

CLEANERS WIN RIVERSIDE TOURNEY



North End Cleaners Grand Champions

Grand champions of the Christmas holiday Riverside Bantam Hockey Tournament were the 14 members of the North End Cleaners, Richmond Hill Minor Hockey League's bantam team. Accompanied by coaches and sponsor the team journeyed to the Windsor area community, and first won the "B" division in the tournament. Then they took on the Detroit Teamsters, champions of the "A" group and defeated them to win the grand championship.

The victorious team is shown above: back row (left to right) Reg Acomb, coach; Roy McBrien, Rick Doucette, Dave Broderick, Doug Brooks, Wayne O'Brien, Gary Methe, Harvey Gordon and Jim Wilson Sr., manager.

Sitting in the front row (left to right) are Mac Smith (goalie), Don Harrower, Mike Deciantis, Eddie Sackfield (sponsor who proudly holds the trophy), Jim Wilson Jr., Wayne Harrington and Alex Bain. Missing from the photo is Mark Dobbs.

BY RON CRAINE

For quite some time people close to minor hockey doings in the Richmond Hill area have suspected that the local product was as good as could be found anywhere. It is one sort of thing to suspect that something is true but definitely a horse of a different colour when it comes to proving it. Fourteen bantam aged hockey players from Richmond Hill, their two coaches and their sponsor went a long way toward confirming the theories about local minor hockey last weekend.

North End Cleaners, sponsored by Ed Sackfield and piloted by Reg Acomb and Jim Wilson, won all the marbles at the recent Riverside Bantam Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Riverside Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Cleaners won the "B" division championship of the tournament and then swept on to win the grand championship by defeating the "A" group winners, Detroit Teamsters. Groupings at these tournaments are determined by population figures of participating communities and the Cleaner win over the Detroit team is akin to the story of David and Goliath. The Teamster club is made up of boys from all parts of the Detroit area and over 100 boys were tested before the final team was picked.

To add even more honour to the Cleaner escutcheon is the fact that the Teamster club had gone undefeated in 48 straight games both in Canada and in their own age grouping in the United States. It wasn't a bed of roses nor exactly a snap as the Cleaners moved along in the hockey tournament to their destined meeting with the United States' team. For their first round opponent they drew a team well known in Richmond Hill by virtue of previous appearances here, Leamington. The opening round was to be a two game total goals to count series and pitted two very evenly matched teams.

the scoring as he beat the Leamington net minder with a hard shot. Minutes later Dave Broderick took a pass from Jim Wilson and swooped in to cash the puck for the Cleaners second goal. With two minutes left in the third period, Leamington finally managed to beat Mac Smith as the game ended North End Cleaners 2, Leamington 1.

Second game of the series went Friday morning with the Cleaners going into the game with a one goal lead. This game followed the pattern set in the first game with both goaltenders being called on to come up with key saves throughout the piece. Leamington eventually got a shot behind Smith to tie the series at 2-2.

With two minutes left in regulation time Jim Wilson took a pass from Wayne O'Brien and made no mistakes as he beat the Leamington netminder clearly. The Leamington squad pressed a furious attack in the final seconds of the game but a stalwart defensive effort by the Cleaners preserved the lead for a 3-2 win on the round.

At 5:00 p.m. on the Friday night the Cleaners went up against Blenheim in a sudden death game. Blenheim had defeated Milton in convincing fashion to move into this game. They were no match for the fast skating, hard checking Hill team and absorbed a 6-0 bombing from the local team. Mac Smith was in the net for two periods while Alex Bain played in the cage for the third period to preserve the shutout win. Cleaner marksmen were Rick Doucette, Wilson, Mike Deciantis, Wayne Harrington, Roy McBrien and Broderick. In the

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Ice Fishermen To Start Fishing In Lake Simcoe

Ice huts have started to sprout in the shallow bays of Lake Simcoe and Lake St. John according to conservation officers from the Orillia, Jackson's Point and Beaverton areas.

A total of six huts were reported on the ice being used by perch fishermen.

Lake Simcoe is still open except for shallow bays which have from two to five inches of ice. Small lakes in the north end of the district are frozen over but ice conditions are not considered safe for usage.

New regulations for erecting fishing huts as released recently by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests:

- No person shall occupy a hut on the ice of any water for the purpose of fishing unless it bears, on the outside, the name and address of the owner.
- No person shall leave any hut used for fishing on the ice of Lake Timagami in the Territorial District of Nipissing or of any water south of and including the French and Mattawa Rivers and Lake Nipissing after March 31 of any year.

An added footnote: Each year the Department of Lands and Forests receive numerous complaints of fishermen cutting holes in the ice of Lake Simcoe and leaving them unmarked.

These complaints should be referred to the Ontario Provincial Police as it is an offence under the Criminal Code to leave any hole in the ice unmarked.

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Minor Teams

Holidays Busy Time For Hockey

Ray Brooks and Ken Addley had their squirt aged C.F.G.M. Radio Kids hockey team in a North York League game on December 27. Nobleton fell victim to the Kids by a 14-0 count as C.F.G.M. netminder Dave Addley registered his ninth shutout of the season.

Nobleton were literally swamped by the vastly superior Richmond Hill squad and play was confined to their end of the

A NEW YEAR - 1964

This is the time of year when we should all add up our assets and count our blessings. Some of these are spelled "a'ssets" and some are spelled "assets". The "a'ssets" of course, keep a roof over our heads but the other "assets" of living in a free society and being able to seek happiness in our own way make life under that roof worthwhile.

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While some parts of our country may have temporary economic distress, the overall picture and future forecasts are very bright. We need only to work together to make them come true.

We wish a Happy New Year to you and yours.

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John Barnett scored three goals for the hat trick to pace the C.F.G.M. goal scoring parade.

The team was entered in the Don Mills Atom Tournament and played the first tournament game on Thursday. They were defeated 2-0 by Cleerone's of the Scarborough league then came back on Saturday to defeat Cleerone's 2-1 to win the game but lose the round by a 3-2 score. Al Lewis and Chris Andrews were the C.F.G.M. marksmen.

A "B" series consolation round will start this Monday as teams vie for the Don Mills Civilian Championship.

Lions Club Hornets piloted by Gord Pipher played two games last week. On December 22 they played an exhibition game with Thornhill and absorbed a 4-3 loss in the process. John Dunkley scored two for the Hornets and Ricky Chapman sniped a singleton in the losing cause.

In a rough and rugged game with Newmarket last Friday the Hornets won a league fixture

R.H. Blueliners Tag 3-1 Over Newmarket Team

Richmond Hill Blueliners continued to ride the crest of the jovous season Friday as they topped Newmarket midgets 3-1. They are now tied for second spot in the North York Hockey League.

Gary Charity, showing little of that attack with a two-goal effort, Doug Acomb potted the other one.

Charity's first tally saw Phil Dodds picking up the assist. His second marker came after Acomb carried the length of the ice and passed out to Charity.

A much improved corps of defencemen for the locals stopped most of the Newmarket rushes at the blueline and were ably assisted by their back-checking forwards. The team's combined effort received praise from their sponsor Ted Terry.

In the last two games Richmond Hill goalie Bob Saffruk has held the opposition to one goal and it would appear his donning a mask has given him the amount of confidence needed to come up with some sharp games.

Most improved player on the ice was "Fearless" Freddie Held who came up with a tough,

by a 4-2 score. Daryl Rice was suspended for this game by O.M.H.A. brass along with a Newmarket player for a fight in a previous meeting. Hornet goals were scored by Gerald "Beany" Methe, Rick Thompson, Ricky Chapman and Larry Young.

As for as North York League hockey action was concerned the Town & Country Juveniles were idle during the past week. Coach Bill Points and manager Marsh Amos were able to arrange an exhibition game in Richmond Hill with a team from Huntsville.

The Juveniles nipped the Huntsville squad by a 3-2 count on goals by Dave Day, Bob Booth and a fine solo goal by Jack Dubkowski. Craig Dunnett and Paul Jackson were credited with assists. Jim Higgs and Terry Cleland were the Huntsville snipers.

So far this season the T & C squad have won eight out of eight to remain undefeated in league play. Next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. the Juveniles will be pitted against Newmarket at Richmond Hill in a game that promises plenty of rugged action.

Uxbridge Hawks Can't Win; Drop From OHA Loop

Everybody loves a winner and you're in trouble if you lose.

This must be the feeling shared by officials and members of the Uxbridge Black Hawks who have bowed out of O.H.A. competition after winning both the Intermediate "B" and "C" titles.

The team had moved up to "A" competition this year but found the competition too tough and their once rabid fans too scarce. They were refused permission to drop back to "B" classification.

Prior to the start of this season the Uxbridge Intermediates had attracted the largest crowds of any team in the district and attendances of over 1,200 were a common occurrence.

Fan interest and attendance dwindled this winter when the team failed to win.

Summit "Skiing" Conditions Good For The Weekend

It's a winter wonderland these days and area skiers - - - not snow shovellers - - - are pretty happy about it.

George Sweeney, of Richmond Hill, vice-president of the Toronto Ski Club, reports that about 4,000 persons put their best ski blades forward last weekend at the Summit Golf Club run.

"We expect double that this weekend," he said. "The ski tows have been running for a couple of weeks."

Mr. Sweeney said that three electric tows have been installed and are in use.

Ski conditions, at last report, were close to perfect and if the weather maintains a big turnout of skiers is expected on the weekend.

At the present time, the Toronto club has 350 children under instruction and 25 instructors doing the instructing.

So it looks like good skiing for the next while - - - and good shovelling!

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Sport Spots

BY RON CRAINE



Time, like newspaper editors, has a quaint way of never standing still - it's a sort of an occupational hazard. Now that Christmas 1963 is out of the way the New Year is coming on like an express train. There's just no stopping it; it's inevitable.

In our house, as in a million other houses scattered here and there, Christmas morning was its usual scene of gay and wild confusion. It wasn't quite as abandoned as it once was because daughter number one and number one son have got to the age where clothes are the only acceptable gifts. That only leaves youngest daughter who takes any interest in toys and her tastes run to chemistry sets and microscopes. No electric trains to play with and no fire engines to go rocketing around with.

Time plays dirty tricks on fathers - what's Christmas Day without something mechanical to tinker with?

Instead of the roar of train wheels we had weird odours from various chemicals. Everyone went around all day with sore fingers; they had to as youngest daughter was pricking fingers for blood samples to examine under the microscope. Christmas certainly has changed with the passage of time!

And yet there is one bright side to this kind of toyless Christmas. Santa Claus didn't leave any doll houses, gas stations, barns or whatever made of metal. You know the kind where everything is put together with small metal tabs and yards of instruction sheets. The kind of thing that old Santa Claus leaves for Mom and Dad to assemble in the wee, small hours of Christmas morning. And then with bloodshot eyes, bloody hands and a throbbing headache they totter off to bed for their two hour ration of sleep ere the panic begins. They have one big satisfaction. The gas station - doll house -

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