

Rangers Blast Way Into Finals

Willowdale Rangers powered their way into the final series of the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League, defeating Leaside Larks 3-1. The win gave the Rangers a 2-1 edge in games and ousted the Larks from further competition.

opening period assisted by Paul Smart and Doug Teese.

Frank Howarth was the big producer for the Rangers as he scored goals in the first and second periods. His first goal came at 7:21 of the first period assisted by Gary Durie and Bob Wright. He scored again at 4:21 of the second period assisted by Durie and Len Johnson.

The Larks fought hard throughout the game but were held scoreless in the final two periods. Charlie Sarto scored the lone Lark goal at 16:10 of the

Concord Flyers and Willowdale Rangers now meet in a best two out of three series for the Tip Top Tailors' Trophy. The Flyers are the Cinderella team of the league as they came on very strongly in the final half of the schedule to clinch a play-off berth.

Gary Durie sewed things up for the Rangers after five minutes and thirty seconds of play in the third period. Durie blasted in a shot with an assist on the play going to Doug Turgeon.

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For two periods the Hornets dominated play and had a 4-1 lead as the final period opened. Trenton began to move in the final frame and had whittled the Hornet lead to 5-4. A Hornet goal scored in the dying moments of the game produced a 6-4 win for the locals.

A crowd of over 250 were alternately thrilled and chilled as the teams battled it out on very slow ice. At the end of the game players of both teams were exhausted. They'd each and everyone given their all and no one can do more.

The Trenton team were gallant in defeat and congratulated the local team on their success and wished them luck in the final series.

Let's all get behind the team and root them home with another OMHA pennant. They all played like demons and were worthy of victory. Goaltender Doug Meyers was brilliant throughout the piece while Ricky Doucette played an outstanding game. Every Hornet player is a star and deserves all the support we can give them.

In this third and final game the Hornets defeated Trenton 6-4 to move into the Ontario Championship series against the winner of a Leamington - Ingersoll series.



16th Avenue Wins Volleyball Crown

The 16th Avenue Public School in Markham Township are the boys' volleyball champions for 1963. The starry aggregation who never lost a game all season captured the crown for School Area No. 1 by defeating Henderson Ave. School in the finals. The team was under the able direction of Mr. S. Myers, school principal.

The team members are back row (left to right) Ken Sollie, Jim Roy, John Pocklington, Tom Woodward, John Hewitt, Alan Hull and Doug Brooks.

Front row (same order) Alan Elliott, Gary Cliff, Gary Cramer, Jim Kremmin and Jim Brass.

High Temperature Causing Break-up

Ice conditions on Lake Simcoe are starting to deteriorate with the onset of higher temperatures. While there is still almost two feet of ice in the lake, local danger spots can be expected and care should be taken when using vehicles.

Conservation Officer Harold Van Wyck at Orillia, reports that already many fishermen are removing their ice huts. May we take this opportunity to appeal to all hut owners to remove huts before the spring break-up. Floating, nearly submerged huts, are a serious hazard to boat operators and can cause accidents.

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25 Applicants Only Six Jobs

Members of the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee had a very pleasant but very difficult chore to perform last week. In response to an advertisement 19 girls and 6 boys applied for positions as leaders in the Richmond Hill playground organization.

There were only six jobs available, three for boys and three for girls and the interviews became a real chore. Interview teams would have been pleased to hire everyone of the calibre of the candidates was very high. It became necessary to make choices and selection committee members had much soul-searching to do before they came up with decisions.

Successful candidates will be notified by letter in the next week. Similarly those not successful will also be informed.

Some very surprising facts came to light during these interviews and there are many talented teenagers in Richmond Hill if this group of 25 can be considered a fair sample.

With such a great deal of talent from which to choose the playground program is virtually assured of a successful season. Mrs. Jean Thomson, recreational director of Richmond Hill, will have every reason to be proud of her staff of young people this year.

Richmond Hill On Come-Back Trail

The Town and Country mid-get hockey team eliminated Woodbridge from the North York League playoffs by defeating Woodbridge 7-4 on a two game goals-to-count series. Plans for a final series are still up in the air as rumor has Newmarket dropping from the league.

Woodbridge won the opener 3-1 in Woodbridge on Wednesday of last week. In a rough, tough game that literally ended in a fight Woodbridge outscored the T and C kids 3-1 to carry a two goal lead into the second game. Ken Crook scored the only Town and Country goal.

Richmond Hill hosted Woodbridge on Friday night. Smarting under the initial loss the Town and Country squad threw the book at Woodbridge. When the smoke and flame had cleared the Richmond Hill team had won the game 6-1 and the series by a 7-4 total. Quite a comeback!

Paul Jackson led the Town and Country scoring parade with two goals as Jack Dubkowski, Ken Crook, Bruce Sim and Frank Pirri scored singletons. Phil Dobbs and Mike Howard picked up assists on scoring plays.

Town and Country are well up in the play off series having won 3, tied 1 and lost one game to date.



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

There is no shadow of a doubt that the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League has improved to the point where it's one of the most interesting leagues anywhere around the Metro area. Some really great hockey is played in this league and some very fine hockey players are affiliated with teams in the league.

A few years ago the league was a kind of blood and thunder affair, sort of an icy jungle where the fit and the lucky managed to survive. Spectator interest dropped to zero and players with family responsibilities were looking askance at the league. For a time it looked as though the league would fold. In an effort to preserve senior hockey it was decided to adopt international rules. It saved the league from extinction and built it into a good organization.

One of the prime reasons for the success of the league this past season is the work of one Johnny Drummond. Johnny is a Willowdale resident but he has worked so long and so hard for senior hockey in Richmond Hill that most people think he lives at Richmond Hill Arena.

Besides playing a lot of hockey for Willowdale Rangers the tireless Mr. Drummond has taken on many other chores. He has gone around and beat the woods for sponsors. All publicity for the league has been handled by the same J. Drummond and he has done a terrific job. For most games this year he has arranged door prizes and free gifts for patrons, has helped with scheduling and performed innumerable other chores.

At the moment he is just a bit disappointed at the lack of spectator interest. Willowdale Rangers and the Concord Flyers are locked in a struggle for the Tip Top Tailors Trophy, emblematic of the senior hockey league championship. This final series promises to produce some of the most exciting hockey anyone could ever hope to see and yet spectators will probably stay away in hundreds.

Like most of us, Johnny Drummond is getting a bit long in the tooth for knocking himself out the way he has done this season. This is, he says, his last season as general factotum of the league. From here on in he'll just play hockey in the time he has left and enjoy himself.

Who can blame him? He's so tired by this time of the year that he's virtually operating on sheer nerve alone. As he says, his wife and children hardly know him and he'd like to renew old acquaintanceships. If however this final series should prove so interesting that fans cram the arena to the bulging point, he'd feel that it was all worthwhile. And knock himself out again next year.

He'll be a tough man to replace as workhorse and the league can only be the poorer for his loss. With a refurbished arena to operate in next year the league could really roll and attract a fan following. The senior hockey league needs people like John Drummond and needs our Johnny Drummond in particular. Let's get together and help to change his mind by turning out in force for the second game of the series on April 2nd at 8 p.m. Admission is 50c and torrid action is a guarantee. Let's turn it into a surprise party for one J. Drummond and give the league a big lift at the same time. Don't forget the date and time - April 2nd, 8.00 p.m. See you there, OK?

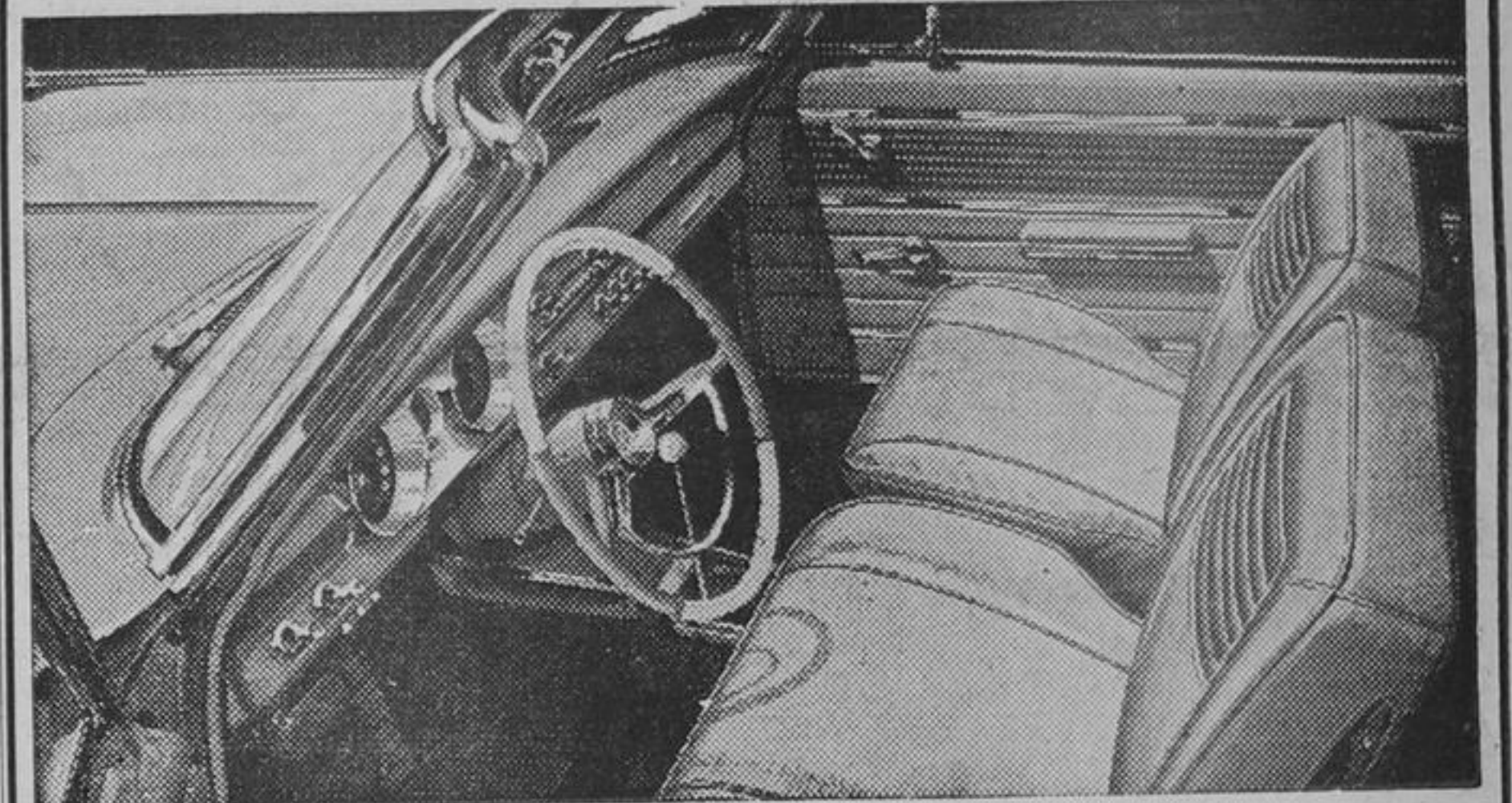
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The die is cast and Dynes Jewellers Softball Club will operate in the new Metro Major Fastball League this year. Sponsor Vern Dynes was torn two ways, whether to stay with the new league which he helped to form or whether to accept an entree to the Beaches League. Vern weighed up the situation carefully and decided to throw in his lot with the new

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