

# DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

## Hornets Make Local History —

(Continued from Page 13) other towns, bogged down for lack of basic policies, have profited from our system as we have from others." 100 Workers Today in The Hill more than 100 parents are coaching, refereeing, helping manage or undertaking some form of executive work in relation to minor hockey in the Richmond Hill Hockey Association. And while the Association as such is always ready to encourage mites to interest themselves in Canada's national sport, the kids themselves must be able to produce certain standards of school work and live up to good behavioural standards generally in order to benefit through the organization. "A high standard of conduct and personal ethics are just as important to a youngster as nimble legs and stamina," Johnny insists. And he points out that the intangible benefits flowing from a well organized, soundly constituted hockey association are many and varied. "The primary purpose of sports is to develop the moral and mental fibre of kids," he insists. "Good physical health and sports skill are all well and fine, but those two attributes don't make up the whole picture."

He is emphatic about another point, that a hockey team is never a one-man effort. It's his opinion that the team manager rarely gets full credit for his contribution. The Hornets' manager, Bill McVean, is a good example, he said. "Bill goes to no end of time and trouble to iron out untoward problems and take care of a variety of pre-and-post game duties which includes everything from filling out forms, checking up on players and equipment and transportation, acting as public relations man, confidante and father confessor. Bill will walk, fly, crawl or run through snow, heat, hail or sleet to discharge his voluntary duties as our manager," Johnny said. That both men are proud of the Hornets goes without saying. The 13 active players, more than half of whom are eligible for the same team next year, represent one of the youngest pee-wee line-ups in Canada. All under 12 and averaging about 87 pounds in weight, their sponsorship is actually a sort of joint mission by the Richmond Hill Kinsmen and the players' parents. As Johnny puts it: "The club supplies sweaters, stockings, pants and some sticks while the parents go for skates and the majority of the sticks, transportation and a number of intangible needs. The mothers and fathers have come through nobly. Why, some of our out-of-town games have attracted as many as 50 accompanying parents."

While on the subject of parental support, he thinks it natural enough for adults to follow the pursuit of the pee-wees with keen interest which, he suggests, is a tender mixture of paternal and maternal worry for the hopes and physical well being of the youngsters, while the fathers in particular are emotionally joined to the little one's sports endeavour and through him relives some of his own early-day doings. And of course this year in particular the parents are even more than ordinarily interested because this season the pee-wees advanced farther than any former Hill team in their category. Setup There are 27 teams in the Minor "A" Pee-wee Division of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. The local squad is one of two teams still remaining in the O.M.H.A. competition. Another indication of the team's worth is the fact that they compete on almost equal terms with "A" teams, which represent the best of the lot in larger centres like Toronto where there are many more youngsters to choose from when a team is formed. The Hornets are classified as Minor "A."

The almost 40-year-old Johnny, who looks more like 30, notes with satisfaction that the Hornets are a well balanced team. "Each member delivers consistently," he points out. "We have no prima donnas and no flash-in-the-pan artists. Boy for boy the Hornets can shoot and cut, corner, block and pass in right fine fashion, and there's no telling where several of them may end up in the big leagues of business or hockey if they keep minding their p's and q's." Johnny was born in Toronto and raised in Hamilton where he took to the ice as a wee shaver and has been connected with hockey ever since. In Hamilton he coached the Hornets, the first of many teams and whose name, he says, obviously prejudiced him in favour of the local agglomeration of pee-wees. He enlisted in the navy in early 1943 and by the time he was discharged in 1945 had found time to play on senior service teams in his branch of the war forces. A teacher of engineering subjects, he was responsible for engine trials while in the navy and later spent six years teaching mechanical know-how at Ryerson Institute in Toronto. As sales engineer, he has been with the same firm seven years. Mascots of the Hornets are Johnny Gropp Junior (Johnny the Bomb), age seven and six-year-old Dennis (The Menace) Acomb. "A pretty formidable pair," says Johnny Senior. At home he gets plenty of extra moral support from daughters Valerie, 17, Robert, 12 and Jamie, one. He is married to the former Marguerite Russell, also of Hamilton who, like her husband, is 'sold' on pee-wee hockey. Johnny, incidentally, hasn't missed a regular coaching session all year, so it appears that he too is 'minding his p's and q's'.

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## Craigie's Senior League Champions Defeat Allencourt 9-7 in Overtime

Craigie's won the Tip Top Trophy and the Senior Hockey League championship in a hard-fought game against a fast skating Allencourt Team. At the end of regulation time the teams were all even with seven goals each and it was necessary to go into a ten minute overtime period.

Craigie's hit hard and fast as the overtime period got under way and banged in two fast goals to wrap up the game and the championship. Sponsor Bob Craigie couldn't even watch the final 10-minute period as his nerves just couldn't stand the gauntlet. John Drummond, captain and playing coach of the Craigie Squad accepted the award from Fred Gardiner and brought the senior season to a dramatic ending.

## Defeat Aurora 5-1

## Hornets Add North York Honours To Their List

Our Hornets won the North York League Pee-wee Championship by defeating Aurora 5-1 in a game at Richmond Hill Thursday night of last week. The Hornets were never pressed throughout the game and had a comparatively easy time in breezing to the win. Goalkeeper Albert Windrum returned to action after arising from a sick bed and performed like a yeoman in the Richmond Hill goal. The effort proved to be too much and Windrum was forced to return to bed and thus miss the O.M.H.A. Series final game.

Tommy Dyson scored the first Hornet goal assisted by Wayne Harrington. Captain Doug Acomb scored with assists going to Dyson and Gary Churcher. Churcher scored the third Hornet goal as he romped into the clear and deked the Aurora netminder to cache the puck in the net. Defence stalwart Dallas Worrall scored, assisted by Dyson and Dave Broderick with the final counter being notched by Bob Hutchison on a play engineered by Acomb.



Richmond Ten Pin Mixed League

The final series ended last week and Turner Taxi finished up front with 20 1/2 points. By winning this series, the Cables have off berth. Second spot in the series went to Richmond Theatre with a 16 point total with Marple Real Estate and Sterling Packers close behind with 15 points each. Richmond Hill Hardware finished the series with 14 1/2 points with Bunston Carpentry picking up 12 points. Rose Gardens and Pirri's Fruit Market are in last place with 9 points apiece. Guest bowler Kay Oprensnik was high lady with a 463 triple followed by Alice Patterson of Pirri's with a 439 count. Liz McCullough of Marples hit for a total of 438 pins and Turner Taxi's Marion Blanchard rolled a 436 total. Mel Bunston of Pirri's was tops for the men with a 531 triple and a 200 single. Gary Champ of Sterling Packers bowled a 517 three and Ted Wilson of Pirri's racked up a 507 count.

## BOWLING NOTES

Geachie, Tim Saul, Bill Jackson and Al Richardson will bowl a match against Newmarket Odeon Bowl All Stars. Action starts at 4:00 p.m. at Allencourt Lanes and should be a real treat for local bowling fans. ABC Major Norm Thomas was King on the night's action with an 820 total for his three games. Bob Kennedy was in second spot at 779, Bill Haampaa 744, Mal Laroque 743, Bill Jones 738 and Keith Jamieson 737 formed the members of the King's Court.

Davis and Day are running away and hiding on the rest of the league with 76 points riding along for them. ABC No. 3 are in second spot with 65 points, 11 of the blistering pace set by Davis and Day. Hall's Fuel Oil and ABC No. 1 have 63 and 62 points respectively while Risi Stone have garnered 59 points. Turnbull Groceries and ABC No. 2 are tied at 55 points and Surf Marine and Macdougall Pontiac have 53 points each. Jackson Bros. have 52 points going for them while Dynes Jewellers are at the 50 point plateau. Paolone and Sons own 40 points and Allencourt Lanes are rolling with 38 points. John's Boys have racked up 37 points while Liquiflame are hopelessly out-classed with only 28 points. 60 Ball Tournament Forty-six bowlers went looking for prizes in the 60 ball tournament and Bob Hudson was the lucky man with an 867 total. Arne Skretteberg finished second with 834 pins and Henry Knuckey captured third money with an 831 total.

The six strike jackpot was won by Tony Vallere and this seemed to be one of the most popular features of the A.B.C. tournament. Thursday Afternoon League Last weeks action signalled the end of regular league play for the season. Playoffs commence April 20th with Lucky Strike, Tail-Enders, Two Pins and Hot Rods vying for the championship trophy. High threes on the final afternoon play went to Jean Nugent 651 (258), Sonia Graden 647 (283), Gladys Rogers 609 (253) and Marg Black 607 (247). High single games were rolled by Audrey Harris 250, Olga Mulle 243, Betty Hughes 242, Lita Macmill 233 Eastsiders The Yankees skipped by Bill Jones won the league championship with 6719 for five games. Tigers finished in second place with 6351 pins and the White Sox finished third with a 6205 total. Fourth place went to the Phillies with 6081 pins to their credit. Cubs, captured by Don Mayor, won the consolation series with a 6800 pin count. League officials have already announced that the league will resume on September 5th, 1961. Big games in the playoff series were rolled by Bill Jones 759 (286) Muriel Steven 739 (281) Vic Palmer 731 (280) Vic Ribbons 684 (280) Ken Bregg 676 (273) Jack Harcourt 662 (237) and George Moseley 660 (237). Ladies All Star Bowling Pat McLean and Gerry Chapman qualified to shoot for the bowling crown held by Mable Haviland. Pat McLean was the girl who dethroned Mable by rolling a 1183 for five games and 1056 for Mable Haviland. Gerry Chapman ran into a little trouble and finished her five game stretch with a 999 count. Mable Haviland took high single honours as she came up with a nifty 295 game. Next Sunday Bill Kirk will put his title on the line in the men's All Star Bowling and in addition the Manufacturers Life team of Bill Jones, Bob Weeks, Art Mc-

## Bring O.M.H.A. Title To Richmond Hill

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Gary Churcher was set up by Gordon and Acomb and caught the corner of the net at 19:50 of the first period to make the score 5-4 on the round. Churcher fired from about 25 feet out and his low drive completely fooled Cornelius and caught the inside corner of the post. The second period was filled with chills and thrills for Hornet fans as the team fought fiercely to even up the score. Barry Cornelius in the Wallaceburg goal was called upon to come up with great saves and he did just that. The Wallaceburg Team had the Hornets staggering in the early minutes of the period but a fiercely determined Jim Wilson refused to yield to great pressure. Tie Score 5-All As the second period wore on the Hornets seemed to get a second wind and gathered strength to roar to the attack. At the midway point in the period a sustained Hornet drive paid off as Acomb scored from a mile deep in front of the Wallaceburg goal to tie the score 5-all. His two line-mates, Churcher and Gordon, assisted on the tying tally. Hornets Gain Strength By all odds the Hornets should have run out of steam in the third period but it was Wallaceburg who wilted under the fierce pressure. Churcher gave the Hornets a one-goal lead at the two minute mark of the period as the blasted a quick shot past Cornelius. Assists on the goal went to Worrall and Gordon. Shots rained around the Wallaceburg net as the Hornets crowded in on the Wallaceburg Team and Acomb scored on a solo effort at 5:21 to put the Hornets two goals ahead. The Wallaceburg Squad were still very much in the game and made several dangerous rushes that the defence and Jim Wilson were able to thwart but it was still anyone's hockey game.

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## Unionville Skating Carnival Plays Before Capacity Audiences

The tenth annual skating carnival of the Unionville Skating Club, held on Friday and Saturday, April 14th and 15th, was an unqualified success. The show had three performances, one on Friday and two on Saturday and was staged before capacity audiences. Unionville Arena was lighted and decorated in such a way that it became a veritable fairland of ice and reflected many hours of hard work and planning by various committees. From the bandstand to the coloured ice, the lighting, spot lighting, decor and properties were all of a highly professional calibre. The pace was fast and the tempo exciting with never a dull moment for an appreciative and captivated audience. The opening number with an Indian theme and gorgeous costuming set the stage for a thrilling performance that made the grand finale come all too soon. Everyone in the club from the tiniest mite to the oldest inhabitant took part in the show and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Many Richmond Hill residents took in the show and all who saw it had nothing but praise for the event. Members, executive and others who participated in the show are to be heartily congratulated on a great performance. Unionville is noted as a skating club that always does things in the grand manner, and the carnival bore out this judgment and proves its position as one of the finest organizations of its kind in Canada.

## "Health's A Poppin Show" Thornhill High School On April 27 & 28

By popular demand the big student "Health's A Poppin Show" will be run two nights this year. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27th and on Friday, April 28th. Since the Easter holidays and exams have come to an end, students and their mentors have been working at a feverish pitch, rehearsing, making props, arranging ticket sales and the thousand and one details that go to make a successful performance. The show this year will be built around a western theme and any resemblance to Current T.V. favourites is 100% intentional. Mr. Tanquy, head caretaker at Thornhill High School has pitched in with a will and is lending all his not inconsiderable talents to the venture. Teachers, students, caretakers and parents are all invaluable right to the hilt. This is the fourth season for the show and, like all good things, improves with age. The admission price of 50¢ per person assures patrons of 2 1/2 hours of good, clean family fun and a thousand hearty laughs. Don't forget the dates of the show April 27th - 28th and lend an ear to the student ticket sellers. The cause is a very worthy one.