

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



Taking Things For Granted

To say that people take things for granted in this world would be adding frosting to an already very stale piece of cake. The surprise is when they don't.

So I wasn't surprised to hear that only eight parents out of a potential 1,100 showed up a few Wednesdays ago at the annual election of officers for Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association.

Result:
No quorum, no election of officers, no "house league" for some 550 youngsters, and likely no \$1,300 grant from town council.

Last year's President Paul Binkley explained there was no other decision to arrive at.

"Without the parent support we couldn't even elect a new 12-man executive despite the fact we already had the 12 men willing to run. All the parents had to do was be there for one night."

All Stars To Continue

Binkley said that the OASA all-star teams will continue even if the town grant isn't available because it's our major project, that's why we were really organized. We created the house leagues in order to give the youngsters unable to make the all star teams a chance to play organized ball. But apparently there are few people who care whether there's a house league or not.

Binkley noted that perhaps a Wednesday night was "a poor night considering there was a hockey game on television and games at the arena but out of 1,100 parents I expected at least 30 or 40 would turn up. Eight out of 1,100 is a pitiful percentage."

This isn't the first time that minor ball, apparently, has been on the verge of dying.

"Just prior to the 1966 season," said Mr. Binkley, "the then-executive just faded away due to internal strife and all indications were there would be no minor ball."

"We saw this happening" (by "we" he means Marty D'Alessandro and Tommy Sanlon) "and decided to get together to do our best to resurrect a rather questionable situation. The previous year's executive hadn't met and indications were it had no intentions of doing so."

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Playoffs Begin Tuesday

Jewellers Finish First, Defeat Willowdale 6-3

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers clinched first place in the York Simcoe Senior Hockey League with a decisive 6-3 win over Willowdale Rangers.

The victory dumped the Rangers, temporarily at least, into third place a point behind the Thornhill Toronto Shultons who defeated Aurora 4-1.

Last week's action also saw the Jewellers make their first serious threat in the individual scoring race as Tommy Kelly vaulted into second place just two points behind leader Earl Cairns.

Playoffs start next Tuesday with Richmond Hill playing either Willowdale or Shultons in the first game at 9:15 at the Richmond Hill Arena. The second game between the second and fourth place teams will begin at 10:30 p.m.

The Jewellers opened the scoring against the Rangers at 6:28 of the opening period as Paul Foy clicked from Matt Kinnari and Ivan Denike. Rangers stirred at 9:44 with Roger Purdie beating John Bork from Earl Cairns. They proceeded to take the lead at 15:31 as Johnny Drummond scored from Bruce Taylor and Fred Disera.

Tommy Kelly knotted it up at 19:19 from Doug Stubbs and Bud Stubbs. Richmond Hill really got rolling in the second period rapping home three unanswered tallies to lead 5-2.

Foy scored his second goal of the night at the 26 second mark from Doug McInnis.

Kelly was back with his second at 12:56 from the Stubbs brothers again.

Doug Stubbs took a pass from T. Kelly at 17:32 and zipped home the fifth goal.

The teams split singles in the final period with Clay Chapman at 10:01 from Paul Foy for Dynes and E. Cairns at 18:36 for the Rangers. Dave MacInnis and Leo Fex received assists.

Dan Tonello put the Merchants in front at 4:21 of the first period from Bob Satchel and Charlie Saito.

They managed to hold this lead until 14:44 when Shultons' John Lightfoot and Cam Sargent combined with Lightfoot putting the puck past John Killer.

But it was all Shultons in the final period with Bob Mitchell putting his team ahead for the first time at 3:51 from Bruce Sackfield and Gary Stamp.

Then it was Charlie Gruber at 4:34 from Stamp and Mitchell and Stamp at 12:02 to round out the scoring. Assists went to Mitchell and Gruber.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Dynes	16	10	4	2	76	55	22
Shultons	16	7	5	4	59	58	18
Willowdale	16	8	7	1	78	71	17
Aurora	16	2	11	3	49	78	7

SCORING LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts
Earl Cairns, W.	17	13	30
Tom Kelly, D.	7	21	28
Gary Stamp, S.	11	15	26
Leo Fex, W.	15	10	25
Dave MacInnis, W.	7	17	24
Doug Stubbs, D.	9	13	22
Gary Durie, W.	8	13	21
Matt Kinnari, D.	11	9	20
Clay Chapman, D.	5	15	20
P. Warmington, W.	6	13	19
Paul Foy, D.	11	8	19
Jack Dubkowski, S.	4	14	18
Ted Murrell, A.	13	4	17
Bud Stubbs, D.	7	10	17
Bob Satchel, A.	4	12	16

FUTURE GAMES

(Richmond Hill Arena)
February 21, 9:15, Aurora vs Willowdale; 10:30, Dynes vs Shultons.

PLAYOFFS

Semi-Finals — Best of Three
February 28, 9:15, 1 vs 3; 10:30, 2 vs 4.
March 7, 9:15, 2 vs 3; 10:30, 1 vs 3. (if necessary).
March 7, 9:15, 2 vs 4; 10:30, 2 vs 4.
(The finals will be the best-of-five games).

NEWMARKET: Increases in the Bell Telephone rates for Queensville will be increased March 1. Residence service on a private line will now cost \$4.40, two-party line \$3.45, and multi-party line \$3.15. These new rates show increases of 25c, 20c and 10c. Business lines go up \$1.10 to \$9.10 a month.

Orillia Forces Sudden Death

Orillia defeated Surf Marine Juveniles 3-1 in the third game of the second round of OMHA Playdowns Monday night in Orillia. This tied the round at a win and a tie for each team and necessitated a fourth sudden-death game Wednesday night in the local arena.

The juveniles' regular defencemen, Wayne O'Brien with a leg injury and Nelson Lund sidelined with the flu, did not make the trip.

Orillia scored three goals in the first period. In the second Rod Chapman scored for Richmond Hill on a pass from Dave Broderick. Actually the score did not indicate the play in the second and third periods as the locals carried most of the play but could not get the puck past the Orillia goalie who played an outstanding brand of hockey.

Coach Bill Points says, "It was just not our night," and complimented the players on giving everything they had until the final whistle. He says if they put the same effort into Wednesday's game they will win the big one.

BOWLING RESULTS

ABC MEN'S MAJOR

Tony's Esso put a damper on Hall's Fuel Oil's hopes for a series win and a playoff berth by taking the league leaders for seven points, Tony's did this on the strength of John Moore's second 900 triple (905) of the year. Hall's Fuel Oil must now win one game to clinch a playoff spot and a tie for first place in the series. With this being the last night and three other teams with chances for second place there will be a lot of yelling in the bowling lanes tonight.

Here are the standings: Hall's Fuel Oil 51, *F Powell Fencing 49, Tony's Esso 46, Team 6 45, Richmond Inn 42, *ABC 1 37, ABC 2 34, Chase & Taylor Realtors 32, Allencourt Lanes 27, Wilson Niblett Motors 23, Michael's Gift 17, Donoghue's 14, 17. *Winners of first series.

High triples for the week 905 John Moore, 885 G. Dunn, 879, N. Thomas, 827, T. Davidson, 819 W. Dorrell, 817 B. Costoff, 786 H. Knuckey, 785 F. Price, 776 D. Fettes, 761 B. Murray.

High average standings: N. Thomas 251, N. Roberts 250, B. Julian 246.

ALLENCOURT LANES

John Moore and Tim Saul stole the show in this week's action at Allencourt Lanes.

John had games of 337, 370 and 268 for a 975 triple. Tim came through with 279, 391, 304 for a 974 triple.

Following were Andy Kovacs with 899, Art Higgins 867, Herb Lyons 856, Ian Cameron 827, and Jack Hill 802.

In team action Turnbull Groceries whipped Richmond Auto Wreckers for 7 and Cardinal Insulation did the same to Tom Hughes Shell. In 5-2 splits it was Watt's Real Estate over Manufacturers Life, Allencourt Electronics beat Richmond Inn, Bob's Delivery Service over ABC Bowl and Allencourt Lanes took Allencourt IGA.

In the high average race Al Richardson remains on top with 269 followed closely by Art Higgins at 268, Gord Hobson 267, Tim Saul 265, and Stan Shadoff 263.

Standings: Cardinal Insulation 14; Turnbull Groceries 12; Allencourt Electronics 12; Allencourt Lanes 9; Bob's Delivery Service 8; Allencourt IGA 6; Richmond Auto Wreckers 5; Watt's Real Estate 5; Richmond Inn 4; ABC Bowl 4; Tom Hughes 3; Manufacturers Life 2.

ALLENCOURT YOUTH LEAGUE

Standings: Junior League — The Jets and the Jaunters are tied for first place with 25 points.

Girls — High average goes to Denise MacDonald with 213; high triple, Gayle Bartlett with 872 (331); Sandy Glass 640 (237); and Berl Doyle 637 (238). Singles, Denise MacDonald 241; Elizabeth Bone 228 and Lynn Hopkins 217.

Boys — High average Bill Barker 204; high triples Bob Carton 711 (308); Doug Webster 672 (249); Bill Barker 652 (272); and Mike Parrett 606 (220); singles, Stacey Richard 271; Danny Peterson 248; Ray Coker 216; Frank Stanway 206; and Tim Whelan 205.

STOUFFVILLE: Eight-year-old Keith Acton, set a provincial speed-skating record in the bantam class of open competition at Ottawa recently. He topped five other entrants in the open-air finals and received two plaques, a trophy and a centennial medallion. His brother Kevin, 13, placed third in the juvenile division, in spite of a badly sprained ankle.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Shinny On Your Own Side

One of the busiest places in town these winter days is the ice surface on the Mill Pond, as hundreds of citizens don their skates and enjoy the healthful recreation of outdoor skating.

Our photographer recently caught (left to right) young Tim Flemming, Darrell Morley and Gordon Sinfield as they engaged in a game of old-fashioned shinny, always a young boy's delight.

A beauty spot winter or summer, the Mill Pond adds considerably to the recreational facilities of the town as any of the youngsters in the picture above will attest.

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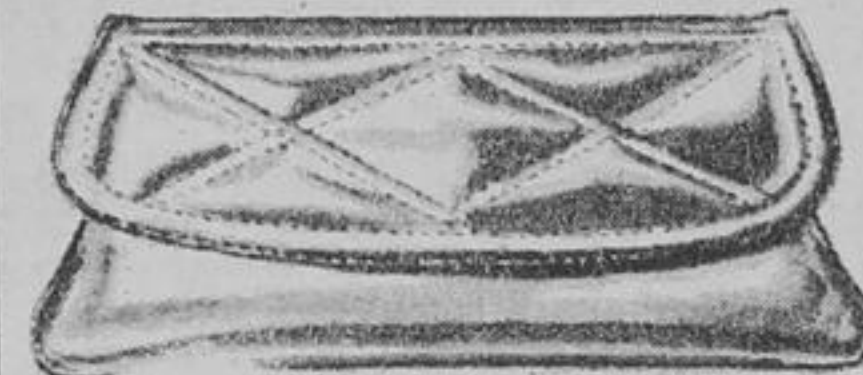
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