

# ... Sport Spots ...

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The Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League is a fair example of public apathy toward minor league hockey. Each and every Tuesday night at Richmond Hill Arena Dynes Jewellers hockey team plays a most worthy opponent and both sides have some REAL good amateur hockey players. They play under international rules—just like the games played by the Russian national hockey team and their patsy opposition. There is one big difference. If it weren't for the referees and the timekeeper the players in the Richmond Hill Arena would have to be the loneliest people in town. Maybe it's the exorbitant admission fee—like 50c—which keeps fans away by the thousand but, whatever the reason is it is a most effective deterrent!

Just exactly how Canada can ever hope to build up a really capable international team under these conditions of general apathy we wouldn't even pretend to know. But let's not criticize and condemn the efforts that are being made too severely or too loudly. Maybe someone might ask the embarrassing question about when and where YOU attended an amateur hockey game last. Could be you might be hard put to even remember the last time!

A GOOD amateur hockey team requires GOOD fan support. It costs money—real money—to operate any hockey team and the only available source (aside from the pockets of the players) is spectator admissions. If the present fan disinterest continues amateur hockey should be pretty well dead in another decade. Then where does the NHL draw from??? With THEIR talent and ingenuity they could even open hockey breeding farms!

If anyone should happen to get the idea that we think amateur hockey is getting a rough deal from the NHL then you're absolutely right! As long as they are prepared to pipe games into homes for nothing then that's just about the interest left in amateur hockey—nothing! Hockey is not a GAME anymore in Canada—it is just plain business and BIG BUSINESS at that!

There's a darn good hockey team in Richmond Hill—a team that has won seven and lost only one game so far this season. Players are of international calibre and many of them are graduates of the best junior and senior leagues left in this country. They've tried to arouse interest in every way possible and have just about reached the end of the line. There isn't too much hope for the future.

We've seen lacrosse come and go (possibly for good as far as Richmond Hill is concerned) and we might just as well start preparing a requiem for hockey, senior type hockey that is, as well. Just how much longer they can keep body and soul together without help is anyone's guess. The only help we can suggest is the purchase of a 50c ticket on Tuesday nights and fill the place with spectators. As one member of the Dynes team says: "Any kind of fans—even if they come only to boo!"

There are only 156 players on the six NHL teams and it is certainly a pity if these 156 stalwarts are allowed to snuff out good amateur hockey in the cradle of hockey—Canada. We've got our own flag now—how about rallying around it and starting a support amateur hockey movement—right here in Richmond Hill!



## TYKES

**Barrows Insurance 6**  
Markham Paving 0  
Gary Levesque paced Barrows to a 6-0 whitewash of Markham with two goals, Dave Cooney, Mike Stitt and Rich Standing each got singletons, with assists going to Jim Kucharski, Standing, Brad Campbell and Cooney.

**Charlton Hardware 4**  
Bob's Hockey Supplies 0  
Paul Baillie racked up three goals and Bill Dysart one, as Charlton's gave Bob's their first defeat of the season.

**Skyline 4**  
Gormley S & G 1  
Steve Sexton came up with a hat trick and Jim Bromley a single goal for Skyline. Assists were garnered by Doug McDonald, Russ Shipcott and Vern Dynes. Steve Berezowski scored on an assist by Peter Agg for the S&G team.

## SQUIRTS

**Dan's Esso 2**  
Consumers' Gas 0  
Dan's hockey stalwarts blanked Consumers while Ross Cameron, assisted by Ian Christie and Hugh Cutler, assisted by Ken Babey and Michael Graydon, netted a goal each.

**Wilson Niblett 3**  
Rumble Transport 2  
W-N edged Rumbles on goals by David Robbins assisted by Brian Palmer, Ricky Bolingbrook, assisted by Glen Ironside and Peter Mabley and Peter Barnett, assisted by Bob Bonnel. For Rumbles, Tom Sanlon got a goal assisted by Tom Taylor and Paul Garret and assisted Dan Kernohan on the other.

**Sunnybrook R.C. 4**  
Allencourt Pharmacy 3  
Paul Banks scored a pair for SRC, with Doug Hoxey and Brian Wright getting the others. Kevin Edwards and Peter Evans had two assists and Mike Hogg one. Bruce Hipkiss got a goal and assisted Mike Hall on the other two for Allencourt. Gord Tucker also was credited with an assist.

## ATOMS

**Sheppard & Gill 6**  
Decantis & Rice 3  
Mike Ball's hat trick, Doug Lounsbury's two goals and Robbie Sackville's singleton gave S&G this win. Lounsbury and Jody Bryan each picked up two assists and Sackville and Rick Crane got one each. D. & R.'s goals came from Bill Gurney who got two and John Stokes, with assists from Brian Anderson and Gurney.

**Hillsdale Heating 2**  
Young's BA 1  
Andrew Peden and Chris Wilson scored for the winners with Larry Laidman, Doug Brown and Robbie Milligan assisting. Brian Simpson scored Young's only tally with an assist from John Walker.

**Pinewood Aggregates 5**  
Gunnar Tailoring 2  
Three goals by Robbie Hargreaves and singletons by Tommy Schell and Lorie Naylor gave Pinewood the victory. Rob Clephan picked up two assists and Chris Andrews one. Gunnar's goals came from Cliff Randall and Dick Weber.

**PEE WEE BANTAM**  
Coughlin Fuels 7  
Eric's Cycle & Sports 2  
Richard Kimbell with three goals, Mike Dempsey with two and Bob Duern and Robbie Burns with one each were the marksmen for the victors. Scott Taylor and Burns garnered assists.

**Irving Fuels 2**  
Shield's Footwear 1  
Billy Barker and Stacey Richards scored on assists by Andrew McDuff and Glen Rogers as Irvings edged Shields in this contest. Danny Kells scored the

## Minor Hockey Results

By Bob Ross Jr.

only marker for the losers with an assist from Bruce Hartford.

**Tony's Esso 2**  
Street's Construction 1  
In this squeaker Stephen Thornton and Jim Turner, assisted by Brian Snowden and Paul Aston, popped the puck in the net for Tony's. Alex Sywak, assisted by Mike Evans and Jim Campbell, put Streets on the scoreboard.

## MINOR BANTAM

**Wilson's Transport 3**  
Town Inn 3  
David Gross, Harry Bryan, Ed Kay, assisted by Gross and Bonnell, collected Wilson's goals, with Tommy Wilson pacing Town Inn with two goals and an assist. Wayne Pollard came up with the other goal and two assists and Peter Coughlin got two assists and Brian Tierney one.

## Dynes Jewellers 4

**Rotary 2**  
Ron Armstrong, Hal Murphy, Glen McErlain and Percy Knight each potted a goal for the winners, with assists from Steve Campbell, Jim Ball and Wayne Roblin. David McDowell and Steve Tinsley rapped in the losers' goals.

## BANTAM

**Craigie's Men's Wear 3**  
Butler & Baird 1  
Mike Stoddard, assisted by Bill Wright and Gerry Lewin, opened the scoring for Craigie's. Murray Nash, unassisted and Darrel Webster, assisted by Brian Swindlehurst, accounted for the other goals. John McLaughlin, assisted by George Porter, fired in B&B's only counter.

**Skyline 8**  
Surf Marine 3  
Ian Finnerty paced Skyline's attack as he netted three goals. Brian Oliver kept in step with two goals and an assist, while Jim Olsen and John Benton came up with single goals and an assist each. Bruce Watier brought Skyline's goal total to eight. Rod Waters and Loren Whaley had three assists, Allen Hawkins and Jim Hamilton each came up with one assist. For Surf Marine Brian Rushlow scored unassisted, Ron Clark scored with an assist from Chris Dunlop and Rich McKay scored on a pass from Brian Rushlow.

December 29 And 30

## Thornhill Basketballers In Waterloo Tournament

Thornhill Secondary School is one of eight high schools invited this year to take part in the third annual University of Waterloo Basketball Tournament, in competition for the "Warrior" trophy. The tournament will take place December 29 and 30 at Seagram Gymnasium, University of Waterloo.

Other teams in the tournament will represent Notre Dame College School, Welland; Riverside High School, Windsor; St. Catharines Collegiate; Oakville-Trafalgar High School; Waterloo Collegiate and Glenora Secondary School, Hamilton.

The team from Thornhill will place its first game December 29 at 2.30 p.m. opposing the team from Waterloo. Games December 30 start at 9 a.m. with finals in the consolation and championship rounds in the evening.

Last year Thornhill, with a record of 15 wins and three losses won the Georgian Bay Secondary Schools Association championship. Paul Rivers, captain of the squad has scored over 1,000 points; Dale Crouter 6' 2" forward is close to this mark. Coach of the team is Bill McVicar. The Waterloo team last year had an 8-4 record.

Defending champion in this annual contest is Notre Dame College School of Welland.

## T&C Blanked Aurora And Sutton Bolton Eked Out 2 - 1 Victory

The Town & Country juveniles coasted to a 6-0 win against Aurora last week and merely went through the motions to come up with the lopsided win. Goals were scored by Jack Dubkowski, Bruce Sim, Paul Jackson, Doug Carter, Roger Ball and Brian Wadsworth. Captain Frank Pirri was active in the assist department as were Howie Martin, Ball, Sim and Wadsworth.

Bolton gave the Richmond Hill team a jolt in Bolton last Friday as they nipped the local team by a 2-1 score. Seven regular players were unable to show up for the game and only some superb goal tending by Bob Ritchie kept the T&C team in the game. Lone goal for Richmond Hill was fired by Howie Martin, assisted by Gary Charity.

Sutton came to Richmond Hill on Sunday and left licking the scars of a 7-0 defeat. Doug Carter, Larry Patterson, Frank Pirri, Roger Ball, George Shepherd, Gary Charity and

AURORA: Aurora firemen made brief work of a blaze which broke out at the Sisman Shoe Co., Mosley Street, December 8. The fire was in the bin used to collect dust residue from the factory. Cause was unknown.



## On The Lanes

### ABC MAJORS

Art (Turkey Shooter) Higgins led all the turkey shooters with an 860 total. Ed Mughstardt, with an 837 was second and Dom Groia with 829 was third. Other high scorers were John Moore with 828, Norm Roberts 817, Doug Clubine 791, Tim Saul 788 and George Lawson 780.

The following bowlers were the proud winners of turkeys Mel Levesque, Bunny Mathewson, Jack Windsor, Jim Morley, Stan Naugler, Fred Hartwick, Doug Clubine, Ed Lean, Gord Dunn, Al Fairthorn, George Jordan, Roy Thompson, Ed Mughstardt, John Moore, Tim Saul, Norm Roberts and Art Higgins.

In team action ABC 1 and Harris & Day swept all games for seven points off Baker's White Rose and Richmond Inn. ABC 2 took five points off Tony's Esso as Hall's Fuel Oil also got five off Michael's Gifts. A & W whipped John's Boys for five points, Odeon Bowl got the odd point off F. Powell Fencing with a 4-3 split. Same thing happened when Dynes got the odd point from Allencourt.

Team standings to date are:

Dynes Jewellers 74, Odeon Bowl 72, F. Powell Fencing 70, Tony's Esso Service 64, Harris & Day 55, A & W 53, Richmond Inn 52, ABC 1 50, Allencourt Lanes 40, John's Boys 34, Michael's Gifts 33, ABC 2 33, Baker's White Rose 27, Michael's Gifts 27.

In the high average race Al Richardson is top with 254, Norm Roberts is second with 253, Jim Tarnowden third 251, and Norm Thomas boasts a 251 average.

### EASTSIDERS

The Senators and Tigers got into the proper Christmas spirit last Tuesday night by grabbing off seven choice points apiece. This puts the Senators into the lead with 28 points with the Cardinals, Dodgers and Orioles snapping hard at the heels of the leader.

In the ladies' average race Ethel McRae is out in front with a healthy 231 followed by Ev Jones with 210 and Rita Beland and Muriel Steven tied at 198. Bill Jones had the top average for the men with 235. Neil McDonald has a 233 average going and Bob Steven a 221.

Muriel Steven paced the ladies.

les last Tuesday night with a three-game total of 731 (266). Dot Webster racked up 693 (246), Betty McMeekin 672 (272), Ethel McRae 659 (248) and Lillian Mayor 633 (225). Top man was Les Chidley 898 (323). Second was Rene Beland 785 (267), followed by Bill Jones at 777 (296), Mike Parrett 773 (331), Ted Robertson 701 (277) and John O'Connor 694 (243).

Charles Ingles bowled a single game of 240 and Arnold Price 227. High single games in the ladies' group were bowled by Ruth Norman 24", Mary McDonald 233, Ruth Proctor 232, Ev Jones 232, Ellen Parrett 221, Heather Tomlin 217, Jean Logan 216, Audrey Barrington 216, Patricia Jones 208, Joni McQuiggan 208, Phyllis Anderson 205, Shirley Greer 205 and Rita Beland 202.

STOUFFVILLE: Lloyd Donof Gormley was elected new president of the East York Ploverman's Association at the annual meeting and banquet.

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