

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets won up the 1966-67 hockey season Saturday at the Thornhill tournament in a winning way.

In the first game the Hillers knocked out the strong Milton Club by the score of 3-0. Marksmen were Bodnar, Hutchinson and Dunkley with Hopson, Wright and Hutchinson earning assists.

With a better goals for and against record, the Legionnaires drew a bye into the finals, where they met their arch-rivals, Aurora. The local lads made no mistakes and won the championship 2-0. Goalgetters were Hopson and Dunkley with assists from Bodnar and Murphy.

The North York and Orillia trophies were presented to the Legion for safekeeping.

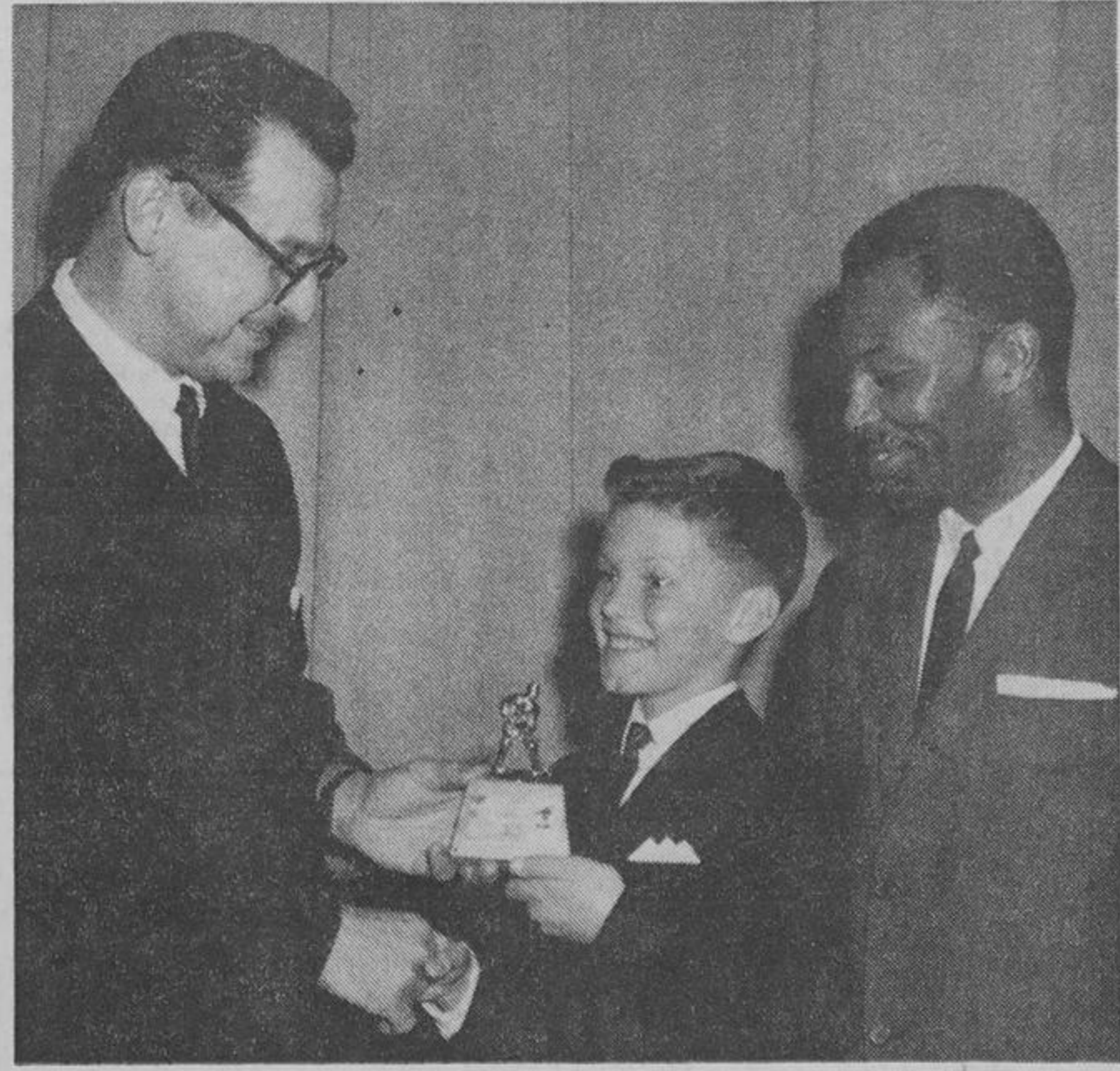
The players, coach and manager expressed their thanks to the sponsor, the executive of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association and parents for support in so many ways during the season. A large part of the boys' success this year was doubtless due to them. The coach and the manager also thanked "A great bunch of players, whose conduct, play and altitude was a credit to the town and made their job so much easier."

This tourney brought the season to a successful close. In recapitulation, the team went to the finals at the Orillia Tournament at Christmas, won the North York post season playoffs and the Thornhill Tournament. They played 60 games, won 34, lost 19 and tied 7. Seven of the losses were against Oshawa and Barrie, two of the best midget teams in Ontario. The wins include 15 shutouts, indicating superlative goalkeeping, and the boys scored 205 goals with only 128 against. This is a goals against average of 2.0.

April 17 the midgets were the guests of Richmond Hill Legion.

AURORA: Joseph Hofbauer, 2, of Aurora, died in Hospital for Sick Children April 19 from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident March 10.

The boy was riding with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hofbauer of Seaton Dr., when their car collided with another on Highway 11 south of Oak Ridges.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Most valuable player on the team award was presented to Bill Stephenson by Coach Sil Steffan of CFGM Novice Hockey team (left) while Assistant Coach Gary Smith looks on. The presentation took place after the annual banquet held in the Lions Hall April 18. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stephenson of 92 Laverock Avenue.

Honor Radio Kids At Banquet

Each of the 15 young boys on the roster of Richmond Hill's Novice OMHA entry, CFGM Country Gentlemen, went home from the season's end banquet April 18, proudly carrying two individual trophies — in fact five boys had three — and two crests with another crest still to come. Scene of the happy event was the Lions Hall.

During the past hockey season the radio kids won five trophies: North York League championship, OMHA Zone Championship, "B" Championship at the Brampton Easter Tournament (the first time this trophy has come to Richmond Hill), finalists in Brampton Tournament; and consolation round at Nap-pee.

They played 61 games, won 38, tied 8 and lost 15. They scored 193 goals and had 98 shutouts against them. Seventeen goals — Craig Richardson averaged 2.05 goals per game and Mark Edwards only 1.5. McColeman, who represented the goals a game. This record won

the Richmond Hill Hockey Association's award for the best goalie on the local OMHA teams for Mark. Bill Stephenson was awarded the RHHA trophy for the boy contributing the most to the team in the opinion of his teammates. Most popular player on the team award went to Jim Clement. This award was also decided by the players themselves voting for the boy who represents the team in the desired manner — on the ice, in the arena and around the town — a real Country Gentleman.

Rick Hampton, who had 37 goals and 23 assists for a total of 60 points, earned the leading scorer trophy. The award for most improved player over the season, selected by the coaching staff, was taken home by Jeff Swizer.

Participating in the presentations were Coach Sil Steffan, Assistant Coach Gary Smith, Manager Joe Hampton, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Gary McColeman, who represented the sponsors, CFGM radio station,

Mr. McColeman accepted, for the sponsor, a picture of the team and framed crests won this season.

Sil Steffan paid tribute to his team, staff, sponsor and parents in a rhyming chronicle of the season. "This was a team," he said. "The other team might win but our team NEVER LOST."

After a rousing cheer for the parents who had given wholehearted support during the year, Mike Cronkwright presented Coach Steffan with a gift from the boys, Jim Clement made a similar presentation to Assistant Coach Smith and Mark Edwards to Manager Hampton. These gifts were handsome travel clocks, suitably engraved.

Coach Steffan was the most surprised person present when he discovered the team boasted another rhymster. Young David Curtis, who had scored 14 goals and 23 assists during the season, rose and read a poetic tribute to the coaching staff and parents.

On behalf of the parents, Alex Campbell thanked the coaching staff for its efforts during the year. "We realize how extremely fortunate we are to have such outstanding gentlemen on the coaching staff and are so very grateful that you have led our young gentlemen during the past season," Mr. Campbell said.

Three rousing cheers ended the evening's tributes, but in spite of the fact that the Maple Leaf-Black Hawk final game was well underway, parents and boys were in no hurry to bring their happy hockey associations to an end. Many lingered to exchange reminiscences and admire the trophies and awards.

Played 75 Games

Season Ends For Lion Pee-wees With Thornhill Championship

Richmond Hill Lion Pee-wees brought the hockey season to a close by adding to their laurels and winning the pee-wee championship at Thornhill Saturday. In a unique experience they competed in three games, scored one goal and had one goal scored against them in each game, and advanced to the next round and the championship on the best shots on goal count.

The Lions practised at Weston Arena Thursday in preparation for this tournament, as the ice is out of the local hockey palace.

They expected to meet Newmarket as they stepped on the ice at Doublelinks for the first contest of the day, but instead faced Thornhill Pee-wees, fresh from their win of the Ontario "B" championship. There was no scoring in the first two periods as the evenly matched teams played high calibre hockey. Thornhill opened the scoring late in the third period, but the Lions roared back to even it up near the end of regulation time. The timekeeper was consulted for the shots on goal count and reported another tie 14-14. A five-minute overtime period resulted. When it was over neither team had been able to score, but Richmond Hill had three shots on goal and Thornhill none in the overtime and the Lions advanced to the next round.

Bramalea was the next opponent. In two previous contests Richmond Hill had been the winners so Bramalea came out to prove themselves. Again there was no scoring until the third period when Bramalea got the first counter. With three minutes to go, and with a man in the penalty box, the Lions pulled their goalie for a fifth attacker and scored the equalizer to tie the score at 1-1 at the end of regulation time. Again the shots on goal count decided the contest, Richmond Hill having 19 to Bramalea's 16, and the local lads earned the right to play in the final series.

Here they met Milton, Ontario finalists, who had earned a bye by scoring the most goals in the first round. Although tired, the Hillers were full of enthusiasm and opened the scoring early. Milton tied things up late in the third period and

again the contest had to be decided by the shots on goal count. At one point Richmond Hill led by seven shots, but Milton came within one shot at one point during the game. The Lions won the game and the tourney by outshooting Milton 19-17.

Against Thornhill Brian Dunlop, unassisted, was the goalgetter. Against Bramalea it was Tommy Sanlon, assisted by Dennis Acomb.

Instead of a large team trophy, each player on the champion team received an individual trophy.

This team won the North York League Winners Trophy, the North York Playoff Trophy, Belleville "B" Championship Trophy and the Thornhill Championship, playing 75 games during the season.

In regular league play, they won 13, tied 2 and lost 1. In the Ontario playdowns they won two games and lost 1. In post league play they won 8 and lost 0. In the playoffs they won 2 games and lost 0. At the Quebec Tourney they won, lost 1; at Goderich they won 1; lost one; at Belleville they won two and lost 1 and at Thornhill they won 3 and lost 0. They won 25 exhibition games, tied 3 and lost 8. In 75 games, they won 55, tied 7, lost 13, scored 278 goals and had 113 scored against them. In addition they held 35 practice sessions.

Hill Lady Curlers Take Barth Trophy

The Richmond Hill Curling Club Ladies have completed their year and following are the Barth Cleaners Trophy schedule winners: Tops is the rink of Rena White, Agnes Richardson, Jean Holtby and Kay Parker. Runners-up are Jessie Wainwright, Betty Sutherland, Irma Ferris, and Marge Points.

Runners-up in the Monday and Tuesday schedule were May Ashkanase, Marion Lendrum, Chris Hopper and Alice Glass. Runners-up in the Thursday schedule were Laura Watson, Jean King, Gwen Rogers and Joan Morton.

SECOND SECTION

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



ARENA START IN JULY

This particular piece of resistance originally started out by saying "the latest on that proposed new arena down at the park is that there is not much latest."

Then came the last minute news that there is a latest. Here it is.

Town council has given two readings to a construction bylaw to the tune of \$360,000. This means in essence that construction will begin on the arena in July which is good news.

A debenture bylaw will be passed later to the amount required when exact cost details have been ascertained. But the \$360,000 covers the entire project although that won't be the total amount used up by debentures.

The July starting date was decided by council due to the uncertainty of winter works subsidies. There has been some indication the building wouldn't be receiving any subsidy.

Another point is that the July date (if it starts in July and don't quote us if it doesn't) will mean a saving of some \$30,000 which would have been lacked on to the original tender price of \$358,350 if the project didn't get underway by November 1.

IT'S LIFE

But, as in all things under the sun, the uncertainties are still much around and don't be too surprised if the situation remains in a state of change.

The only thing you can be certain of in this life is uncertainty. So we'll just sit by and wait, see what happens. But the arena will be up . . . maybe quicker than you think. The word is that once construction gets underway the completion date is 16 weeks.

But one other point on this matter: Work on the arena won't be fouling up the usual summertime pursuits at the town park as it won't get underway — in any case — until near the end of July . . . after the minor ball, tournaments, etc., are hors de combat.

And current plans seem to be to shape a new diamond in the south-east corner of the town park. Work should soon be commenced on that and when it's ready, the old diamond will be forsaken. So much for arena talk and if we're wrong, don't quote us.

JUNIOR "C" HOCKEY

One other little item that emerged from a council meeting last week was the comment by Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins about a couple of proposed approaches to set up Junior "C" hockey franchises in the town.

Floyd, as a representative on the arena board, said he had learned the Ontario Hockey Association was giving out a franchise in the area to a private individual out of town on one hand or to an "interested group" in town.

Floyd was wondering if the arena board should get involved feeling it was an OHA matter entirely. More on this later if it develops.

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