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Top Goalkeeper, Leading Scorer Keep Club First

Goalie Ken Hughes of CFGM Singalongs has allowed only 18 goals in nine games this season and it is one of the main reasons why the club is in first place in the Squirts Division of the North York Hockey Association.

The young netminder is seen turning away two dangerous scoring plays in action against the Aurora team at the Town Arena recently. The Singalongs went on to beat Aurora 7-1.

Also setting a torrid pace is Paul Brown who heads the league in goals scored with 26.

Other clubs in the five team loop are Bolton, Newmarket, Aurora and Beeton.



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SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Well! Five gets you ten any day that a lot of you thought you'd never survive this Christmas! It's a frantic rat race from start to finish and, by 5 o'clock on the evening of December 25th, just when the Christmas sag has set in for good, you're beginning to wonder why in the name of a sacred blue pig you ever got caught up in it.

Then right away you start to make resolutions. Not New Year's resolutions, the kind that don't really count anyway, but resolutions for a sane Christmas next year.

Let's take Christmas shopping for a start. Next year you'll have it all done and presents wrapped by the first of September. Then there's that deal about Christmas cards. Every year you make a nice neat and tidy list of people to send cards to. Every year you leave off a few names, people you are absolutely sure you won't get cards from. And you do — inevitably the left offs come up with a card from some remote spot in the wilds of Tanganyika or the Mojave Desert. So now your list — your nice, neat complete list — is topped by one emergency card. Repeat this about two dozen times and you have a fairly average unexpected greeting ratio for the whole country.

Next year you won't spend so much money on presents. No more living high off the hog for Christmas and New Year's and declaring bankruptcy by the 15th of January. To the Dickens with having a big family dinner anymore. There'll just be the good lady, the kids and yourself — no hungry, voracious relatives at all. And the next time you sit down with the turkey carving controls clutched in your hot little fists you'll be darned sure you don't eat too much! Sure wish that bicarbonate of soda tasted better and worked faster!

Just like New Year's resolutions, these don't mean too much either. Next year, twelve hours before S. Claus is due to take off you'll still be in a frantic scramble to buy a little something for Aunt Mable. The mails will be overburdened with last minute Christmas cards and by January 15th you may not be completely bankrupt but it will certainly feel like it. And about that overeating bit. You will overeat and you know it. There's something about a "little" of everything that is extremely hard to resist. The bicarbonate of soda will taste just as bad and work just as slowly as it does every other year. After the last relative has departed (belching merrily as they go) the festive board will resemble nothing so much as a field of grain after a visitation from a flock of locusts suffering the pangs of malnutrition. So who really wants to change it anyway?

Just when things are getting you down for fair you'll suddenly stop and be very grateful that you live in a country where something like Christmas can happen. It's kind of nice to see harassed shoppers come up with a grin, a little weak and a little tired, that grin, but the old spirit is there all the same. Tired and battered sales clerks with feet worn down to bleeding nubs can still be obliging and helpful and a friendly stranger will cheerfully stoop to pick up the parcels you dropped. There's really only one word for it — the magic word, Christmas. It will be the same next year and the year after ad infinitum if the good Lord be willing. We hope that He is!

If you don't agree that Christmas preparations are a sport, the most rugged and demanding sport, calling for bags of the old stamina and tough competitive spirit, then you celebrate a sane Christmas. And it must be pretty dull! One of these years though we'll have a go at it — if we can con the rest of the family into it. Fat chance!

Just before Christmas one of the most active sport groups in Richmond Hill met to formulate plans for next season. President Jim Mansbridge and the executive members of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association gave up time to ensure that the softball program will continue to be a signal success. As has been the case in other years a coaches and umpires school will be held in the spring of the year. Experienced coaches and umpires will be available to instruct in these complicated arts with the end result being that Johnny and Janet will play a great game under the best possible conditions. As a wind-up event for the season the executive are already planning a tabloid sports day when every lass and laddie gets a chance at some sort of award.

All in all the minor softball people have laid on a most ambitious program. The heartening thing about it all is that they've got the talent, the will and the desire to make it all work just as planned. And it is all voluntary — nobody gets even so much as a trading stamp! If you are a stamp collector (trading variety) then this organization is just not your cup of tea. If you want to tie in with a really worthwhile effort and enjoy being around kids this is exactly what you've been looking for.

Coaches and umpires will be in real demand by the time the snow has melted and anyone with a sincere desire to help will be welcomed with open arms.

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Deep In C...ar Aurora Lose 10-3, 10-2 Now Winless In 6 Games

**Willowdale Rangers 10
Aurora Maes 3**
After 15 minutes and 45 seconds of play in the opening period of the game the powerful Rangers had already spiked the Aurora coffin by scoring 5 goals without a reply from Aurora.

Earl Cairns and Chick Webster scored two goals each with Bob Wright netting the odd goal.

Bernie Simpson tallied the first Aurora goal at 17.15 of the first period. Bill Egan drew inspiration from Simpson's goal and scored at the 17.55 mark. The period ended with the Rangers on top 5-2.

Earl Cairns scored the only goal of the middle period with assists on the play handed out to Webster and Wright.

In the third period, Cairns scored two more goals to boost his total for the game to five. Gary Durie and Bob Wright fired home two more Ranger goals in the last period.

John McKnight scored the final Aurora goal at 4.25 of the period as the Mac men lost to the tune of a 10-3 bombardment.

**Richmond Hill Leafs 10
Aurora Maes 2**
The floundering Aurora team had 10 goals scored against them for the second night in a row with the Leafs administering this defeat.

Jim Wells opened the scoring for the Leafs by beating Aurora net minder Ted Brodrick at 14.20 of the first period. Wells scored again at 18.45 and Norm Roberts connected at 19.50 to give the Leafs a 3-0 lead after one period of play.

Bill Egan came out with a rush in the second period to score the first Aurora goal. Only 20 seconds after the initial face-off Egan had dented the twine behind Don MacMillan to break the Aurora goose egg.

Tom Scott scored at 12.20 for Aurora to register the final scoring effort for the Mac Men.

After that it turned into a Leafs scoring parade.

Matt Kinnari, Bill Bunker and Norm Roberts scored second period goals for the Leafs. In the third period Matt Kinnari and Jim Wells scored a pair each.

Wells ended up with four goals on the night's play as Kinnari scored three.

**Concord Flyers 7
Leaside Larks 4**
Bob Baird conducted a one-man blitz against the Leaside squad as he scored five goals. Jimmy Neal and Tom K'nigh also scored for the rejuvenated Flyers.

Brian Bridger led the Larks by scoring two goals with singlets going to Tom Kelly and Paul Smart.

Players and executive of the Senior Hockey League would like to thank everyone for the support they have received to date. They wish a very happy and prosperous New Year to one and all and hope to see a lot of new fans in the coming year.

No games are scheduled over the holiday season as ice time is not available for league play.

Team Standings

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Willowdale Rang.	8	7	1	14
R. Hill Leafs	8	6	2	12
Leaside Larks	8	4	4	8
Concord Flyers	8	2	6	4
Aurora Maes	6	0	6	0

Leading Scorers

Player	G	A	Pts
Matt Kinnari (L)	15	18	33
Bob Wright (R)	16	15	31
Earl Cairns (R)	15	16	31
Chick Webster (R)	8	20	28
Norm Roberts (L)	9	17	26
Paul Smart (L)	13	12	25
Jim Wells (L)	14	10	24

Town Midgets Win 3-1 Over Newmarket Squad

Richmond Hill's Town and Country midget hockey team won a cliff hanger from Newmarket by a 3-1 score last Friday night.

With less than a minute to go and Richmond Hill leading 2-1, Newmarket elected to remove the goaltender in favor of an extra forward.

As is so often the case the strategy backfired. Ken Crook of the Richmond Hill team found himself in possession of the puck with the whole net before him. He dumped in the puck to give the Hill team a 3-1 win.

Bob Safruk sparked in goal for the Town and Country squad. He robbed Newmarket on several close-in chances and was smothering rebounds like a real veteran. Mike Howard and Paul Jackson scored the other Richmond Hill goals.

Newmarket and Richmond Hill tallied again at Richmond Hill Arena at 10 p.m. this Friday night.

If the last meeting was a sample of what to expect from these two clubs this game should be a nip and tuck affair.

Rabbit Hunting Good In 6 Area Townships

Conservation officers in the south and central part of the Lake Simcoe District report cottontail rabbits are at a very high level and noticeably higher than they were a year ago.

Jack rabbits (European hare) would appear to be holding their own with a slight decline reported in the case of snowshoe rabbits.

Rabbit hunting in Markham, Whitchurch, King, Tecumseth, Tossoronto and Essa Townships has been excellent, during the past few weeks, officials report.

Warn Ice Still Thin

Conservation Officer Ken Truesdell at Sibbald Point Park reports the south end of Cooks Bay is frozen over and there is ice between the mainland and Georgian Island on the south side.

The ice, however, is still very thin and dangerous. It is foolhardy to walk on the ice until perfectly safe, as one individual was observed doing between Virginia Beach and Georgian Island last Sunday, the officer said.

Champion Prefers Pistols Over Rifles

Canada may be represented at the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo by an ex-Richmond Hill boy, if present hopes of Pete Abram, crack pistol shot, of Midland, are realized. He won the Ontario championship last year and was a member of Canada's Meyeleigh Cup Team.

A graduate of Richmond Hill High School, Pete is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Abram, Concession 2, Markham Township. His wife, Elizabeth (Betty), is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Topper of the same area.

The following article, reprinted from the Midland Free Press will be of interest to the Abrams' many friends in this district —

One of Canada's champion pistol shots, Midland's Pete Abram, has never hunted.

Mr. Abram brought along his wife Elizabeth from the first. She stated the Abrams are not the only two-gun couple in town. "Five of our 26 members are women," she said.

In a five-year period, beginning as a novice with the other original Hand Gun Club members, Mr. Abram has piled up more than 50 trophies, cups, medals and awards in competitions as far away as Tampa, Florida.

Nothing some of the awards that ring his living room, Mr. Abram confessed marksmanship is no longer a hobby with him. He said in order to compete it has become work, but a type of work he enjoys. "To shoot for the fun of it I use a rifle," he confessed.

"For the past three years we've gone by car to Florida for the mid-winter matches and that has determined when we will take our holidays," he admitted.

Mr. Abram felt the personal responsibility for success or failure in target shooting was the keenest pleasure in competition. "You're the person you have to beat," he pointed out.

Shooting against the Americans gave a Canadian team little chance, he was quick to indicate. He claimed the United States army trains marksmen who show promise in an effort to defeat USSR teams. One Georgian camp has been set aside entirely for these super shots to practice full time, he said.

By contrast in winter the Midland Club are limited to a 60-foot indoor range beneath Parkside Pavilion. "I seldom manage more than three hours a week in the winter but I get out every night during the summer at the 50-yard outdoor range west of Midland Golf Club-house," he stated.

Mr. Abram said most of the U.S. army shots dropped professional matches after they left the service because of the costs involved. Weapons, time, and all expenses as well as thorough training came to them free in the army, he stated.



BY BOB ROSS JR.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

SQUIRT LEAGUE
**Charlton Hardware 7
Allencourt Pharmacy 0**
A wonderful shutout for Tom Kirkpatrick. Paul Martin was real sharp, getting four goals, one unassisted. Three assists by Glen Rogers. Two goals for Brian Dunlop, both unassisted. A single for Andrew MacDugg with assist to Ken Cheney.

**Skyline Motors 4
Rumble Transport 0**
Another shutout here for Art Moore. Scorers were Ron McBrien, Jim Treswell, David Adley and Chris Andrews. Assists went to Paul Raneiri and Ron McBrien.

**Morley's Foodland 5
Markham Paving 3**
A hat trick for Wesley Wark, one unassisted. Two assists went to John Stokes. Single goals were by Stokes and Sweater No. 17. Markham Paving goals were by Randy Bagley, John Townsend and Chris Campbell. Assists to Jim Davenport and J. Campbell.

**Dan's Esso 1
Gormley Sand & Gravel 1**
One-all tie in this game. Goals were by Roy McIntosh for Dans and Alex Sywak for Gormley.

**Wilson-Niblett 1
Sunnybrook Riding Club 1**
Another tie game. Wilson Niblett's goal was by Stacey Richards and Sunnybrook's by Bill Gurney.

**Bob's Boys 1
Consumer's Gas 0**
Both teams played well as Bob's Boys scored a lone goal assisted by Martin Gill.

PEE WEE LEAGUE
**Shield's Shoes 1
A's Cycle & Sports 0**
Only goal of this contest was scored by Bob Wilkinson unassisted.

**Street Construction 5
Pinewood Aggregates 0**
A shutout for Danny Odette, fine net-minding Danny. Two goals for Jack McAuley, with an assist to Steve Cyr. Single goals by Jim Olsen unassisted, Peter Coughlin unassisted and Michael Evans with assists to Gary Davidson.

**Aces 4
Sheppard & Gill 4**
Two goals by Jeff Crain. Wayne Gray assisted in both. Gary scored a single with assist to Brian Neal. Derry Andrew scored unassisted. Sheppard &

Gill's goal getters were Jim Hamilton (2) and assists to Ian McKinley and Richard Kimball. Singles by Tom Carvin and Gary Levin.

**Deciantis & Rice 1
Jas. MacKay & Sons 1**
Another tie effort. D & R's goal by Brian Oliver with assists from Chris Moffitt and Mike Parrett. McKay's lone effort was scored by Ray Sullivan.

**Young's Service Station 3
Gunnar's Tailoring 1**
Young's boys played fast and furious, scoring three singles. Scorer was Don Brown with assists to Steve Webb and Con Nolan. Bernie Corless scored with help from Duane Reid. Reid scored with assist to Corless. Gunnar's lone goal was by D. Ross, assist to G. McErlain.

BANTAM LEAGUE
**Dynes Jewellers 5
Rotary Club 1**
Jim Brass was at his best, scoring four goals. Two were unassisted, and assists went to Steve Whitaker and Ron Resor. Neilson Lund scored a single with assist to Ron Resor. Rotary's lone goal came from Richard Burton unassisted.

**Frank's Movers 2
Richvale Pharmacy 1**
Frank's two goals were scored by Doug MacDonald and Stewart Cook. Richvale's lone goal getter was Vern Chapman, assist Len Davidson.

**Surf Marine 2
Craigie's Men's Wear 0**
Surf Marine's starry Dave Hamilton scored both goals with an assist to John Chev.

**Butler & Baird 3
Americans 2**
B & B's goals were from John Birrell (2) and Earl Smith. Assists went to Pat Madden, Earl Smith and Stanley Scott. Both American's goals were unassisted by Barry Clattenburg and Clarence Dukeshire.

MIDGET LEAGUE
**Trailways 5
Littles 5**
A five-all tie. Little's goal getters were Terry Stewart (2), Doug Bridge (2), and Jim Fleming. Assists went to Doug Bridge (2), Gary Charity, Terry Stewart and Mike Ball. Trailways' goal getters were Jim Zubek (2), John Baxter Frank St. Louis and Jim Henderson. Assists to Howie Martin (2), Baxter, St. Louis and Howie Cazaly.

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