank Mashinter and Moe Williamson.

Dobbies second goal was scored by Graham on a pass from Chapman only to have Matt Kinnari come back and nullify the effort with a solo effort. Al Apps and Glen Wright combined to score the final Allencourt goal with Apps tipping in Wrights perfect passout.

The quiet Putters dropped a 4-0 decision to Weston on Friday night as it was one of those nights when the bounces were all going the wrong way. The Putters hit every post on the Weston net but were unable to get the puck across the goal line to register any kind of tally.

Doug Meyers, in the Putters net, had one of those frustrating evenings when screened shots find odd corners of the net. Despite the 4-0 score Young Mr. Meyers came up with a very sound net-minding performance.

Aurora nipped the Hornets by a 3-2 score as they banked in the winning goal of the contest with only 15 seconds remaining in the game. The Hornets enjoyed a slight edge in the play throughout the piece but were unable to put the puck in the net where it counts.

Doug Acomb scored the first Hornet goal assisted by Bob Tepley while Wayne O'Brien and Harvey Gordon scored the second goal with the assist going to Jimmy Wilson.

The Hornets get their chance for revenge on the Aurora squad this Friday night at Richmond Hill Arena and the game promises to be a honey.

Last Friday night a previously undefeated Bradford squad came to Richmond Hill and went home licking the wounds of a 6-0 defeat as the Hornets were in high gear and flying.

Once again Doug Acomb was the trigger man for the Hornets as he scored two goals and assisted on two others. Dave Broderick scored two while Ken Chapman and Wayne Harrington scored singletons.

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To The Electors of Richmond Hill

...I wish to extend my thanks to all the electors who voted for me and worked on my behalf in last Saturday's election.

It has been a great honor and privilege to have served the municipality for so many years, and to the newly elected council I extend my best wishes for the coming year. To one and all the Compliments of the Festive Season.

W. J. "Tom" Taylor

TO THE ELECTORS OF RICHMOND HILL

My sincere thanks for your vote of confidence.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. J. HAGGART Mayor-Elect

Electors of Richmond Hill

My thanks to those who re-elected me to the Richmond Hill Council.

I sincerely hope that all of Richmond Hill will enjoy a pleasant Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Howard Whillans

To The Electors of Richmond Hill

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the electors of Richmond Hill for their splendid support at the polls last Saturday.

I assure you I will do my best to merit your confidence, and extend to one and all my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Al White Councillor-Elect

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