



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

We got a telephone call one night last week and the poor caller must have been convinced that he had the wrong number. He was spreading the news that a rink curling at the Richmond Hill Curling Club had just had an eight end. Whether we were tired or just particularly dense at the time is no excuse, but somehow the news didn't register. Could be that curling is one game we've never been too hep on and that accounted for the befogged condition.

The odds against any rink coming up with an eight end are something over 10,000 to 1. You have a better chance of potting a hole-in-one on a golf course! An eight end is really news.

Just in case you should wonder what an eight end is, it happens when all eight rocks of one rink are in the house and all count. Sounds easy doesn't it? The only catch is that the opposition are doing their damndest to knock your rocks out of there. And they've got to miss every time and while they're missing you've got to lay every rock in perfectly. Not so easy after all!

The eight end was achieved in the first end of the match. Members of the rink were Sam Sutherland, skip; Elgin "Tubby" Barrow, vice; Paul Street, second, and Fred Ahore, lead. Victims of the eight end were Dr. Al Smyth, skip; Les Markle, vice; Pete Dyson, second, and Warwick Butt, lead.

If the same tradition applies to curling as it does on a golf course when someone drops in an ace—and we're sure it does—the victims were able to slake their sorrows on the victors. Sometimes it can be profitable to be a loser, and this was one of those times!

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Ever eat a really expensive fish dinner? Like a dinner for one costing \$125.00? A fellow fishing at Sutton did that very thing recently.

Our poor unfortunate soul landed a 28-inch whitefish—the largest anyone has reported so far this winter. Instead of entering it in the derby and possibly winning the big loot, he ate the fish. Then somebody told him what he had just done. It's enough to make anyone swear off fish for life!

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Want to go ice-fishing on a budget? Then try going to the Stroud area. Two dollars and fifty cents is the going rate for accommodation, with everything supplied. On the south shore, prices range from \$4.00-\$9.00, so you can effect quite a saving by heading for Stroud if you are really fishing on a tight budget.

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Al Smyth, new chairman of the Richmond Hill Parks Board, says there'll be a change house built this year "come hell or high water". This comes as something of a shock because we were under the impression that everything was already cut and dried and it was merely a matter of time. There have been some new developments that definitely affect the change house future.

Two years ago the members of the parks board approached the arena board with plans for change rooms and a general arena face lifting. After mulling over the plans the arena people turned down the proposal.

Plans were drawn up for a separate change house not associated in any way with the arena. After many meetings and hours of head-knocking, the only formality left seemed to be to call for tenders and the building would soon be reality. Then the arena board expressed a desire to revert to the original plan and to refurbish the arena. Not too soon, either.

As things stand at present, Mr. Smyth has indicated to the arena board that time is of the essence and an agreement must be reached within the next few days. Failing a mutually agreeable plan being made available tout de suite, Mr. Smyth is then prepared to have the parks board proceed with the separate change house.

We sincerely hope that nobody drags their feet on this one. Public washrooms and change rooms have been promised for a long, long time. Certain groups have indicated that if facilities are not made available, they will refuse to let their teams operate in Richmond Hill. And who can blame them? Other communities can provide the necessary facilities, but the best we can offer is a Johnny-On-The-Spot and change your clothes in a car. Want a shower? Then bring your own watering can and we'll be glad to fill it for you—cold water, of course—we're rugged! That's what's known as hospitality.

There would be many advantages to a joint program between the parks and arena boards. Necessary facilities would be provided, public washrooms, proper change rooms, and a modern snack bar that could be open year-round. Richmond Hill Arena would get a much-needed face-lifting and the whole job could be done much cheaper than the two bodies operating independently.

As Al Smyth says, "time is of the essence"—the project has got to be ready to start by April 16th at the latest. The parks people are champing at the bit and the onus seems to be directly on the arena board. For the good of everyone in the Town of Richmond Hill we hope that they can achieve a mutual agreement in a great, tearing hurry. For the benefit of all.

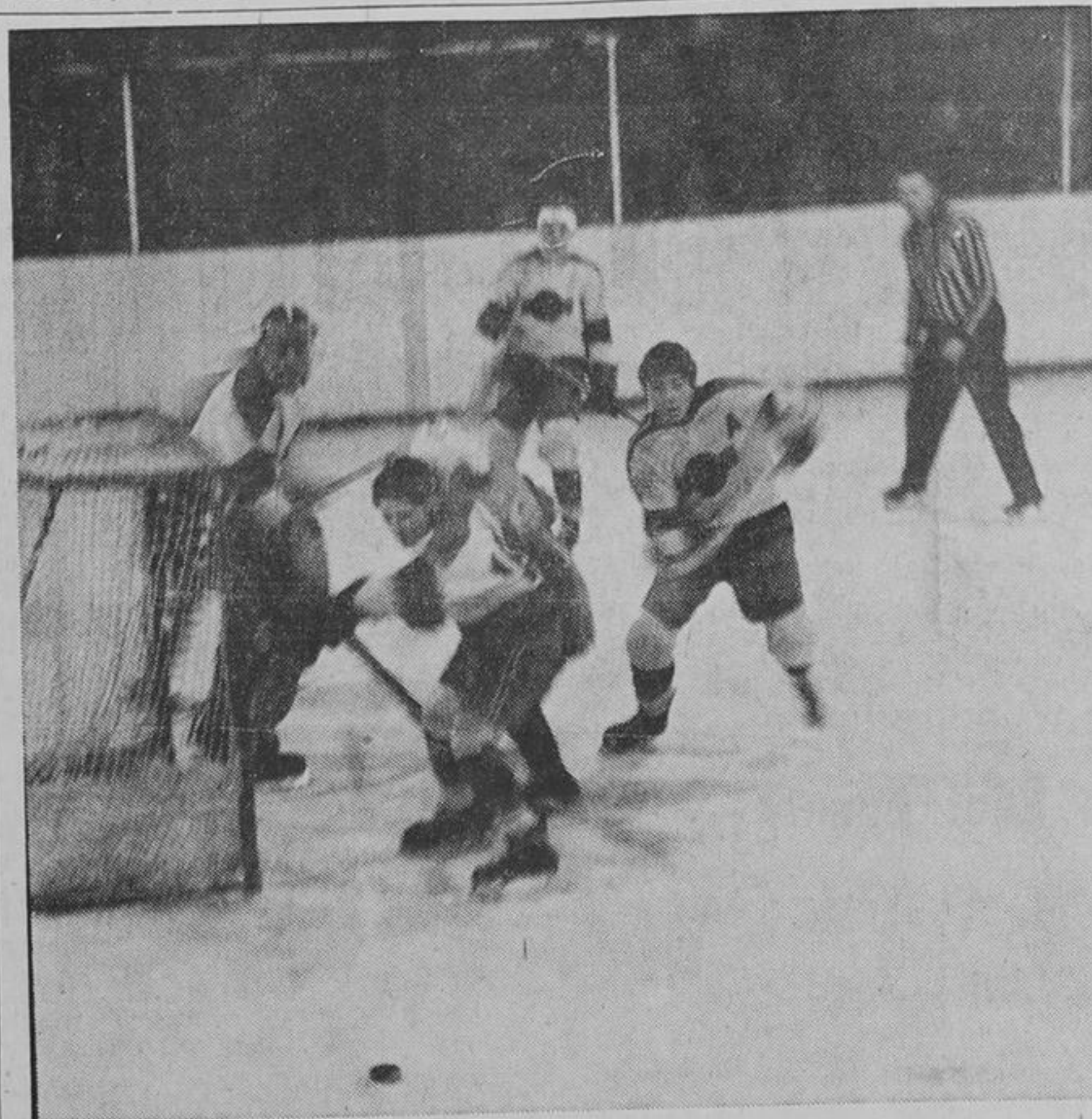
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Ron McAndrews, the man who does so much to promote girls' softball in the Richmond Hill area, is still hard at work on a new softball project. He has entered a team in the Coxwell Stadium League, one of the oldest ladies' softball operations in the province.

There will be six teams in the league. Three teams will operate out of the new Coxwell Stadium, which is located on Coxwell Ave. just south of Danforth Ave., with entries from Agincourt, Oshawa and Richmond Hill. The Coxwell Stadium group has always supplied softball of a very high calibre and there's no reason to think that the new stadium won't be the scene of some real contests. It's a definite step up the softball ladder for the Mic Macs, as Mr. McAndrews calls his team, and another boost in the right direction for the Town of Richmond Hill.

That's another reason for having a change house. They've got 'em in Agincourt, Oshawa, and definitely in Coxwell Stadium. How about us?

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Town Boys Lose Close One

Minor Hockey Week finished Sunday with plenty of action at the town arena as out-of-town clubs took on the local squads. North End Cleaners from Richmond Hill are doing everything but putting the puck past. Leamington Jaycees goalie Ron Haley in above action. Leamington beat the local bantam squad, 4-3. (Photo by Huntley.)



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Diane Hayes, the one girl track squad from Richmond Hill High School, took part in the recent indoor track and field melange at Maple Leaf Gardens. Participating in the women's open shot-put event, Miss Hayes won a third place finish against some of the best competition available. If Diane ever specializes in this event the results could be downright startling.

Bill Babcock has a perfect basketball coaching record for the season. He coached his first and last game this season as he guided Richmond Hill's mid-juniors to an 18-14 win over Markham.

Shortly after the game the good Mr. Babcock contracted mumps and is rendered temporarily hors de combat. Mumps yet!!!

The senior basketball team lost a game to Bayview with a rather disputed score. One book gave Bayview a 45-44 win while the other book reportedly had the score tied.

The referees ruled in favor of Bayview and the win definitely stands for the tri-color school. On the same bill Richmond Hill juniors redeemed the honor of the green and white by grinding out a 50-28 win over Bayview.

Bruce Morton dropped in one half the Bayview points as Richmond Hill rode roughshod over Bayview Juniors 50-28.

In a close exciting senior contest Bayview squeezed out a 45-44 decision over Richmond Hill as the Bayview gym was an absolute bedlam of noise.

Roy Finlayson hooped 20 points for Bayview while Robbie Loudon played a strong defensive game.

The Electrons lead the Saturday morning basketball league, followed by the Muscovites, Nationals and the lowly Telstars, who haven't as yet got off the launching pad—or is it lunching?

Bruce Russell hit for six points as the Electrons polished off the Muscovites 16-12 last Saturday and John Bork scored six for the losers.

Both junior and senior boys' teams poured it on Newmarket as Thornhill juniors won 60-27 and Thornhill seniors outdid them by winning 8-27.

Dale Crouter scored 35 points for Thornhill juniors as they eked out a 43-37 victory over King City. Thornhill seniors defeated King City 48-27.

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To Install Lights On Park Rink

Facilities for skaters in the downtown area of Richmond Hill are to be improved in the near future when the parks board last week moved to have a pleasure skating rink in the town park.

The board will also install lights at the rink to permit night skating.

A meeting with the arena commission to discuss a proposed new change house for the town park was also arranged. Officials hope to start work on the change house as soon as possible in order to ensure completion of the building in time

Hit For Dozen Goals In Double Victory

The Hornets bowed 2-0 to Leamington in Richmond Hill Sunday.

In a previous game at Leamington the Hornets defeated Leamington 2-1. All-in-all the Hornets proved to be good hosts and gave the visitors a win. It wasn't meant that way but that's how it happened.

Hornets 6 - Beeton 5
Gerald "Beany" Methe paced the Hornets as he buzzed in four of the team's six goals. Ricky Doucette and Ricky Thompson scored a goal each.

Hornets 6 - Bolton 2
Ricky Doucette and "Beany" Methe were the Hornet triggermen as they each fired home two goals in the Hornet victory march.

Dave Lund and Bruce Hutchinson each scored single goals.

for the coming baseball and football season.

An offer of three memorial trees for the millpond area from Richmond Hill Naturalists was accepted by the board.

A joint meeting of the parks and arena boards will be held tonight (Thursday) to discuss building of the long-awaited change house in the town park.

Barrymore Team Enter Playoffs

Barrymore Rugs, Richmond Hill's good juvenile hockey team, is now in the semi-final round of the North York League playoffs.

First two games are scheduled for Newmarket this week, with the third game of the three-out-of-five series going next Monday night in Richmond Hill.

Should a fourth and even a fifth game prove necessary they will be played in Newmarket. The luck of the toss gave Newmarket the edge in the number of home games.

Barrymore Rugs have proved themselves to be a strong, capable hockey team. Much credit for their success must go to coach Bill Armstrong and to the man responsible for the formation of the team, Eric Charity.

This is a group of Rugs that Newmarket will find very tough to beat!

Elected 1963 chairman was Al Smyth, who was defeated by Alex Campbell in his bid for the Ward 2 seat in the December elections, replaces 1962 chairman Russell Tilt.

Other members of the 1963 board include Reeve Floyd Perkins, Councillor Walter Scudds, Norman Brown, Bill Ruttle and James Mansbridge. Meetings of the board during 1963 will be held the third Thursday of each month in the municipal building.



AL. SMYTH

Committee Needs Help For Sports Day Parade

A meeting of the minor ball sports day parade committee was held in the municipal hall, Richmond Hill, last Sunday.

Jim Mansbridge, Ed Burnett, Ralph Davis, Fred Gardiner, Dr. Cam Cowan, and Vern Dykes were present to decide whether or not a parade would be held this year.

The vote was an overwhelming yes.

Now comes the planning, arranging, re-arranging and sweating out the weather and many, many other odds and ends.

June is the month chosen for the parade, but a definite date has not yet been decided upon. Like young Topsy, the parade

has grown and grown and grown. From a humble beginning the event has burgeoned into one of the biggest events on the Richmond Hill annual entertainment calendar.

Volunteer help will be much appreciated by parade heads. Each job has developed into a task of major proportions and assistance is urgently needed.

As soon as plans are finalized, flags and flares will go up in an appeal for aid. The cause is a good one and while it's no "Rose Bowl Parade" it does belong to the people of Richmond Hill.

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