

# Oriental Pheasants Become Canadians

With the pheasant season now upon us it seems an appropriate time to describe some of the habits and characteristics of this beautiful game bird. The ring-necked pheasant is now considered as one of the most important and popular game birds in Ontario. Although it thrives in only a relatively small part of the province it does exist by means of regular plantings in other parts of Ontario. Pheasants had already been introduced into Ontario as far back as 1892.

Many private introductions followed and Point Pelee was the first locality where the birds became established. Later they began to "catch" in the Niagara Peninsula. In 1919 the Province of Ontario commenced a definite programme to introduce pheasants and eggs were imported at that time. Distributions of live birds were started in 1927.

The ringneck is really a wild chicken from the Orient. According to Allan Wainio, district biologist at

Maple, there are some 42 species of ring-necked pheasants in Asia and Asia Minor. Our pheasant is a mixture of Chinese, Korean and Manchurian ringnecks with a dash of Japanese green pheasant and the Caucasian blackneck. It is a farm-country bird, not a wilderness bird, and it is seldom found far from farmers' fields.

The pheasant is a stealthy character that would rather run than fly, especially in good cover. Its sense of hearing is very acute. During World War I pheasants were disturbed by explosions as far as 216 miles away. It was reported that the birds could detect some cannon fire at 320 miles.

While some hunters may think of the pheasant as a delicate bird, actually it reveals an immense resistance to extreme cold, starvation, disease and physical injury. It is interesting to note that after one very severe ice storm in Iowa, pheasants were found almost encased in ice. When freed they flew away and escaped.

Apparently ringnecks enjoy robust health. In the United States biologists maintain of all their game birds and mammals, the pheasant is probably the species most free from disease and parasites. There appears to be no disease that seriously limits pheasants bred in the wild. Mr. Wainio noted that in a three-year study of pheasants in a Michigan area, no evidence of disease was found in trapped birds. Notwithstanding their robust health, however, these game birds have a relatively short life in the wild. In Nebraska, for instance, no banded cock, stocked as a young bird, has been known to survive for two years.

Despite our harsh winters locally, the ring-necked pheasant has become an accepted part of our wildlife fauna and it is here to stay to add its beautiful colours to the landscape.

By FRED SIMPSON



## Sport Spots

There's a saying to the effect that those who live in the past are destined to repeat it. This might be a lousy way to end a year for some of us but not so for Del Madeley.

Del is manager of a red-hot tribe of Richmond Hill Indians and he'd just love to keep on repeating the past season which saw his team rack up its second straight Metro Toronto Football Union league title.

And he'll have to if the Indians are to evade the happy hunting grounds in their opening semi-final games with East York. The first game is this Saturday at Dieppe Park. Then it's back to Richmond Hill November 6 in the final game of the points to count series.

"I think we'll keep on winning," said an optimistic Madeley last Saturday as he watched his boys roll over the East Enders by 35-6 on a water-logged field. "We'll hit East York mainly with a running game which I hope will open them up for our passing attack."

### Those Laws of Averages

On past performances the Indians should come through to win the Lord Selkirk Trophy but there's a well-known phrase called "the law of averages" which has a nasty habit of upsetting well laid plans of athletes.

This apparently doesn't trouble Madeley who shrugs his shoulders and says stoutly, "It's a brand new season. What's past is behind us and I don't think there'll be that much pressure on us."

The Indians, who whumped East York 14-7 and 33-13 during the regular season, will operate out of a twin fullback and single fullback formation in the playoffs as they did during the season.

### McIntosh Is Key

Key to the offensive hopes is Quarterback Ian McIntosh in first year as full time starter. He has shown steady improvement over the season and hit his peak with a three touchdown performance against the East Enders.

Add to this the driving power of Fullbacks Eli Snook and Vince Cascomb and the pass-catching wizardry of Bob Sheridan at flanker and you've got some voltage going for you.

And speaking of Eli, he led the Indians (and possibly the league) in points this season with a total of 60 off 10 touchdowns.

"Eli has always been a power runner," observed Madeley, "but now he's learned to cut and that has made him much more effective." Levi has been with the team for the past five years and switched to offense a couple of seasons ago—and phfft. No, I don't know how he got his name.

The one big worry in Madeley's managerial life the recent weeks has been the injury rate to his players. For a while there you'd thought he'd been sending them out on patrol duty in Viet Nam. Everyone was getting wounded.

"But we're healing pretty well," he said, "and we'll only be missing a couple of players."

Missing will be Bill Dunn, defensive safety, and Linebacker Bob McDonald. Both are out for the year with leg injuries.

Dunn's absence could hurt the most because he's a fine defender against the pass play and that has been a weak chink in the Indians' armor in 1965.

So, don't forget. The final game of the semifinals will be at Richmond Hill Town Park at 1 pm — not 2 pm — November 6. It's good football and the Indians could use your support.

### Also Football

And speaking of the fortunes of football. Bayview Secondary School Seniors had what is termed a "golden" opportunity to wrap up the division football title Monday but ran into a determined Thornhill group which downed them 20-13.

Thornhill won it last season, missed out in 1965, but made a successful bid to be spoilers. The division title will have been decided by the time this sees the light of day in a playoff encounter between Bayview and Richmond Hill High School. The winner will meet favored Newmarket.

### Female Hockey

It's probably been so for quite a while but didn't realize the number of the femmes who are taking up hockey sticks these days. There are quite a few teams in the Toronto area.

Richmond Hill's entry, of course, is the Ron McAndrew's coached Mic Macs who will be playing in the newly formed Central Ontario Ladies Hockey League which will boast eight teams.

Ron gets a small subsidy from the town to help run his team but on the whole foots his own bill. He has never been able to get anyone interested enough to sponsor him as apparently the people with the money feel the girls just won't attract enough interest to make it worthwhile.

But things could be changing now and before long the way it's going—the men will be driven into the kitchen. Unite, before it's too late.

The Richmond Hill Dynes hockey club is continuing its workouts at the arena with impresario Russ Cripps enthusiastic with the results to date.

A total of 19 turned out a recent practice and most of them were new hopefuls. The club is still in need of some goalie help in case there are any prospects waiting in the wings. The Dynes-men play an exhibition game in the Hill against Willowdale Rangers, league champions, on November 2.



## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

**BAYVIEW SECONDARY**  
The senior football team at Bayview Secondary ran into a roadblock Monday in its hoped-for march to the title.

The roadblock was erected by Thornhill Secondary — which won all the marbles last season — who downed Bayview 20-13.

It was Bayview's initial loss of the season and resulted in a death playoff game for division honors against Richmond Hill High School. Winner will advance to meet powerful Newmarket.

Thornhill led all the way in this one with the scores reading 8-7 at the end of the first quarter and 13-8 at halftime.

Bob Suzuki scored Bayview's first touchdown on an off tackle smash converted by Doug Nichols.

Then came another line smash by Jim Fleming. This one wasn't converted.

The final quarter spelled doom as Thornhill came back to wrap it up with a two touchdown outburst.

"We just weren't in the mood," philosophized coach Russ Snyder.

**THORNHILL SECONDARY**  
The Thornhill Intermediate football team ended a losing season on a winning note last Monday with an 8-6 triumph over Bayview.

Jerry McKenzie put Thornhill on the score sheets when he picked off a bouncing punt on the dead run and ran 90 yards for the touchdown which was converted to end the half at 7-0 for Thornhill.

Following a scoreless third quarter Thornhill picked up a single point off a long punt by Terry Moore.

Bayview got moving in the fourth quarter with the aid of 25 yards in penalties against Thornhill. A 15 yard end sweep gave Bayview its one and only major of the game followed by a convert and a punt for a single to make the final score read 8-6.

Soccer action saw Thornhill Juniors bomb Bayview 5-0. Thornhill dominated the opposition led by little Bob "Fire-Thornhill 12-0; Langstaff 12-6.

stone" Goodyear in a superb two-goal outburst. Other standouts were Ian Turnbull and Wayne Forester.

The golfing scene saw 17 schools participate October 2 in the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association tournament at the Sharon Golf Club. The six man teams were made up of two juniors, two intermediates and two seniors.

The GBSSA plaque for low gross team score was awarded to Markham School with 516 points. The Langstaff contingent finished in a tie for first with 85 in the junior division.

In the senior, Wilkinson of Langstaff placed second with 76 and Herbie Palmer of Thornhill ran a close second with Thornhill High.

Color team sports action saw the intermediate red team down the blues 24-0 in six-man football action. The senior greens, led by the three touchdowns by George Neeland, defeated orange 18-6.

**RICHMOND HILL HIGH**  
The Richmond Hill School Senior football team topped off a successful season by downing Thornhill Secondary 12-6 to win the Dr. Broad Trophy — an annual award to the winner in games between the two schools — for the first time in 11 years.

Only a close on the team's record was a 7-3 loss to the powerful secondary school early in the season. The team went on to defeat Markham 21-14, Thornhill 12-6 Langstaff 7-0, and Aurora 21-2 in an exhibition game.

Leading scorer and ground gainer was Bruce Sim with the play of Billy Waters highlighting an outstanding defence. The leading pass receiver was Ron Davidson with Vic Follott starting at quarterback.

It was a young team with most of the players having another year to play and this makes for a top notch season in 1966.

The junior football edition also had a good season tying Bayview 6-6 and defeating Bayview 21-0; Woodbridge 7-6; Thornhill 12-0; Langstaff 12-6.

By A. W. LEMAN  
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MAPLE

Flying is probably not easy for pheasants, for they have a low ratio of wing area to body weight. However, the bird flies swiftly on its blunt, stubby wings, and spurred to a gun fire, they may fly up to a mile or more and have been known to fly nearly 100 yards above the ground for 2 1/2 miles. Normal flight, however, is only a few hundred yards.

## BOWL...IT'S FUN



## On The Lanes

**EASTSIDERS**  
With fewer high scores last week only two teams, the Pirates and the Giants, managed to take seven points. The series winner and runner up to qualify for the playoffs are still very much in doubt with two more nights left in the first series.

Best triples: Ladies-Jean Vella 758 (285); Ethel McRae 757 (275); Ev Jones 661 (261); Muriel Steven 653 (265). Men-Les Childley 785 (303); Frank Horton 772 (293); Ted Robertson 715 (264); Bill Jones 693 (259); Joe Cappy 671 (255); Rene Beland 664 (259). High singles: Mary Macdonald 269; Joan Johnson 240; Isabel Reddin 238; Barbara Bunker 238; Helen Mackenzie 226.

Don't forget the dance November 6. Some of the bowlers have been waiting for this one since last May. See Rene Beland for your tickets.

**Allencourt Men's Majors**  
The Allencourt Lanes set a new record this week when Al Richardson put together games of 340, 326 and 338 for a total of 1004.

Congratulations from the league go to Al for this great bowling effort. Other good triples were by Stan Shadoff 885 (301,300), Roy Russell 873 (338), Art Higgins 828 (328). Single games over the 300 mark were had by Phil Blanchard 348 and Ted Robertson 316.

Allencourt Lanes was the only seven points winner taking all the games from Pat Patterson, Watt's Real Estate, Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers, Wimbridge Cleaners and ABC Bowl won 5-2 from Tom Hughes Shell, Richmond Inn Hotel, Allencourt Electronics and Turnbull Grocery. Bob's Delivery Service won a 4-3 decision from Manufacturers Life.

The high average has Richardson in the lead with 273; Shadoff 272, Tim Saul 266, Les Childley 258, Gerry Daley 253, and Higgins 251 follow the leader.

Team standings as of October 22: Wimbridge Cleaners 38; Watt's Real Estate 34; Bob's Delivery Service 29; Manufacturers Life 28; Tom Hughes Shell 26; Allencourt Lanes 25; Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers 24; Turnbull Grocery 22; ABC Bowl 21; Allencourt Electronics 17; Richmond Inn Hotel 16 and Pat Patterson 14.

**ABC MAJORS**  
In team action this week F. Powell Fencing and John's Boys whitewashed their opponents for seven points apiece. Richmond Inn and Hilltop Honda's were the losers in 5-2 splits. Lake Wilcox topped Allencourt Lanes and ABC No. 1 took Halls Fuel Oil.

ABC No. 2 bested Dynes Jewellers 4-3 as did Harris and Day over Tony's Esso.

Henry Knuckey led the individual bowlers with a fine 862. John Faber was next with 831 followed by Scott Parke with 801, Gord Armstrong 787; Rich Margerum 769, Norm Thomas 761, Bill Jackson 738 and Bruce Murray 724.

Gord Dunn leads the high average race with 243 closely followed by Knuckey with 242, Margerum 239, Ed Muehstaadt 238 and Doug Trimble, Norm Thomas and Frank Paice at 237.

Team standings: Tony's Esso Service 34; Harris Day 30; F. Powell Fencing 30; Lake Wilcox 26; Dynes Jewellers 25; Richmond Inn 22; ABC No. 1 19; ABC No. 2 18; John's Boys 17; Allencourt Lanes 13; Hilltop Honda's 0.

**RICHMOND HILL-BILLIES**  
(Ladies Tuesday Afternoon League, Allencourt Lanes, four teams).

Team standings: Cracker Jacks 27; Blowhards 23; Alley Cats 16; Strikers 4. High averages, L. Morrison 204; L. Clements 191; M. Berseth 189; J. Ham 180. High scores for the day: Triple flat, M. Berseth 616; B. Schuyler 629; R. Clement 613. Triple hdp: B. Schuyler 710; H. Butterworth 709; P. Stephens 617; T. Tulloch 659; Single flat: Schuyler 271; Clements 258; Berseth 240; Butterworth 232. Single hdp: Schuyler 298; Butterworth 281; Clements 266; Tulloch 256.

## Pheasant Season Open Until Nov. 6

The open season for pheasants in regulated townships in the Department of Lands and Forests Lake Simcoe District got under way October 20 and continues until November 6. Local hunters report good bags during the first four days of this year's season in spite of rain on Thursday and Friday.

Some 10,000 pheasants have been released in the regulated townships and these should produce a fair amount of hunting. Pheasants released this year in the Townships of Pickering, Whitchurch and King have all been leg banded and Forests asks hunters to co-operate in reporting numbers on bands retrieved, either to the district forester's office at Maple, or to the local conservation officer.

## R. H. 'Mic-Macs' Join New League

It'll be "make way" for the girls this hockey season in the Richmond Hill area.

And coming on strong will be the Ron McAndrew's coached Richmond Hill Mic-Mac juniors.

His team will be participating in the new Central Ontario Ladies' Hockey League and will do its playing out of the Double-rink arena.

The league comprises a total of eight teams made up of Linton's, Georgetown, Erindale, Barrie, Caledon East, Streetsville, Richmond Hill and Malton.

Each team plays each other twice with six teams vying for playoff positions. The league is slated to open on the first Thursday in November. It will operate under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

The Mic-Macs are looking forward optimistically to the season with a successful number of exhibition showings behind them the latest being a 3-0 win over Cooksville.

Marg Robinson scored twice with Dianne Miller adding the other goal. Brenda Laird picked up two assists.

Shutout was credited to goalie Frances Robinson, her third this season.

The Mic-Macs have won three games and lost two in their five exhibition outings.

NEWMARKET: A two-year-old local girl, Sharon Thomsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thomsen, was feared dead on arrival at York County Hospital after she was struck by a motorcycle recently. Dr. Don Stevens and Dr. D. A. Murdoch massaged Sharon's heart and used a breathing apparatus to pump oxygen into her lungs and succeeded in reviving her. She was rushed to Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

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