



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Last Friday evening signalled the end of a long and often arduous task for officials, coaches and executive members of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association, for this season, that is: Next fall most of them will be back in harness at the old stand - providing organized hockey for kids.

To end the season on a high note a big night was planned for last Friday at Richmond Hill Arena. Four final league championships were decided and trophies were presented to winning teams as well as to individual players. Lucky draw prizes were on the agenda but no big name celebrities were on hand to draw a crowd. The crowds turned out anyway and those who stayed until the very end saw four tremendous hockey games. And therein lies a tale.

It wasn't so very many years ago that teams in the R.H.M.H.A. played a type of hockey that could only be likened to shinny. Young players had little if any appreciation of the more formal rules of hockey. Any resemblance to positional or scientific hockey was merely the result of a happy coincidence. Coaches were allowed to go on the ice with their teams in an effort to get hockey lessons across and to get players off on the right foot. How far the R.H.M.H.A. has come from those early beginnings is absolutely incredible!

From the six year olds on up every player knows hockey rules and they are soon taught positional hockey. By the age of eleven or twelve they conduct themselves on the ice like professionals - they know the game and they know their place in the game. Unfortunately some of them have also acquired a few of the unfavourable professional habits and will try to throw the odd fist or knee on occasion. Fortunately tight officiating usually cools out young hot-

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Winner of the Squirt class in the R.H.H.A. finals are shown above. From left to right, front row: Danny Peterson, Jim Truswell, Bobby Wallace, Art Moore, Craig Goodman, Ron McBrien, Gar Freeman, David Adley, Doug Nicholls. Back row: Ricky Craine, Gavin MacBean, Coach Joseph Ranieri, Jimmy Wilkinson, Larry Tierney. Sponsors of the Tee Pees are Skyline Motors. (Photo by Barbour.)



Pee Wee winners in the final play-offs of the R.H.H.A. held here last Friday night were the Terriers, sponsored by Shields Shoes. Pictured above from left to right are: Front row—Stan Hack, John Fitzpatrick, Wayne Pollard, Tom Wilkinson, Harry Bryan, Bob Wilkinson, Bruce McGregor. Back row—Coach Bill Barnes Hal Murphy, Steve Tinsley, Danny Ede, Jim Fraser, Wayne Roblin, Dave Smith, Bruce Hartford, Paul Fountain. Missing when the picture was taken is Douglas Bonnell. (Photo by Barbour.)



Final winners in the Bantam R.H.H.A. playoffs were the Canadiens. Sponsored by Frank's Movers, the champions pictured above are, left to right, front row: Don Wilkinson, Charles Amos, Don Harrower, Stew Cooke, Ricky Ede, Danny Boyington, John Harrington, Leslie Buchan. Back row: George Keslick, Jim Docherty, Ray Dunne, John Gordon, Steve Magill, Steve Graham, Doug MacDonald. (Photo by Barbour.)



Proudly displaying the trophy denoting midget champions of the R.H.H.A. is the Bowden-sponsored hockey team. Shown above from left to right are: Front row, Rick McCarville, Brian Horton, Paul Sullivan, Gary Riseborough, Peter Gates, Doug Nicholls. Back row, Ray Pratt, Bob Leishman, Rick Chalkin, Russ Riseborough, Garry Dowker, Bruce Good, Wayne Richards. (Photo by Barbour.)

Season's First Outdoor Game Called For Jewellers Tonight

Russ "Casey" Cripps has called the first outdoor practice session for his Jeweller softball team this Thursday night. Team members are expected to be working out in the town park beginning at 7 o'clock.

Indoor practices have seen most of the team hard at work sweating off extra pounds acquired over the winter season. Skip de Geer is one player who has little to do to get into condition. A winter of rugged hockey action in the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League, plus officiating in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association has kept him slim and svelte. Others who have not been nearly as active have a lot of work to do until the season opens.

Work on refurbishing the main diamond has already commenced. Doug McLean, well known Richmond Hill octogenarian has been hard at work getting things lined up for the opening of the softball season. An article which recently appeared in a large metropolitan daily made reference to Mr. McLean

sitting on a Yonge St. bench soaking up sun. If the writer of the said article had to follow him around the park for a day he'd find that there was precious little time for sunning or resting. He could even work up a king-sized crop of blisters!

The Metro Major Fastball League hopes to open the season by May 16th. An early start with correspondingly early playoffs would pave the way for teams desirous of taking part in OASA competition. It is Vern Dyer's intention to bring in high calibre teams from other Ontario centres to play a series of exhibition games during the regular season.

From all reports of upcoming softball and soccer activity the town park promises to be a real beehive of activity this summer.

The tennis club, lawn bowling club, soccer club and various and sundry softball teams will provide almost continuous action throughout the summer season.

Radio Team NY. Champs

Ed. Brown and his squirt aged C.F.G.M. hockey team won the North York League championship from Newmarket at Newmarket last Wednesday night. The first game of the series was played on Tuesday night of last week in Richmond Hill and the radio station sponsored CFGM team won a 4-3 victory over their arch rivals, Newmarket.

Bobby Gilpin and Paul Martin paced the attack in the opening game with a goal and an assist each. Daryl Rice and Paul Brown scored a goal each.

In the Wednesday night game the teams battled to a scoreless tie and resulted in a CFGM victory 4-3 on the round. Their fate in the Brampton hockey tournament was short shrift at the hands of Georgetown. In the first game Georgetown squeezed out a 1-0 victory and won a 3-2 decision in the second game. John Barrett and Paul Martin fired in the Richmond Hill goals.

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