



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

It won't be too long before the smelt start running in creeks and rivers all over the province of Ontario. A great many smelt fishermen will be shot with luck and be in exactly the right place at the right time. The rest of us will get skunked as usual with nothing more to show for a night out but wet feet and a cold.

Just as it does every year, the argument will rage as to just what kind of fish smelt really are. The most commonly accepted theory is that they are a member of the herring tribe. Not so say learned fish biologists. They are very much the kin of trout and belong to the salmon family. Try telling the chatelaine of your castle that you're going out to catch some salmon. If you said smelt she might wrinkle her nose a wee bit - but salmon! — that's an altogether different kettle of fish!

So who's lying? Just not elaborating isn't really lying — or is it?

According to the only statistics we could unearth, and these figures are for the year 1941, ten million pounds of smelt were caught in Canada while only four million pounds were caught in the United States. Figuring about seven to eight smelts to the pound that's one heck of a lot of fish! Since 1941 smelt fishing has increased in popularity until the total poundage caught today must be absolutely staggering. They're such a tasty little fish that we can only rejoice that they see fit to be so all-fired prolific! Except where we go fishing, that is.

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Take Me Out To The Ball Park

In the spring a young boys fancy turns to softball and when registration for teams was held in local schools last Saturday morning the small fry turned out in droves to enter their names on the roster for the coming season. Shown in the

above picture are left to right Barry McKillop, Erwin Verheye and George Porter as they registered at Walter Scott Public School.

(Staff Photo.)

North End Cleaners Winners In Three Games

Greg Sephton provided the margin of victory as his lone goal gave the North End Cleaners a 1-0 win in a Clancy Series game against East York at Ted Reeve Arena. The irrepressible Doug Acomb was credited with an assist on Sephton's goal.

An exhibition game with Woodbridge saw the Cleaners grab a

5-4 victory. Doug Acomb scored two as Dave Broderick, Jim Wilson and Peter Bird scored one each. Wayne O'Brien, Harvey Gordon and Gord Sales were all credited with assists.

In an exhibition game on Friday the Cleaners clobbered a Thornhill team 14-0. Nuff bridge saw the Cleaners grab a

The team are entered in the Georgetown Bantam tournament over the Easter holidays and are expecting a very busy hockey week.

First They're In Then They're Out

The Town and Country Midget hockey team are tangled up in one of the wildest set ups ever. In a North York League semi-final game they beat Bolton 11-1. Bolton immediately dropped from the league. Newmarket, Aurora and Beeton had previously dropped out - now Newmarket is back in. That is as of the moment.

Rangers Crush Flyers 12-3 Score In Series Opener

A red-hot Willowdale Ranger team scored four goals in each period to trounce Concord Flyers 12-3. This was the opening of a best two out of three series for the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League Championship and on the performance the Rangers look to have the series well in hand.

Fred Disera was top gun for the Rangers with a total of four goals on the play. He scored his first goal after only 23 seconds of play in the first period, added another at the 6:10 mark of the same period then popped in two more in the final stanza.

Chick Webster scored two in the winning Ranger cause as Frank Howarth, Earl Cairns, Rene Jaillel, Bob Wright, Brian Turner and Gary Durie scored singletons.

It was a sad night for the Flyers. They just were not able to mount any sort of sustained attack. Close checking by the powerful Ranger team was breaking up plays before they were fairly organized. John Hall, Nick Nowoselski and Bob Baird scored the Flyer goals.

Club Competition Sees End Of Active Year

Figure skating came to an end on March 30th in Richmond Hill. The local club ended their season with club competitions held on the final two Saturdays of operation. Calibre of performance during these competitions would seem to indicate that the club is reaching a maturity as more members become serious figure skaters. This augurs well for the future of the R.H.F.S.C.

Miss Eleanor McLeod and Miss Isabel Harper, the club professionals, are more than pleased with the progress made by their young students and have seen a vast improvement from the beginning of the season last October. Executive members of the R.H.F.S.C. are very grateful for the co-operation they have received from the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association with regard to the sharing of ice time and other allied matters.

Co-operation between these two groups has been of the best and each organization has a healthy respect for the other. An ideal state of affairs that should continue over the years.

Results of the final two weeks of competition are as follows:

Event, achievement (girl); trophy donor, Rita Hall; winner, presented by Rita Hall; winner, Wendy and Janice James; (honourable mention, Beth Lamb).
Event, achievement (boy); trophy donor, W. J. McNab; presented by Dorothy Francis; winner, Randy Walford.
Event, novice (girl); trophy donor, Don Plaxton; presented by Don Plaxton; winner, Pamela White (runner up Donna Shubaly).
Event, junior (girl); trophy donor, Rotary Club of Richmond Hill; presented by Don

Plaxton; winner, Carlen Meyer (runner up Ruth Francis).
Event, junior pair; trophy donor, Kinsmen of Richmond Hill; presented by Mr. Bellamy; winner, Ruth Francis - Martha Stanfield (runners up, Nancy Harrington - Cathy Donahue).
Event, junior dance; trophy donor, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Dean; presented by Doris Dick; winner, Cathy Smith - Janice McGurran (runners up, Susan Thompson - Nancy Harrington).
Event, intermediate girl; trophy donor, Lion's Club of Richmond Hill; presented by Rita Hall; winner, Ainsley Walford (runner up Lynn Hamilton).
Event, intermediate boy; trophy donor, Chuck Kiel; presented by Bill Hall; winner, Bob Cowan (runner up Ricky Madeley).

Event, intermediate pair; trophy donor, Mrs. Harold Mills; presented by Alma Wilson; winners, Susan Craine - Judy Dick (runners up, Charlene Brenzall - Susan Thompson).
Event, intermediate dance; trophy donor, Jaycees of Richmond Hill; presented by Mr. P. Penning; winners, Susan Craine - Judy Dick (runners up, Ainsley Walford - Carol Hack).
Event, open mixed pair; trophy donor, Armstrong Jewellers; presented by Doris Dick; winners, Susan Hannah - Bob Cowan.

Event, senior dance; trophy donor, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Smith; presented by Kay Smith; winner, Beverley Wilson (runner up, Susan Hannah).
Event, senior pair; trophy donor, R.H.F.S.C.; presented by Eileen Craine; winners, Beverley Wilson - Susan Hannah (runners up, Susan Burton - Kathy Mason).

Event, senior girl; trophy donor, Harold Mills; presented by Barbara Hannah; winner, Beverley Wilson (runner up Susan Burton).
Event, senior pair; trophy donor, R.H.F.S.C.; presented by Eileen Craine; winners, Beverley Wilson - Susan Hannah (runners up, Susan Burton - Kathy Mason).

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O.M.H.A. Playoffs

Six North York Minor Hockey League teams remain in the running for Ontario Minor Hockey Association honors it was announced by League Director George Haskett this week.

Newmarket Optimists and Cobourg Black Hawks are tied in their best-of-three bantam. A minor semi-final series with the third game at Cobourg today.

Richmond Hill Hornets, carrying a peewee A minor tag have eliminated Newmarket, Collingwood and Trenton to advance to the

Ontario finals. Hornets will meet either Leamington or Ingersoll in the final.

Beeton peewees and bantams both with D ratings have advanced to the Ontario finals in their respective series.

Woodbridge peewees and bantams have gained a spot in the Ontario finals in the C series competition.

North York teams, since the league was organized in 1962, have won 14 Ontario titles and wound up as finalists on 13 occasions.

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