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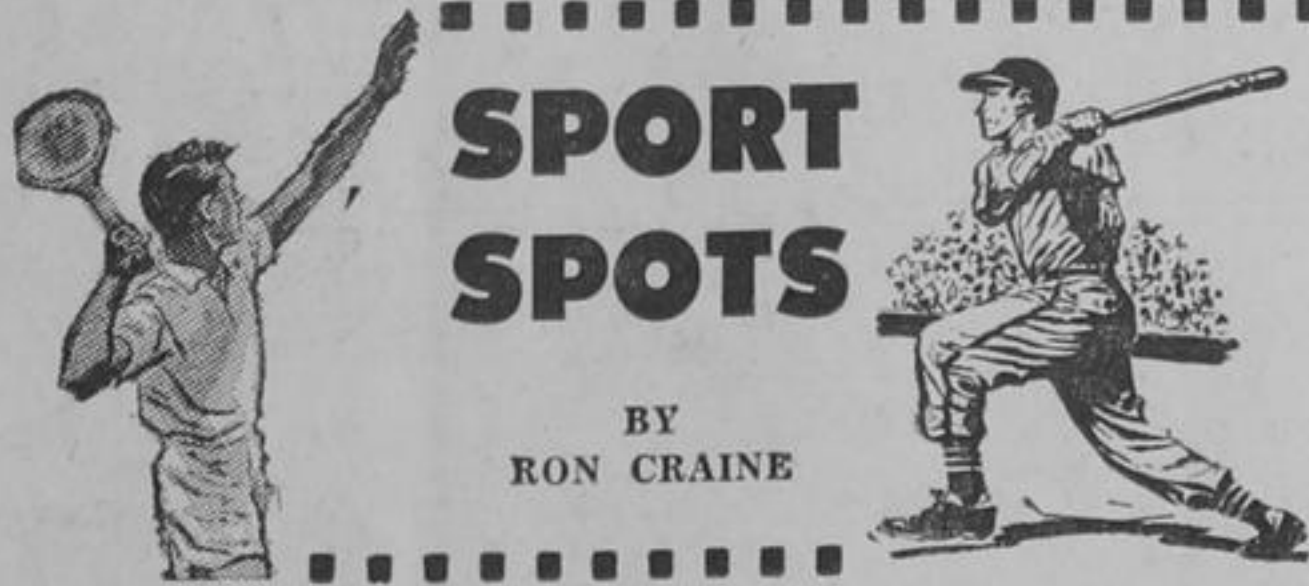
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SPORT SPOTS

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What mysterious force acts on children as they get older and become adults? What warps their outlook as they reach the so-called age of responsibility and they suddenly learn all the angles of cheating? Maybe cheating is too strong a word and we should substitute the expression "bending the rules for all the traffic will bear."

It is a well-known fact that something happens, because most of the rules in minor sport are put in to prevent adult coaches and managers from taking advantage of every loophole the law allows. And some that the law definitely doesn't allow, just for good measure. This is not something new nor will it ever change — it's just a plain fact, maybe not a nice fact, but a fact nonetheless, and, as human nature is what it is, we'll just have to live with it. Adults can think of more ways to chisel in minor sport than there are feathers on a chicken, not exactly cheating but a deliberate misinterpretation of a rule enacted in good faith.

The recent O.H.A. hassle is a good example of how adult finagling can take a lot of fun out of minor hockey. Then you're faced with the need of passing extra rules to keep everyone honest and thinking along the same line.

Another case in point and one much closer to home is the minor softball set-up in the Richmond Hill Ball Association. The executive issued player cards to players with the idea that a coach could check as to whether or not an opposing team was using an ineligible player. Every coach knows just exactly what boys are on his particular team, and the only way an ineligible player could possibly be in a line-up would be by the coach's sanction. In essence the cards are used as a check on the coach's honesty.

It seems a pity that such a system of checking should be necessary but ineligible players have been used in previous years, WITH THE COACH'S KNOWLEDGE! If any minor game is worth anything it's worth playing fairly and squarely according to the rules and hewing right to the basic meaning of the rules. Evidently winning by hook or by crook is more important to some people than integrity and young children are the inevitable losers. Leo Durocher once opined that "nice guys don't win" and some people adhere more to his creed than to any rules of sportsmanship.

Years ago, when we lived in the wilds of Newtonbrook, there was a city playground in North Toronto which shall remain nameless. In order to be eligible to play on a city playground team you had to reside in the city of Toronto. The coach of this playground had more Newtonbrook, Willowdale and Lansing boys on his teams than you'd care to count. He provided each one with a city address, in his neighbourhood, where mail could be received and any form that a player had to sign carried this address.

We often wondered why somebody didn't wonder if this one address wasn't an orphanage, as some fifteen differently named boys allegedly lived there. After a couple of years of this the larceny rubbed off on the boys and a real war was kindled.

A coach from another playground made a better offer and provided a fresh address in his bailiwick. New sweaters and transportation did a lot to swing the deal his way and a lot of ineligible players switched allegiance.

Coach number one screamed foul and hollered a lot about reporting new coach and non-resident players to the executive committee — an idle threat that no one took seriously because his own skirts were still very, very muddy. What we really got from these two coaches was a short course in petty larceny and the "what's in it for me?" philosophy.

Rules and solemn treaties, pledges, oaths and words of honour are violated by adults every day and we don't seem too upset by it. In point of fact we have almost come to expect it and look the other way. Maybe if coaches can teach their kids that playing honestly and fairly and abiding by the rules are more desirable than winning at any price we'll be well on the way to building a better world for us all!

— SPORT SPOTS —

It would seem as if lacrosse suffered a mortal blow in Richmond Hill last week. Last year we had a fairly successful revival of our national game and the infant appeared to be strong and healthy and, according to fan interest, was definitely slated for a lusty second year. Fate, that fickle jade, has decreed otherwise.

Sponsor interest is at an all time low and it does take money to operate a lacrosse team. Bill Points and Scotty Johnson did all they could to raise money for this year but all to no avail. Apparently nobody loves or wants an intermediate lacrosse team.

Brooklin, Ontario, a much smaller community than ours, can sponsor and support a senior lacrosse team and everyone gets an even break. In Richmond Hill, we just can't or won't support an intermediate team that should cost less to operate than a senior club. Messrs. Points and Johnson are sadder and wiser and, although the decision to pack up the team was a difficult one for them, there really wasn't much else they could do.

We've got willing coaches, able players and an arena to play in. The only thing lacking is a sponsor and there just isn't one available this year. One sponsor has indicated an interest for next year but then it will probably be much too late and the infant will be very dead indeed.

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Finlayson Makes Comeback To Win

Roy Finlayson, intermediate track star at Bayview High School set a new Georgian Bay record at Camp Borden last Saturday. The lean and lithe Mr. Finlayson broke the existing record for the hop-step and jump event by travelling a distance of 39 feet, 11½ inches, to beat the old mark by one half inch.

Finlayson has made a remarkable recovery from a severe injury suffered last year, when a broken arm necessitated bone being removed from his leg to repair the shattered arm bone. With his name now etched on the Georgian Bay record books, Roy has proved that the recovery was nothing if not complete.

Ron Dalley finished second in the senior shotput event and finished fourth in the discus and javelin competition. Doug Newberg finished third in the intermediate 220 yard sprint and Roy Finlayson came home in the fourth spot.

Mel Skretteberg placed fourth in the junior mile event and Jim Bradley placed fourth in the junior hop-step and jump. Bayview High School scored a total of 23 points in the meet.

Well Balanced Track Team

Richmond Hill High Sch. Sweeps Eckhardt Meet For Fifth Year

By Ron Craine

For the fifth year in a row Richmond Hill completely dominated the Eckhardt Trophy Meet at Pickering College as a strong, well-balanced track team swept relentlessly over the opposition. The win was overpowering as both boys and girls piled up points to enable Richmond Hill to literally walk away from other schools in the meet.

Ian Ross was the star of the junior boys meet and was declared meet junior champion. Ross won the 100 and 220 yard sprints and the 120 yard low hurdles, as well as running the anchor lap on the winning junior relay team. Dennis Cooper won the intermediate 100 yard dash and set a new meet record in a time of 10.6 seconds. Cooper won the intermediate 220 and ran anchor on the winning relay team.

Brian Walker picked up two second place finishes in the senior 100 and 220 yard events and Rob Roy McGregor took a first in the running broad jump and a second in the hop-step-jump event. Gary Kozak won the discus throw and placed third in the shotput.

The Two Carols
Carol Hayes captured first place in the girls' senior 100 yard dash and Carol Clarke won the running broad jump event and set a new senior record with a jump of 16 feet 7 inches.

Diane Again
Diane Hayes won three events and set new records in each one of them. Miss Hayes has a habit of re-writing the record books and this meet proved to be no exception. Carol won the standing broad jump, running broad jump and shotput and was a member of the winning relay team.

In the junior division, Elizabeth Matthews won the shotput event and Carol Harley set a new record in winning the junior standing broad jump.

R. H. High School Athletic Banquet

To celebrate a most successful athletic year, Richmond Hill High School will hold an Athletic Banquet on June 23rd. The day is appropriate as this is the day on which upper school examinations end and upper school athletes will have double cause for rejoicing.

Many honours and athletic awards have come to Richmond Hill High School and to individual performers during the school year. A great many people are expected to attend the event and to help the student body celebrate the best athletic year in Richmond Hill history.



More than 650 grade 7 and 8 students from Metro Toronto and district schools took part recently in the annual Junior Trout Fishing Day sponsored by the Metropolitan Toronto & Region Conservation Authority. The event was held at the Greenwood Conservation Area, near Pickering Village, and the young anglers fished the trout-stocked Duffin Creek as their reward for high marks in a conservation quiz at school.

A group of the young fishermen try their luck in one of the pools which seemed to be a favorite fishing hole during the day. The creek was specially stocked with fish for the occasion by the authority.

Thornhill's Eddie Jay Half Mile Track Record

Thornhill's Eddie Jay turned in a sensational performance at the Eckhardt Trophy meet at Pickering College to set a new half mile record for the meet. Jay ran the distance in a time of two minutes, one second and finished 100 yards ahead of second place finisher, team-mate Terry Hemming.

Immediately after winning the half mile event, Jay was stricken with an attack of stomach cramps but managed to run in the mile event. Jay won the mile in four minutes, fifty-one seconds, a rather slow time for the distance but considering the handicap of cramps, another very fine performance.

Howes Breaks Record

Jay is still of intermediate age but moved up to the senior division for the Eckhardt meet. Bob Howes, large Thornhill athletic stalwart, came up with a record breaking shotput effort of 45 ft, 5½ inches, to defeat Gary Kozak of Richmond Hill and Ron Dalley of Bayview.

On Relay Team

Thornhill's senior relay team set a new mark of 46.3 seconds in winning the 440 yard relay. The old mark of 46.5 seconds was set by Thornhill at last year's

meet. Barry Patterson, Peter and Paul Donkersley and Terry Hemming were members of the victorious team.

Barry Patterson won the senior 120 yard high hurdles in the very respectable time of 15.6 seconds to score more points for Thornhill's cause. Peter Donkersley gave one of the greatest performances ever seen at a track meet. He dislocated his shoulder while starting a heat of the 120 yard high hurdles but ran the event regardless. Thrown badly off balance by the disabled arm, he was never a serious contender, but for sheer courage his performance was tops.

Jim Kellam took a first in the intermediate shotput and Dave Rumble was the winner of the intermediate discus event. John Hunter tied for first place in the senior pole vault.

Thornhill Track & Field Team Finishes Second, Georgian Bay Championships

The Thornhill Track Team finished in second place in the Georgian Bay Championships behind their arch-rivals, Richmond Hill High. A little bad luck plus some disappointing performances from team members spelled the difference between first and second place but Thornhill is confident of a good showing at the O.F.S.S.A. meet at Guelph this Saturday.

Kellam Winner

Jim Kellam won the shotput in the intermediate division as John Rumble placed second in the pole vault and brother Dave Rumble was second in the discus. Eddie Jay came up with wins in the mile and half mile events but his time in the half mile event was somewhat disappointing in the light of his two minute, one second half mile in the Eckhardt competition. The fleet and powerful Mr. Jay could, with a little concentration, become one of the best half milers anywhere in the country. If he buckles down to serious work it could lead to a scholarship offer and a chance to further his track and

academic career. His future is in his own hands and we hope he chooses wisely.

The mile win saw Jay break the record that he set last year as he centered home in four minutes, fifty seconds to make a new entry in the record book.

Barry Patterson won very convincingly in the senior 120 yard high hurdles event and Bob Howes was the winner of the senior shotput event.

Thornhill won the senior relay by fifteen yards but the team was disqualified as a Thornhill runner ran out of his lane and interfered with another runner. On such small things do track and field championships hinge.

Bayview High Sch. Makes Start Track Competitions

Bayview High School finished sixth in the Eckhardt Trophy Meet, the first time they have ever been in serious track competition. Track coaches Russ Snider and Miss P. Belt are very pleased with the showing made by the respective teams and feel that Bayview has a rosy future in the world of the spiked shoe.

McGregor, Schmarowski, Wooton
Judy McGregor finished third in the senior girls 220 yard event as Carina Schmarowski took second place in the high jump and the standing broad jump. Tomsy Wooton picked up a fourth in the senior girl shot-put and placed second in the basketball throw.

The relay team composed of Judy McGregor, Elaine Jones, Ann Waern and Carina Schmarowski finished in second place in the 440 yard event.

Leonore Fleming

In the intermediate division Leonore Fleming finished fourth in the high jump and the 440 yard relay team of Sue Dennis, Judy Thomson, Dolly Callin and Pat Craine also finished fourth.

Wins In High Jump

Diane Hudson won the junior high jump event by clearing the bar at four feet eight inches to

tie the meet record and Heather Castle picked up a third place finish in the baseball throw. The Bayview team finished fourth in the girls' division of the meet.

Jim Bradley captured first in the junior running broad jump with a leap of 17 feet 3½ inches and placed second in the hop-step-and-jump by covering a distance of 34 feet 10½ inches.

Pulled Leg Muscle

Mike Howard leaped 5 feet even to win the high jump and, although he qualified for the finals in the 100 and 220 yard sprints, was unable to start due to a badly pulled leg muscle. Don Chapman was third in the junior-pole vault.

Doug Newberg finished second in the intermediate 220 and placed third in the running broad jump. Ron Finlayson placed second in the hop-step-and-jump and Horton Amos was third in the pole vault. The intermediate relay team of Bob Hoernigk, Doug Newberg, Horton Amos and Roy Finlayson picked up points for a third place finish.

Ron Dalley placed second in the senior shot and discus events and Ken Tomcheski was fourth in the senior running broad jump.



BOWLING NOTES

Jimmy Hoult won the O'Connor TV Bowling Championship for the fifth time last Saturday afternoon, against Stan Battersby from Hamilton. Both bowlers were on and had their best stuff working for them and Hoult eked out a 19 pin win over Battersby.

Hoult bowled a total of 1323 for five and Battersby's total was 1304. This was the best match that Hoult has participated in during this series and next week he will be shooting for his sixth win.

He has an almost negligible approach that is somewhat reminiscent of a soft shoe shuffle. He lays the ball on the alley as if he was setting it down on a crate of eggs but the power in his big arms and shoulders make it a very devastating delivery. Jim is a real stylist and makes the game look like a ballet routine.

If you've never seen him bowl, why not tune in to Channel 6 on Saturday afternoon and watch the smoothest bowler in the 5 pin game today.

A husband and wife combination saw both family members break into the A.B.C. "400" circle on the same day. Audrey Young rolled a 401 at Allencourt Lanes in the Mixed Triples Classic early on Saturday morning. Later in the day Bill Young rolled a very fancy 413 in the Waterloo Tournament to complete the feat. Mr. and Mrs. Young will both receive "400" buttons from the O.B.C. in recognition of their two fine games.

The Manufacturers Life Team composed of Jeanne Richardson, Bill Jones and Bob Weeks are leading the field in the Allencourt Missed Triples Classic. A total of 2643 pins fell before the devastating onslaught of the team. Bill Jones rolled for 937, Bob Weeks hit for 928 and Jeanne Richardson bowled a 778 total. In over 90 frames the trio missed the head pin only 11 times. That's bowling!

Audrey Young holds the ladies' high single honors with her 401 effort, while Tom McBurnie leads the men with a 393. McBurnie is also leading the men in the triple division with a 1057. Ladies' high triple leader is Theda Procher with 854.

Dynes Allencourt Team won over Dynes ABC squad by a 400 pin total. Sponsor Vern Dynes showed up to watch both games of the series and seemed to get a real charge out of the whole affair.

Manager Doug Miller of Allencourt Lanes and Mr. Frank Price of ABC Bowl made the tournament possible by donating free linage to the teams. The Allencourt management also presented each bowler with a free

AURORA—Town council is asking the Federal Department of Transport to establish an airstrip near the town. Departmental officials are said to be anxious to establish and emergency strip, and, in addition, several commercial planes are owned locally.

Elect Ed. Butlin Lawn Bowling

Ed. Butlin was named as president of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club during the annual elections. Mr. Butlin has a real interest in lawn bowling and takes over from past president James Grainger. In addition to the post of past president, Mr. Grainger is also the chairman of the tournament committee.

The position of vice-president is held by Mr. George Hill, while the secretary is a man of vast experience in this field, popular "Curly" Lynett. Treasurer for this year is Mr. Ted Mansbridge.

The Men's Trebles Open Tournament will be held at the Richmond Hill club on the second Wednesday in June and entries are expected from many clubs in and around the Metro area. The club has openings for new members and all prospective members are urged to contact members of the club or the club executive. A real slate of activities is planned for the season and this could be one of the best years in the long history of the club.

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