

# DISTRICT SPORT NEWS



## SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRANE

Hey! How about that New Year's Day on TV? There were so many football games played in so many different bowls that it was sheer torture to decide just which one to watch! Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Gator Bowl and on, and on, and on.

How in the name of all the furies did anyone ever come to call a large stadium a bowl? It's natural enough because of the general appearance of the edifice, but it seems to have been a press agent's dream. There are even Punch Bowls, Pineapple Bowls, Ice Bowls, Pro Bowls - to name just a few.

What if some early Roman had come up with the name bowl for a stadium? Instead of the dignified Colosseum of Rome we might have had the Minestrone Bowl or even the Pizza Bowl. Praise be they never thought of it! Carry the bowl theme to its logical conclusion and you get one that the plumbers union could sponsor. Like John is a synonym.

Somehow the Grey Cup seems to pack more excitement into its make-up than any of these post-season classics???? The half time shows are well worth watching but you always miss the best parts. Cameramen pan the crowd instead of the band activity and then usually a couple of over the hill players analyze what you've already seen for yourself.

Explain the mechanics of any game often enough and you take away its glamour. You thought that shifty back was having a real afternoon and romping wildly through the opposition. Then you find out the truth from the lips of the analysts. Pete Packavits, the opposition's all-American guard has been injured and isn't dressed. The guard and tackle on your hero's team have been double-teaming his replacement all afternoon. Poor substitute never had a prayer! Now you realize your cousin Cornelia could have carried for gains through the large holes and, in the second half, you watch the ex-hero with a jaundiced eye.

If the Grey Cup game were played on New Year's Day, the excitement, combined with mild stomach disorders from last night's soiree, might be too much for a human frame to stand. Far better that they feed us a comparatively unexciting brand of football where you can fall asleep if you feel the urge! And, if you do fall asleep and someone switches on another Bowl game, when you wake you'll never even know that it wasn't the game you started to watch! And if that isn't the height of mediocrity, then what is?

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A gentleman who once was very highly interested in the sporting scene at Richmond Hill now lives in Stouffville. A lot of people remember Jim McKean and although he is now primarily interested in Stouffville he is still interested in what goes on in Richmond Hill.

We met Jim the other day for the first time in three years and he started asking questions about local goings on in the world of sport. One thing he was very interested in was whether or not we had a running track. Unfortunately, the answer was no, just the same as it has always been. But there is a slight ray of hope that we could have one in the not too far distant future.

A Richmond Hill citizen, Mr. Jack Reid of Paliser Crescent is a civil engineer by profession. Mr. Reid spent hours of his own time surveying the land at the far eastern edge of the Bayview High School grounds. He then took the figures obtained from his survey data and came up with plans for a quarter mile track that will fit into the area.

All this was done by Mr. Reid because he believes that a running track is a necessity in Richmond Hill. He has no immediate family pressures forcing him to be interested as his two daughters are both of pre-school age and won't be worried about running for years to come.

Members of the York Central District High School Board have been asked what they thought of the idea of the track at the Bayview High School. They agreed, those who were asked, that it was a fine idea. If the track is constructed at Bayview it will be for the benefit of all the schools and all the kids in the area.

We once had a very fine track club in Richmond Hill. Marian Munroe, Diane Hayes and John Passmore were members of the club and everyone of them became prominent in track circles. No more track club as the limited facilities available were taken from them.

At Thornhill High School, Cliff Nuttall and Bob Paterson attracted the attention of large U.S. colleges with their running prowess. Nuttall is presently getting an education at the University of Michigan on a scholarship basis. He is also a member of the Michigan track team.

In short we've got running talent to burn in this area, but there's just no place to develop this talent. And it's just about time we had such a place.

Sometime in May, Bayview High School will be the host school for the Eckhardt Trophy Meet, largest school track meet in the area. King City has a track, Aurora has a track and there's one at Pickering College at Newmarket. The largest town in the area, Richmond Hill, hasn't got a track, so the Bayview hosts will have to beg the use of track facilities from one of these three places. It's nothing new as Richmond Hill High School had to swallow pride and beg for a good many years. But it still isn't too palatable!

Surely there are enough public spirited people around the area who would be willing to help build a track to Mr. Reid's plan. Why leave it to the school board to provide? There are plenty of people who would be willing to give a little work to the project. Think about it a while and see if you can offer some help. Lots of the younger set have indicated a desire to work - maybe they could drag dad along as well.

Could be that by May the schools in Richmond Hill won't have to beg, they'll have a track of their own. Don't let's waste all the hours of work put in by Mr. Reid. Let's really do something about it. A motto hung on the wall of a business office makes a great deal of sense - "Those who want to find a way - those that don't want to find excuses." People in this area don't need to offer excuses to anyone - let's go out and prove it!

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## Hockey Teachers



Bill McVean (left) and Bob McKenna are two of the local hockey teachers. These gentlemen are representative of the many fathers that regularly assist in teaching the basic fundamentals of the game to the future stars of tomorrow. The hockey school is sponsored by the Richmond Hill Hockey Association. (Staff Photo by Craine.)

## Craigie's Men Dominate Senior League Scoring

Craigie's Rangers players have the top five scorers in the local senior league to date on their roster. Ken Sinclair is leading the league with 30 scoring points, 16 goals and 14 assists. Fred Disera has 11 goals and 18 assists for 29 points and Earl Cairns has 16 goals and 12 assists for 28 points.

In fourth place is Bob Wright, who has 14 goals and 12 assists for 26 points, and Wally Stothers 10 goals and 15 assists for 25 points; Norm Roberts 12 goals, 10 assists for 22 points; and J. Gilbert of the Orphans, 11 goals and 11 assists for 22 points.

**Craigies 13, Wise Insulation 1**  
Craigies completely out-classed the Insulation Team and poured in 13 goals for one against in the process.

Wally Stothers scored four goals and assisted on two others. Ken Sinclair scored three and assisted on one. Fred Disera, Harold Fiskari, Doug Turgeon, Johnny Drummond and Brian Turner each scored singletons.

Gary Durrie scored the lone goal for Wise Insulation, assisted by Don Walls.

## Ricky Thompson Scores Lone Goal

The squirt division Sing Alongs defeated Aurora 1-0 in a North York League fixture played at Aurora last Saturday. In accordance with the policy of bringing along new talent, five boys were brought up from house league teams. Johnny Gropp, Martin Gill, Steve Gropp, Gary Oliver and Peter Coughlin all saw action in the game, and Coughlin was credited with an assist.

Gerald Methe, John Dunkley, Larry Young and Philip Clark, all regular members of the Sing Alongs, were dropped from the roster for the game. Coaches Earl Methe and Jack Shropshire plan to bring up additional players for future league games.

Ricky Thompson scored the only goal of the game to give the Sing Alongs the win. The net-minding of Doug Meyers kept Aurora off the score sheet as he came up with an excellent game.

The Sing Alongs have received their invitation to the Brampton squirt hockey tournament to be held during the Easter holidays. With the type of opposition the exhibition games are providing the team should do very well at Brampton.

## Need More Fill For Crosby Ave. Park Site

At a recent meeting of the Richmond Hill Parks Board, the question was raised regarding the reason for the holdup in the development of the Crosby Avenue park site. Members were told that a large quantity of fill was needed to raise the level of the land as the area was subject to flooding during wet periods of the year. It was pointed out that the fill required was being procured by the board from various construction sites throughout the town but only a limited amount had been made available for the Crosby Avenue site. It was pointed out that purchase of sufficient fill to enable development of the site was impossible because of the high cost involved.

Although work on the site has momentarily come to a standstill because of the lack of fill, it is hoped that a park will be in operation by the spring of 1962, said Parks Board Chairman Russell Tilt. The five acre park will primarily be a sports field with a large area being set aside for baseball. In addition to Chairman Tilt, other members of the board are Norm Brown secretary, Stan Ransom, William Ruttle, Allan Smyth, and Councillor Allan White.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

**Thornhill Secondary**  
Thornhill opened the basketball season last Friday with a triple bill against Newmarket. The Newmarket Teams were afforded scant mercy by the three Thornhill Teams as the southern school won all three games.

Thornhill Middlets romped to a 34-4 win over the hapless Newmarket tads and Thornhill Juniors rubbed it in by defeating their opponents 59-25. Paul Rivers, Jim Kellam and Roger Brian scored 53 of the Thornhill total of 59.

Bob Howes romped through the senior game and hit for 25 points as the Thornhill team team won 76-10. Howes now has a total of 974 points in his basketball career and should top the 1000 point mark in the next two games. Scoring 1000 points in a high school basketball career is equivalent to rapping out sixty home runs or firing in 50 goals a year in the N.H.L. It's quite a feat!

**Richmond Hill High**  
On Thursday the Richmond Hill Midget basketball team won their first league game by defeating Aurora 20-13. Aurora invaded Richmond Hill Friday with a junior and senior basketball game on tap.

Aurora Juniors defeated Richmond Hill 34-28 in overtime. Aurora players stole the ball three times from Richmond Hill and drove in on the basket to score the six points that won the game. Either the player concerned is quite a ball hawk or there was some lackadaisical ball handling by Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill Seniors treated Aurora Seniors in a cavalier manner as they were on the rink for a 52-19 score. Jim Harrison has taken the senior team under his capable coaching wing and seems to have the green and white team really fired up.

## MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

BY BOB ROSS JR.  
**R.H.M.H.A. SQUIRT LEAGUE**  
Royals (Gormley Sand & Gravel) 1  
Marlboros (Consumers Gas) 0  
Royals took all the glory in this game, some good, some bad. David Webster scored the lone marker in a 5-1 game. The Royals and Brian Tierney got the one and only penalty of the game for boarding.

**Jr. Canadiens (Sunnybrook Riding Club) 2**  
Teepees (Macdougall Motors) 1  
Another close game with the Habs just winning by one goal. Habs' goals were by Allen Lewis and Paul Engler with assists going to Paul Engler and John Gropp. Teepees' lone marker was by Danny Kells, with assist by Gary Oliver. Again Goals: Dave Carnell and Terry Gunton were on their toes.

**Biltmores 1**  
Fliers (Victoria Lodge) 0  
Again the goalies made the game, with Roger Crook and Percy Knight eating their Wheaties regularly. Ray McPherson of the Biltmores scored the only goal of the game unassisted.

**Petes 1**  
Tiger Cubs (Wilson Niblett Motors) 0  
Just one goal scored and unassisted. Eddie Kay doing the honors for the Petes. Again we must praise the goalies.

**PEEWEE LEAGUE**  
Apologies for not reporting PeeWee results the last two weeks. But here is a brief resume.

**December 23rd**  
Reds 9, Bears 0  
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**Bisons 3, Aces 1**  
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**St. Mike's 7, Aces 2**  
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**January 6th**  
St. Mike's 3, Americans 1  
St. Mike's goals were scored by Steve Webb, John Mashinter and Barry Corliss. Americans' goal scorer was Mike Stoddart.

## Bookalam, Windrim Lead Bantams To A 4-0 Win Over Aurora

Richmond Hill's bantam Flyers shut out Aurora by a 4-0 score in Richmond Hill Friday night of last week. Much credit for the shut out win should go to Albert Windrim, Flyer goalkeeper. Windrim seems to have a set of natural reflexes and the cool judgment that all good net-minders must have.

Despite the score the game was a fairly close contest. The essential difference lies in the fact that the Flyers have the ability to capitalize on all opportunities and are very adept at finishing off plays around the net.

**Scores Hat Trick**  
John Bookalam was the scoring star of the game as the classy young Flyer scored three goals, one in each period. Doug Acomb scored a beautiful goal on a breakaway. He moved in fast and shifted the Aurora net-minder almost out of the arena before firing home the puck. Acomb also picked up an assist on one of Bookalam's three goals.

Any scoring opportunity that came to Aurora was thwarted by a hard checking, smooth working Flyer defence. Netminder Windrim was able to take care of anything that Aurora was able to get through the defence.

The Flyers are as smooth as any bantam hockey team that ever played in Richmond Hill and played crowd pleasing hockey all the way.

To round out the program last Friday Richmond Hill Junior Girls Basketball quintet dropped an 18-10 decision to Aurora. Richmond Hill Senior Girls won a 27-7 victory over the Aurora team.

If snow ever does fall in honest and copious quantities the Richildaca camp site will be the scene of a ski meet. The hills and trails at Richildaca should provide very exciting ski action to add to the high school program.

There was a great turn out for the girls first athletic night of 1962. In the basketball games against Aurora, the juniors lost 18-10. But the seniors revived the school spirit by defeating Aurora 27-7. A dance and refreshments followed. It is hoped that the girls next athletic night the future will be just as great a success.

**Bayview High**  
A junior and senior exhibition basketball game with Richmond Hill on Wednesday of last week saw Bayview settle for a win and a loss. In the junior set-to, Richmond Hill won by a 52-24 score while Bayview won the senior go round 36-32.

In a league game against King City, Bayview Seniors carried out a 51-19 win and were led by the fine play of Roy Finlayson. King won the junior game by edging Bayview 40-37 in a game that went into overtime.

Pete Reilly is coaching the Bayview junior team with Lars Thompson being the senior mentor.

Colour team standings in the race for intramural honours show Green on top with a total of 730 points. Black is holding down second place with 695 and Gold is close behind with 685. The Red team is in last place with 650 points.

## New Exhibition Series

# Hornets Defeat All-Stars 3-2

Richmond Hill Hornets defeated the T.H.L. All-Stars in a pee-wee hockey game at Richmond Hill arena Friday night of last week. This was one of the best played games of the season and was the first defeat inflicted on the T.H.L. Team. Coach John Gropp is highly pleased with the result of the first game in the new Friday night exhibition series. With competition such as this against which to measure their abilities, the Hornets should turn into a first class hockey machine.

Despite the loss of Dave Broderick, out of the line up with a pulled leg muscle, the Hornets played heads up hockey. Gary Churcher found the mark in the first period on a play set up by Harvey Gordon and Jimmy Wilson. Churcher

**Chapman Scores Second Goal**  
Neither team scored in the second period and they were still deadlocked 1-1 at the third period opened. Ken Chap-

man scored the Hornet's second goal, assisted by Bob Hutchison and Gary Methe. Moments later Methe scored the third goal on a fine solo effort to give the Hornets a 3-1 edge.

With four minutes remaining in the game the All-Stars found the target to score their second and final goal. The game ended with the Hornets winning 3-2.

Brian Austin played a fine game in the Hornet goal and got great support from Wilson. As well as playing his regular defence spot Wilson was used as a fireman to kill off penalties and did a real job. Jimmy Ross also went well for the Hornets and has now won a permanent berth on the team.

A Metro Pee-wee Team from Ted Reeve arena will provide the Hornet opposition tomorrow night at Richmond Hill arena.

## Advise Caution Lake Simcoe Ice

According to reports there was still open water on part of Lake Simcoe and only a thin ice coating over much of the rest of the lake. There are a few spots where ice is thicker and fishing has started. Approximately 100 fish huts are reported at the lower end of Cook's Bay with some good catches of herring and perch being taken. Ice thickness is reported at 6 inches but it is not yet considered safe for car travel.

Fishermen are walking across the ice from Beaverton to Thorah Island and a few fish huts have been noted on the ice around Georgina Island. Fishermen, using the lake are reminded to use considerable caution, at all times, until ice conditions are quite safe.

## Recreational Group Chosen For Markham

The seven members of the newly formed Markham Township Recreation Committee were appointed at the first 1962 meeting of township council Monday. The committee consists of two members of council plus five representatives from various areas in Markham Township.

Appointed to the board were Herman Mortson, representing Victoria Square; former township councillor Archie Little of Cedar Grove; Arthur Toogood and Mrs. George Metcalfe, Unionville representatives; and Ian Brown of Highland Park.

Allan Sumner of Thornhill and Charles Hooper of Buttonville were appointed to the committee as representatives of township council.

## Build School Rinks At 16th Ave. Pub. School

Two rinks will be established at 16th Avenue Public School by the East Richvale Residents Association, one for senior and the other for junior pupils. The work will be done under the direction of the principal and is under way now.

**MIDGET LEAGUE**  
A.B.C. 5, JONES 5  
Ian Ross, one of the Jones' boys, is now with ABC, helping to balance the Midget League. It was a close game from the beginning with each team getting two goals in the first period, one in the second and two in the third. All ABC goals were unassisted. Rick McCarville got two, Clay Chapman, Doug Carter and Ian Ross a marker each. Jones' goal getters were Bernie Hawks two, Ken McGee two and Rick Bradshaw one. Assist on three occasions went to Bradshaw with other assists going to Ken McGee and Bernie Hawks. Holding seems to be a habit with these boys, four penalties were given in this game for that offence.

**Littles 3, Trailways 2**  
Four goals scored in the last period, two for each team which made for a very exciting game. Littles had the opening goal in the first period by Doug Bridge. Other goals were by Ron Groom and Ken Crook. Trailways' goals by hard shooting Paul Urben and Bob Rawlison. The Trailways had two penalties in the second period, but I am not telling who the bad boys are.

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# CURLING

**Ladies' Curling (By Ruth Chandler)**  
Richmond Hill Curling Club was host to the district provincial playdowns on January 4th and 5th. Rinks from Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Bradford, Richmond Hill participated. The victorious Unionville rink was skipped by Elaine Loren. She had with her Kit Le Masurier, Lois Lawrie, and Madge Gra-

ham. The runner up was the Richmond Hill rink skipped by Doris Vance with Peg Austin, Maisie Gibson and Ruth Chandler.

A rink composed of Jean Butler, Innis Hannah, Lorna Kerwin and skipped by Janet Burns was successful in winning three games at Oakville on January 5.

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