



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

In some respects a dog-catcher is like a hangman. Nobody ever has a nice word to say about them and their work is definitely not often appreciated. And yet the way our society is constituted today both groups perform a necessary function. At least the dog-catcher does. There's a lot of controversy about the other occupation.

Dog catcher is an old-fashioned term. The title today is canine control officer and their job is not to "catch" dogs and haul them off to durance vile but to protect the dog and members of the public at large.

We are very fortunate in this area in having such a fine canine control officer as James Ryan. This man loves dogs and insists that there is no such thing as a bad dog, merely bad dog owners. He also states that if every human being were to give as much love and loyalty to each other as a dog gives to his master, this world would be a true Utopia.

And he's probably, if not definitely, absolutely right. So the moral of the tale would seem to be "let the world go to the dogs and we'll all be better off" — or something like that.

With the hunting season rapidly approaching we wonder just how many dogs will suffer buckshot wounds? Or even worse? More than one or two, that's for sure! Experts even claim that the season is even tougher on cows as gay nimrods blast away at any and all four legged targets. Two-legged targets are irresistible at times as well!

If you're planning a hunting trip real soon, please, for everyone's sake, obey all the laws of safe and sane hunting. Life is hard enough without going out the hard and unnecessary way.

And please take it awfully easy on the dogs and cows, they're fairly expensive and not intended to be expendable.

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Progress has wiped out another area landmark that has both pleasant, and sometimes amusing memories, for a lot of residents.

Construction of the new cloverleaf for the Highway 7 extension has obliterated the old Langstaff softball diamond located at the northwest corner of the Langstaff Sideroad and Yonge Street.

Very soon it will be a part of a highly engineered, sweeping macadam curve. As cars whizz around it on their busy way to somewhere or other their occupants will probably never know how many hard-fought softball games were played on that very ground.

This was a softball diamond with a character all its very own. Along the third base line ran the wall of the general store, the same store that once housed the now defunct Langstaff post office.

The general store has been gone for quite a while, but, until recently the softball screen and fencing were still there. Now it's all gone as earth movers and bulldozers batter and chew to change the very contours of the land.

Right field was really something. The long, long grass in deep right field hit a gully. Sort of a pint-sized Grand Canyon. Many an unwary right fielder charging back on a long hit ball has suddenly vanished from the ken of mortal man only to reappear apparently from the bowels of the earth itself. If it did nothing else it added a lot of spice to the game!

About six years ago, Cec Turnbull, purveyor par excellence of Carville Road and Russ "Casey" Cripps of Richmond Hill, were rival team managers. Their teams were scheduled to play in the Langstaff ball park. The plate umpire showed up but somehow the base umpire got lost in the shuffle. Bill Swarbrick, proprietor of the Texaco station in Richvale, was prevailed upon to take over the base calling duties.

The game was a tight fit and Russ Cripps crew finally eked out a 3-2 win. Then the fun began. As a good manager should, Cec Turnbull registered a protest that a league umpire had not officiated and the game could only be recognized as an exhibition game.

Mr. Cripps and Mr. Turnbull engaged in a verbal duel which neither won and a league meeting was necessary to arbitrate the dispute. Voting members of the league gave the nod to Cec Turnbull and the net result was a replay. Just who finally won the game escapes us but it was certainly interesting enough at the time.

Time marches on and progress apparently has an insatiable appetite for nostalgic landmarks. So another prominent one is gone and all that is left are the fond memories of times past. Another five years and nobody will be sure exactly where home plate was, except coaches Turnbull and Cripps — two very ardent softball bugs.

Cec Turnbull has defected just a little bit though. His real interest now is in bowling but he can still talk softball if you'd care to try him out.

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Want to feel 20 years younger in a hurry? Just go to a high school football game and the years drop away like magic. There's nothing to take, nothing (Continued on page 10)

Indians Win, Lose In Weekend Action

Richmond Hill Indians football team won a close 8-6 decision over the Rexdale Rebels on a water-soaked gridiron last Saturday.

Still somewhat tired from the hard-fought game, the Indians suffered their first loss of the season to the Eastenders Monday. Eastenders kicked a single on the last play of the game to squeeze out a 13-12 win.

Levi Snook was the Indian by McIntosh, went over the bar for the extra point. Rexdale scored their T.D. in the second quarter on a 40-yard pass and run play. The conversion attempt was blocked, with the Indians having a 7-6 lead at the half.

The conversion, a place kick Slippy footing and a wet, soggy ball took their toll in the second half, with neither team being able to mount a sustained offensive.

Later in the fourth quarter, McIntosh kicked a single to end the game. In the traditional Thanksgiving Day game in Richmond Hill, the Eastenders and the Indians were an evenly matched aggregation, with the Eastender defensive unit enjoying a slight edge.

On two occasions the Indians had three cracks at the Eastender goal line from inside the two-yard line, but were unable

to move the ball into paydirt territory.

Recovers Fumble
Early in the opening stanza John Morgan recovered a fumble off an Indian kick to give possession on the Eastender 8-yard line. Bill Dunn slashed around left end for the T.D. but the conversion attempt was not good.

The Eastenders hit for a fast touchdown in the second half as they recovered a Richmond Hill fumble on the 25 yard line.

A series of line smashes gave them a first down on the Indian 15 yard line and a pass deep in

the end zone resulted in the major score. Once more the conversion attempt was nullified as a bad pass from centre went astray.

A long Dunn to Morgan pass carried to the Eastend two yard line but the Indians were stopped on the goal line as the half ended in a 6-6 tie.

Steady relentless pressure by the Eastenders in the third quarter saw play carried to the Indian ten yard line. As the fourth quarter opened the Eastenders smashed over the left side for the touchdown but once again the conversion attempt went astray.

With three minutes remaining in the game the Indian defensive unit forced a fumble and recovered on the Eastender 25 yard line.

A pitchout to McIntosh saw the Indian pay off back scot for the T.D. behind the tremendous blocking of John Morgan. Once again the convert failed and the score was tied 12-12.

With the minute flag flapping in the breeze the Eastenders kicked to the Indian end zone. McIntosh returned the kick but the Indians failed to give the

receiver the necessary five yards.

The ball was marched 15 yards closer to the Indian goal line and the last play of the game signalled. A long kick by the Eastenders sailed through McIntosh's arms to the dead-line for a 13-12 victory.

It proves that the single point awarded for successful conversions can be just as important as a touchdown any old time—a point that a lot of football teams seem to have lost sight of.



Boys Watch Out! - Here Come The Girls!

Girls from Thornhill Secondary School showed fine form in last week's "Powder Puff" football game between the "Uniteds" and "Appeals" with the Appeal team nosing out Uniteds 14-12. (Front row, left to right) L. Henry, M. Patterson, S. Rumble, G. Gibson, P. Robinson, C. Sumner, C. Brousseau, J. Forster. (Second row) Bonnie Barnes and Linda Watt.

(Third row) C. Foti, D. Derry, J. Maver, cheerleader, A. Baker, A. Heinson, J. Every, M. Hills, C. Percival, F. Paul, C. Lennie, Paul Rivers, coach, E. Jackson, Jim Kellam, coach, S. Austin, D. Day, D. Crouter, cheerleader. ((Back row) Dennis Wyatt, cheerleader, N. Baster, G. Robinson, J. Allen, B. Mollard, P. Hunter.

In aid of the United Appeal campaign, the members of the girls' athletic association of Thornhill Secondary School staged a "Powderpuff Football Game" on October 3, which was enjoyed mightily by both the participants and the onlookers. Outfitted in complete uniforms, the two teams, "United" and "Appeal" staged a lusty battle!

Coached by Jim Kellam and Paul Rivers, the Appeal team won a 14-12 victory in spite of the exhortations of the United's coaches John Rumble and Terry Hemming, who urged their girls to forget boys, hairdos, and dentally grabbed by her face mask did a complete flip - to the consternation of her attack-

ever, she redeemed herself later by some fine kicking. Sharon Rumble put up a good show in spite of the fact that she was slightly handicapped in that she had to run with the ball in one hand and holding up her pants and captured the ball at one point.

As well as promoting a great deal of fun and laughter, the game promoted some \$60.00 in aid of the United Appeal — which was the object of the exercise!



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Will Allow Only 25 Hunters Daily In Sibbald Park

Bayview Secondary
Bayview junior football team won a 13-0 decision over Richmond Hill last week. The Russ Snider coached crew outplayed their highly touted opponents in every phase of the game as they clawed to the decisive win.

Ed. Dennis set up the initial Bayview touchdown as he intercepted a Richmond Hill pass to go to the Richmond Hill ten yard line. Mike Howard skirted his own left end for the T.D. but the conversion attempt was not good.

Quarterback Wayne Haviland smashed over from the Richmond Hill two-yard line for the second Bayview touchdown and the convert was kicked by Bruce Mortson.

The Bayview junior "B" football team coached by Mr. Ed. Kilatyluk, played against the "A" team last week. The bigger more experienced "A" squad chewed out a 41-0 win over the smaller "B" team. A home and home series has been planned between Bayview "Bs" and a "B" team from Richmond Hill High School.

Intramural sports have gotten under way with grade 9 bordenball, junior soccer and senior flag football heading the sports parade at the Bayview seat of learning.

Thornhill Secondary
Thornhill's soccer teams settled for a split with Aurora last week. Aurora seniors hacked out a 3-1 win over Thornhill but Thornhill juniors shut out their Aurora counterparts 3-0.

In football Thornhill juniors romped to a 22-3 win over Aurora while the seniors defeated King City 8-0 in a lackluster ball game.

Junior cheerleaders are an added feature at Thornhill this

year. Restricted to students from grades 9 and 10 the junior cheerleaders will add six more eager voices to the six of the senior cheerleaders, as they urge their teams on to victory or greater effort.

Richmond Hill High
Richmond Hill's junior football team defeated Newmarket 21-0 last Friday after having suffered two previous defeats. Tony Crack barged over for two touchdowns and Les Downington hit for one. Dwight Powell roused a Newmarket player for a safety touch and Rick Bradshaw converted two touchdowns by passing to Jackie Dubkowski.

John Grieve scored the lone T.D. for Richmond Hill seniors as they shut out Markham 6-0. A very strong defensive effort by Richmond Hill made the touchdown stand up and the win possible.

Coach Alex Nastasiuk had his cross-country teams running against King City at Boyd Park. Richmond Hill juniors finished 1-2-3-4, while the intermediate squad tied with King. Richmond Hill seniors put the finishing touches on the meet by winning for Richmond Hill.

Hunters interested in pheasant hunting are reminded of the pheasant hunting season established again this year in Sibbald Point Provincial Park, east of Sutton.

The season extends from October 10th to November 24 inclusive, except Sundays. Hunting hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time.

A daily shooting permit costs a hunter \$5 and will be issued up to a maximum of 25 per day on a "first-come first-served" basis. The permits are available at the park only, going on sale at 8 each day throughout the open season.

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