

Indians Capture Metro Football Championship

BY RON CRAINE

Two gallant football teams, East York Lions and Richmond Hill Indians, fought bone-numbing cold, snow and blustery winds last Saturday to decide the Metro Football League championship for 1964. After 60 minutes of hard-hitting, hard-nosed football the local tribe won the title by a two-game total of 30 points to East York's 24 points. Despite the deplorable conditions the game was well played by both clubs.

The Indians went into the game leading by a score of 17-8 as a result of their win on the Saturday previous at East York Stadium. Three inches of snow covered the field and winds gusting to 30 miles an hour out of the west whipped clouds of snow toward the eastern goal line. Temperatures hovered in the low twenties and the driving wind aggravated the biting cold. This was football played under the worst conditions imaginable.

With a nine point lead going and the wind at their backs in the first quarter the Indians opened with a cautious attack. An aroused Lion defence made any sort of ground game difficult and they contained the Indian attack and brought it to a virtual standstill.

Rushing by Bill Dunn, Terry Hemming and Ian McIntosh carried the ball to the Lion five yard line just before the first quarter ended. Three smashes at the line were repulsed and East York regained possession on their one yard line.

With the wind behind them the Lions started to roll and two pass plays carried them deep into Indian territory with time running out. A long pass play deep into the Indian end zone was grabbed off and East York had drawn first blood. The convert was good and at half time the Indians led 17-15.

At half time Coach Del Madeley demanded silence and had his team listen to the furore in

the East York dressing room. He told them that East York had every right to whoop it up and that the Indians had scant cause to cheer about anything on their play in the first half. It was a different tribe of braves that ventured out for the final and decisive half.

The board of strategy decided that the Indians would fight the wind again in the third quarter and attempt to control the Lion attack. With the wind at their backs during the fourth quarter they would start to roll for points. That's what the script said — it didn't exactly work out that way.

For the first six minutes the Indians did control the Lion offence but a pass interference call gave East York a first down on the Indian 15 yard line. A reverse saw the Lion ball carrier cross the Indian goal line for the major and Lions jump into a 21-17 lead. The convert was blocked but on the last play of

the third quarter the Lions kicked a field goal from the Indian 20 to lead 24-17 as the third quarter ended.

A fired-up pack of Lions held the Indians off until the final seven minutes of the quarter. Some fine running by Hemming, Dunn and McIntosh carried to the Lion eight yard line where it seemed to stall. McIntosh called on Dunn around the right side of the Indian line and some great blocking shook him loose into the Lion goal area. Score, Lions 24—Indians 23 and the five minute flag up. Everything hinged on a successful convert and a championship hung in the balance.

McIntosh elected to pass for the extra point and floated a long high pass behind the Lion goal line. Three Lions converged on Whitey King but he literally stole the ball for the all-important extra point.

With the minute flag up and the Indian ball on the Lion 25 yard line McIntosh passed long

to Bob Sheridan. Cold hands and strong winds combined to have the pass go incomplete and McIntosh dropped back to kick. He hoisted a high punt into the East York goal area and the receiver elected to return the kick. Kicking hurriedly and into the wind the kick was short and the ball came down into the arms of McIntosh at the East York five yard line. He stepped into the goal area in coffin corner and the game was over for all practical purposes. The convert was blocked but was recognized as a mere formality.

With two seconds remaining the Indians kicked to East York and the ball was grounded as the final gun sounded. Two thoroughly chilled teams congratulated each other and a tribe of wildly jubilant Indians retired to the dressing room to thaw frozen feet and fingers.

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Sport Spots

BY RON CRAINE



TOO MUCH ORGANIZATION?

A recent article in a large metropolitan newspaper asked the question "Are we organizing recreation too much for our youth?" This question is a highly involved and controversial one but—and it is indeed a large but—a paradox does exist.

At one time social workers who specialized in youth problems believed implicitly in the value of organized activities. It was thought that if the kids had a plethora of activities in which they could engage there wouldn't be time to get into trouble. Now experts in the sociology fields are questioning the value of organized programs.

Theorists surmise that the younger set is beginning to resent over-organization and tend to feel that the programs are set up without regard for what THEY really want. Most programs are set up by adults governed by adults without young John ever getting a chance to speak up for what he feels he REALLY needs. Some people feel that to give the kids a voice in their own endeavors would be to breed anarchy. Others feel that some risks are involved in letting junior have a voice but that these risks must be taken in order to achieve a very worthwhile result.

By offering cut and dried social and sporting activities to young people we ARE robbing them of a chance to be creative and to think for themselves. All John or Jane needs is the necessary initiation fee, to live in the prescribed area and all other things follow along in natural order. They can dance, swim, play hockey or baseball, hook rugs or whatever and everything—even the rules—are very nicely laid out in a constitution drawn up by hard-working and well-meaning adults. But how do adults know what kids REALLY want and really NEED.

During the period known as the "Hungry Thirties" we had the pleasure of living in Newtonbrook long since swallowed up by the appellation "Willowdale". Kids we had in plenty—organization nil. Sure some of them got into trouble—pick any large group be they adults or kids and someone is always in trouble—but the trouble-makers are very much in the minority. For recreation and amusement we had to depend entirely upon our own initiative and, so help us, there was just too much to do to allow time to get into trouble. We had to accept the responsibility for our own fate, make our own rules and our own fun. It didn't work out too badly.

Richmond Hill High School recently concluded an intramural program of activities run and organized almost entirely by the student body. They operated within a framework of necessary regulations laid down by the teaching staff but from this point on were on their own. If and when they needed help from a teacher they had only to ask and guidance was given. The program was entirely successful and the student response to the activities provided was prodigious. Maybe kids DO know what they want and need far better than anyone else possibly can.

This trait of independence in children can be observed at a very early stage in their lives. Buy an expensive scientific toy for Christmas. Buy a toy approved by housekeeping magazines, scientific

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\$100 To Help Atom Hockey League

A cheque for \$100 was presented to Bill McVean, president of the minor hockey association by Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club recently. This donation will assist in the operation of the local Atom Hockey League.

In the picture above, (left to right) Club President Harold VanDyke hands the cheque to Mr. McVean while District Deputy-Governor Harry Hudson of Uxbridge gives close attention to the ceremony.

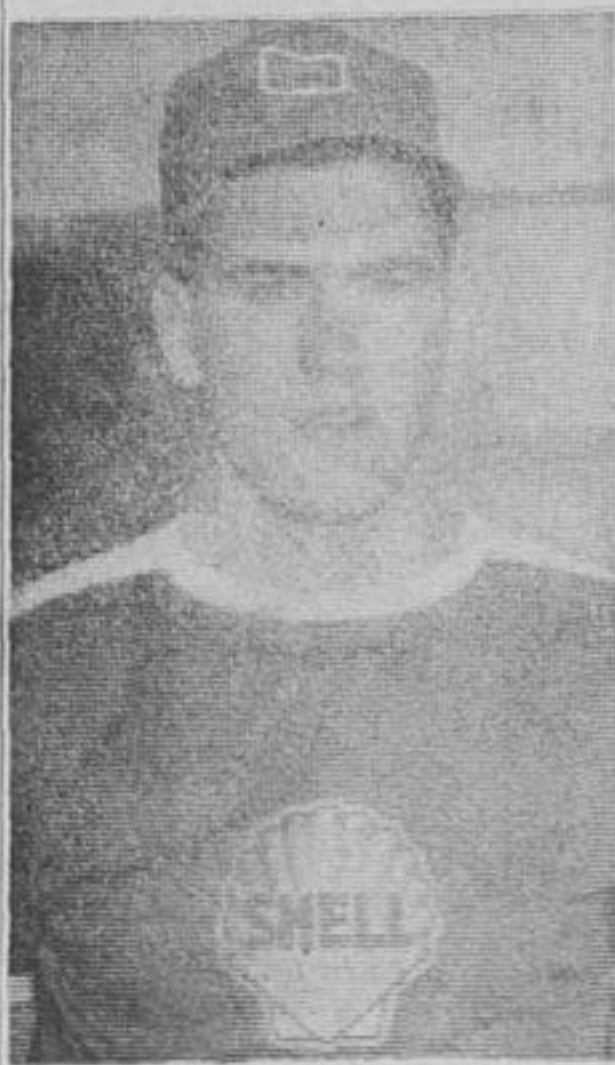
The district deputy-governor was on his official inspection tour. Other guests were Ron Tucker of Richmond Hill and Bill Snow of Montreal, past president of the local club.

Mr. Hudson assisted in the initiation ceremony conferring membership on Kin Burnie Fraser.

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Name Al Tidsbury Leading Batter

Hughes Shell Team Celebrates Successful Season At Banquet



AL TIDSBURY
Tops in Metro League

Last Saturday night saw the Tom Hughes Shell softball team celebrate their successful season at the Club Top Hat on Kingston Road. For the sponsor, Tom Hughes, it was a two-edged affair as he was also celebrating his birthday.

Mr. Hughes thanked members of the team individually and thanked members of his managerial and coaching staff for their efforts on the team's behalf. In a surprise ceremony he was presented with a lazy boy chair as a token of appreciation from the entire club.

Team Manager Ron Nicholson read a letter from Lothian Automotive which named Al Tidsbury as the leading batter in the Metro Major Pastball League with an average of .393. A trophy will follow later.

After a much enjoyed dinner everyone adjourned to the home of Gord Smart for a party to wind up the season.

Parks Bd. Turns Over Funds—Protect Pool

Richmond Hill Parks Board has relinquished funds set aside to provide a new backstop at the town park and playground equipment for Crosby Park.

This money, estimated by Councillor Walter Scudds to be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 will be used in providing winter protection for parks board property at the swimming pool, council decided.

Councillor Lois Hancey complimented the parks board and the town's works department for having already installed hockey boards in the parks in preparation for the winter season.

Unionville Rink Wins Open 'Spiel

Mrs. Keith (Helen) Jewett, Mrs. Bob (Lois) Roberts and Lawrie, Mrs. Murray (Clois) Mrs. Bill (Mary) Fleming of Unionville won the fourth annual Toronto and District ladies' open bonspiel at Avonlea last week with a 10-7 victory over Granite's, Mrs. J. W. Seawright.

The Unionville rink reached the final with a 16-5 runaway over Dixie's Mrs. H. S. Irwin. The final was never close as Unionville piled up an 8-1 lead on the first five ends.

The names Jewett, Lawrie, Roberts and Fleming are well-known in curling circles but in other seasons it was the male Unionville rink which bears these names, which hit the winning column. So far this season the distaff rink has had the winning combination.

STOUFFVILLE: Donald Dunkels, Atha plowing champion will be honored December 5 at the plowmen's banquet at the Masonic Hall, following his winning of the Canadian tractor or plow title in Prince Edward Island in September.

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Town & Country Win, Tie Bantam Cl. Win And Lose

BANTAMS
The North End Cleaners had a somewhat dismal week posting two losses and a tie in three starts.

Brampton hung a 5-1 defeat on the Cleaners at Richmond Hill last Friday by outskating and out hustling the local team. Mike Deciantis scored the lone Cleaner goal with an assist going to John Dunkley.

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Bruce Hutchison was not available for the game and John Hamilton was brought up from the house league in his stead. Hamilton showed well as did netminder Chris Amos.

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SQUIRT
Two wins and a loss was the record posted by the CFGM Country Gentlemen in last week's hockey action. The gentlemen won a 4-1 decision over Brampton on Friday night at Richmond Hill. Goals by Steve Gordon, Steve Brown, Robbie Edwards and Rickie Sackfield gave the CFGM team the margin of victory. Assists were credited to Val Steffan, Scott Mabley, Dennis Acomb and Dave Dunkley.

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JUVENILES
The Town and Country team

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They were out hustled and caught out of position and displayed a notable lack of desire. Saturday saw the gentlemen and out hustling the local team. Mike Deciantis scored the lone Cleaner goal with an assist going to John Dunkley.

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split in games last week. On Friday night they went against Nobleton in that village and played to a 1-1 tie. Frank Pirri scored for the T&C squad assisted by Howie Martin.

On Sunday the same two clubs played in Richmond Hill and the local boys posted a 6-2 win. George Shepherd and Gary Charly fired two each with singletons going to Paul Jackson and Brian Wadsworth. Dennis Connor, Bruce Sim and Roger Ball picked up assists.

Bob Ritchie will be missing from the Town and Country net for one game as he drew a suspension for slashing. Bob Safruk will replace Ritchie for the next game Friday night at Sutton. Unionville will visit Richmond Hill for a game with T&C Sunday afternoon.

MIDGETS
The Canadian Legion team played only one game last week an exhibition one with Brampton which the latter won by a 3-1 score. Wayne Harrington scored the only goal for the Legion as Brampton outskated the local squad. Next week the Legion will feature new uniforms as they go against Aurora in Richmond Hill Friday night.

MARKHAM: Assinck Bros. Ltd. is providing complete equipment for an agricultural lime plant at Nouvelle in the Gaspe Peninsula. Some parts have already been shipped by rail, others will be shipped by truck and some will be made at the plant site. Production will be 100 tons per hour. Five Markham men will go to erect the plant.

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