

Most Valuable Player Stars For Aurora Maple Leafs In Red Wing Sweater



BOBBY HEARSOM
... New Use For Slapshot

By JIM IRVING
While most hockey players use the unwieldy and sometimes deadly slapshot to keep rival goalies wishing they had taken up some lesser sport, the Most Valuable Player in the Aurora Squirt League has another use for it.
"I use it mostly to get the puck out of my own end," says Bobby Hearsom, reticent young star of the Aurora Maple Leafs.
For Bobby, who is 10 years old and in his second and last year in the squirt league,

there are other ways to beat a goalie and he has found enough of them to pick up 12 goals in some 10 games and emerge as one of the leading scorers in his league.
He has also found that he is in constant demand by his coach, Don Rew, to kill off penalties, lead the power play and act as ice general for the team at just about all times.
"He's been the real spark," is the way Mr. Rew describes his high-scoring centerman.
"We got him after about our third game and he picked

up the team right away."
Prior to joining the Maple Leafs, Bobby had been chosen as an all-star to play with the OMHA team, but the heavy schedule of games and the transportation difficulties, made his parents Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hearsom decide that the Aurora house league would provide a full enough season for Bobby and his young brother, Ricky, who is also a member of the squirts.
The Maple Leafs have also had to play their games

at Bradford since the last week in February when the Aurora Arena burnt down, so that travel is an essential part of their schedule.
But travel or no, hockey occupies many a winter night with the Hearsom family, with older brother Jimmy, a member of the pee-wees, so that there is pretty well always one of the boys off to the rink, while just as often another one is on his way back.
What makes a boy the most valuable player to his team? If you ask Bobby, he just

shrugs his shoulders and grins.
If you ask his coach, he'll tell you that, besides his leadership qualities, he's a very fast skater — so fast in fact that right now he has a little difficulty always controlling the puck — he's cooperative and he has that one great essential — desire.
"And when we get down, the other players always want him out there," said Mr. Rew.
To keep up his hockey fundamentals and to keep developing his potential,

Bobby practices on the school rink when he can and fires his wrist shot into a home-made net in the backyard.
He also watches the big leagues in action via TV, but he seldom lasts out the full game, says his mother, bed usually winning out over the third period as the more cosy attraction of the two.
One team he does try to stay up for, however, is the Detroit Red Wings, who are his favorites, just as their great star, Gordie Howe, is

his favorite player.
His team also sports Red Wing sweaters, even though they are the Maple Leafs, a situation explained by the fact that the regular ones were lost in the arena fire.
However, Bobby is not really concerned whether he plays in a bright red sweater or an old newspaper, just so long as he can get out on the rink and confound opposing goalies with his hockey prowess.
And he hopes to be confounding them for a long time yet, for he wants to be

a hockey player some day — "I'd like to try", he says.
And if the net in the backyard is any indication, he has already started trying. Its wooden posts are scarred, its brown sacking well tattered, and lodged in one corner is a puck, the usual resting place for one of Bobby's shots.
Squirt goalies in the area should take note and start getting in a few practice licks now, themselves. It could be a long, hard winter.

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RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1965

Atom All Stars Runners Up

Richmond Hill's Atom All Stars, boys from the RHHA house league, lost out in the finals of the Tam-Atom Tournament at Wexford Saturday afternoon.
Although the boys played good hockey, the Wexford team defeated them 4-0 to take the tournament. The local boys were the runners-up.
Coach Joe Ranieri reports every member of the team continued to play good hockey until the final whistle. "And besides, the boys enjoyed themselves," he commented. "They also appreciated the large gallery of fans who accompanied them to the tournament."

8 Bands Here June 16 For Minor Ball Parade

Prospects are that eight bands will participate in the eighth annual gala parade in the interests of minor ball in Richmond Hill, the committee learned at its meeting last week. Joe Dineley, 253 Ashlar Road is in charge of organizing the musical part of the parade.
Russell "Casey" Cripps is seeking floats from all commercial and industrial businesses in town, from service clubs and other interested groups, to help make the 1965 parade on June 16 the most gala event ever staged in Richmond Hill. If you are interested you can reach him at 884-1105.
A feature of this annual event will be the 750 youngsters who will be playing ball this summer under the sponsorship of the RHMBA.

Country Gentlemen Lost To London In Brampton

CFGM Country Gentlemen lost out in the finals of their division at the Brampton Easter Tournament on Saturday, when London squeezed out a 3-2 victory.
The western Ontario team got two goals both by Stephen Brown by the end of the first period. London scored again in minutes of play but the Gentlemen evaded the score on the second period to go into a

R. Hill Old Boy Donates To Pool

Dr. Carl E. Hill, Medical Officer of Health of the Township of North York, was born and raised in Richmond Hill and has always kept in close contact with his home town. His interest has recently had tangible results in a substantial donation toward the Centennial Swimming Pool fund.
In his accompanying letter to Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Dr. Hill said: "As an old Richmond Hill boy (my sister, Mrs. V. Pugsley and two brothers, P.C. and Albert live in the town) and an avid reader of 'The Liberal' I understand you are still soliciting donations for the pool.
"In my day the swimming was done at Boyle's Pond (just west of your fine new hospital) or in the excavations made in 1906 when the CNR was laying the roadbed through Richmond Hill.
"Time marches on and may my enclosed \$100 cheque make the swimming better for all."
In reply, the mayor thanked Dr. Hill for his "generous cheque to help complete the first outdoor stage of what we propose eventually to be an indoor swimming pool in Richmond Hill. It is particularly gratifying to find that 'old Richmond Hill boys' still retain a warm affection for their native town and keep so closely in touch with what is happening in it.
"I have passed your donation of the swimming pool committee, who receive it with thanks and who will in due course doubtless send you an official receipt.
"Your family has been associated with the development of Richmond Hill for many years now and their efforts are well known to many of us who are here more recently. I think some of us would look back a little enviously to the days to which you refer when swimming was done at Boyle's Pond, etc., but we have to make do with what is available to us now, which is perhaps more expensive and not quite as much fun."

However, there is ice available and sometime in the next two weeks should see this league leadership decided.
Coach Ray Brooks reported his team are real sportsmen and have learned to lose as well as win. "They put a lot of desire into all their games," he reports. "But they are not broken down by defeat. Everyone connected with the team is really proud of their effort, and we try to see that hockey remains fun for our boys. This is the only reason for minor hockey," he concluded.

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