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## Sport Spots



BY RON CRAINE

### THAT NHL SCANDAL

All the shouting and recent furor about the alleged intimidation of officials in the NHL proves one point very, very clearly. Hockey is big, big business and, just like most other businesses there are quirks and foibles, favoritism and injustice and, human nature being what it is, things will carry on in much the same way for the next 4,000 years.

It would be nice to think that all six governors of NHL teams were true blue sportsmen, who didn't give a hang about money but just insisted that the game be played as honestly and fairly as is humanly possible. But unfortunately they are also faced with the necessity of making the odd bob or two to keep the wolf from the door. Sometimes ethics have to be sacrificed to the great god Mammon, a few minor adjustments made to principles and ethics. The practice has a name. It is referred to as compromise.

Compromise is the price we all pay for living in a so-called civilized society. One rampant form of compromise is the white lie—something we apply and use unconsciously every day. If the complete and utter stark truth was mandatory for just one half hour on any given day in any given year, then the end result would be absolute chaos. None of us are as frank or as honest as we pride ourselves on being. Most of the time it doesn't bother us a bit except when we're ORDERED to tell a white lie. Then we get upset—if it isn't likely to cost us money. If our pocketbooks are threatened we go right along with the game! How could it be any different??

Just for a little while try and put yourself into the position of being an NHL governor. Pleasant thought isn't it?? The money is pretty darned good! But you and your fine fellow governors are responsible for putting on 420 hockey shows during the regular season. Four hundred and twenty shows in something less than six months in some of the biggest and costliest theatres to be found anywhere in the world.

You have assembled six road companies to put on these shows and the wage tab for the actors alone is somewhat staggering. Suppose four of the companies are better than just competent, while two of them are just mediocre. This means that one third, or 140 of the performances stand a good chance of being turkeys. Attendance falls off when these two casts are at home or on the road and falling attendance leads to red ink all over the books. What to do about it? Try and even things up any way you can. Remember that you're in this business not as an altruistic producer but as a hard headed, practical business man!

Game officials can be compared somewhat to theatre critics. Only one difference though—they don't work for a separate organization—they are a part and parcel of YOUR show. It wouldn't be true to human nature if you didn't try to influence the critics just a wee bit to make the show more interesting for everyone! Dalt McArthur has said that if NHL game officials were to call every infraction that occurs the game would be a farce. And you don't need 20/20 vision to see that obvious fact for yourself!

When we were just a wee tyke—back about nineteen ought splash—we thought that all NHL players were knights in shining armor and all mounted on pure white steeds. Sir Galahad was a sort of hood compared to these hockey knights while St. George was just a bit of a panty-waist.

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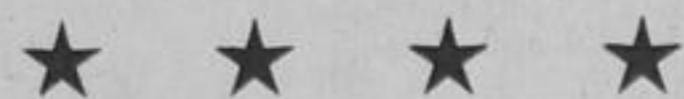
### Nose Out Keswick Comets

## Dynes Jewellers Win Town & Country Trophy

Dynes Jewellers, the local entry in the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League won first place by the narrowest of margins over the Keswick Comets. Each team had identical records of 12 wins, three losses and one tie for 25 points. To break the tie OHA rules were followed whereby the team with the highest goal average wins.

Even this was close, but Richmond Hill's superior defensive record swung the decision in the Dynesmen's favor. Doug Finney, in the Dynes' net, allowed only 2.75 goals per game. He was ably assisted during the season by the play of Doug McInnis, Pat Meraw and Don Haynes, who have to be rated as the best defensive corps in the league.

It was actually the final game of the season in which Richmond Hill defeated Willowdale 3-2 with only nine players that gave Dynes a chance for the Town and Country Trophy, emblematic of league leadership. Later in the week Keswick



The playoff quest for the Tip Top Tailors cup began Tuesday night in Richmond Hill Arena when Richmond Hill Dynes met Downsview Flyers in the first game of a best three out of five game playoff (series A). Remaining games of this series will be played in the local arena on February 23, March 2, 9 and 16.

In series "B", Keswick Comets will meet Bradford Bells in the best two of three series, with the first game tonight (Thursday) at Sutton at 8:15 p.m. The second game goes at Bradford Arena next Wednesday at 9 p.m. and the third if necessary on February 28 in



### BAYVIEW SECONDARY

Weakened by the absence of two top flight wrestlers at the Georgian Bay South wrestling meet held at Markham on Saturday last, Bayview was forced to settle for third place behind King and Markham. Three Bayview wrestlers won individual championships and congratulations are in order for Dave Leroux, Wayne Rumble and Bob Suzuki.

This coming Saturday the Georgian Bay wrestling crown is on the line at Port Perry. Coach John Passmore hopes to have his squad at full strength for this most important meet.

All Bayview basketball teams gave it a good try last week but all three of them bowed to Richmond Hill. The juniors lost a heart breaker in the last two minutes as Richmond Hill came from behind to win 20-17.

### Sutton at 8:15 p.m.

In series "C", Willowdale Rangers take on Thornhill Shamrocks, also a best two of three series. These teams met Tuesday night at Richmond Hill and subsequent games will be played February 21 and 28 at Don Mills Arena at 9:30 p.m. Winners of series "B" and series "C" will meet to decide who will challenge the winner of series "A" in the finals for the Tip Top Trophy.

Hockey fans are assured of top-flight hockey during these playoff games. For next Tuesday an exhibition game is planned for the second spot.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### RICHMOND HILL HIGH

Junior, intermediate and senior basketball teams won games against Bayview last week. In the junior game Richmond Hill won 20-17 as John Cotterill led the parade with 9 points.

Roy Pratt scored 20 points and Bill Cowan 16 as Richmond Hill won the intermediate game 49-35. The senior game saw Richmond Hill win 70-57. Rick Bradshaw scored 22 points while Sid Acton and Robin Brock scored 16 points each.

### THORNHILL SECONDARY

Junior and senior girls basketball teams lost both games of a doubleheader with Markham last week. The junior boys also lost a low scoring game to Markham. After feverish activity Markham finally wound up as 19-12 winners.

The intermediates won 54-30 as Tom Minett dropped in 26 points against the Markham opponents. Minett is almost a one man team for Thornhill and has scored a total of 178 points in seven games to date.

Dale Crouter paced the senior team to a 60-43 win and contributed 24 of his team's 60 point total.

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### Anne Tatton Won Bronze Medal In Figure Skating

The bronze medal, emblematic of third place in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships for senior ladies, was won by Gloria Anne Tatton, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tatton of Gormley. She scored 1220 points and qualified for the third spot on the Canadian team with Petra Burka and Valerie Jones, both of Toronto.

Competitions were held recently at Calgary.

Gloria is a member of the Toronto Granite Skating Club, where she is presently practicing for the North American Championships at Rochester on February 20 and 21. If she is successful there, she will advance to the World Championships in Colorado Springs in March.

The Calgary competition, skated at an altitude of 3,000 feet, was good preparation for the World Championships in Colorado where the altitude will be 6,000 feet. Skating at this altitude can be most exhausting.

## Starry Radio Kids Lose First Game Of Season 2-1

Ray Brooks and his CFGM Country Gentlemen lost their first league game of the season as Newmarket downed them by a 2-1 score at Newmarket last Friday night. The loss occurred in the second game of the North York League Playoffs and ties the series at one win each.

In the opening game the Gentlemen won an easy 6-0 victory. The Newmarket win forced a third and final game to be played in Newmarket this coming Friday.

Stephen Gordon scored the single CFGM tally assisted by Brian Dunlop.

George Bell visited Richmond Hill on Sunday and handed the Gentlemen a 5-1 loss in an exhibition tilt. Lone CFGM tally came off a solo effort by Stephen Brown.

Lions Nip Cleaners 6-5 Scarborough Metro Lions played an exhibition game at Richmond Hill on Sunday and eked out a 6-5 win over North End Cleaners in the last 60 seconds of play.

John Dunkley scored two for the Cleaners as did Ricky Doucette. Hal Cameron fired in the fifth goal. The Cleaners proved active in the assist department as Wilson Ross, Mike Deciantis, Bob Wilkinson, Gerald Methie, Mark Dobbs and Bruce Hutchinson all got the award of the helping hand.

In 36 games this year the Cleaners have won 13, lost 17 and tied 6. Reg Acomb and Jack Duncan have many players ready to move up into midjet ranks next year and they're all good ones.

last week. On Friday a league game at Richmond Hill saw the Legionnaires tie 3-3 with Woodbridge.

Keith Russell, Wayne Harrington and Stu Cook scored the goals with assists going to Peter Bird and Jim Wilson.

The Legionnaires took a 7-4 win over Whitby on Sunday. Harvey Gordon and Wayne Harrington scored two goals each and Harrington added five assists for six scoring points. Stu Cook, Peter Bird and Greg Septon scored singletons.

Jim Wilson was credited with three assists while Harvey Gordon, Barry Clattenberg, Tom Dyson and Pete Bird were each given one assist.

### Murray Roberts Defends Title

Defending Canadian Firefighters curling champion, Murray Roberts of Unionville, is defending his title this week at Tam O'Shanter in the Southern Ontario playdowns.

The finals will be played Friday. Rinks, battling for the right to enter the Canadian championships in Port Arthur next month also include Harvey Acton of Uxbridge, Gord Watt of Brampton, Eric Drew of Scarborough, Alf Giles of Unionville and Jim Symons of Ottawa.

Two draws were curled Wednesday, quarter-finals are scheduled for Thursday evening with the semi-finals on Friday morning.

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