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R.H. Indians Capture League Championship 27 - 19 picked off and on one of

By RON CRAINE The local football scene drew to a dramatic close last Saturday afternoon as the Richmond Hill Indians defeated Northwestern Ghosts 27-19 on the round to win the Metro Rugby Football

League Championship. Going into the last game of the two game total point series the Indians were on the long end of a 20-7 score by virtue of their win in the series opener. Northwestern made a gallant bid to overcome the big lead and out-

the game. unit piled up Northwestern hopes as they began to scent

the sweet smell of victory. It was the stout work of the defensive stalwarts that won the championship for the Indians.

Prior to the game, a light fall of snow was removed from the field. By game time rising temperatures and a warm sun had turned the playing area into a slippery

Despite the poor footing both teams played wide open football in a bid to capture the Earl Selkirk Trophy.

In the opening moments scored the Indians 12-7 in of the first quarter a wide open razzle dazzle North-A fired-up Indian defensive western passing display had the Indians hanging on the ropes.

Their pass defence was pitiful as over-anxious Indians were charging the centre of the line only to have a short pass beat them for a long

> culminated in a Northwestern touchdown as the receiver was all alone and unnoticed along the side lines. The score on the round

A forty-yard sleeper pass

was 20-13 and stayed that way as a pass for the conversion attempt was good but the receiver was unable to get over the goal line. The Indian offense was

stung into action and began a steady downfield march. From the outset of the game the Indians were hampered

offensively as quarterback Al Fleming was on the limp with a badly damaged left knee. He was not figured to get into the play as Bill Dunn took over the play

calling spot. Jump passes from Dunn to Ron Sheridan, who was also on the limp, produced some valuable gains. Some of the catches made by Sheridan were fantastic as he twisted and spun through a maze of defenders to haul in the slippery ball.

Early in the second quarter Ian McIntosh was able to boot a single point as the attack stalled at the Northwestern 40-yard-line. Once again the Indian de-

fensive unit kept relentless pressure on the Northwestern squad and regained possession of the ball.

Some fine winning plays featuring Bill Dunn and Ian McIntosh plus a roughing call against Northwestern carried play to the 8 yard line. An explosive run by McIntosh carried into the Northwestern end zone for the major score as the half ended with the score 27-13 in favor of the Indians.

An aroused Northwestern team came out to play in the third quarter and started a drive that resulted in the last scoring play of the game.

A rough play call against the Indians and some fine running by Northwestern backs carried to the Indian 5-yard line.

Two smashes into the line and the Ghosts had a six pointer. The convert was not good and the Indians still led 27-19.

With time running out in the fourth quarter Northwestern gambled on a daring passing attack. They had limited success as the Indians were covering receivers and conceding only very short passes which resulted in small gains.

Two long passes were

yards for a touchdown only to have his men called back on a clipping infraction. The Ghosts fought gamely to the end but were not able to penetrate into any kind of scoring position.

them Bill Wilson went 70

As time ran out a jubilant Indian team mobbed coaches Del Madeley and Charlie Dunn. For some of them it was the first championship in six years of play and vic-

tory was never sweeter. After the game itself a muddy, tired lot of players still imbued with the excitement of the day rode through Richmond Hill in two trucks.

Clutched in grimy hands was the Selkirk Trophy. This was their day of triumph know it. After the fierce competition it took to win it, who can blame them?

From the outset of the

game it was apparent that no quarter would be asked or given. At times it was almost a war of attrition as players hit like run-away

Many were forced to limp off or be helped to the sidelines. In the opening moment of the first quarter the worst injury occurred as a Ghost player broke his leg in a vicious pile-up of a line play. This was tough, hardnosed football all the way,

make no mistake about that. To single out any individual player on either team would be a downright injustice. Each and every player on both teams gave everything there was to give and an extra 10 per cent.

Al Fleming, despite a bad leg held together with a plays while Ron Sheridan had both knees strapped and braced.

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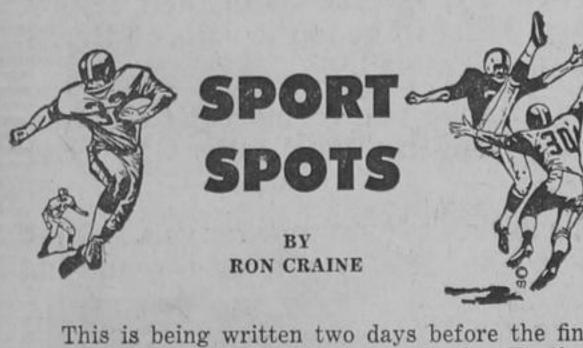
spirit that carried the Indians to victory. They all had the same spirit in good measure.

The Richmond Hill Hockey Association headed by president Eric Charity deserve a vote of thanks for their co-operation. As dressing room facilities are nonexistent at the present time they made two hockey dressing rooms available to the teams in the arena.

Saturday is the busiest day at the arena and it was a real sacrifice on the part of the hockey association, a sacrifice much appreciated

by all concerned. A victory banquet will be held at the Lions Hall this Friday night with the formal presentation of the trophies

to a great Indian team. Football is finally over after a long, gruelling season and the Indians are enjoying the heady wine of victory in generous measures.



This is being written two days before the final game to decide the 1962 Metro Rugby Football League Championship. Northwestern Ghosts and Richmond Hill Indians are the two teams who engaged in a two game total points to count series to decide the winner. The final game was played in Richmond Hill last Saturday and, without any reservations, we'll have to give the title to the Indians.

Over the long football season the Indians tied one game and lost one game by a one-point margin on the last play of the game. Going into the last game the Indians had a 20-7 lead over the Ghosts and by now they've won another game and the championship. It's a very impressive record for any football team and is especially impressive when you consider how the Indians operate.

Most of the teams in the league are very comfortably financed. The Indians on the other hand operate with the lowest budget of any team, out of sheer necessity. Players dig deep into their own pockets and go out and beat the bushes for a little extra cash. A small grant from the Richmond Hill Recreation eases the burden somewhat, but football costs are necessarily high and the grant is soon gone. To keep going in the league the players have to really want to play. They're a hungry club and play football just that way as the rest of the league found out.

It hasn't been all smooth sailing on the way to the championship. Coach Del Madeley has come close to the big win in other years and began to feel like a perennial bridesmaid. He thought that he was the kiss of death to the team. When you take football as seriously as this man does you're bound to explode sometimes at what you consider inept play. Del Madeley has exploded on several occasions but the players seemed to understand and accepted tongue lashings that must have stung. Team spirit on the club remained high and, as the championship loomed Richmond Hill High closer, increased to a fever pitch. Halt and lame The only school with any- Miles 630 pts. players begged to be put back into action.

With spirit like this, how can any team fail to Richmond Hill High School out for grade 9 basketball on succeed? Now they've won their first championship and have had a heady taste of the wine of victory. Most of them will be back to play when the 1963 dents have taken part. A really mural playdown and from these season rolls around but they'll never enjoy a bigger good effort. moment than they did when they won the champion- Winners of the various class- midget basketball team will be ship last Saturday. Congratulations to all the In- es were grade 9 Harrison House chosen. followed by Richmond, Miles dians, a really fine football team!

— SPORTS SPOTS and Stewart. Harrison also cap-— SPORTS SPOTS — tured junior honors trailed by Jim Mansbridge was recently elected president Richmond, Stewart and Miles of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association. Jim in that order. The senior crown is a very capable and personable individual and has a was won by Stewart House very lively interest in minor softball. For many with Miles, Harrison and Richyears he has been mixed up in the minor ball pro- mond trailing.

In the mixed volleyball gram and has done his share of coaching, convening league Richmond won the

and umpiring. This year it will be his chore to guide not only one with Stewart winning the the minor softball program but also to head up the marbles in league number two. sports day parade committee. He will have plenty of help from his executive, a hardworking group with play off to declare an overall the kids' interests at heart. Last year was a most House intramural standings successful one for minor ball and there's no reason to to the present are as follows:



Setting a torrid pace for the Tiger Cubs Team in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association are these three speed merchants who have been giving rival goalkeepers nightmares all season long. Stacey Richard, fast skating centre is flanked by Richard McArthur, left, and Stephen Fifield, right. The club is sponsored by Wilson-Niblett Motors.

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championship of league number

The first men's open bonspiel of the new season was curled at the Richmond Hill Curling Club on November 27.

9:00 draw - The Toronto-Dominion Bank rink skipped by R. Dunn captured first prize. Second prize was taken by D. Laughlin's rink from the Royal Canadian Curling Club. R. Boddy and his foursome from Dixie tied for third prize with a Richmond Hill rink skipped by Bert Vance and aided by Bob Austin, Munroe Ashkanase and

Dave Bruce. 11:00 draw - First prize went to the Oakville Rink skipped by D. Layfield, in second place was Bill Olzowy and his foursome from the Heather Curling Club and the third place winner was a rink from Birchmount Curling Club, skipped by Bill Bates.

Another win for a Richmond Hill Rink was for the high single, awarded to Roy Currie, skip, assisted by Wilson Beresford, Harold Louden and Cecil

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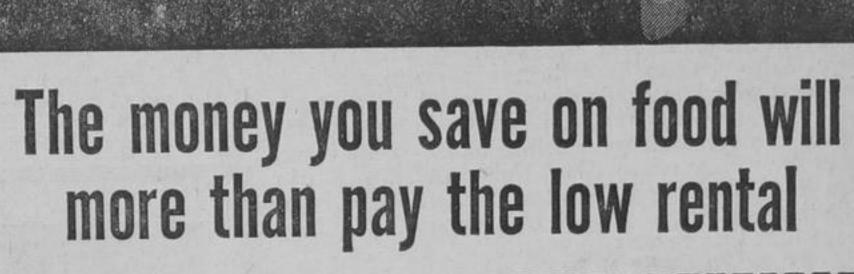
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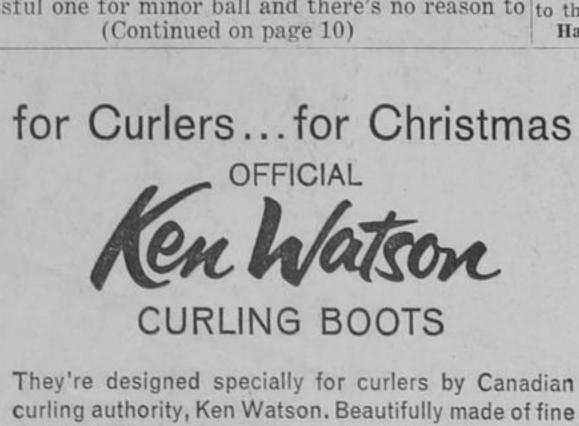
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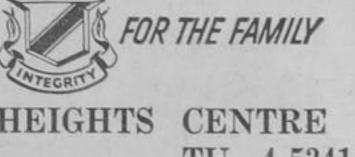
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