

56 Turkeys Won At Dec. 10 Shoot

Fifty-six turkeys were won on cards and shoot-offs held under the auspices of the North York Anglers and Hunters and its affiliated junior club. These birds will grace Christmas dinner tables in Richmond Hill, Toronto, Thornhill, Willowdale, Etobicoke, Woodbridge, Aurora, Milton, Scarboro and West Hill.

There was a good turnout for the shoot-off held December 10, in spite of the inclement weather.

The club plans another shoot in February at Cold Creek Conservation Area. The ranges there are well maintained and a good turnout and an enjoyable afternoon are expected. Rigid safety rules are observed at all shoots.

AURORA: The park near Regency Acres School will be named Confederation Park as the result of a contest held at the school. Ornamental gates will be erected at that park and at Fleury Park and each will bear aluminum plaques commemorating the Centennial year.

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Christmas Comes Early

Christmas came a little early for the smiling Richmond Hill Curling Club foursome in the above photo. They were members of the rink that copped honors in the annual Christmas Bonsel held December 10 weekend at the local club. Left to right are Cliff Preece, Helen Leckie, John Scott, and Joan Kirkpatrick.

Bantams Hit The Skids

Local Novices, Midgets, Peewees, Juveniles Continue Winning Ways

Ricky Hampton led the CFGM Country Gentlemen to two victories over the weekend.

Friday night, in a league game at Newmarket, the local lads were on the winning end of a 5-1 score. Hampton contributed two of these goals, with Jimmy Clement, Brad Campbell and Johnny Hawkins getting one each. Merritt, Mallory, McKeague, Berseth, Graham and Cronkright were active in the assist department.

Saturday, in another league game at Barrie, the Gentlemen were again victorious to the tune of 5-0. Hampton contributed three goals and Clement two to this win. Mallory had two assists and Cronkright, McKeague and Kivimaki each one.

This was Mark Edwards' sixth shutout this season, a well-earned one as he stopped two breakaways

from close in. It was also the team's sixth win in league play, with one tie and no losses.

Wednesday the Gentlemen will journey to Alliston for a league game and on Friday the Thornhill team will play here.

MIDGETS

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets defeated Newmarket in a league game 4-2 Sunday.

The first local goal was scored by Ricky Doucette, assisted by Barry MacKillop and Alex Bain and MacKillop was assisted by Greg Bodnar and Bruce Hutchinson on the second. One of the prettiest plays of the season, a relay by Hal Murphy and Bodnar to Johnny Dunkley in the last minute and a half of play, put the Legion in the lead and Bodnar unassisted got another picture goal to give

his team insurance.

Bodnar was definitely the stall of the game as he set up the tie-breaker and then got the insurance tally. Towards the end of the game when Richmond Hill was playing two men short, Wayne Pollard proved himself a penalty killer par excellence as he really hustled and dazzled the opposition for a full three minutes. Every member of the team played well particularly in the third period. There was no doubt that they were out to win.

Wednesday night the midgets will meet the Juvenile B team in part of the practice session and will journey to Orillia December 28 to participate in the big tournament there. This well-balanced determined-to-win team will certainly make its presence felt.

PEEWEEES

Friday saw the Richmond Hill Peewees on the road again, this time to Newmarket. The Lions expected good competition in this tilt and hit the ice well prepared. The checking was close and it was well into the first period before the locals scored the opener, Steve Brown assisted by Steve Cronkright and Ross Cameron.

In the second period Newmarket tied it up early but Richmond Hill came right back to take the lead again. This time it was Ross Cameron, assisted by linemates Dennis Acomb and Brown.

The teams changed ends and the Lions held the puck well and in Newmarket's end moved the play around and finally had a point man in position to score. Scott Mabley was assisted by "Digger" Dave Dunkley and Tommy Sanion on this one.

A barrelling Ricky Bolingbrooke scored next for the Lions, receiving a pass from Cameron and Greg Binkley. The Lions did not skate their best and only paced their competition in this one. Final score was 4-1.

Saturday the Lions canvassed a portion of the town for support and then journeyed to Barrie for their second league game in as many days. Barrie always produces a strong contender, its team having lost only one game so far this year. Barrie took over most of the play in the opening minutes and found the Lions unprotected at 1:10 of the first. Richmond Hill now decided to fight back and tied it up at 4:45, Greg Binkley Dunkley and Sanion. The checking was close and the Lions contained Barrie until 13:35 when they took the lead again. Richmond Hill then held the opposition, who had outstayed them and at 13:30 of the second Acomb returned to form, carrying the puck and beating the goalie for the equalizer.

In the third period Barrie broke in and took the lead again at the five minute mark, but the Lions bounced back and evened it up at 7:40, Dunkley scoring a well-earned goal, deflecting a hard shot from pointman John Caven off Binkley. The Lions took command from here on, giving no quarter and scored at 11:25, Bolingbrooke banging it in from Cameron. At the final buzzer, the Lions had another puck in the net, but the goal was disallowed as it was ruled the game had ended first.

Wednesday the team visited Alliston and Friday night will be home again after three weeks away to play a rescheduled game against Thornhill. This will probably be a fight for league leadership and a good contest.

BANTAMS

The North End Cleaners Bantam crew is presently enduring the longest losing streak for many a year with four losses in their last four starts.

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No Ice Rinks Separate Schools

There will be no skating rinks at Our Lady Help of Christians or St. Mary Immaculate Separate Schools this year, according to a decision reached by Richmond Hill Separate School Board at its meeting on December 11.

Earlier in the month the town's parks board had offered to install a rink at each school with construction and maintenance to be taken care of by the parks department. A rink on a parkette just outside the school gates has served St. Joseph's School since its opening.

However, an unpleasant experience with a rink operated by the Holy Name Society some years ago, and increasing costs of broken windows and other vandalism, led to the board's decision. It was pointed out that public school grounds are considered parkland, but this does not apply to separate school grounds. The rinks would require the gates being left open on weekends when custodians are not present, leaving the school property unprotected.

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



Walls Tumbling Down

There are still pieces of brick and mortar lying in the vicinity of my body as a result of tumbling walls following a column last week criticizing "vicious" play in a recent game between the Richmond Hill Bantam North End Cleaners and The Cardinals of The Toronto Hockey League.

In this piece entitled "Fun Hockey???", I quoted remarks made to me by a parent — Ed Brown — who had observed the game and subsequently stated he had been incensed and disgusted at the vicious play of 12-year-old youngsters supposedly having fun.

The contest saw Chris Andrews of Richmond Hill receiving a broken arm reportedly from a slash. I was also informed that a player from the opposition had received a concussion by a charge from a Richmond Hill player unnoticed by the referee.

These opinions were Mr. Brown's and I accepted them as sincere criticisms on his part, accepted his right to utter them, and have no reason to disbelieve the sincerity of them.

I came into the picture by blaming heads of both hockey organizations, coaches, and the game officials — not the kids.

Enter Mr. Ham

Now enters Ken Ham who is coach of the Cleaners and his opinions differ from Mr. Brown's (in part) and myself. He has a right to his opinion, too, and here it is.

He objected to the charge his team played in a manner calculated to be "vicious" although he did agree such was the case with the bigger Toronto team.

"My team," Mr. Ham said, "had only two penalties in a penalty filled game and at no time did I tell them to retaliate, nor did they. The boys on my team do not know how to retaliate."

"I don't teach them that brand of hockey," Mr. Ham also pointed out that the injured hockey player on the other team suffered a twisted knee and not a concussion and it was not as the result of a "vicious" check on the part of any members of his team.

Protested To Referee

He states that at one point in the contest he did protest to the referee over the rough play of the opposition but received little satisfaction and did not himself deserve to be criticized. He concludes saying he wouldn't allow his team to play The Cardinals again.

It's this last statement that carries the essence of what I was attempting to accomplish but more about this later.

Firstly, he's right if I unjustly blamed him for the contest. There's validity in his charging I was unjust in not getting his opinion at the same time.

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