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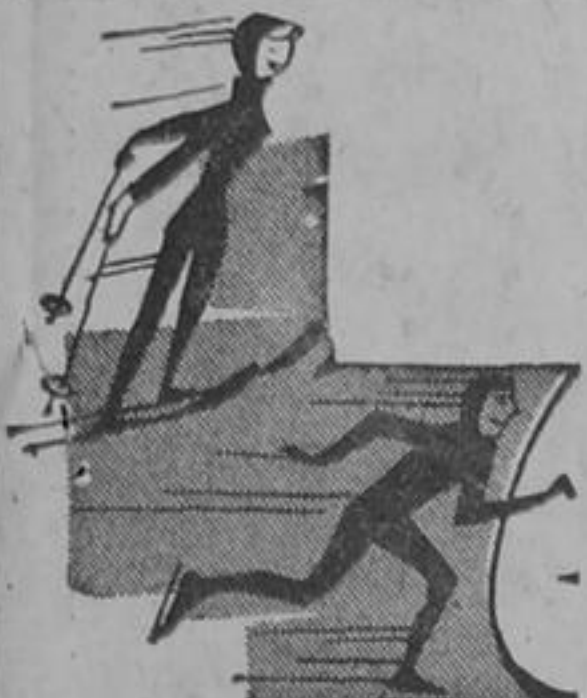


(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Back row (left to right) Coach Bill Points, Doug Thompson, Brian Wadsworth, Garry Charity, Ken Crook, Jack Dubkowski, Doug Carter, Bruce Sim, Tom Kidney, Dennis Connor, Ron Simpson, and Manager Marsh Amos.
Front row (left to right) Paul Jackson, Howie Martin, Larry Patterson, Frank Pirri, Bob Ritchie, George Shepherd, Bill Harris and Jim Zubeck.
Absent, Assistant Manager Jack Crook, Bob Safruk, Roger Ball and Bob Booth.

A Winning Combination - Town & Country Hockey Team

BY RON CRAINE
Due to the overexuberant efforts of a cresting firm employee the lettering on the jersey fronts of a red hot juvenile hockey team reads "TOWNE & COUNTRY FOOD MARKET-ERS". If the team attracts any more attention maybe Fred Wise, owner of Town & Country Food Marketers will even consider changing HIS spelling



Sport Spots

BY RON CRAINE

THE RUSSIANS PLAY REAL HOCKEY
The Russian national hockey team is whomping the insides out of Canadian amateur hockey teams and OUR so-called national team in particular. So what else is new? As Canadians we are just a little bit ashamed of what is happening in a game that we dreamed up and taught to the rest of the world. A little bit ashamed yes—and so we make feeble excuses and say the Russians play REAL hockey.

By REAL we mean the kind where you go out and chop your opponent down to size any way that you can do it. If that's hockey and that's the way it has to be played to win then the Russians can learn that too. They can be awfully tough when it really counts. Remember Stalingrad?

It seems that everything the Russian people do they do with a will. We seem to think that we can throw any bunch of hockey players together, call them a team and the other side will roll over in awe and wonder. They roll over indeed—roll right over us by lopsided scores!

What a contrast to the Russian system! In this country we almost seem ashamed of putting together an international hockey team. We decry and deplore our own efforts and level charges of favoritism and downright stupidity against team officials at all levels. Hardly inspiring is it??

The truth of the matter is that we are not too interested in the future of amateur hockey in this country. The National Hockey League lays down the policy and style of virtually all hockey played in the country. We are fed so much NHL hockey over the idiot box that we have come to believe that this is the only acceptable style of hockey for any team to play. Who says so? The high brass of the NHL—that's who!!

In most Ontario communities amateur hockey is as dead as the dodo bird. Why leave the comfort, warmth and security of your living room for the local arena when you can watch big leaguers cavort for the benefit of television fans from coast to coast? Minor league baseball has already recognized that the miracle of electronics has robbed them of spectator support. Any day now minor hockey groups are going to recognize the same sad, hard facts.

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desire and improved ability to thank for his present job. Larry gives everything he's got every time he has a stint on the ice.

Coach Bill Points is in the unique position of having four good centres that can be called on for a real effort at any time. Captain Frank Pirri is a real work horse and has the uncanny ability of never being there when a burly opponent lines him up for a solid body check. Frank is a playmaker of no mean ability and can lift and inspire others with his aggressive style of play.

Bruce Sim is the fastest skater on the club. He has everything it takes to be a great centreman—hockey savvy, desire and a good, hard, accurate wrist shot. He possesses great strength and never seems to tire.

Doug Carter has played all his hockey in Richmond Hill and improved as he has grown and gained weight. He has combined his natural ability with a new-found talent for digging and back-checking and is well on his way in the scoring race.

Jim Zubeck is a utility player who is usually used at centre. Small in stature, though he may be, Jim has a real desire to be a better than average hockey player.

Ron Simpson is another utility player usually used on defence. Ron could still catch a regular spot on the field if he continues to show improvement.

Five left wingers are a big part of the team strength. Paul Jackson is the left wingman on one of the most productive scoring lines. He is a consistent type of player, who backchecks well and passes accurately, getting his share of goals and assists.

Ken Crook is a consistent performer on left wing. He is a tenacious backchecker and has hockey ability and a hard shot that makes him a real scoring threat.

Roger Ball is another portly player who has a tremendously hard shot. He got off to a late start with the team this season and will be heard from more and more as he rapidly rounds into his form of last year.

Bob Booth was a late starter but his efforts to date could win him a regular spot. Bill Harris is just as fragile as his famous namesake. He has spirit and real moxie. With a few extra pounds on his frame he could be a player well worth developing.

And last, but far from least, the team has three good right-wingers. Garry Charity is one of the lightest players on the club but his willingness to get into the heavy going in the corners has made him a real asset. He passes well and scores his fair share of the team's goals.

Brian Wadsworth is a strong, hard skater who plays his position with authority. From present indications he will be in the top scoring bracket when the season comes to an end.

George Shepherd is one of the leading scorers in the league. He is a work horse who puts himself into position with ease and skill—a really valuable team player.

The Town & Country team clobbered Woodbridge 8-1 at Woodbridge on December 11. Shepherd put five into the Woodbridge net. Carter fired two and Charity one to complete the scoring. Jackson assisted on three goals with single assists going to Crook, Ball, Dubkowski and Martin.

Asher scored the lone Woodbridge goal. Orilla, Elmvalde, Camp Borden and the Town & Country team are entered in a hockey tournament at Camp Borden. Games will be played December 27 at 8 p.m., December 28 at 9 p.m. and December 29 at 9 p.m.

Buses will leave Richmond Hill on these dates and fans can reserve seats and make arrangements to go by contacting Jack Crook at 884-3944, Bill Points at 884-1944 or Marsh Amos at 884-4545.

Bob Booth and Bill Harris are both classed as utility left-wingers.

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Legion Wins, Loses

Lions Team Wins & Ties, Gentlemen Tie Twice

Friday night saw the Lions play to a 2-2 tie with Thornhill in a league game. Larry Mansbridge scored the first Lion goal on a fine solo effort while Gary Oliver fired the second, assisted by Gary Hall.

On Saturday the team went to Beeton and came up with a 5-4 win in a league game. Paul Brown, Cliff Lynham, Hall, Tim McArthur and Allan Lewis scored the goals while Paul Martin, Larry Mansbridge and Brown were active in the assist department.

Newmarket visited Richmond Hill on Sunday and were treated to a 5-4 defeat by the Lions. Larry Mansbridge, Stacey Richard, Gary Oliver, Paul Brown and John Bromley scored the goals. Steve Addley and Ian McKinley were credited with assists.

CFGY Country Gentlemen

In two exhibition games last weekend the Gentlemen came up with two tied games. On Friday night they played to a 1-1 tie with Don Mills and both teams played excellent hockey throughout the piece.

Don Mills got off to a fast start by scoring in the first period. John Caven scored for the Gentlemen in the third period assisted by Stephen Cronkright and the teams played dead even until time ran out.

Cedar Hill provided plenty of action on Sunday and the net result was a 3-3 tie in a wide open game. Stephen Brown scored for the local team in the first period assisted by Robbie Edwards and Dennis Acomb.

Cedar Hill scored two in the second period to go ahead 2-1. Greg Binkley tied it up in the third period as he scored his first goal of the year with Caven assisting.

Cedar Hill popped in another goal to lead 3-2 until Brown scored the equalizer from Cronkright and Edwards.

After the game the Gentlemen had a brief Christmas party in their dressing room. Brown was appointed captain while the assistant captains named are Val Steffan, Acomb and Cronkright.

Canadian Legion

Exhibition games were all that occupied the Legionnaires over last weekend. Friday night they won an exhibition tilt with an all-star team from the house league by a 6-0. Wayne Harrington fired in two with singles going to Rod Mabley, Peter Bird, Stu Cook and Jim Wilson. Greg Sephton, Harvey Gordon, Keith Russell and Gary Methe were credited with assists.

Oshawa provided the Legionnaires with a 6-2 defeat on Sunday in Richmond Hill. Two

fast Oshawa goals in the opening minutes of the game took the starch out of the local team and they never did get really organized.

Sr. Hockey League Standings

Standing as of December 19

Teams	P.	W.	L.	T.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Richmond Hill Dynes	8	7	1	0	50	18	14
Willowdale Rangers	7	5	1	1	52	33	11
Keswick Comets	7	5	1	1	43	28	11
Bradford Bells	8	3	4	1	48	47	7
Downsview Flyers	8	3	4	1	28	45	7
Thornhill Shamrocks	8	3	5	0	34	40	6
North York Black Hawks	8	2	5	1	42	41	5
Toronto Tildens	8	2	5	1	22	39	5
Newmarket Cubs	8	2	6	0	32	60	4

Latest Results—
Richmond Hill 9 vs. Bradford 6; Downsview 4 vs. Toronto 1; North York 11 vs. Newmarket 5; Keswick 4 vs. Downsview 4.

Leading Scorers—

Goals	Assists	Pts.
Matt Kinnari, Richmond Hill	11	23
Charlie Leeming, Bradford	10	18
Doug McInnis, Richmond Hill	5	13
Earl Cairns, Willowdale	9	8
Pete Goodfellow, Keswick	9	8
Larry Bray, Richmond Hill	8	8
Jim Wells, Richmond Hill	6	10
John Nevin, Willowdale	4	10

Future Games—
Dec. 23—Bradford vs. Downsview at Bradford Arena, 9.00.
Dec. 27—Willowdale vs. Thornhill at Don Mills Arena, 9.30
Dec. 29—Thornhill vs. Toronto at Richmond Hill Arena, 8.15
Dec. 29—Richmond Hill vs. Downsview at Richmond Hill Arena, 9.15.

Norm Roberts Stars

Dynes Look Bad 9-6 Victory Over Bradford

Jim Wells, Norm Roberts, Dick Sweeney and Larry Bray contributed two goals each and Doug McInnis added a singleton to give Dynes a 9-6 victory over Bradford in a regular Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League fixture. John Wilson paced the Bradford team when he turned in a hat trick with Bill Marks, Ken Sturgeon and Ken Taylor each scoring once.

It was an extremely wide open game with very sloppy defensive play by both teams. There were numerous penalties handed out to offending players on both sides. Most goals were scored on power plays.

Wells started the scoring for Dynes at the 1:05 mark of the first period. He was assisted by Kinnari and Haynes. A minute later Roberts made it 2-0 with assists from Sweeney and McInnis. Wilson retaliated with his first goal on a pass from Charlie Leeming at 3:55. Wells came right back with a goal for Dynes at the 5 minute mark. Kinnari and McInnis picked up assist points on this one, and Roberts, assisted by Kinnari and Wells made it 4-1 at 10:40. Bill Marks got the last goal of the period at 18:45 for Bradford. He was assisted by Vasey and Beller.

Dynes forged ahead 6-2 on goals by Larry Bray from Alan Bray and Haynes at the seven minute mark, and by Larry Bray from Haynes at 11:50. Bradford cut the lead to 6-3 at 15 minutes when Wilson got his second goal, assisted by Vasey.

The third period was only 35 seconds old when Sturgeon scored for Bradford on a pass from Vasey. Sweeney from Frank Mashinter scored for Dynes at 4:50. Bradford got this one back when Wilson completed the hat trick on a pass from Vasey and Leeming at 13 minutes. At 14:10 Sweeney got his second goal for Dynes with an assist from Roberts and at 15:20 Dynes' last goal of the game was shot home by McInnis on a power play including Roberts and Mashinter. Ken Taylor pick-

ed up another score for Bradford, assisted by Bill Marks and Wilson, at the 15:45 mark to make the final score 9-6 for Dynes.

Dynes looked bad in winning as they played one of the worst games of the year — their defencemen were continually getting trapped up ice. Best player on the ice for the Dynes team, in our opinion, was Norm Roberts, who came out of retirement only last week. If he continues to show the same aptitude with the puck as displayed in this game he will add a great deal of strength to the local senior hockey representatives.

Dynes will meet Downsview Flyers in the local arena in the nightcap on December 29, with Thornhill taking on Toronto in the 8:15 game.

MARKHAM VILLAGE: Although there were no contentious issues, 55.2% of the village electorate turned out at the polls December 12 to elect Alma Walker reeve for another two year term. A Laidlaw was elected deputy-reeve and Lloyd Avernethy, Paul Horton and D. B. Allison were elected to council.

Senior Hockey
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R. Hill Curlers Took 3rd Prize Toronto 'Spiel

For the first time in local curling history, Richmond Hill Curling Club had a rink continue in the Toronto mixed bonspiel to the semi-finals of the main event when Floyd Perkins skipped Anne Schwartz, Ian MacDonald and Kay Harding to third place.

The week-long 'spiel was won by Ken Phillips of High Park who defeated the Richmond Hill entry in the semi-finals. Phillips was last year's winner of the Governor-General's Trophy and Perkins was runner-up for this trophy the year before.