

SPORT SPOTS

BY
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Lord Stanley's little pewter mug is resting securely in the hallowed halls of the house that Smythe built for yet another year. Carl Brewer is nursing a broken arm while soothing the ache with some \$3,500 in championship money and Johnny Bower has returned to the west to lose another year off his venerable age. It would seem that hockey had bowed out for the nonce but a letter from an area resident revived it, at least temporarily.

To set matters straight right from the start, this letter writer is not a crank. He cites what he considers to be some examples of mismanagement in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association. His examples make sense - if looked at in only one light. Take another long look and they could be petty grievances. However this gentleman wanted answers to some questions and it's only fair that he gets them.

Just so that there is absolutely no misunderstanding, he's right, there is mismanagement in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association. There's bound to be in any organization this big that is operated by amateurs, volunteers who go into this work willingly but can't, and don't, know everything about running a league. If we wanted to get experts to volunteer there just wouldn't be any Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association. Any mismanagement is purely unintentional and occurs with malice toward none.

The writer also mentions teams that dominated play throughout the season while weaker teams were in dire need of bolstering. Right again! That also can happen, and does happen. There's a good reason why it does.

Before the season begins, each volunteer convenor is given a list of names of boys eligible to play in the age group that he is convening. Some of them he knows from other years while some are unknown quantities. With what he remembers from last season he tries to put better, more experienced players on teams so that some measure of balance is obtained. Unknown quantities are more or less assigned by luck and chance. At this point the convenor is working somewhat like a horse handicapper.

As so often happens to a horse handicapper the form charts are wrong. The kid who was such a standout last year is now in faster company. Other lads have caught up to him in growth and maybe even passed him. The form chart is all wrong. Meanwhile some unknown, or a boy who was just average last year turns into a big wheel. What price careful handicapping now?

NO OTHER WAY

Early in the season there is some juggling from team to team but there comes a time when a boy is entitled to know that he'll be with a team for the best part of the year. Then you've just got to stand pat and let the teams battle it out from there. This has been done and will be done again. There just isn't any other way.

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Ball Players Offered Clinic By Jewellers

Russ Cripps has announced that the Jewellers will be conducting softball clinics for minor softballers the week of June 23rd - 29th. This week is to be an official Ontario Minor Softball Week with the emphasis

to be placed on the younger ball player.

Dynes Jeweller players will be teaching lessons in base-running, pitching, playing the infield and outfield, and correct batting stance. These clinics, brief as they

are, should prove to be of vital help to young softball players.

Practice sessions for the Jewellers are on Monday, Thursday and Saturday until further notice. A game with

Kent Clothes is planned for the near future. This will probably result in a lot of fun for both clubs and give them a good shakedown before the opening of the regular season.



Alan MacDonell Trophy

Gallant young Alan MacDonell receives the newly donated trophy named in his honour for competition in the bantam section of the Thornhill Church Hockey League. The presentation is made by donor John Wren of Clarkson. League President Tom Brown can be seen at the right. Alan was stricken with muscular dystrophy some four years ago just prior to the founding of the Thornhill League. He seldom misses a game and can usually be found helping out in the penalty box and in noting statistics for his father.

The presentation was made at Bradford Arena during the final playoff series. Photos of the winning teams in each division can be found on page 13 of this issue. (Photo by Cornes)

Expect Boating Season To Open Within A Week

Another successful year of ice fishing on Lake Simcoe has now been completed. According to Robert Trotter, fish and wildlife supervisor for the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple, ice conditions were generally good allowing safe passage on the ice from early in January to approximately the end of March. Snow, however, was a problem for much of the season making travel by car difficult. This resulted in a greater than usual use of special motorized snow vehicles.

While the ice is not yet completely broken up in the lake, at the end of the week, Mr. Trotter stated it had cleared from part of Cook's Bay and other areas along the south shore. Breakup in the open lake was expected with the next strong wind. In the past five years, the date of breakup has occurred between April 18 and 29, with the earliest date on record, in the past 14 years, being 1953 when the lake was safe for navigation on April 5. Latest date was last year when the breakup did not occur until April 29. It would appear that this spring will see average conditions and boating enthusiasts may likely expect to cruise in open water within a week's time.

Kent Clothes Hold Practice

Joe Cornack and his Kent Clothes junior softball team had their first practice session outdoors last Sunday. Despite early morning showers, stiff breezes soon had the diamond passably dry and the team enjoyed a good workout.

With the addition of Gerry Case to the mound staff the team's hurling problems are well taken care of. Larry Cuiro and Case should make the Kent crew as strong as any club in the league in the pitching department.

It is now definite that Galt has entered the league with a strong juvenile entry. With a six team league already organized it would seem that Kents are ready to provide some very interesting softball action for local fans.

Radio Team Go Down In Final Game

Ed. Brown and his CFGM squirtage hockey team can hang up their gear for this year at least. During the Easter holiday period the kids were entered in the Tam O'Shanter Tournament and the playoff rounds in the King Clancy series. The team lost out in both tournaments but went out fighting to the last whistle.

In the Clancy Series playoffs they dropped a two game total goals to count series by a 6-3 score to East York. East York came up with a 3-0 victory in the opening game but were forced to settle for a 3-3 tie in the second game. Paul Brown, Gary Oliver and Steve Adley scored the CFGM goals.

Scarboro Lions, one of the finest hockey teams in their age group in the province of Ontario knocked the CFGM kids out of the Tam O'Shanter tourney with a 2-0 shut-out win. In previous encounters this year the Lions had beaten the local team 6-0 and 5-2. Scarboro played a schedule of over 60 games this season and lost only one of them. The result of the final game would seem to indicate a marked improvement in the play of the CFGM kids and is a tribute to the job done by their coach, Ed Brown.

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Cleaners At End Of Hockey Trail

On April 15th the bantam North End Cleaners played a 1-1 tie with Leaside Iron in the Clancy Series. Peter Bird scored the single goal for the Richmond Hill team. The second game of the series was played last Saturday with Leaside winning the game 3-1 and winning on the round by a 4-2 total. Doug Acomb sniped the only Cleaners goal. As far as the Cleaners are concerned the Clancy Series is over for this year.

In the Georgetown Bantam Hockey tournament the Cleaners eliminated Riverside 9-2 in a two game series. Dave Brod-erick scored 2 and Doug Acomb

a single goal in the opening game which the Cleaners won by a 3-1 margin. Doug Acomb ran riot in the second game by scoring four goals as they downed Riverside 6-1. Peter Bird scored the other two Cleaners goals.

West Kildonan, a Manitoba entry finally eliminated the Cleaners from further play in the Georgetown tourney. West Kildonan won the first game of the series 5-2. Peter Bird and Doug Acomb scored the goals for the Cleaners.

The second game of the series saw the Cleaners defeat West Kildonan by a 3-2 score. It was not enough to make a

difference with the Manitoba team winning 7-5 on the round. All three goals in the game for the Cleaners were scored by Doug Acomb with Dave Brod-erick being credited with two assists.

ANNUAL MEETING
Richmond Hill Hockey Association will be held
LIONS HALL, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1963
2 P.M.
Amendments, New Resolutions to be submitted to the Secretary one week before meeting.
Signed —
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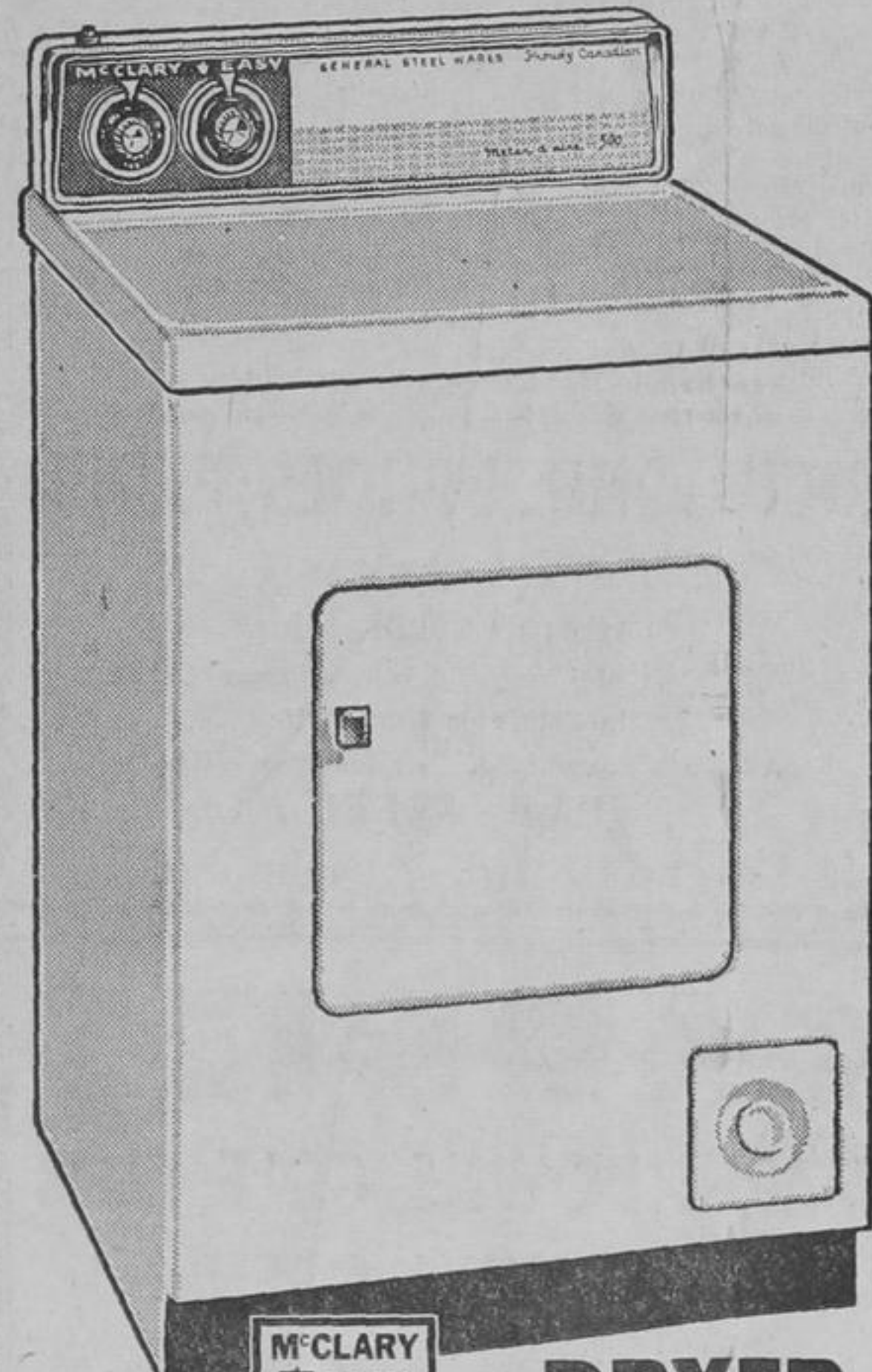
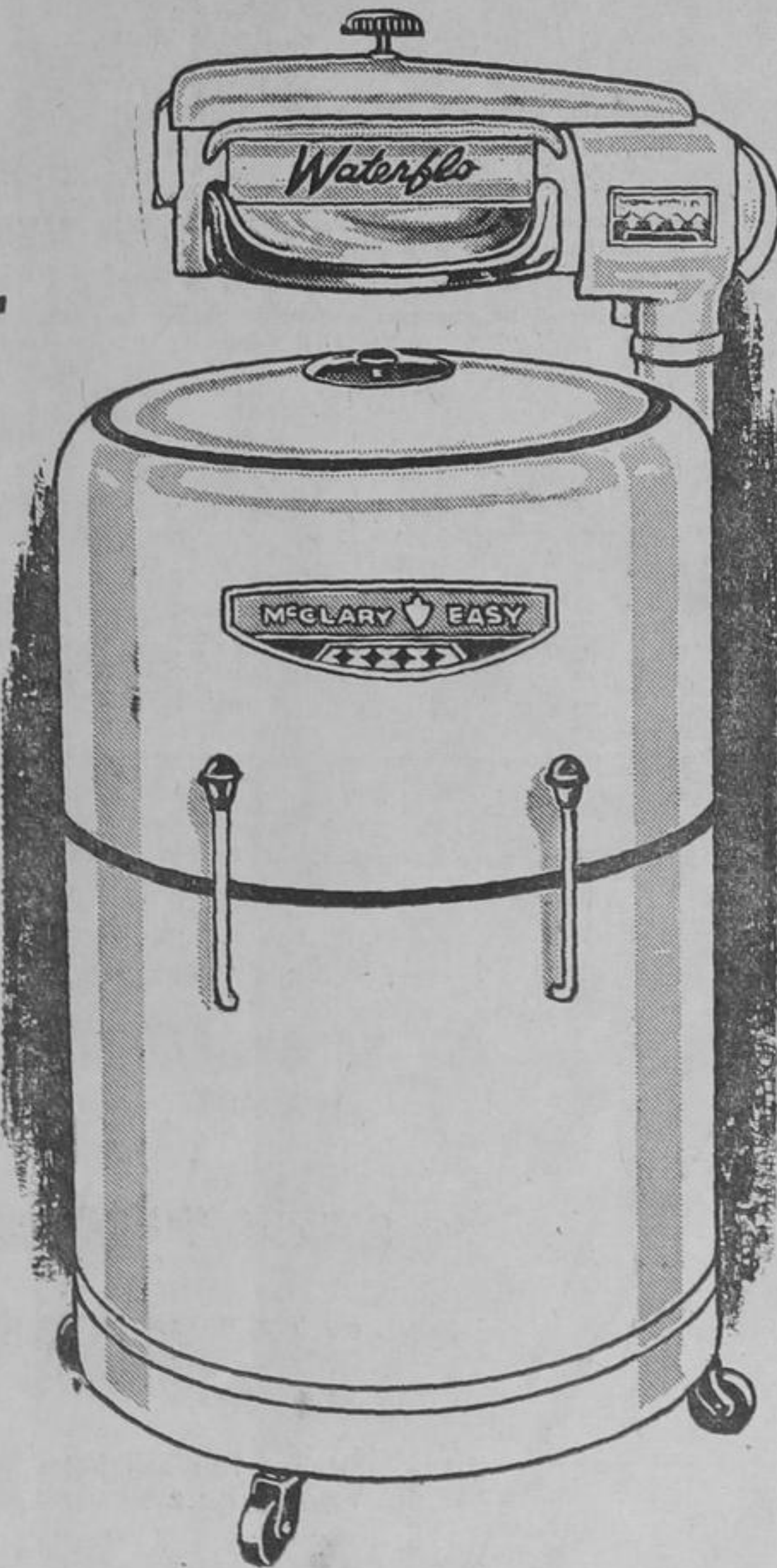
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