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SPORT SPOTS
 BY RON CRAINE

A determined and courageous mother has finally taken up cudgels on behalf of all parents and adults who like children and hockey in that order. Mrs. Lucile Black of Scarborough has two boys and one husband connected with minor hockey and she believes that when slavery was abolished it also gave a person the right to sell his services, or not sell them, where, how and when he chose.

N.H.L. brass, operating through the O.H.A., apparently don't agree with Mrs. Black. Promising young hockey players are placed on lists which, according to a nebulous gentleman's agreement, make them open to negotiations only with the club with whom they are listed.

By using this system, a 10 or 12 year old player, living right here in Richmond Hill or vicinity could ostensibly go on a Boston Bruin negotiation list. He wouldn't necessarily be aware of it nor would his parents. If his interest and skills kept right along with his added years he could possibly want to play junior hockey in Richmond Hill (if we had any that is) — only to find that he wasn't allowed to play for the junior team of his choice.

He might be told to report to Guelph, Goderich or Swastika if that's where the N.H.L. club whose list he was on had junior interests. Many kids are good junior material at 15, and no 15-year-old should be forced to leave home at the whim of some brassbound N.H.L. mogul.

In this day and age, when so much emphasis is placed on the value of a sound educational background, it isn't good sense to uproot a boy from his home environment and then expect marvellous school results. It would certainly be necessary to change schools, a bad enough wrench, but who oversees his homework? Who really knows just how well he is doing in school and who gets a chance to talk to his teachers? Remember, because dad has a job right in or near the old home town, the boy is really on his own!

Some pretty fine young hockey players are being developed right here in Richmond Hill. Any one (or more) of a number of young, promising local hockey players could be on lists as of tonight. This situation is no joke and last summer one northern Ontario city was concerned enough about, as they called them, "hockey bums", to devote a large editorial to what was termed a disgraceful situation. The Lord forbid it should ever happen here and it won't if we won't let it.

Mrs. Black is planning to confront the O.H.A. at the annual meeting in Toronto on April 29th. She is a woman with a mission, a mission that belongs to anyone who believes that kids should play hockey for fun and when and where they choose.

If her cause is your cause — and truly it is — please call her at PL. 7-1824. Show enough indignation and ire and the O.H.A. may remember that they are a body set up to regulate and control amateur hockey and not pander to the N.H.L. Make a call to Mrs. Black and offer her YOUR support. What is really needed is a group of dedicated parents or members of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association to attend the O.H.A. meeting in Toronto this coming Saturday. If you plan to go, call Mrs. Black, it won't cost too much and the cause is very urgent.

It may be ancient history by now but how did you like the well behaved crowd in Detroit the night Chicago won the silverware? No octopii (hope that's the plural of octopus), no eggs, no fish, no guinea pigs — one string of firecrackers and a few programs on the ice — and that was all. It was a most refreshing change from the usual conduct of the Detroit fans, better known as Garbage Unlimited. Could it be that anyone who threw anything on the ice was threatened with banishment to Hamtramck?

— SPORT SPOTS —
 Pupils at Bayview High School are to be congratulated for their decision to bring children from the Villa to their Athletic Night and possibly to other school events. Many of these handicapped children lead a pretty dull life of necessity, and it's nice to know that healthy teenagers are taking steps to see that less fortunate teenagers enjoy events that would normally be denied them.

The kids at Bayview have evidently accepted the fact that they are responsible for the welfare of others and are prepared to do something about it. Hats off to the Bayview gang for a very fine idea. See, Mable, teenagers really are responsible citizens when given half a chance.

— SPORT SPOTS —
 There are a couple of fellows, well-known in Richmond Hill sporting circles, who want lots of girls to come and see them. And, wonder of wonders, their wives don't mind a bit!

George Ward and Hap Mills are busily conducting a pre-season training session for the Richmond Heights Ladies softball team. The girls are meeting at 8 p.m. in the gym at McConaghy School on Tuesday nights and going through a two-hour drill.

The Richmond Heights Ladies want to field the best team they've ever had, this year. Any young lady who has softball talents will be welcomed to the workouts and given a fair chance to show her ability. George Ward may not be living in Richmond Hill anymore, but his friends are going to see a lot of him around these parts. This boy has a lot of friends in this area who want to see him and his team have a really good year.

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Terrific Response

Some 720 Registrations Local League Minor Ball

Last Saturday was opening day for minor softball registrations and all public and separate schools were open from 10 a.m. until noon. Registrars were overwhelmed by the response as approximately 720 registrations were received during the two hour period. Sid Steffan had his hands full at Walter Scott School as he processed some 300 forms in his two hour stint.

Still Time To Register
 Indications are that this will be the biggest year yet for minor softball activity in Richmond Hill and there is a final registration day yet to come. This Saturday will be the last day for registration. All applications will be handled at **ONE PLACE ONLY** — the store next to Jack Fraser's in the Richmond Heights Plaza. Hours will again be from 10 a.m. until noon and these will be the only registrations accepted. There will be no extension of dates nor any exceptions made. You must register this Saturday if you have

not yet done so. It is going to take a lot of help and planning to coach and organize these children. If you want to work with children on a very worthwhile project won't you tender your help to the Richmond Hill Ball Association? The need is urgent if all the children are to be given a fair shake. President Lloyd "Mickey" Smith is anxious to hear from interested people. Phone Mickey at TU. 4-2108 and offer your help. Let's all make this a banner year for minor softball in Richmond Hill.

Annual Meeting Friday

Local Hockey Association Plans To Fight N.H.L. Raiding Minors

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28th at the Municipal Hall in Richmond Hill. All those interested in hockey are strongly urged to attend as planning for next season's activity must be formulated and executive members chosen.

This is an open meeting with all interested persons being welcomed to the meeting. If you have

comments and ideas to contribute then this meeting is the place to bring them up. The hockey association is taking a firm stand against present and proposed O.H.A. plans with regard to minor or club hockey players and N.H.L. tie-ups. If you feel that present policies are detrimental to the best interests of amateur hockey and to the young hockey player, come out and lend your support in the fight to clean up the O.H.A. muddle.

Six Entries Already For Church Softball League

Wide interest is being evinced in the Richmond Hill and District Church Softball League. Six entries are already assured with St. Mary's Anglican, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, St. Luke's Lutheran of Maple, Our Lady Queen of the World, Richmond Hill Presbyterian and Thornhill Presbyterian preparing teams. There is a possibility that a combined Baptist entry from Thornhill and Richmond Hill will also be entered.

The league is designed for players over the age of 16 who wish to play softball. It is hoped that league action can start on or about May 15th and that further entries will be forthcoming. Other churches wishing to enter teams should have a representative at the next meeting of the league. Next league meeting will be held in the Richmond Hill Municipal offices on Thursday, April 27th at 8:00 p.m.

BOWLING NOTES



More and more N.H.L. hockey players seem to be turning to bowling alley operation as an additional source of income during the off-season. The latest players to announce the construction of alleys are Phil Goyette and Donnie Marshall of the Canadiens. Site of the operation is to be Lachine, near Montreal and their

house will be set up to handle duck pins, a very popular game in Quebec. In addition to the duck pins they hope to popularize 5-pin bowling and for this reason will be employing pin boys instead of automatic pin setters. Automatics cannot handle duck pins and 5-pins combined, hence the return to manual pin setting.

Aristocrats Club First Aid Course

Fifteen members of the Aristocrats Rod and Custom Club have signed up for the Civitan-sponsored first aid course. The Aristocrats are a motor car loving group of responsible young men who have bonded together in their common interest—the automobile. To most people the Aristocrats would be "hot rodders" a name that has overtones of stupidity and irresponsibility combined with law flouting and high speed, in the minds of many citizens. But nothing could be farther from the truth. Any and all Aristocrat members love motor cars. They all enjoy fast driving on a track under supervised conditions. Club rules make it mandatory for them to obey the motor vehicle laws laid down by legislative bodies and they are just a little more competent than the average Sunday afternoon driver. If this is bad then we're all for it.

Now the Aristocrats are studying first aid with a view to being of assistance to those in need of help at times of accident or sudden injury. They are willing to assume the role of being their brother's keepers and are prepared to offer intelligent, qualified help when and if the need arises. What this town and country needs are more Aristocrats and more groups as conscious of their civic responsibilities as our own local hot-rodders. And in our book hot-rodders of the Aristocrat brand are tops.

Thornhill All-Stars, Runners-Up At Brampton



Seen above are members of the Thornhill Lions sponsored entry in the Brampton Hockey Tournament. The Lions Club very generously provided money for uniforms and equipment.

The team was selected from among players on the five teams that competed in the Menzies-Bagg organized Pond League this past winter. At Brampton, the all-star aggregation were runners-up for the Class D Championship. They eliminated teams from Malton, Paisley, and Winona before bowing to Exeter.

Camp Richildaca Ready Busy Season

The brand new Camp Richildaca will open at Kettleby this year and will feature a main lodge with a 25-30 foot log cabin and a 60 x 30 ft. swimming pool. Camp director Bill Babcock has all the logs cut for the cabin and next week a bulldozer should start snorting around the 20 acre property preparing the pool and the cabin foundation.

Initial Practice Allencourt Ball

Coach Russ Cripps, mentor of the Allencourt Lanes Softball Team, formerly Wimbridge Cleaners, had a group of hopeful players out for practice last Sunday. Some nine players took part in the practice that was held on a slippery, soggy field after a heavy Saturday rain.

York Club Seeks Rugger Players

The comparatively newly formed York County Rugger Club has played three exhibition games in the last three weeks, or more correctly in rugger talk, "friendly games." The first game in the Aurora Town Park saw the York County Club down Toronto Saracens by a 10-6 count on two tries scored by Aurora High School boy Clare Doolittle. Both tries were converted by Pete Shepherd. York County have not fared too well in the other two games as they lost 18-3 to Ajax and were trounced 20-0 by Toronto Canucks. The York County squad is largely made up of players new to the game and inexperience has cost them valuable points. By playing in these "friendly games" the boys should be ready for solid play when league action gets under way in the fall.

Bayview High Students Entertain Villa Patients On Athletic Night

Nine patients from the Villa on Bathurst St. were entertained by Bayview High School students at the Athletic Night last Friday. A convoy of cars led by Miss Jane Tobias, English and history teacher at Bayview, wended their way to the Villa to pick up the guests.

The Villa staff had the patients all ready for the trip and with their expert help and instruction, the guests were carefully placed in cars and driven to Bayview High School. On arrival at the school the guests were transferred safely to their wheelchairs and escorted into the large gymnasium.

Richmond Hill and Bayview High were hooked up in a three game floor hockey engagement that provided speed, action and excitement for the Villa guests and for students of both high schools.

R. Hill on the March
 Prior to the start of the evening it was thought that the large playing area might hamper the Richmond Hill team who are used to more confined quarters. This myth was soon exploded as Richmond Hill swept all three games. The grade 9 tilt saw Bayview go down to a 6-3 defeat and then lead most of the way in the junior romp only to wilt under pressure and bow 4-3 to Richmond Hill. Bayview seniors never did get untracked and took a 7-1 shellacking from a fast, hard hitting Richmond Hill squad.

Floor Hockey
 On the intramural floor hockey

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