



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

The problems of umpires and referees in all big-time professional sports are being increased a thousand-fold in this day and age of electronic circuits and ultra high speed cameras. Not too long ago an official could call a player for an infraction of a rule and the only one who knew for certain that the official had erred was the penalized player. If the official was forceful and vehement enough even the suspect began to doubt his own innocence.

Things are somewhat changed today. Cameras with zoomer lenses are picking up the play continually and the completed films are available for viewing in a very short time. Slow motion techniques can be employed and the picture can be stopped just at the crucial moment for careful study. It often proves that the harassed official was guilty of human error and that the penalty was, in the favourite language of TV gangsters, a bum rap.

What a way to have to work! Every decision that an official makes can be taken apart and analyzed just like any substance under sterile laboratory conditions. Wonder how some of our decisions would stand up under the blazing klieg lights?

Any questionable sporting decision is made under conditions of stress and violent action and the decision, rightly or wrongly, has to be instantaneous. The camera looks on coldly and impersonally, renders no fast decision but merely records cold harsh facts that can be analyzed at leisure without stress or strain some hours, days or weeks later.

If the camera proves that another human being has erred the facts are generally knowledge in the public domain and everyone knows that Clem Klinghammer is a no good official and really called a bad one. A few of these incidents and it isn't too long before everyone concerned starts looking sideways at this official and begins to doubt his efficiency. Then the fans start in and Clem really gets a gruesome ride.

In this country of ours hockey seems to be the sport that makes the greatest use of film to prove that a disallowed goal really was in or that a so-called trip was really a legal check. The latest case in point is the Eddie Shack-Gordie Howe episode.

Shack skates like a berserk bull to start with and shines as a fast skater in a league of fast men. He steamed full tilt into Howe and a very busy official was convinced that he saw Shack's stick come high and clip Howe in the forehead. The pictures proved him wrong and evidently the major penalty to Shack was undeserved. This play happened so fast that it was open to interpretation in many ways. The official who called the penalty was calling what he knew to be an honest game and as rendering his decisions, snap decisions, in the best manner he was capable of doing. Then the camera second guessed him and made his decision look really bad. There are a lot of very competent officials who can operate under this sort of pressure for years, but some of them just get disgusted and quit. One of the finest officials in hockey, Red Storey, was forced out of hockey over pressure generated by this type of second guessing, and how many others are there like him? Why any human being would want his decision continually monitored by a machine type gadget beats us!

Maybe if movies of games were banned and officials made calls as in the days before all this science, team brass and players would have a lot more respect for referees and umpires and the boys could settle down and just play the game. Some people can often baffle you with science and quite often they're just as baffled as you are.

In the meanwhile, three cheers for officials with enough guts (pardon) to call things as they see them and bad cess to the camera. It looks like cameras are here to stay though, more's the pity. Shack can probably well afford the fine anyhow and it might just make up for some of the ones he has gotten away with in the past.

Just in case anyone gets the idea that Eddie Shack is a bad man in our book, nothing could be farther from the truth. He plays hard and wide open all the time and is a very aggressive type shiny player. His reputation as a bad man has grown and was helped along by a little literary gem attributed to Gordie Howe, in which he sort of put the finger on Shack's shoulder.

This guy is something like Red Horner in days of yore. Horner had such a reputation that from the minute he stepped onto the ice everyone in the house was looking for Horner to pull a dirty. It got so bad that if an opposing forward tripped over a loose skate lace, Horner automatically headed for the sin bin. Shack seems to have fallen heir to the Horner mantle and the Leafs have a bad man after all these many years.

Fontinato was a tough hombre till Howe cooled him out and Leaping Lou has been making like Snow White ever since. It will be really interesting to see if Howe now starts a feud with one E. Shack.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Pleasure & Hockey Rinks Boom In Richmond Hill

The national sport of Canada is hockey, as everyone knows, and as is also known the excellence of Canuck puckmen is such that it spills over into every major team here and in the United States. Indeed, it is estimated that with the exception of four or five players, Canadians completely monopolize the National League rosters.

This winter, another blow has been struck on behalf of future Canadian pros with the inauguration of six miniature rinks and nine small pleasure rinks scattered throughout The Hill. The project, under the supervision of the Richmond Hill Parks Committee of which Deputy-reeve John Bradstock was the 1960 chairman, provides hockey facilities for enthusiasts, young and adult, of the stick-and-puck game, while the nine pleasure rinks are for those who prefer to simply skate. The hockey rinks, each about 48 by 112 feet, and

boarded are located at Beverley Acres Public School, Crosby Heights Public School, MacKillop Public School, Lennox Park, the town park and the Walter Scott Public School. Pleasure rinks are located in the Elgin Mills Subdivision, Bedford Park, the Mill Pond and in the Newkirk and Beechy area.

Small children will be accompanied by parents or older sisters and brothers while the older children and adults are on their own. As Mr. Bradstock said: "The dual system of rinks separates the hockey players from the skaters. It's not the most convenient thing in the world for a pleasure skater having to keep one eye peeled on a zooming future Maurice Richard and vice versa. We're confident that these forms of recreation will go a long way toward keeping hundreds of children gainfully and helpfully employed in their spare time."



BOWLING NOTES

Most bowling leagues held up action over the holiday season and are swinging back into the groove this week. One of the best bowling matches of the season was held at Allencourt Lanes on Sunday, January 8, in the Ladies' All Star Bowling.

Winner of the match was May Ruthley as by her win she dethroned three time winner Jeanne Richardson. May rolled a 1595 the count over the seven game stretch and nosed out Jeanne Richardson by one pin as Jeanne's total for seven games was 1594. Third place finished was Denyse Armstrong who carded a 1591 and could have won the match in the last frame but ran into ace and trouble. A four-pin spread in seven games is a slightly fantastic finish.

Jeanne Richardson led most of the way, but ran into a bad streak of luck in the seventh game as she rolled a 149.

Bill Jones continues to show the way to bowlers in the East-siders' league as his 728 triple headed the league scoring for the week. Bob Steven finished with a 740 triple and took high single honours with a fine 309. Gordon Doyle with a 656 and John Ralls with 634 were also well up in the scoring.

Thursday Afternoon League Denise MacDonald was top scorer for the week with a very fine 748 triple. Muriel Steven was in second place with a 746 triple and took high single honours with a 310 total. Sonia Graden rolled a 258 single and ended with a 645 triple. Hot Rods skipped by Marge Black won the second series.

Halliday Fuel Leads 6 James MacKay led Wings 4. Andrew Lewis paced Leaf attack with two goals as did John Allen who also rapped in two. John Higgins and Ken Patry scored one each. Steve Rawlinson scored two for the Wings while David Barrow and John Stewart picked up a goal each.

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The luckless Dobbie squad are having a lot of trouble hitting the win column and this game didn't do anything to change their luck. Matt Kinnari scored the opening goal for Allencourt with assists to Suzuki and Wells. Bugs McRae evened things up for Dobbies and was assisted on the scoring effort by Butler and Cairns. Bill Bunker scored for Allencourt just before the period ended with Williamson and McGuinness assisting.

As the second period opened, Dobbies tied the game up on a goal by Cairns with Ron Guy assisting. Doug McGuinness scored for Allencourt to give them a one goal lead as the second period ended.

Allencourt scored three fast goals in the 3rd period with Kinnari, Suzuki and McGuinness doing the honours. Cairns teamed up with Butler to score again for Dobbies only to have Kinnari and Glen Wright score two final goals for Allencourt and salt the game away for the Plaza squad.

Player	G	A	Pt.
Kinnari, Allencourt	13	11	24
Sinclair, Craigies	10	12	22
Wells, Allencourt	5	17	22
Diseri, Craigies	11	10	21
Drummond, Craigies	6	9	15
Patterson, Craigies	7	6	13
Wright, Craigies	4	9	13
Thorington, Craigies	3	4	12
Turgeon, Craigies	3	9	12
Apps, Allencourt	6	4	10
Mashinter, A'court	5	5	10
Suzuki, Allencourt	4	6	10
Guy, Dobbies	2	8	10
McGuey, Craigies	1	9	10

Uplands Golf Club Putters, local entry in squirt hockey action are now entered in the North York League, comprising teams from Newmarket, Aurora and Bradford. The Putters have got off to a fine start by winning the first two games in opening league action.

In the first game of the schedule the Putters defeated Aurora 2-0 on goals by Ron Gibb assisted by Jack McAuley and H. Cameron assisted by Gerry Methé and Ron Gibb.

The second game of the schedule saw the Putters defeat Bradford by a score of 4-1. Some idea of just how much the game means to these youngsters can be gained from the story of young Jack McAuley. Despite giving up two teeth to the forceps of the dentist, Jack came out, took his regular turn on defence and played a very sound game. Could he'll be one of the future iron men of hockey.

Goal scorers for the Putters were Ricky Doucette with two and Dave Lund and Ron Gibb one goal each. Assists went to John Shropshire, Roy Sullivan and Dave Jamieson.

January 20 will be a special Hockey Night at Richmond Hill Arena. All teams from Mites to Midgets will be in action and a lively evening is guaranteed. Twenty-five cents not only buys a ticket to see the fun but gives you a chance at some very worthwhile draw prizes. How about it, Mom and Dad? Plan to BRING the kids to see the hockey action and some surprise celebrity guests.

Team	P	W	L	T	Pt.
Marlboros	10	6	2	2	14
Petes	10	6	3	1	13
Biltmores	10	5	4	1	11
Flyers	10	2	3	5	9
Tepees	10	2	4	4	8
Tiger Cubs	10	1	6	3	5
Beehive Division					
Bears	11	7	3	1	15
Americans	11	6	3	2	14
Aces	11	5	3	3	13
Canadians	11	5	4	2	12
Barons	11	4	4	3	11
St. Mike's	11	4	4	3	11
Bisons	11	3	6	2	8
Reds	11	2	9	0	4
Bantam Division					
Hawks	10	7	0	3	17
Leafs	10	7	1	2	16
Bruins	10	6	2	2	14
Maroons	10	5	4	1	11
Rangers	10	3	4	3	9
Americans	10	2	4	3	6
Wings	10	1	7	2	4
Canadians	10	0	9	1	1
Midget Division					
Jones Bldg. Sup.	8	8	0	0	16
Little's Falcons	8	5	3	0	10
Wimbridge C.	7	2	5	0	4
ABC Bowl	7	1	6	0	2
Juvenile Division					
Police	6	5	1	0	10
Team No. 4	6	4	1	1	9
Trailways	5	0	3	2	2
Gormley Sand	5	0	4	1	1

Blueliners Swamp East Gwillimbury - Tie Dixie

Richmond Hill Blueliners bombed the hapless East Gwillimbury Midget Club last Thursday by a score of 14 to 7 in a game that did nothing for either team. The small, but game northern club were trying all the time and never seemed to give up, even when the score at the end of the first period of play was 9 to 0 in favor of the high flying Richmond Hill boys. They did manage to score two goals later in the game as the Terrymen became overconfident and a little careless as so often is the case, in games of this kind. Bruce Walker had a field as he counted three times in the first period to lead the scoring parade. Ritchie Elliott actually started it off as he blasted one in from the point before the game was half a minute old. John Grieves finally got over his slump and knotted twice to make it 6 to 0. Then in quick succession goals by Doug Jamieson, Dean Wainwright and Rod Kelson made it 9. Other Blueline scorers were by Keith Corkill, one, two by Ian Ross and the last ones by Bruce Walker (again) and Dean Wainwright. Manager Ernie Brennan was steamed up about the game, he feels that games of this type are of no use to either club. A good team gets careless and a poor team gets humiliated, manager by fair according to Manager Brennan.

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T.H.L. Major "A" Midget Loop came to Richmond Hill last Monday afternoon and had a Mexican standoff with the local Blueliners 5 to 5. It was a penalty stuffed game with the visitors getting 11 penalties and the Blueliners 4. Two misconducts were handed out to the visiting team by the hard pressed officials, who kept the lid on all the way. The third period was particularly rough as the Beehives seemed to resent the hard checking of the Terrymen, and began to rough it up. This type of hockey is very effective against some hockey teams, but it only made the Blueliners play that much harder. Going into the third period the score was 5 to 3 in favor of the Dixie Team, but as the locals began to put on the pressure, the out of town Club began to wilt and scored two goals in the past period to tie it up.

Bruce Walker played a tremendous game and came up with a fine three goal effort, the last one scored with a Dixie defenseman draped around his neck. John Grieves was handy as usual with his fierce checking game, and assisted on "Wee Dougie" Jamieson's goal. Ian Ross, the baby of the Blueliners got the other goal on a fine effort to wind up the scoring. Those two great defencemen, Peter Hiscott and Ritchie Elliott were standouts on the defense as they turned back the Dixie forwards time after time.

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