

## Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



### NHL Old-Timer

What does it feel like if you've been a goaltender for 20-odd years, are 37 years old, tend the twines for the NHL Old-timers, have all your teeth? Except one, that is.

Great. Just great. That's the feeling of Ivan Walmsley of 426 Lynett Crescent, Richmond Hill who freely admits to having been a journeyman goaltender just a step away from the glory that beckons promisingly to every youngster with a hockey stick and a pair of skates.

### No Excuses

"I've got no excuses," he said. "I don't believe in excuses. If you've got it, they'll recognize it, and you'll be there. I just didn't have it but I met a lot of great people along the way."

Ivan spent most of his hockey career, 14 or 15 years of it, in the United States Amateur Hockey League with such teams as Toledo, Johnstown and Fort Wayne.

His junior career was spent mostly with the Windsor Spitfires of the "A" loop with some six games with Toronto Marlboros.

"I played 10 or 11 games with Hershey, Pittsburgh and Buffalo of the American Hockey League," he adds. "I lost only one game in the AHL."

This last sentence by Ivan was said almost wondrously and received added impetus from the television in front of us showing the Cleveland Barons' Les Binkley coming up with a good save against Rochester.

### Funny Business

"It's a funny business," mused Ivan. "A few years ago Les had just about given up thoughts of getting anywhere in hockey. He got a chance to go to Cleveland as spare goaltender for Gil Mayer as well as acting as assistant trainer. So what happened?"

Mayer was injured, Binkley took over, won the rookie of the year honors and has been guarding the twines ever since. Life. Shrug of the shoulders.

Ivan himself had an opportunity of going to Hershey as that team's steady netminder when he was 29 years old but again it just wasn't the right time or place.

"I was playing in the Amateur league in Philadelphia," he said, "and I had a good job which all in all was paying me more than I would have got at Hershey. So I stayed put."

### And Howe

Ivan's junior days carry some memories such as the first time he met a then 16-year-old Gordie Howe who was attending training camp in Galt along with Walmsley who was spare goaltender for the team at that time.

"It sounds ridiculous now," Walmsley said, "but I remember visiting the Maple Leaf Gardens with Gordie. We were standing up in the greys and I remember Gordie saying he would give anything to play with an NHL team in the Gardens some day."

That fateful "step behind" came into Ivan's life again when he was dispatched to the Windsor training camp to take over for the regular goalie who was being sent to Omaha. The goalie's name was Terry Sawchuk.

Some of the players in front of Ivan that year included Marcel Pronovost, Johnny and Larry Wilson.

Ivan's chance to play with the NHL Old-timers came in 1965 after that outfit's regular goalie, John Henderson, decided to turn professional again.

The team was on the search for a netminder, Ivan's name came up, and presto.

### Great Way To Finish

"It's a great way to finish up a career playing behind guys like Bob Goldham, Sid Smith, Cal Gardner, Brian and Barry Cullen, and Murray Henderson."

Ivan points out that a number of the players are still in good condition and their record proves it.

"The NHL Old-timers haven't been beaten in two and a half years," he said, "and they still have that professional pride."

An indication of the prowess of the former big-leaguers was in last season's 2-2 tie with Canada's national hockey team.

"Some of the fellows were mad because the Nationals came from behind to tie it up after we had led for most of the game."

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MINOR HOCKEY WEEK STARTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

DON'T SEND - TAKE YOUR BOY TO THE ARENA

### Richmond Hill Legion Midgets

## Blank Camp Borden 4-0 - Now 2nd

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets whitewashed Camp Borden 4-0 Sunday in a real fast game of hockey. Keith Russell scored the first goal on a pass from Rick Doucette, Jim Wilson was assisted on the second goal by Wayne Harrington.

The third goal was scored by Dave Broderick, a newcomer to the team, although not to hockey in this community. Dave has played all his hockey here and has in the past been an effective player on all-star teams. He took a holiday from the sport last year and has just returned to the ice.

Jim Wilson unassisted got the team's final counter.

Next Friday, the Midgets play Newmarket on that team's home ice at 10 p.m. On Sunday at 1:45 in the local arena they will take on the Sutton-South Shore team.

So far this season the Legion team has lost only one game in league play and stands second in the league standings, behind the powerful Bradford team.

### NOVICES

CFGM Country Gentlemen Novices defeated Newmarket 7-1 in a league fixture Friday night for their seventh win in league play.

Tommy Sanlon set the pace with two goals and an assist, Baillie and Sackfield each added a goal and an assist and Terry Rice contributed a goal and two assists. This was Rice's first goal in two seasons of play with the team, and a well-earned effort as he deked four opponents on his way up the ice to dump the puck behind Newmarket's goalie.

Steve Gordon and Val Stefan were the other goal-getters and assists were awarded to Bromley, Ranieri and Price.

Burlington cancelled its Sunday appearance here and Faustina, from the Lakeshore area, accepted a last minute invitation. The 1-1 tie score was an indication of the hard-fought, evenly-matched game.

Tommy Sanlon was the only scorer for Richmond Hill.

The Gentlemen are still undefeated in 23 games this season. They have 21 wins and two ties to their credit.

They will meet Newmarket Friday night in a scheduled league game, and possibly will travel to Camp Borden on Saturday. On Sunday, the hard-skating, strong Belleville team will be here for an exhibition game.

Leading scorers on the team so far this season: Sanlon has 22 goals and 12 assists for a total of 32 points. Steffan has nine goals and 21 assists for a total of 30, and Paul Baillie has 20 goals and nine assists for a total of 29.

### PEEWEEES

Although Richmond Hill Lions Peewees got off to a shaky start with Newmarket in their sixth league game Friday night, they emerged the victors by a score of 6-2.

Scott Mabley took a pass from John Ranieri to open the scoring at the four minute mark, and Newmarket tied the score at 10:32, and Dick Webber put Richmond Hill back in the lead at 11:40 of the first period on assists from Mike Ball and John

Barnett. Newmarket tied it up again at the 2:57 mark of the second period, but Bill Webber unassisted retaliated at 8:52, giving the Lions the lead 3-2 at the end of the second period.

John Stokes assisted by Bill Webber at 47 seconds, and Mike Ball unassisted at 8:02 and Alin Brooks on a solo effort at 15:02, brought the final score to 6-2.

In an exhibition game with Thornhill on Sunday the Lions played to a 2-all tie.

Bobbie McIntosh scored the first goal for Thornhill on a pass from Randy Bagg. Ron McBrien tied the score unassisted, and Mike Coyne, unassisted Thornhill in the lead for the second time. Dick Webber was assisted by Scott Mabley on the tying goal.

Next Friday evening the Lions are scheduled to play a return league game at Newmarket. The Sunday game has yet to be arranged, but the Lions' opponents will be a top team from the THL.

The players and their parents are eagerly awaiting the Mid-February trip to Quebec City, where the team is entered in the pee-wee tournament in connection with the annual winter carnival. The boys have been busy selling chocolates bars throughout the community to

earn the necessary funds for the trip by train to Quebec City. They still have a few bars left and would appreciate the support of the public in purchasing them.

### BANTAMS

A very successful week hockey-wise is reported by the North End Cleaners Bantams who lead the York-Simcoe League.

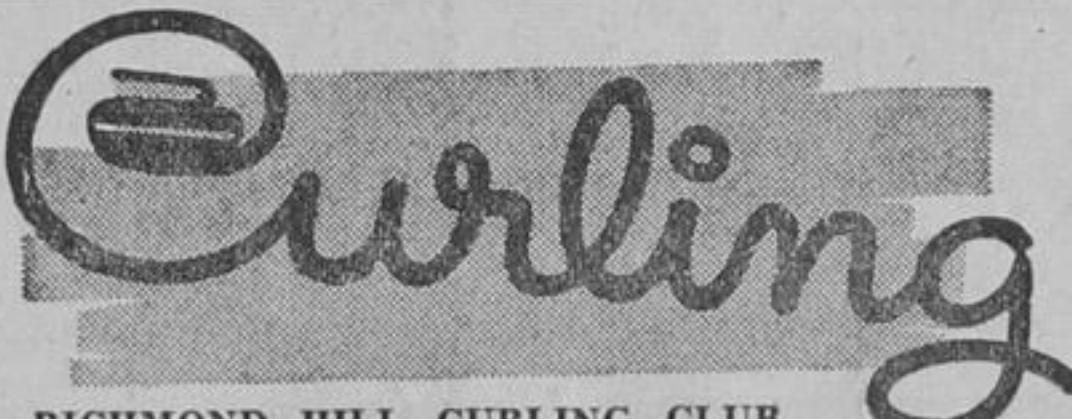
In a league game Friday night they shutout Newmarket to the tune of 2-0. Goalie Chris Amos turned in a stellar performance in this fast moving game, featuring good hockey.

Rice scored the first goal, assisted by Wright and Ball, and "Beanie" Methe got the second on a slapshot from the point. He was assisted by Hal Murphy.

In a see-saw battle Sunday, the Cleaners defeated Brampton 5-4.

The big gun was Hal Murphy who contributed a hat trick to the win, one of his three goals was a solo effort and he was assisted on the others by Wright and Dunkley. Dunkley added an unassisted tally and Wright was assisted on the final goal by Murphy and Dunkley.

At the end of the game, the Brampton fans gave the Richmond Hill boys resounding applause for the excellent hockey exhibition.



RICHMOND HILL CURLING CLUB

Reeve Floyd Perkins plays hard as well as works hard and proved it last week as his rink won top honors in the first draw of the local club's initial Mixed Invitation Bontspiel of the year.

The Perkins rink was a three-game winner and comprised Eva Walker, vice-skip; George Taylor, second; and Sue Fraser, lead.

High two game winner in the first draw was also a Richmond Hill rink skipped by Munro Ashkanase with members Joyce Davey, Warren Davey, and May Ashkanase.

High one game winner was a Downsview rink skipped by Gip Jenner.

It turned out to be a battle of presidents and ex-presidents in the second draw before the Humber Highland rink of Bob Austin emerged the winner.

Austin was president of the local club last season and it was his rink who edged that of Walt Lavender who is the major domo at the Richmond Hill club this season.

Both rinks were all tied up at the conclusion of eight ends and had to play extra ends with Austin emerging the winner.

The win gave his rink 30½ points to 30 for the second high three-game winning rink of Marty Cormack also of Richmond Hill.

Austin's rink consisted of Peg Austin, Bud Charlton, and Cathy Charlton.

Cormack's rink comprised Diane Whittaker, Bob Whittaker, and Nan Cormack. The Lavender rink included

## BOWL...IT'S FUN



## On The Lanes

### ALLENCOURT MEN'S MAJORS

Top shooter of the night was big Bob Blanchard with his fine effort of 938 which included a 360 and 335.

Following were Al Richardson 872 (308), John Moore 831 (333), Mel Rawlinson 829 (327), Norm Bowen 820 (324), Scott Parke 819 (352), Gord Hobson 805, Stan Shadoff 803, Bill (MDB) Jones 780 (308), Jack Hill 776, George Jordan 775 (also high 388 single of the night) and Les Chidley and Dave Alexander.

There were three seven-point sweeps in team play with Allencourt Lanes over Turnbull Grocery, Watts Real Estate over ABC Bowl, Tom Hughes Shell over Allencourt Electronics.

The 5-2 splits were Manufacturers Life over Wimbridge Cleaners, Richmond Inn Hotel over Allencourt IGA. In a 4-3 split it was Bob's Delivery Service over Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers.

In the high average race it's Shadoff with 272, Richardson 258, Art Higgins 254, Chidley 253, Tim Saul 247.

Team standings: Wimbridge Cleaners 30, Allencourt Lanes 30, Manufacturers Life 26, Bob's Delivery Services 26, Watts Real Estate 24, Allencourt Electronics 23, Tom Hughes Shell 19, Turnbull Grocery 18, Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers 17, ABC Bowl 15, Allencourt IGA 12, Richmond Inn Hotel 12.

### ABC MAJORS

Henry Knuckey was high individual bowler this week with games of 307, 339 and 275 for a fine 921 total. Next in line was Art Higgins with 865 (375), Lorne Robb 842 (303), Norm Bowen 798 (300), Norm Thomas 791 (300), George Lawson 774, and Frank Munroe 770.

In team action Richmond Inn took seven points off Hilltop Hondas and F. Powell whipped Tony's Esso Service. In 5-2 splits Dynes Jewellers beat Harris and Day, Hall's Fuel Oil took Allencourt Lanes, ABC No. 2 over John's Boys and Lake Wilcox beat ABC No. 1.

In the high average race Bill Jackson holds a slim margin over Norm Thomas with 248 to 247, followed by Dominic Groia, Bill Haappa and Bob Julian at 243 and Tim Saul 241.

Team standings: Dynes Jewellers 33, F. Powell Fencing 30, Harris and Day 25, Hall's Fuel Oil 22, ABC No. 2 21, Tony's Esso Service 20, Lake Wilcox 19, Richmond Inn 18, Allencourt Lanes 12, ABC No. 1 6, John's Boys 4, Hilltop Honda's.

### RICHMOND HILL-BILLIES

Team standings at the end of the first series: Blowhards 59, Crackerjacks 49, Alley Cats 47, Strikers 37.

Strikers were off to a bad start at the beginning of the season but have a very good chance of being on top in the second series judging by their recent progress.

High singles for the day, M. Berseth 260, N. Mansfield 274, R. Adam 234, J. Ham 228, B. Schuyler 231, Triples, T. Taylor 569 (hdep 713), J. Ham 630 (666), Berseth 607, Adam 591 (672), J. Hall 533 (650).

Raffle winner was Marion Hester with Pat Stephen the free draw winner.

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