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SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

By now the Stanley Cup playoffs of 1962 have passed into history. At the time of this writing five games have been played and the Leafs have won three of the five. After Chicago won the third and fourth games and had completely outclassed the Toronto team in the Chicago Stadium, it seemed inevitable that they would win the silverware for the second straight year. Then comes the fifth game on Toronto ice and the Hawks absorbed an 8-4 defeat. It was a series that was exciting all the way.

Chicago fans seem to come to games equipped with some strange and assorted materials for throwing on the ice. Decks of playing cards, eggs, hats, footwear and sundry other odd items made a regular appearance on the ice after every goal. Most people in this area deplored the practice and were a little bit disgusted with the Chicago fans.

The fact is that maybe we felt a little smug and superior to our American cousins and felt that such disgraceful behaviour couldn't happen in the hallowed halls of Maple Leaf Gardens. And then in the fifth game of the series, some people blew our ideals all to blazes.

Eggs, hats, programmes, fire crackers and other things were tossed out onto the ice. Maybe they didn't throw as much and maybe not as often but some Toronto fans evidently wanted to prove that we could be just as stupid as a Chicago audience. An appeal not to throw debris on the ice as a player might suffer an injury was roundly booed. And the litter continued to rain down.

The only consolation or comfort we can find in this is that maybe, just maybe, all the stuff thrown onto the ice was put there by visiting Chicago fans. It's a darn slim hope and we honestly don't believe it for one cotton-picking minute.

From now on Toronto audiences have little to feel superior about. They have raised (or lowered) themselves to the Chicago level and there's precious little to be proud of in that Leaf fans have always had a reputation for being one of the best conducted, most sportsmanlike groups in the league. After last Thursday night the reputation has become a wee bit tarnished and we hope that it can be redeemed.

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For the last five years there have been plans afoot to build a change house with washroom facilities in the town park. And for five years something has always caused the plans to be shelved. This year we sincerely hope that the plans will be completed and that the change house becomes a reality.

Over the past few years, Richmond Hill has achieved an enviable reputation in the softball world. Teams have come into Richmond Hill from all parts of this province and from United States centres. And where did they have to dress? Most of them were forced to change in cars although, on the odd occasion, the Scout Hall was made available as a dressing room.

Visiting football and soccer teams, as well as our own town teams, were in the same boat and had to dress as best they could, where they exist. Washroom and shower facilities just don't exist and this causes a great deal of inconvenience. The situation is not a happy one and does little to enhance the reputation of Richmond Hill.

Our parks board recognizes this lack and means to do something about it this year. A change house may be a long way from a million dollar hotel and prestige building but will have just as much importance to the town park. And it will add greatly to the comfort of everyone who uses the park for any purpose whatsoever.

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The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association is planning an open house on June 2nd at 2.30 p.m. All Tennis Club members are urged to bring along anyone who is interested in tennis and enjoys a get-together.

It has been a real pleasure to watch the progress of the tennis club. From a shaky beginning they have fashioned a real organization. They have two very fine tennis courts, plan to add a third, and own some very fine equipment. Besides all this they now have lights for night tennis. That's a lot of progress in three years and those responsible have every right to feel proud of a job well done.

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The City of Oshawa has just announced plans to build a new million dollar arena and auditorium. Many reasons have been given for building the new arena and the success of Donald Jackson, an Oshawa boy, in winning the World's Figure Skating Championship, hasn't hurt a bit. Facilities were so poor in Oshawa that Jackson had to go somewhere else to practice. And we are just about in the same position here.

Plans have been made to operate a junior C hockey team in Richmond Hill next year. This calibre of hockey is fast and exciting and should command a goodly fan following. There's only one problem, the present arena is far from a spectators' paradise and it won't hold too great a crowd.

Ice time in the local winter sports palace is at a premium. All organizations are clamouring for more time but it's just not available. At one time T.H.L. teams played in the arena but this had to be curtailed as local activities bought all the time available.

The Richmond Hill Hockey Association has long recognized the need for a second arena. Coach John Gropp, of the Richmond Hill Hornets, has done some intensive research into the arena problem, both as to methods of construction and financing. The time is almost at hand to make use of his findings and make concrete plans for the future.

We're not suggesting that the old arena be done away with. Far from it. Right now there's enough activity around to warrant two arenas and the present one has been extended only so far and it seem to have reached the absolute limit. The only answer is another arena sometime in the very near future.

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Thornhill Lions All Star Atoms Compete In Metro Tournament



The Thornhill Lions All Star Atoms made a creditable showing in the recent Metro wide Atom Hockey Tournament held at the Heather Arena. In a four game series the Thornhill lads won one game, tied one and lost two. A total of 16 top teams from the Metro area competed in the tournament.

The team members are (left to right) front row, W. Mazelow, J. Thurston, S. Francis, D. Kiddey and R. Wright. Middle row (same order)

Coach W. E. Windsor, G. Greenham, W. Windsor, J. Bagg and J. Stevens. Back row (same order) W. Menzies, V. DiMarco, J. Flanagan, P. Law and F. Warnica.

Absent when the picture was taken, Manager Norm Davidson, Assistant Coach S. Hepburn, and players P. White and M. Burkart. (Photo by David Barbour)

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Richmond Hill
Since the Easter exams came to an end the intramural sports program at Richmond Hill has been in high gear. The intramural results were as follows: Grade 9 title went to Miles, followed by Stewart, Harrison and Richmond House, in that order.

Junior volleyball champs were Richmond with Stewart, Miles and Harrison following along behind. The grade 9 title went to Miles, followed by Stewart, Harrison and Richmond House, in that order.

Floor hockey crowns were also decided. In the heavy-weight class, Stewart emerged as the winner, with Richmond, Harrison and Miles following along. The 125-150-pound title went to Miles, with Harrison, Richmond and Stewart finishing in that order. Under 125 lbs. was won by Stewart, with Harrison, Richmond and Miles trailing.

Grade 9 harrier over a distance of 1 1/2 miles was won by Ted Sale of Harrison House in a time of 6:06. Ed Shorter and Gordon Pratt of Miles House finished second and third. A field of 103 winners took part and all finished the course. One hundred boys ran the distance in nine minutes or less.

Seventy-two entrants ran the junior 1 3/4-mile harrier. Bob Munroe of Harrison won in a time of 9:15, followed by Rick Bradshaw of Miles and Anthony Crank of Stewart House.

Lawrie Brice led a field of 71 to win the senior 1 3/4-mile harrier in record time. He ran the distance in 8:45.8 to break the record of 8:52 set by brother Ron Brice. Brice represented Richmond House, with second place going to Bob Manning of Harrison and John Perkins of Stewart third.

Intramural gymnastics were held last Thursday, with members of the boys' and girls' school gymnastic team members as officials and judges.

Frank Pirri of Stewart House and Ron Weir of Miles tied for the grade 9 championship with 18 points each. Stewart House won the grade 10 event as Marti De la Barre scored 21 points. Stewart House also won the grade 11 title as Anthony Crank scored 24 points. John Perkins scored 24 points to win grade 12, also for Stewart House, and David Sale won the grade 13 title with 25 points.

What house does he belong to? Stewart House—what else!
It's no surprise that Stewart House lead the intramural sports parade with 1,340 points. Richmond House are in second place with 1,275, and Harrison House third with 1,270 points. Miles House own 1,215 points.

With several events yet to be run on the intramural sports scene before the end of the semester, Richmond Hill is really going to be a very busy place!

With the conclusion of examinations, the intramural program at Thornhill got back on the track. Gymnastics was the latest item on the agenda with grade winners as follows: Grade 9, Terry Adkins; Grade 10, Terry Aimeo; Grade 11, not yet decided, and Grade 12, Bob Jamieson.

Over the three game route and this will give some indication of the closeness of the play. Gerry Methe was the goal getter for the Sing Alongs with the assist going to Ricky Chapman. Outstanding goalkeeping by Doug Meyers has been a feature of the Sing Along play throughout the season.

During the Easter holidays the Sing Alongs will be entered in the Brampton Squirt Hockey Tournament. It's going to be a hectic week with the Clancy Series final to be completed as well.

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Going Ahead With Change House

Smell Of Spring Sparks Park-men

Like many another civic department, Richmond Hill Parks Board suffered a cut in its budget when town council set the tax rate this year. The board now has \$20,000 to spend on 1962 activities and the budget will be revised accordingly and discussed at the next meeting.

The board, however, saved \$6,500 from its 1961 budget, which it had earmarked for the building of a change house in the town park. Work on that project will go ahead as quickly as possible, said board members as they staged their regular monthly meeting under the chairmanship of Russell Tilt.

Dealing with town park matters, board members complained that garbage and other refuse had apparently been brought out of dressing rooms and burned outside the area. There was a lot of broken glass which, it was claimed, constituted a hazard to children. The board will correspond with the arena board in an effort to achieve a permanent clean-up Mill Pond Work Begins.

Work is to be started on the clean-up of an area of nearly two acres on the south side of the Mill Pond. A contribution of \$500 by the Richmond Hill Rotary Club sparked the effort. Because of it the board can do the work under the winter works program, which sees three quarters of the labour cost paid by senior government levels. Because of the Rotary donation the board will be able to obtain two thousand dollars worth of work, as the project is practically all labour. In addition, work will be provided for local unemployed.

The town park will be spruced up and extra protection provided for those watching ball games. Former worker D. McLean is to be rehired. The board, commending his work before, arranged that he will paint bleachers. The possibility of extending present screening is to be studied.

A meeting is to be arranged between the chairman of the parks board, the chairman of the recreation committee and the chairman of the public school board. Co-operation in connection with school yards and equipment is to be the theme.

Home-towners Play Brampton Also

Sing-alongs, Don Mills, Compete In 2-game, Total Goals, Contest

Coach Earl Methe has piloted his Sing Along hockey team into the King Clancy Series finals against Don Mills. En route to the final the Sing Alongs eliminated Dorset Park, Scarborough Jets and Leaside.

Series are scheduled as two game, total goal affairs, but the Leaside series required three games to complete. The Sing Alongs won the opening game 2-1 then lost to Leaside 1-0. In the final game played last Friday the Sing Alongs edged Leaside 1-0 to win the series 3 goals to 2. Only five goals were scored over the three game route.

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