



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Once again the biggest race of the year is scheduled to get under way on Saturday night. Santa Claus, a resident of the North Pole, is due to get under way in his race with the sun around the world in an attempt to visit every little child. The pace is terrific and rivals anything that the charioteers in Ben Hur could produce.

Just how this sprightly old competitor will appear by year after year is one of the major miracles of our time and his annual appearance causes more excitement than any other single event in this tired old world. His appearance presages the greatest Christmas holiday in existence and, for one day at least, old enmities are forgotten or forgiven and even the Iron Curtain gets to look a little bit like chintz.

Mr. Claus and his weird crew have always answered the call to the post and for many, many years have been a sure bet to finish in first place. As in every year since we can remember our money is riding on the grand old man and whether or not psychiatrists like his chances and feel that he is messing up juvenile minds, we only hope he will be around for a great many more appearances.

Just exactly how the beautiful legend and fairy tale of Santa Claus can clobber up a young mind beyond redemption beats us. Learned men claim that upon learning that their parents have told them diabolical lies about Christmas, terrible harm is done to young minds. In a pig's eye it does!

The fondest childhood memories are about Christmas and Santa Claus and we didn't exactly feel gyped when we found that the merry old gentleman symbolized the whole beautiful Christmas legend.

How a symbol of universal hope can be condemned as evil beats us. Maybe Christmas has become somewhat commercial but it's only as commercial as any individual permits it to be. In the meanwhile we're going to carry on as before and ask hopefully for a few little items we'd dearly love to see come true. Hope Santa is listening.

We'd like to have Dynes Jewellers and Wimbridge Cleaners Softball Teams both win Ontario Softball Championships and it would be awfully nice if the Richmond Hill Indians can go all the way in the coming year and win a football championship. Would it be presumptuous to ask for a Stanley Cup for the Leafs and a Grey Cup for Argos?

We'd love a municipal swimming pool for Richmond Hill and maybe even a running track to develop our fine track and field potential. It seems like a lot of things to want all at once, but we always operated on the theory that "them as don't ask, don't get" — so we are asking.

Let's hope the bewigged old gentleman can deliver some or all of these fine gifts and make a lot of people happy. In the meantime here's a wish for the best Christmas you ever had for you and yours from all of us. It's been a good year, but we forgot to ask for the most important gift of all — a little bit more understanding — each of the other, and all tensions and grievances will be forgotten — both at home and on the international scene.

God bless each and everyone of you and whatever your fondest wish, may it be granted.

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We just got confirmation from Del. Madely, coach of the Richmond Hill Indians - football type Indians - that the star quarterback of the team has received a signal and much deserved honour, The Rowntree Trophy, awarded to the most valuable player in the Metro Football League. The winner is Ian McIntosh.

As a football player, Ian does nothing well, only relatively. He is as cool a field general as you'll ever have the pleasure of seeing in action and is a real take-charge quarterback. As a ball handler, he has no peers in the league and can fake and bootleg with the best of them.

In the pass department he has a very enviable record both as a passer and a receiver with a sure pair of hands. He kicks when called upon and gets off some beautiful towering punts and in addition to this drops back to safety on defence and returns punts like Ron Stewart. He can block, tackle and, if necessary do a man job with a water bucket. You'd wonder how you get these qualifications won an award, wouldn't you?

It's a fine tribute to a good football player but it will serve to give the while team a lift. Richmond Hill is now on the football map around the BIG TOWN for sure and maybe we'll see the odd scout hanging around next year. Some of the boys are really that good.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Blueliners Still On The March Down Both Newmarket & Unionville Teams

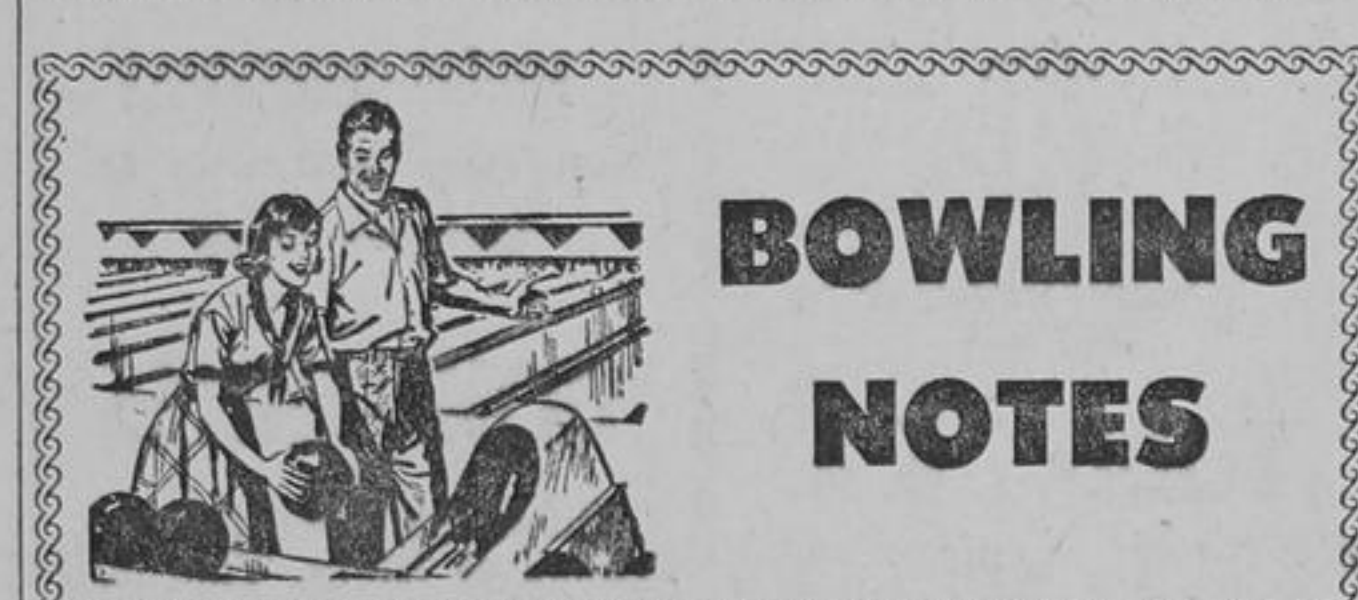
Newmarket Midgets went down to a 4 to 1 defeat at the hands of Richmond Hill Blueliners last Friday night right on their own stamping grounds, and it was a well deserved victory for the Blueliners.

The Newmarket boys up to game time last Friday had been undefeated on their home ice, and still smarting from the 5 to 3 loss pinned on them last week by the Hill boys. They began to step into the Blueliners right from the opening bell and rushed down the ice to get the first goal of the game at the two minute mark.

However from that time on in the North York midget loop, was outstanding, as he went the whole three periods with never a rest and looked as fresh at the finish as he did at the start of the game. Both Peter and Ian Ross, the youngest of the Blueliners looked good last night and we wouldn't be surprised if they are approached by some of the pro scouts before the end of this season.

Richmond Hill Blueliners were at it again last Thursday night at the local sports palace as they walloped a hard trying Unionville Club by a lop sided 6 to 0 score. The local club paced by Rodmen the locals marked two more goals as Dean Walwright scored on an assist from Walker, and Ritchie Elliott blasted one in from the point.

Peter Hiscott, touted by Coach Red Garner and Manager Eric Brennan as the best defenseman



BOWLING NOTES

Richmond Ten Pin Mixed League

The second series in the league came to an end last week with Bunston Carpentry and Builders clinching a playoff spot by winning the series with 18 points. Pirri's Fruit Market, who won the first series finished with 17 points in the second series trailed by Turner Taxi with a 15 point total.

Marion Blanchard led the ladies high three with a 467 while Edith Waugh trundled a 439. League secretary Mary Champ won high single honours with a 169.

George Bunston took triple and single honours with a 327 and a 197 score. Joe Boyer came up with a 504 triple, to have one of the best nights he has enjoyed to date.

Edna Maybury is showing the way to the ladies with a 141 average.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Lists winners and scores for various leagues.

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HOCKEY RESULTS

Squirt Division Flyers 0 Teepees 0 Both Richard Montgomery in the Flyers net and Brian Gilpin in goal for the Teepees, put up such a stout netminding job that the two were unbeatable. Net result - a scoreless tie.

Wayne Cornack played goal well enough to earn his shut-out and you just can't do any better. Wilson Ross gave Marlies the win by blasting in the corner of the game.

The Biltmores drew the claws from the Cub attack and then proceeded to score at will. Ray Sullivan banged three with Jim Hamilton and Don Brown each scoring twice. Jerry Andrews and Al Smusjak scored the other two goals.

Larry Davis and Mike Leishman scored a goal apiece in the Canadian cause only to have Paul Findlay and Dave Cone even things up for Aces and tie the game.

Bob Hutchison was a Bear on a rampage as he personally drilled 5 goals into the Reds net. Phil Bellavance and John Birrell scored two each as Jim Hemphill picked up 3 assists.

John Cottrill and Gary Chassey scored the two goals to give Biltmores the win. Graham Jardine scored for St. Mikes. This win is the first for the Bisons who don't expect to look back from here on in.

Baronies and Gilchrist accounted for 4 of the five American tallies with each player scoring twice. The fifth goal went to Valliere. Baronies lone tally came off the stick of Loren Gordon.

The Bruins shelled the Wings Second place spot was won by Pat Thompson, Honour Guard, Helen Parr with three spot minors going to Joan Kirkpatrick, Anja Beggs, Dorothy Anstey and Lillian Watson.

Winners of the Tuesday Draw: Eileen Garrett, Ada Garfat, Ruth Charity, Nona Bedwell; runners-up: Ruth Chandler, Julie Bowden, Carolyn Carruthers, Diane Whitaker.

Winners of the Thursday Draw: Marjorie Fraser, Joan Webb, Betty Marple, Marion Crawford. Runners-up: Maude Jennings, Jean McLeod, Spare, Beth Yule.

All Stars Meet The Firefighters December 27th

The Firefighters from Ted Reeve Arena sponsored by Ontario Lithographers, will be playing an exhibition game against an All Star team from the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League.

The game will be played on Tuesday, December 27th at 8:00 p.m. and should provide a real holiday treat for local fans. The Firefighters have several well known players from Ontario hockey circles, Moe Galand, Buddy Horne, Donny Couch, Johnnie Petro and George Sayliss.

Local Lady Curlers Hold Christmas Bonspiel

The ladies of the Richmond Hill Curling Club held a Christmas Bonspiel on Tuesday, December 13. Ninety-six ladies took part in the heated action with two draws being made, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. Each rink entered in the spiel played two six end games.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

RICHMOND HILL HIGH The senior basketball team of Richmond Hill High School have issued both an invitation and a challenge to all grads of the school who may be in the vicinity for the Christmas holidays.

Grads are invited to the school on December 29 at 1:30 p.m. to have a look at the new tick-away timer donated to the school by the students. Grads are also challenged to a basketball game against the senior team who claim they can win handily! How about it? Grads? Going to take it lying down or show these young bucks just how the game should be played? The call is out for John Passmore, Bob Lake, Doug Madill, Sil Steffan, Harold VanDyke and all other interested grads.

The senior basketball team defeated Markham by a 46-38 score in a well played game that saw both teams undermanned due to examination pressures. Both teams employed a man to man defence that proved most effective and a well played game resulted.

The basketball season will open officially on January 6th with Bayview Juniors going against Richmond Hill Juniors. As an added feature of this Athletic Night

the teachers of Bayview High will play against the Wonder Five from Richmond Hill, a Wonder Five, we are assured, not bolstered by imports.

John Passmore and Roger Wilson, both grads of Richmond Hill have been appointed co-directors of all canoe activities sponsored by the camp. Trips will run throughout the summer and itineraries taking in the beautiful sights of Algonquin Park and Temagami are now being planned.

THORNHILL HIGH SCHOOL Examinations have virtually curtailed all sporting activities at Thornhill unless you can consider Latin declensions sport. The only notable feature of the week was a safari by Mr. Charles Seath and son Brian, in pursuit of a Christmas Tree.

The Seath Family adjourned to the woods north of King City and for a fee of one dollar were allowed to cut the tree of their choice. A trip like this with a member of one's family along and then bringing home the tree has a real satisfaction in it. Here's hoping you all pass and a Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Electors of Vaughan Township

I wish to express my gratitude to the residents of Vaughan Township for their generous support and extend to you all the compliments of the season.

J. M. Windatt.

as they poured in 7 goals without a reply. Jim Dent was the Big Bear with 3 while singles went to Frank St. Louis, Howie Martin, G. Anderson and Norm McLeod.

Danny Shadoff popped in two goals to be the top marksman in the American victory. Keith Prosser and Doug Wise scored 1 each while Jones, scored the Habs only goal.

It was scored a goal and give a goal as these two teams battled all the way in an attempt to get an edge that never materialized. John Bookalam scored two for the Hawks with Wayne Richardson adding the third goal. Gary Everatt, Jim Austin and Bob Morrison clicked for the Hawks.

Johnny Higgins had a big night for the Leafs as the shifty young player scored two big goals. Andrew Lewis and Ken Patry added the other Leafian tallies. Larry Black and Rod Mable counted for the Maroons.

Simms scored twice for the Alleymen and Walker punched in one to give the Bowl team the win. Despite having a good hockey aggregation the Wimbridge team just doesn't seem to be jelling.

One goal was the lot of the Falcon crew and that was scored by Brian Good. Noel Gillings scored 2 for the Jones boys and Rick Bradshaw and Anthony Crack got one each.

Earl Methé's young charges dropped a tight game to Scarborough on Sunday. Puttar goals were scored by Ricky Doucette assisted by Ron Gibb and Dave Lund assisted by John Shropshire. Doug Meyer performed well in the Putter goal.

The Uplands Golf Club Putter were again on the short end of a 3-2 count as Ron Gibb scored both goals for the Richmond Hill Team. Jack McAuley is proving to be a most effective defenseman and Ray Sullivan of the Biltmores and Ricky Chapman of the Petes performed well. Tomorrow night the Putters will entertain Newmarket at Richmond Hill Arena.

Richmond Hill Hornets and Unionville played in Unionville on Tuesday night and neither team was able to gain any advantage over the other.

Hornet goals were scored by Doug Acomb from Gary Churcner and Jim Wilson from Ricky Hill and Harvey Gordon.

The Hornets enjoyed a decided edge in play throughout this fast well played game. This was the fifth consecutive win for the Hornets on home ice and Albert Windrum in the Hornet net deserves a great deal of credit for the success of the team.

Goals were scored by Bob Stephens assisted by Dave Broderick and Jimmy Wilson, Gary Churcner from Bob Agilvie and Doug Acomb, Harvey Gordon from Churcner and Acomb and Jim Wilson from Dave Broderick.

The Canadian Coal sponsored Richmond Hill Bantams defeated Unionville by a 3-1 count after defeating them 5-1 in their previous meeting. Bob Booth scored twice and Jimmy Wilson once as Ron Plummer played a steady game in the Richmond Hill net.

The high flying Bantams added Aurora to their list of victims as they have won three of their first starts this season. Paul Ramer and Frank Pirri were the big tripper men in this game as they each put two shots into the Aurora goal. The fifth goal was scored by Bob Booth.

Bill McVean played the first two periods in the Richmond Hill net as Ron Plummer was detained. McVean performed well

CHRISTMAS TREES

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