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## Sport Spots

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### Quebec City

## Hornets Win Consolation Series

Gord Pipher and Jim Dunkley had their Hornet team in Quebec City for the Pee-wee Hockey Tournament. The team was entered in "B" series play and won the first game last Thursday by defeating Lac Megantic 6-4.

Phil Clark and "Beany" Methe scored two each with the remaining two being scored by Ricky Chapman and Larry Young.

All hope of winning the "B" series championship went awing on Friday as Leaside pounded the Hornets to win by an 8-2 score. Leaside had a 3-2 lead with only eight minutes left and then the roof fell in as Leaside sniped 5 quick goals.

The Hornets played the Hornets against Charlottetown, P.E.I. for the "B" series consolation trophy. 23,000 spectators jammed into the arena to watch the action as the excitement at the tourney ran extra high.

The Hornets won a 6-1 victory and were awarded the beautiful consolation trophy. "Beany" Methe and Rick Thompson scored two each while Phil Clark and Larry Young scored single goals.

February 2 the C.F.G.M. Radio Kids played an exhibition game with Cedar Hill at Uxbridge Arena. The hard skating C.F.G.M. team came up with a crisp passing fast moving game. Ray Brooks seems to have the team working hard and hitting a peak just as the playoffs season rolls around.

John Barnett scored first assisted by Steve Brown and John Gropp. Val Stefan and Bob Gilpen set up a play on which John Stokes pulled the trigger and scored while Robbie Sackfield scored the third helped out by Ron McBrien and Dennis Acomb.

Cedar Hill scored late in the game as the Radio Kids went on to a 3-1 win.

Earlier in the season Wexford took the Kids by an 8-1 count. Last Wednesday at Markham Arena a much improved Richmond Hill team played to a 2-2 tie with Wexford. John Barnett and John Stokes scored for the Hill squad with assists going to Val Stefan, Steve Brown and John Gropp.

February 2 saw the bantam North End Cleaners and Stouffville mix things up in an exhibition tilt that the Cleaners won 5-4. Harvey Gordon, Mike Deciantis, Jim Wilson, Wayne Harrington and Rick Doucette scored for the Cleaners with Deciantis, Gordon, Doucette and Harrington also being credited with assists.

Last Friday the Cleaners started a best two out of three game series with Newmarket to see which team will advance into the O.M.H.A. playdowns as representatives of the North York League.

The Cleaners won a 5-2 victory and were never in too much trouble with the Newmarket team.

Jim Wilson scored two, Mike Deciantis, Dave Broderick and Wayne Harrington one each, Gary Methe and Rick Doucette

picked up assists.

The Blueliners eliminated Newmarket as they came through with a 2-1 win to give them a record of two wins and a tie in the series. This Thursday night they open the final series with Aurora at Aurora.

Fred Held and John Bookalan were the triggermen for the Blueliners with John Ross and Doug Acomb picking up assists. The only Newmarket goal came late in the third period to rob Bob Safruk of a well deserved shut-out.

The Town & Country team steamrollered Whitby 10-1 in an exhibition game, on February 2. Jack Dubkowski scored three and Mike Howard two in the rout while singles were scored by Terry Toye, Dennis Connor, Paul Jackson, Frank Pirri and Craig Dunnett.

Otherwise the team was idle throughout the week. This week the team will open a series with Newmarket to decide which team will advance further into the O.M.H.A. playdowns.

Coach Bill Points, Marsh Amos and Jack Crooks feel that the juvenile club is ready to go a long, long way in the O.M.H.A. series. First they have to get by Newmarket but they definitely have what it takes to do that.

## CURLING

Ouch! If only that rock had...

That must have been the feeling of the Richmond Hill Curling Club rink skipped by Bill MacLeod which bowed out of the British Consuls race by dropping a close best-out-of-three skirmish with a Guelph rink last week.

For those of you who might have tuned in late, Bill and his rink performed in fine fashion in the early rounds defeating Newmarket to win the 8B section of District 8.

Then came the Guelph battle which saw the locals — also comprising Clem Reeds, Gerry Morlock and Bill Mabbett — carve out a neat 9-6 win in the first game.

But blue skies turned to cloud in the second game as the Guelphites rapped the local rink for an 11-4 loss.

It was the third and final game which provided the thrills as the Richmond Hill crew matched rock for rock, most of the way only to lose by 10-9. It was raining after that one!

But it was a good effort all the way in the tough sledding for the British Consuls honours and Bill and his rink deserve a slap on the back. Slap!

In the "what's this?" department rumour has it that a couple of local curlers — tentatively identified as Bob Austin and Bob Shepherd — temporarily defected to the enemy in the name of the Oakville Curling Club last Saturday and won all the spoils in Stratford.

This startling bit of information came to light when the Oakville rink lost two of its members in Stratford and sent out for reinforcements.

Bob Austin and Bob Sheph.

er rallied to the distress signal and with Skip Austin leading the way the rink proceeded to sweep away with the Whyte Packing Company trophy in Stratford's annual curling do. What can you say? Congratulations and please c'mon home.

Some more good news filters in with the word that a local rink skipped by Walt Lavender journeyed to Prudhommes Garden Centre last week and chalked up a win in the mixed bonspiel there. Comprising the rest of the rink were Clara McRoberts, Art McRoberts and Norma Lavender.

And still more with the fine showing exhibited by the Dalton Hicks skipped rink which participated over the weekend in the Blue Water Bonspiel in "arnia and managed to get to the semi-finals in the main event. Making up the rest of the rink was Warren Davey, Al McGill, and Harold Loudon.

The ladies valiantly attempted to hold up the home front in the meanwhile with a rink skipped by Aileen Garrett finishing in the runner-up position in the Business Girl's bonspiel at the local curling club Saturday. Other rink members were Alba Currie, Hazel Olync, and Helen Schenoffer.

Winner of the first draw was Heather Burns of Avonlea; with Marie Schofield taking the second draw.

Coming up on Friday and Saturday is the big "Valentine" bonspiel at the local curling club with 144 brooms expected to show up in the hands of local curlers. Should be a swinging affair with proceedings commencing Friday at 6:30 p.m. and carrying through all-day Saturday.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



Tuesday of last week the boys midget basketball team were jubilant as they squeezed through with a 29-28 win over King City — first win of the season for Bayview midgets. Scott Cooper led the Bayview quintet in the scoring department by hooping 12 points.

While the midgets were at home the junior and senior squads were being entertained at King City. Bayview seniors worked as a team to win 39-10 while King City juniors saved the day from total ruin by deciding the Bayview junior squad.

Friday night at Bayview the midgets won their second game of the season as they squeezed out a 28-27 win over Aurora in an overtime set-to. Roy Caven paced the Bayview squad by dropping in 12 points. The Juniors and seniors were treated cavalierly at Aurora as the host school won both games.

In Saturday morning basketball action the Aces took the Beatles 16-14. Ian MacAllister scored eight for the winners and Roy Caven six for the losers. The Travellers made their first win a convincing one as

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Space-ettes (from left) Shirlene Austerberry, Marilyn Westra, Donna Shubaly, Linda Taylor, Susan Spence and Colleen Ryan.

### "Mice" The Show-Stealers

## Winter Skating Carnival Fast-Paced Fun

A fast-paced winter carnival of whirling skate blades attracted a crowd of approximately 600 to Richmond Hill Arena last Friday night.

Parking space was at a premium when the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club presented its annual show. Overflow of vehicles was parked on streets adjacent

to the arena.

Starting shortly after 8 p.m., the show was finished just before 10 so young members of the cast could be back on the ice early Saturday morning for regular lessons after a good night's sleep.

Professionals Eleanor McLeod, Isabel Fedosoff and Jim Nicholson built the show around two main themes... the first half about the home of the fairy tale, Copenhagen and the second, the even more fairy tale world of space.

Shirlene Austerberry skated a solo as "Posey" and Susan Craine as "Mischief". Donna Shubaly and Coleen Ryan were "Sunbeams" while Marilyn Westram, Lynda Taylor and Susan Spence

were "Ducklings". Susan Burton skated as a "Swan" and Bernard Souche skated a solo with a sking theme.

Diana Williams, a member of Upper Canada Skating Club, appeared as guest soloist in place of Susan and Paul Huetnergard forced to withdraw at the last moment because of illness. Robert Emerson, also a member of the club guest-soloed. Both gave brilliant performances and drew applause from the delighted audience.

In the space section, Sandra Dockman and Susan Burton skated a pairs number as "Meteorites" while Beverley Wilson gave a fiery solo as "Comet". Susan Hannah, Bob Cowan and Randy Walford performed as a space maiden and two astro-

nauts.

It is readily apparent skating standards in the skating club are continually being raised with more and more skaters qualifying in the higher brackets of the Canadian Figure Skating Club tests.

The three professionals have worked hard with their young charges and choreographed some imaginative routines for this show.

Most popular number was the advent of the "Mice" — the younger members garbed tails and all as Walt Disney's favourite animal. They walked, slithered, slipped and staggered around the arena to everyone's enjoyment.

Trust the smallest tykes to always steal a show... they were a riot!

### Local Badminton Group Enjoying Successful Year

The Richmond Hill Badminton Club's first year in the North York Badminton loop is proving to be a very successful one.

The club took its last encounter with Downsview by a 14-10 score to reverse an earlier decision.

All of the club's in the league seem to be fairly evenly matched with one exception — Brampton. Brampton continues undefeated and is firmly entrenched in first place.

Richmond Hill has beaten the three other clubs in the league at least once — Downsview, Aurora, King City.

The locals have won three games and lost two so far in the schedule. Their next opponent is King City.



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