

Clancy, Horton, Ellis And Others In Town Friday

Hey, they'll be in Richmond Hill Friday night, 7:30 p.m. At the Legion Court.

Who?

Why all your favorite sports celebrities from professional hockey, baseball and football.

Fellows like guest speaker Frank "King" Clancy, assistant coach and manager of the NHL Toronto Maple Leafs.

And Tim Horton, Ron Ellis, Allan Stanley, Bobby Pulford, Pete Stelmowski, and Trainer Bobby Haggart.

They'll be there courtesy of the Richmond Masonic Lodge AF and AM who'll be throwing a big Sportsmen's Night event with 400 fathers and their children expected to hamper the elbow room at the Legion Court.

News Director Ken Foss

of CFGM, one of the promoters of the night along with Doug Moore of Richmond Hill, expects it to be "the biggest dinner ever thrown in the town."

A similar night was held two years ago and proved to be a great drawing card with expectation that Friday night's dinner will surpass it by far.

Also on hand will be former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario James Allan, MLA for Norfolk County. Mr. Allan has served as provincial treasurer in a number of Progressive Conservative Governments.

But don't go away. There's more guests to come.

Slated to attend also will be colorful Wren Blair the

new general manager of the Minnesota North Stars who will be debuting in the expanded NHL in 1967-68.

Wren was formerly connected with the Boston Bruins organization and at one time managed the Kingston Frontenacs in the defunct Eastern Professional Hockey League.

He'll undoubtedly be the most colorful, that's colorful, GM in the NHL. Wren has been known to urge his cohorts on via hurling chairs, a pair of uranium-lined lungs, and you name it.

Also scheduled to appear barring unforeseen circumstances are further stalwarts such as Jim Gregory, manager of the Toronto Junior "A" Marlboros; Television Hockey Night announcers Bill Hewitt and Brian McFarlane; Lord Athol Layton

of wrestling infamy; Toronto Argonaut General Manager and Coach Bob Shaw plus one player yet to be named; Bob Hunter, president of the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team along with Trainer Bill Smith.

Free gifts for the children will be the order of the night.

To wit: Twenty-four NHL hockey sticks will be distributed all autographed by Maple Leaf players; another 12 autographed by the Toronto Marlies; 150 miniature hockey sticks containing signatures of individual Leafs; plus 100 full-color Maple Leaf Garden programs also bearing the names of the entire team and 500 free tickets to a Matlie game.

Last, but not . . . as they say, will be the presence of a top-flight magician to provide added entertainment.

The food will be something, too.

Mr. Foss reports that a portion of it will comprise six big turkeys, four 11-pound boneless hams, etc. This has been donated free-of-charge by Dick Stanton of Twentieth Century Foods.

Mr. Foss reports that members of the Masonic Lodge have been given first shot at the ducks but that any tickets left over may be purchased by the general public.

If you're interested in inquiring about a possible ticket just call Ken Foss at CFGM, phone 889-4915. Tickets are \$3.00 for father and two children — girls are welcome.

All proceeds will go to charity projects carried on by the local lodge.

Sticks & Equipment Late For Game

Lion Peewees Take First Game Quebec International Tourney

Richmond Hill Lion Peewees got off to an excellent start in their quest for the grand championship of the Quebec International Tournament Saturday evening when they defeated Duberge, Quebec, 5-1. This was the feature game of the day.

The Quebec boys scored the first goal shortly after the opening whistle, but from then on it was Richmond Hill all the way. Steve Brown scored two big goals — one from Dennis Acomb and John Caven, the other from Cameron and Dunlop. Steve Gordon added a counter, assisted by Mabley and Boldinghoke, as Dave Dunkley got the fourth tally, assisted by Caven and Sanlon and Brian Dunlop connected for the fifth, aided by Cameron and Brown.

The Lions travelled to Quebec by train, leaving the Union Station in Toronto Friday morning and arriving in Quebec City after midnight, about four hours late.

Two carloads of parents put their boys on the train and then headed east. One car was carrying the sticks and goalie equipment and arrived at the Coliseum 10 minutes after the game had started. The team had had to purchase a supply of new sticks and borrow pads and stick for their goalie. The other car was delayed even more by the bad weather and arrived at the scene of victory five minutes after the game ended.

In preparation for their trip, the Lions racked up two victories earlier in the week. Monday night they defeated South Shore 5-0 and Wednesday defeated Newmarket 7-0 in the game originally scheduled for Friday night.

In this one Dunkley scored at 5:26 of the first period on a pass from Acomb and Sanlon. Sanlon scored at 3:02 of the second from Mabley. At 7:41 Cameron was assisted by Dunlop on his counter and at 11:32 Gordon was assisted by Wayne Harrison. At 14:54 Dunkley got his second goal of the game aided by Acomb and Sanlon.

In the third period Binkley was aided by Mabley on a goal at 6:18 and Steve Brown finished the scoring at 8:51 on a pass from Dunlop and Cameron.

NOVICES

January 23, CFGM Country Gentlemen visited Sutton and won 6-0. Scorers were Dave Mallory, Jimmy Clement, Bill Stephenson, Dave Bersech, Mike Cronkwright and David Curtis. Active in the assist department were Rick Hampton, Brad Campbell, Stephenson, Cronkwright with two, Bersech, John Hawkins, Kevin McKague, Clement with two and Curtis, Craig Richardson and Mark Edwards shared the perfect goalkeeping.

January 27, CFGM defeated Newmarket 9-3. This win gave the local lads, the North York League championship undefeated. Scorers were McKague with two, Merritt with two, Hampton, Curtis, Bersech, Cronkwright and Hawkins with singletons. Assists were credited to Mallory, Switzer with two, Merritt, Clement with two, McKague with two, Curtis, Campbell and Hampton.

CFGM hopes to begin OMHA Playdowns against Barrie this week with home and home games on Friday and Saturday.

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BOWLING RESULTS

ALLENCOURT MEN'S MAJORS

Al Richardson emerged the high man this week with a 924 triple including games of 318, 371 and 235.

Art Higgins was next with 919 followed by Dan Boyne with 838; Eric Marling 862; Stan Shadoff 861; Tim Saul 830; Roy Russell 830; Lou St. Louis 828; and Scott Parke 826.

In team action Bob's Delivery Service and Cardinal Insulation took seven points beating Watt's Real Estate and Allencourt Electronics respectively.

In 5-2 splits Richmond Inn took Allencourt IGA; Tom Hughes over Turnbull Groceries; ABC Bowl defeated Allencourt Lanes and Richmond Auto Wreckers knocking over Manufacturing Life Insurance by bowling the highest three game total at 4,319.

Gord Hobson and Richardson are tied for the high average with a big 271. Shadoff is third with 266 followed by Higgins with 264; Saul 261; Vic Reid 248; and Andy Kovacs 246.

Standings: Cardinal Insulation 61; Manufacturing Life 47; Allencourt Lanes 45; Bob's Delivery Service 44; Richmond Auto Wreckers 39; ABC Bowl 36; Turnbull Groceries 35; Tom Hughes 32; Richmond Inn 25; Allencourt IGA 20; Allencourt Electronics 19; Watt's Real Estate 17.

ALLENCOURT YOUTH LEAGUE

Seniors: The Smilers are on top of the league with 14 points.

Girls: Janet MacDonald leads the high average with 206 and also bowling the high triple with 714 (257). Singles were by Kathy Smith 220; Linda Gilbert 215.

Boys — singles, Brian Oliver, high average with 242 and also the high triple at 826 (329); Frank Perusich 777 (285); Richard Bunston 773 (264); Gary Richardson 741 (270); and Brian Oliver 721 (324).

Singles: Jerry MacDonald 250.

The following qualified in the first round of the Ontario Championship.

Senior girls — singles, Janet MacDonald; doubles, Linda Gilbert and Kathy Smith.

Boys singles, Brian Oliver; doubles, Ricky Bunston and Ian Cameron; team, Rodger Ball, Ian Murray, Jerry MacDonald, Frank Perusich, and Bill Alexander.

ABC MEN'S MAJORS

After losing the first game to ABC 2, Halls Fuel Oil came back to win the last two plus totals to give the team a point score of 37.

This is five points better than the second place Tony's Esso which is continuing to keep it close by taking five points last week.

Standing: Hall's Fuel Oil 37; Tony's Esso 32; Team 6 31; F. Powell Fencing 30; Allencourt Lanes 27; ABC 2 25; Wilson Niblett Motors 23; Richmond Inn 23; ABC 1 20; Chase and Taylor Realtors 19; Michael's Gift 15; Donaghues BA 12.

D. Groia bowled his best triple of the year at 848 to hold down the top spot this week.

Two other bowlers broke the 800 mark. They were R. Marguerite and B. Julian with 819 respectively. Other triples: J. Davie, 784; J. McLean 780; B. Costoff 770; T. Saul 767; F. Price 760; B. Chapman 749; J. Faber 736; and A. Kovacs 736.

Lake Simcoe Ice Still Is Not Safe

As several fishermen who went sailing the waters of Lake Simcoe aboard an ice cake last week can attest, ice conditions on that lake are still not good. There are still several miles of open water in the centre of the lake although bays are frozen over with from three to six inches of ice. Friday five foot waves were reported on the open water.

Best angling to date has been for herring in areas such as Cook's Bay, Pefferlaw and Athlery, although some whitefish and dipke are also being taken.

In the middle of January, an aerial survey by Lake Simcoe conservation officers counted 1819 fish huts on Lake Simcoe, 39 on Lake Couchiching and 32 on Georgian Bay.

Sport Spots By Fred Simpson

Gift of Ability



DOUG ACOMB

The gift of ability is a very nice thing to have but, like anything else in this wobbly world, it presents its problems.

You reach a point where you have to try and accurately assess that ability. Whether to go on or forget about it and concentrate on something else.

Just about at that stage now is 18-year-old Doug Acomb, of 362 Sugar Maple Lane, Pleasantville who is in his first full year as a centreman with the Toronto Marlboros of the Junior OHA circuit.

Doug, who played Junior "B" hockey the past two seasons with North York and York Steel, is one of the few (can't think of any others offhand) to emerge from the Richmond Hill minor hockey system into Junior "A".

"I had my mind made up to forget all about it if I didn't make the Marlies this season," said Doug who combines business with pleasure by attending Richmond Hill High School which he hopes will eventually lead to a business administrative career.

"If you can't make Junior "A" by 18," he continued, "I don't think there's too much chance for you. Now I don't know, it depends on how I go next season. It should be the key."

This season could in actuality be the key as Doug — who started out riding the bench — got to play a regular shift due to injuries. He responded accordingly and to date has contributed greatly to the Marlies' grip on first place. He has something like 11 goals and 12 assists.

Doubtful Beginning

Doug was less sure about his chances even on the bench when he reported to the large Marlie camp at the beginning of the season.

"I had played a few games for the team last year," he said, "but you don't get that much chance to show. When I was out there I concentrated mainly on stopping the other guy from scoring. If he scored on me I'd be out of there in no time."

When the time came to select the Marlies' players Doug waited, waited, and waited as the various boys were signed up.

"I thought it was all over," he said, "but Coach Gus Bodnar finally signed me up. I was the last one."

But Doug has been going good and he credits it to a lot of ice-time as well as confidence. "I've got the confidence out there, the feel, and it's a big help. You need the confidence."

There's no doubt that Doug sniffs the good life that comes with playing in the NHL and will likely give it the big try. Things for Doug — and other youngsters — look bright with the big NHL expansion coming up in 1967-68.

"The expansion will give more players the opportunity to show their abilities," said Doug. "Some players develop slower than others. With more spots available, they'll get that extra opportunity."

Doug would like to stay with the Maple Leafs' organization "because I was born in Toronto and besides I think they treat their players as good or better than any of the other clubs."

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A regulation passed in 1965, in response to complaints from permanent residents and cottage owners about debris from fish huts being washed ashore during summer months, makes it compulsory for anyone placing or occupying a fish hut on Lake Simcoe or Lake Couchiching to have a registration number, in numerals no less than 2 1/2" in height on the outside of the hut. This registration number may be obtained on application to the District Forester's office, Department of Lands and Forests, RR 2 Maple.

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BANTAMS

O woe is me! It is not bad enough that the North End Cleaners are playing their worst hockey of the season with only one win in the last five starts — but they have drawn Barrie in the first round of OMHA playoffs. This schedule gets underway Thursday.

Last Friday night Newmarket bounced the Hillers 4-0 and on Sunday, the Georgetown boys blanked them 3-0.

It's not just a lack of scoring power, but a lack of self confidence and desire, according to Coach Ken Ham. Aladdin had a lamp, Cinderella a fairy godmother, but all Richmond Hill has is 16 boys who produce little magic on the ice.

Sink, swim or float, the bantams must meet this first challenge head on and maybe — just maybe — they will surprise everyone and skate and play the way everyone has been telling them they can.

JUVENILES

Last Saturday night Surf Marine Juveniles were in Whitby to participate in that town's "Minor Hockey Night". Whitty won 6-3. Even though Whitty outplayed the locals in every department, management and fans complimented our boys on playing a good game and said that the score did not indicate the balance of play.

Greg Sephton, Rod Chapman and Bruce Shilton scored for Surf Marine. Shilton scored the second goal on a penalty shot and deked the Whitty goalkeeper in great style. This drew the applause of the fans. At the end of the game the Whitty players and management presented each player with a Centennial emblem tie tack, which was much appreciated.

Sunday, the juveniles journeyed to Barrie to play a regulation North York League game and won by a score of 6-2 to end the first phase of the schedule. By defeating Barrie the juveniles qualified themselves for two home games and one at Barrie in OMHA Playdowns, instead of one home game if they had lost. Coach Bill Points says, "We went to Barrie with two lines plus Jimmy Brass as a spare forward, with our tongues in our cheeks and our hearts in our mouths, because five players are still sidelined with injuries and other illnesses. It is hoped that Keith Russell, Wayne Harrington, Dennis Tomcheski, Steve Black and Wayne O'Brien will be ready for the playoffs. Injuries and other illnesses have never been so prevalent in my six years of coaching in the Hill. I have not been able to ice a team of regulars so far this year."

The Barrie game saw Harvey Gordon perform the hat trick with three goals, Bruce Shilton register two and Greg Sephton one. In the assist department Rod Chapman and Sephton each had two and Roy McBrien one.

Next Friday night at the local arena at 9:30 pm the juveniles will play Barrie in the first of a three-game OMHA playoff series. February 5 (Sunday) the juveniles return to Barrie to play the second game at 3:30 pm, which promises to be a real good hockey game.

Players and parents have decided to travel to Barrie by bus. There is room for fans on this vehicle and if you decide to come along and support the club, please phone Bill Points at 884-1944 or Marsh Amos at 884-4545.

MIDGETS

Tuesday Richmond Hill Legion Bantams defeated South Shore 5-2. Billy Wright was the big gun, scoring three goals. He was helped by Johnny Dunkley and Wilson Ross on the first, scored the second unassisted and was assisted by Murphy on the third. Dunkley was aided by Wright on his counter and Greg Bodnar by Chris Hopson and Wayne Pollard on his.

Wednesday at Alliston the midgets repeated their winning tactics and racked up a 4-0 victory. The shutout was shared by Steve Johnson and Chris

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of

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