

CFGM's Country Gentlemen May Never Stop Playing — Or Winning

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There's a good chance that when the Stanley Cup is finally decided and all the participating players are out on the golf course firing their winnings away at a nickel a hole, CFGM's Country Gentlemen will still be firing their pucks away into the opposition's net.

So far the free-wheeling young men of Richmond Hill, who range all the way in age from nine to 10, have played 56 games, won 37, lost 11, tied eight, and the season is still young.

In fact it's really just getting started for the youngsters, who, Coach Ray Brooks describes as "the best team we've ever had," as they continue to topple the leading contenders in the various leagues they perform in.

And the leagues are numerous. For example, right now they are entered in the

second round of the Tam O'Shanter Tournament, the novice world championship at Brampton, which gets underway Easter Monday, and the Ontario championships against Lindsay, Friday at Bradford.

To gain the second rung of the Tam, they had to defeat the Wexford entry in two straight games, 5-1 and 2-0, while to gain the Ontario championships, they knocked over Elmvalle two games in a row, 3-1 and 3-0.

The Brampton tournament is an open event.

The Country Gentlemen originally started out quietly enough as members of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association, Novice division, restricted to a few games a week.

However, the OMHA plucked them from the relatively casual pace of the house league to the jam-

packed schedule of the OMHA, where they serve as representatives from this area.

"They've been going practically non-stop ever since, playing as many as five games in six nights at times against some of the strongest opposition around.

However, despite their seemingly endless pursuit of the puck, the boys have to pursue a few other things as well—such as their school books—if they wish to remain on the team.

"We stress both school work and team work," Coach Brooks said.

In order to see that team work is kept in proper perspective, Mr. Brooks said the defencemen are awarded an assist when the goalie gets a shutout; the teams are taught that assists are just as important as goals.

And if you're a defence-

man on this team, you get plenty of assists because Goalie Lewis Moore has had a total of 14 shutouts so far, and posted the best goals-against average in the OMHA, this year with a 1.07 total.

Another thing stressed by the coach is deportment.

"We tell them they're ambassadors of Richmond Hill," Mr. Brooks said. "We expect the best of conduct and behaviour in restaurants and other public places."

Mr. Brooks said parents also lent their support to the team, transporting the players to their various destinations, but leaving the operation of the club to Mr. Brooks and his assistant, Sil Steffan.

Despite their impressive totals in the win-loss column, Coach Brooks believes in giving a fair share of ice time to all the players, whatever their ability, so

that his 16 regulars get plenty of the heavy going, whether league, tournament or exhibition play.

Here is a rundown of the various Gentlemen as described briefly by their coach: Scott Mabley, left defence, hard checker, fast skater; Brian Dunlop, centre or right wing, fast breaker; Ricky Sackfield, centre, small with hard shot; Dennis Acomb, assistant captain, all-round utility player, hard checker, cool-headed; Robbie Edwards, left winger, great from blue line in; Terry "Rocky" Rice, left defence, small, great reflexes, stone-wall checker; David Huntley, left winger, great playmaker; Stephen Gordon, left winger, hard shot, high scorer; Stephen Brown, captain, right winger, centre and penalty killer, also leading scorer; Tommy Sanlon, right winger, good shot; Val Steffan, in second year with one

to go, right defence and right wing; John Cavan, "Big John", hard body checker—"stands there and lets them run into him and then steps over them"; Stan Petronski, spare goalie, first year; Stephen Cronkwright, assistant captain, second year, left defence, always in position, seldom fooled more than once; Lewis Moore, goalie, tangible proof of his fine goaltending came this year in an award from OMHA.

Coach Brooks is also lucky to have several players who will be eligible for Novice again next year, and at the rate of games they're playing, next year won't be too far away.

Their itinerary now reads something like this: Tam tourney, Saturday, a win here means another game the same day; Brampton tourney, Easter Monday, if win, two more games on Thursday, if win these, two more

on Friday, if win these, two more on Saturday and three more the same day for grand championship if they win earlier set.

If they win their two in the Tam, they'll also be faced with another two there on the same Saturday as the Bradford Tournament.

However, Mr. Brooks is not too concerned about the possible conflict in schedules: "I think fate will take care of us," he said.

And if fate does take care of them in such a way that they wind up out of their various tournaments, they really don't have to get out their baseball bats yet.

The Gentlemen have won the North York Trophy for the past four years, finally retaining it.

But as Coach Brooks says: "If they ever get a semi-final winner, we're waiting to play them."

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Dynes Capture Town And Country Trophy

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers entry in the Richmond Hill Senior Hockey League won the Town & Country Trophy for finishing the regular season in the top position. They recently lost the league championship and the Tip Top Trophy to Willowdale Rangers in a hard-fought five game final series.

Rangers took the first game, Dynes the second and third, and Rangers the fourth, making the fifth game the deciding contest. At the end of regulation time in this fifth game, the score was tied at 5-all with Rangers getting the winning goal at 8:05 of the overtime.

An indication of how well matched the finalists were was the fact that in five games, each sextet scored 27 goals. Above, front row (left to right): Matt Kinnari, Pat Meraw, Don Haynes, Doug Finney, Frank Mashinter, Charlie Mashinter and Larry Bray. Back row (same order): Sponsor Vern Dynes, Norm Roberts, Gillis LeBlanc, Doug McInnis, Jim Wells, Dick Sweeney, Al Bray, Len Bray and Coach Shorty Bray. Missing from the picture are Moe Williamson and Bob Cook.

North York Pools To Be Open Easter Week

All North York Township swimming pools will be open for public swimming during Easter week, each afternoon from Monday to Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Pools operated by the township's parks and recreation department are located adjacent to collegiates at Bathurst Heights, Northview, Emery, C. W. Jefferys, York Mills, Don Mills and Victoria Park.

The Memorial Pool at 5100 Yonge Street in Willowdale will hold regular class sessions Monday, Wednesday and Friday with public swimming Tuesday and Thursday afternoons only. Normal program will be in effect each evening and all day Saturday at all pools and all will be closed on Good Friday.

8 Shutouts For Hutcheson

Dave Hutcheson, star goalie of Charlton Hardware of the tyke division of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey League, who ran up the amazing total of 10 shutouts in 21 league games, has continued his outstanding performance in the playoffs.

The Charlton team won the tyke's title this week-end with a 1-0 win over Skyline Pontiac in the final game.

During the playoffs, Dave scored eight consecutive shutouts and allowed only one goal in the last 12 games.

"He made some fantastic stops," said Charlton Coach Frank Baillie. "In that last game they were whizzing all around him."

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Country Gentlemen

Will Meet Lindsay Team For Ontario Championship

The Gentlemen earned their way into the provincial finals by eliminating Elmvalle in two straight games in the best two out of three series. In the first game of this series, the local kids defeated Elmvalle 3-1 April 4.

In the return game at Elmvalle on Sunday they blanked Elmvalle to the tune of 3-0. Goalie Louis Moore earned this shutout. Richmond Hill's first goal was scored by Stephen Gordon from Terry Rice at 3:10

of the first period.

There was no scoring in the second period which was marred by numerous penalties. At one time, the Gentlemen, being penalized for ungentlemanly conduct, were down to four men in the ice. Dennis Acomb, fledgling Toe Blake, ragged the puck in a razzle-dazzle exhibition to kill off the penalty.

Stephen Cronkwright took a pass from Dave Dunkley to score at the 7:40 mark of the third period and Steve Gordon, assisted by Acomb and Steve

Brown scored the final goal at 12:10.

Defeat Don Mills

The Gentlemen also defeated Don Mills 2-1 in an exhibition game Thursday evening. Stephen Gordon and Val Steffan were the marksmen.

Tournaments

Next Saturday, the Gentlemen will meet the Ted Reeve team at the Heather Arena at 1:20 p.m. in the second round of the Tam O'Shanter Tournament.

Easter Monday will find them playing Bellville at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Brampton Novice World Championship Tournament.

Ray Brooks is coach of these high-flying youngsters and Sil Steffan is their trainer.

Dynes Softballers Begin Practising

Dynes Jewellers are getting ready for the 1965 season and this year will be an intermediate A entry in the York-Simcoe League. This league will see them taking on teams from Aurora, Newmarket, Queensville and two from Markham Village, along with several other possibilities in this district.

Coach Casey Cripps had his men out for a good workout Monday evening at Richmond Hill High School and future practice sessions are scheduled for the town park Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Any interested softball players, living in Richmond Hill or immediate area who want to play this season will find a warm welcome waiting them at the practice sessions. For more information call Russ Cripps at 884-3681.

North End Cleaners Lose In Semi-Finals

North End Cleaners went down to defeat to the fast-skating Newmarket team in a two-game total-goals semi-final series of the North York League last week. Final score of the round was 4-1.

Newmarket handed the local boys a 3-0 shelling on Tuesday night in the local arena. The visitors outplayed the Cleaners all through this game.

Friday night was a different story and the Cleaners battled through to a 1-1 tie in Newmarket. Regular goalie Chris Amos, was ill and the Cleaners used Alex Bain who had been goal tending all season for Surf Marine winners of the RHA bantam house league championship. Alex played a standout game as he held the Newmarket attackers to only one goal.

The Cleaners' goal was scored by Bruce Hutchinson with an assist from Rick Doucette.

This was a very well played, reasonably clean hockey game.

Newmarket will now meet the winner of the Woodbridge-Thornhill series to decide the championship of the North York League.

Rick Doucette was chosen as the most valuable player on the North End Cleaners team and will receive the trophy which accompanies this honor.

He scored in almost every game played this season and assisted his team mates to score on many occasions.

The Cleaners will play Woodstock April 22 at Georgetown in an invitation tournament.

NEWMARKET: Rabbi Arnold Lerner of Guelph advocated concentration on better understanding of fellow men and renewed belief, so that this age will become known as the "human age" rather than the "space or atomic" age.

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