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(Photo by Barbour)

## Ontario Peewee Champions

Thornhill North End Cleaners brought Thornhill its first hockey championship when they defeated Dresden 4-1 and 2-1 in a home-and-home series last week, to take the Ontario Peewee crown.

The Cleaners had to go into overtime in the final game to take the championship, Billy Law firing the winning goal.

Members of the championship team are, front row, (left to right) Bobby McIntosh, Billy Law, Glen Crouter, Paul Woolnough, Rick Hartwick, Paul DeMarco. Back row, (left to right) Keith Bagg, Manager Norm Davidson, Joe DeMarco, Ken Moore, John Blackborrow, Ian MacKay, Norm Ast, Coach Vince DeMarco, Randy Bagg.

By ELIZABETH KELSON  
Conditioning, and the desire to play hockey were the two factors listed by Coach Vince De Marco for his team, Thornhill North End Cleaners, winning the Ontario peewee championship last week with a 2-1 win over Dresden at Dresden. Thornhill took the first game of the series, 4-1 at Doublerink. The Cleaners, who became the

first Thornhill team to win the championship, had to come from behind with a last-period goal by Ian MacKay sending the game into overtime.

In the extra session, Billy Law took a passout from behind the net by Bobby McIntosh and fired home the winning goal.

"It was conditioning that won the cup for us," said Coach Vince De Marco, "plus the boys' strong desire to play hockey. In addition to their regular practice, these boys have been running from one to four miles a day since last October. They were in the pink of condition."

This weekend the Cleaners have a chance to add further laurels to their list when they return to Goderich for the second and final round of the Goderich Peewee Tournament. The boys qualified for the final last week when they won both of their scheduled games, beating Milverton 8-0, and Stoneybrook 3-2.

Mr. De Marco said, too that parents had played a great role in the winning of the championship. From the first, much had been expected from both parents and boys. Mothers often had to get the boys to practice. Parents had to see to it that schoolwork was done so it wouldn't interfere with practices, or scheduled games.

"We hope we taught the boys more than hockey, and we think we have," said Mr. De Marco. "The boys have learned discipline and respect for authority, and what's more they expected it."

"If we were hard on them, it was because we were interested in them."

Altogether the boys have shown tremendous spirit. They have played 55 games, including exhibitions and playoffs, winning 42, tying seven and losing six.

"Their success was due to good coaching, although the boys are really champions in their own right," said Norm Davidson, team manager.

Mr. Davidson described the final game as filled with suspense, with the Thornhill fans having to wait until the last 10 minutes when MacKay tied the game, before they could start feeling some relief from the tension.

Following the game the team was presented with a special cake, baked by Mrs. Dennis Moore, bearing the legend "OMHA Championship."

"If we were to lose, we would present the cake to Dresden," Mrs. Moore said.

Dennis Moore, another untiring supporter of the team, commended the teams for their sportsmanship, but gave the Cleaners full marks for their victory.

"Thornhill should be proud of their team. They deserved to win," he said.

Billy Law, whose goal settled the issue in favor of the Cleaners, said he had been a bit worried until teammate MacKay tied the game late in the third.

Then he added: "Being on a championship team sure makes me happy."

After their return from Dresden with the championship, the players were presented to their admiring fans in a ceremony at Doublerink. While Coach De Marco, Manager Davidson and OMHA Referee Dave Hopper called out their names, the players each did a turn around the rink.

The banner, which they have been carrying around with them, was then planted at the rink. It is the same banner they took with them earlier to both Bapcroft and Dresden, and are hoping to take with them to the Goderich Peewee Tournament.

Besides the banner and the cake, the boys have something else to commemorate the occasion. It is a poem by Joe De Marco, one of the players and

## Don't Expect Any Golf Until May 1

Local golfers are going to have to confine their putting to the living room and their long drives to a practice ball in the basement for a while yet.

Ice, snow, frost and other remnants of winter are still in command of the fairways at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club, according to owner John Griffin, and it will be at least May 1 before the course is playable.

Mr. Griffin said there is still considerable frost in the ground, and although some weekend golfers might welcome that sort of condition for the extra distance it would give their clubs, they'll have to wait 'till the thaw sets in and the ground softens up somewhat.

Despite the heavy amount of snow, Mr. Griffin said the fairways had come through the winter in good shape.

He said there had been some renovations made to the premises, but nothing of a major nature, and registration was moving at a steady pace.

Back for another season will be Ernie Nerlich, club pro, and his assistant, Bill McWilliam.

## Bayview Girl's Sports

By JoAnne Nugent

The week before the Easter holidays was one for fun, as far as Bayview's sports program was concerned.

On Tuesday, a deck tennis tournament was held for grade 9 girls and an amazingly large number of enthusiastic players participated. After all the "ring tossing" was through, the color team standings were: Black, Gold, Green and Red.

Girls from all grades came out on Wednesday to the folk dance festival. Each physical education class had an opportunity to enter a team of dancers, doing a folk dance taught in class. Over 15 teams competed for four prizes: best junior dance, best senior dance, liveliest dance and best costumes. In between dances for the competition, all girls joined in to do polkas, square dances and novelty dances of all kinds. The very successful evening ended with popsicles for all participants.

son of the coach. Joe had this to say in his eulogy, "Victory—Happy Gang!" In our hearts there is a flame. For we are going to win our game.

Keith will score a winning goal that only yesterday someone stole. Paul will stop every puck, 'Cause he's got lots and lots of luck.

Ken will keep a watchful eye and Bobby'll hit the biggest guy. Billy will surely score. And Rick, get on a little more. As for Ast, he'll go like a blast. Ian and John will go just as fast.

Randy and Glen will stand by when Paul and Joe score again. So all as one and one for all. With this team we shall not fail.

Members of the championship Cleaners are Paul Woolnough, Kenny Moore, John Blackborrow, Keith Bagg, Joe De Marco, Norm Ast, Rick Hartwick, Ian MacKay, Paul De Marco, Billy Law, Glen Crouter, Randy Bagg and Bobby McIntosh.

## 73 Boaters Taking Course

Response to the announcement of a course in better boating which has been held on Monday evenings this month was so great that the instructors were almost overwhelmed. Seventy-three interested local boaters registered on April 5 and have acquired much information on safe boating practices, watched informative movies, written tests.

When the provincial government requires all operators of power boats to be licensed, rumored to be by 1966, these 73 boaters will be a jump ahead of other boat owners.

When the registration overflowed the firemen's room where the course was scheduled to be held originally, space was sought and granted in Legion Court. The instructors Brian Bailey, William Bowes, Ed McCluskey and Fred Bovaird have now agreed to run a similar course for the Junior Legion members.

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Dennis Acomb took a pass from Stephen Cronkright to score for the Gentlemen in the first period of the game. There was no further scoring until the third period when Stephen Gordon got himself a goal, assisted by Scott Mabley and Tom Sanlon. John Caven added the third counter, assisted by Robbie Edwards and Acomb.

Ted Reeves THL entry in the Tam-Atom Tournament at Heather Arena and the Country Gentlemen played to a 2-all tie in regulation time Saturday. After 10 minutes of overtime

play the score was still tied at 2-all and so the game will be replayed Thursday evening at Heather Arena. Reeves scored in the first half minute of play and again before the end of the first period, to give them a 2-0 lead. Dennis Acomb scored for Richmond Hill, assisted by Scott Mabley and Stephen Brown. Stephen Cronkright got the tying goal for the Gentlemen.

The Gentlemen met Belleville Monday in the Brampton Easter Tournament.

Greg Binkley, a real leader at centre ice in this season's play for CFGM Country Gentlemen was inadvertently missed from last week's feature story on the team. Greg has contributed more than his share to the success of his team this year.

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