

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



All The Luck In '67

Well, here it is 1967 and I'm more disorganized than ever, another year older, deeper in debt, got a bad back, and now I'm losing my reflexes.

Where will it all end? Will it? Maybe in '67? Just have to wait and see.

But I suppose you're in your own kind of leaky boat, have your fingers crossed, and are plunging anew into the fray. So I'll just say lots of luck to you and you and some other people and organizations I'll mention below.

People like:
Russell "Casey" Cripps. May he at least win one decision from an umpire in '67, be heaved out of at least three games to keep up the tradition, and lead the Dynes Jewellers triumphantly to an All-Ontario Intermediate "A" title.

Red Wilson of the Dynes Club: May he strive mightily to increase his .173 batting average to the .200 mark and astound all those doubters who say he has been hitting over his head. And may he keep his pigeons flying (Red exhibits pigeons) over the heads of the opposition until . . .

A Familiar Figure

Doogie McLean: May the winter months hurry by to enable him to get back to his favorite haunt—the town park — and may he have his continued good health and be a familiar figure around Richmond Hill for this year and a few hundred more.

Ditto Bob Ross Jr: May he keep in there pitching, skate sharpening, and being the best example to everyone on how to stay optimistic through the good and bad days.

Jack Buxton: May he and the Richmond Hill Football Indians snap back to the top of the heap and may Jack's fondest wishes for big crowds and an eventual junior football team all come true — if not in '67 — then some other year pretty soon.

The Ice-Makers

Bill Mabbett: May the ice remain firm in the winter of '67 and may he some day soon be the major domo of a brand new ice house — in Richmond Hill, of course. Of course?

Andy Brown: May his ice stay firm too (he's the ice-maker at the local curling club) and the weather not be too unsettled in order not to unsettle the ice.

Bob Wall: May he soon get back to the Red Wings and show, for once and all, that he belongs up there in the big time. I'm sure he'll be there for a long time starting this year.

Ron McAndrews: May he handle the reins of his Mic Mac girls team this summer and win all the championships available to him. He's one person who believes the girls have a right under the sporting sun.

Tom Hughes: May he win it all (he well deserves it) in '67 in senior "A" fastball action if he decides to defy the fates and go another time.

To Everyone

And finally to everyone that we've missed and especially to all the minor hockey and softball child-

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Centennial Flag At Bayview

Proudly displaying their new Centennial flag are Cathy Wilson, president and Bruce Clark, vice-president of the Bayview Secondary School Student Council.

All the schools of the York Central District High School Board will fly the flag during the Centennial year. The students will celebrate Canada's 100th birthday by various projects soon to be announced.

Orillia Tournament

Legion Wins Finalist Trophy Finish Second Behind Lindsay

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets came marching home from Orillia Friday evening with the CFOR Trophy awarded to them as finalists in the annual midget tournament in that town. As far as can be ascertained from those with a long connection with hockey here, this is the first local midget team to win a trophy.

Lindsay, who defeated the local lads in the final game, took home the grand championship award, the Gordon Seiles Trophy, for which a total of 16 teams had competed. These came from Barrie, Lindsay, Aurora, Collingwood, Newmarket, Bradford, Ted Reeves (Toronto), Oshawa, Kitchener, Hamilton, Don Mills, Brampton, Scarborough, Orillia, Dixie and Richmond Hill.

The Legionnaires took on the powerful Oshawa team in their first game of the tournament December 28 at 12:30 noon, and fought hard, giving it all they

had, to emerge on the short end of a 3-2 score. NHL Scouts, who swarmed about the Orillia Arena, commented that this was one of the best midget games in many a year. Johnny Dunkley was assisted by Hal Murphy and Bruce Hutchinson, and Chris Hopson got the other goal unassisted.

The local lads were at the arena at 9 am December 29 where they were scheduled to meet Bradford in the second round. When the marsh boys failed to appear, this game was awarded to Richmond Hill by default.

At 6 pm they took on the tremendously tough team from Barrie in the first semi-final round. These boys play a different style of hockey from most midget teams and so are hard to defend against and equally as difficult to penetrate. Richmond Hill led 1-0 on an unassisted goal by Murphy going into the final period and it was not until late in the game that Hopson took a pass from Bodnar to ensure the victory. Big Steve Johnson was most effective in goal as he racked up his first shutout.

Thus the Legion Midgets advanced to meet the Dixie Bees at 1:30 pm December 30. They were the underdogs and nobody gave them a chance to win, since the Dixie team is tied with the Marlies for first place in the THL. However, it was a tremendous game, one that will be long remembered by everyone who saw it and went into 40 seconds of the second overtime period before Murphy sank a pass from Dunkley and Bodnar to earn the right to advance to the finals. The Orillia Packet and Times commented that this was one of the finest displays of hockey ever seen in this annual tourney, and that the Richmond Hill youngsters displayed more heart and more sheer desire than any other team present.

Hal Murphy got himself a hat trick. He was assisted by Dunkley and Wright on the first one, then Wayne Pollard coralled number two unassisted and Dunkley was assisted by Bodnar on number three. The winning goal was a real beauty, going from Dunkley to Bodnar to Murphy, who moved by the defence, shifted the goalie and neatly deposited the puck in the corner, ending the game.

The Richmond Hill team shot the works and played with three centres on the ice, the gamble paying off. They left the ice shortly after 4 pm. And were back on it again at 8 pm for the evening and final tilt against Lindsay. The Legion was without the services of

starry Hal Murphy and, after the second shift, of Captain Bruce Hutchinson, a great leader. He was nailed on the ankle with a slapshot from a distance of about five feet and dropped to the ice in great pain. As he was carried from the ice on a stretcher by the St. John Ambulance attendants, he raised himself on his elbow and called to his teammates, "Come on, guys, we've got to win this one." The lads tried with all their might and main, and their scrappiness, determination and desire won the hearts of everyone in the arena — but it just wasn't enough and the final game ended with Lindsay the victor 3-1. Billy Wright was the marksman on a pass from Dunkley.

Greg Bodnar logged a lot of ice time during the tournament and did a terrific job, and the rest of the team turned in a tremendous series. It was a real team effort, and particularly praiseworthy since a number of the players are minor midgets.

Just before this series the Legion lost the services of Alex Bain, who decided to retire and are still without Dennis Buck, who suffered a broken leg. However, the fill-ins played well and parental support helped encourage the boys to superhuman efforts.

Coach Peter Artemchuk expressed great pride in every player on his team, and complimented the Orillia officials for an exceptionally well-run tournament and good refereeing. Comments on the boys' behavior at the arena, on the street and at the motel, proved they were good ambassadors of Richmond Hill, he reports. He also paid tribute to Manager Nick Martin. "If there were a trophy for manager of father of the year, he would be my nominee," he stated.

Before the tournament the Legion took on the juvenile "B" team in an exhibition game and handed it an 8-1 defeat. Wright scored a hat trick and almost every member of the team had a hand in the scoring.

NOVICES

CFGM Country Gentlemen defeated South Shore 2-0 in the local arena Friday. This was (Continued on Page 10)

Half A Pheasant Per Hunter

Each hunter during the 1966 pheasant season in the Lake Simcoe District bagged .52 birds on the average, officials of the Department of Lands and Forests report. An average of 6.9 man hours hunting was required for each bird taken.

These averages were arrived at by field checks of 1,318 hunters.

Best hunting reported was in the Townships of Pickering, Whitby and Markham.

Dynes Defeat Merchants By 5-4, Force 3-Way Tie For First Place

It was a good way to end the year last week as the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers wrapped up a 5-4 win over Aurora Merchants and finished in a three-way tie for first place in the York Simcoe Senior Hockey League.

They were helped by Willowdale Rangers and Thornhill Toronto Shultons who fought to a 4-4 tie.

The Jewellers, fired by the two goal performance of Ed Serwick, were one jump ahead of the Merchants most of the way and proved it at the 14:02 mark of the last period.

With the score tied at 4-4, Doug Stubbs picked up a loose puck in front of the Merchants' net and parked it home.

The opening period saw the Jewellers jump into the lead as Ivan Denike took passes from Stubbs and Bob Gibson to beat John Killer in the nets for Aurora.

The Merchants fought back at 8:09 as Bob Satchel sneaked the puck past the Jewellers' Ron Mekanik with assists going to Charlie Saito and Jim Petroff.

That lasted for 47 seconds and then Bob Gibson scored to put Richmond Hill in front on an assist from the same Mr. Denike. It was 2-2 as the period ended as Jack Eftimov tallied at 19:06 from Dan Tonello and George Elms.

The game continued to see-saw as Serwick got into the act for the first time at 8:42 to put the Jewellers ahead by 3-2. Clay Chapman and Moe Williamson picked up the assists. John Geniole tied it up again at 18:32 from Stachel.

Aurora went ahead for the first time at the 7:03 mark of the final period as Al Pegelo got by the defence and slipped the disc past Mekanik.

But it was Serwick tying the game up again at 11:30 from Chapman and Foy.

Then came Stubbs and a loose puck and the Jewellers slipped into a tie for first place.

Brian Batt paced the Shultons to a 4-4 tie with Willowdale with a two-goal performance. Bruce Simm and Bill Montiegh got the other ones.

Earl Cairns, Bruce Taylor, Leo Fex and Ralph Kosowan handled the scoring for Willowdale.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Willowdale	5	3	1	45	36
Dynes	5	3	1	37	29
Shultons	4	2	3	33	31
Aurora	1	7	1	25	44

SCORING

G	A	Pts.
Leo Fex, W.	13	5
Earl Cairns, W.	10	7
Matt Kinnari, D.	7	5
Gary Durie, W.	4	8
Gary Stamp, S.	4	8
Ed Serwick, D.	6	5
Dave MacInnis, W.	2	9
Pete Warrington, W.	0	11
Bruce Simm, S.	6	4
Bob Mitchell, S.	5	5
Tom Kelly, D.	1	9
Doug Turgeon	0	10

Future Games (Richmond Hill Arena)

January 10, 9:15 Aurora vs. Willowdale; 10:30, Shultons vs. Dynes.

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