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AND, FROM IT ALL

"It can be a very exhilarating feeling heading down the slopes around 30 to 40 miles an hour on a winter's day," he said. "It gives you a sense of freedom, of being away from it all for awhile."

Think I know what he means even though I've only been on one ski in my life and that was a very long time ago. Must be the same kind of feeling as airplane pilots get. Or at least how one such person expressed it to me.

"You're up there by yourself. Away from it all. You don't want to come down."

But, as in anything, it's all important to know how to get up and get down. It's the same in skiing.

"The theory of teaching persons how to ski," explains Dean, "has changed somewhat from what it used to be. At one time you tended to hand a person a pair of skis, push him off a hill, and go on from there if he survived."

YOU'LL SURVIVE

Dean's method is far different.

"I make certain that the person I'm teaching has the feel of his skis, knows just how to move on them, before he even sees a hill or even snow."

Dean figures it should take the average non-skier about one week of just standing around on skis, moving this way and that way, before he tackles his first slope.

"You'd be surprised how easy it is," he said, "once you know your instruments. It's like learning to drive a car. You're not a driver until you know your car."

Being a non-skier I naturally wondered if Dean taught his proteges the how to land if the skis go one way, you the other.

"If you know how to handle your skis you don't have to worry about falling," insisted Dean. "On the average hill you don't fall. And if you do it's like anything else. You do but you don't get hurt."

Of course, the bigger the hill, the rougher the course, the greater the chance of a spill. But you usually just come up smiling.

"The people who fall are usually the ones who insist on skiing when they're tired. Your chances of tumbling or being hurt are greatly increased if you insist on skiing after you're obviously tired."

EQUIPMENT IMPORTANT

Another important item with skiing is equipment. It's the same as any sport. You have to have the proper equipment.

Which brought up the rather sordid subject of money. It has to pop up sooner or later.

"It's a prestige sport, skiing, to a point," Dean admits. "But you don't have to be a millionaire. When you're starting out you will have to pay around \$100 for your initial equipment."

"I think it's worth the \$100 to find out if you enjoy skiing. If you do — and I think the average person will — you'll be only too willing to pay out more. The benefits are more than worth it."

The people being more and more attracted to skiing are those still-young types who used to ski in their younger days, who got away from it in the past few years, but are getting the bug again.

"We're also hoping to get more high school youngsters interested in it and we are. A few years ago they were taking up curling but I think that's falling away slightly."

"There's more action involved in skiing. At least that's my opinion. You're on your own out there. It's more of a personal thing."

I read somewhere that skiing can be as dangerous as driving a car if you're mentally upset. Dean doesn't necessarily disagree.

"Anything has its element of risk. But I don't go along with the car theory. Not for the average skier."

So that's about it. If you have a spare \$100 kicking around . . . go where the action is. Let's see now. Where did I put that \$100.

SOME SOFTBALL

An abrupt change of pace to note that members of The Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League officially closed out their 1967 season the other night with dance, trophy deal, etc. The Guaranty Trust and the Dave Holt Trophies were presented to the members of the Reid's Auto Body champions.

TOM HUGHES

And good to hear Tom Hughes still has his enthusiasm for sports activities in Richmond Hill. Tom, who sponsored a major fastball team in The Hill, recently presented a sizeable cheque to the executive of the Richmond Hill Junior Hockey Rams to help their way this season. The Rams' sweater will also bear the Hughes name.

YET SOME MORE

Still some sterling performances being turned in by Jim Day of Oak Ridges and his Canadian Club at the Royal Winter Fair last Saturday.

Jim, a member of Canada's equestrian team, tied an indoor record guiding Canadian Club over a seven-foot three-inch high wall in the International Individual Puissance event.

As for the Argos. As for my prediction Gabler would come up with a great game. As for upsetting Ottawa. As forget it.

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CFGM Novices Unbeaten In League Play Lion Peewees Suffer First Loss 11 Starts

CFGM Country Gentlemen Novices remain unbeaten in their first three starts in league play. Last Wednesday the team travelled to Alliston and came away with a close 2-1 victory, and then dumped the South Shore entry 5-2 Friday night at home.

CFGM 2, Alliston 1
 Against Alliston, Grant Ferguson opened the scoring for the Country Gentlemen, netting his third goal of the season, assisted by Bobby Putnam on a well-executed passing play. Mike Rowly, assisted by John Oakley, scored his second goal of the season, which turned out to be the winning goal in a fast-skating, hard-hitting game. GFGM was without the services of their mainstay defenceman, Dave Berseht, who was ill.

CFGM 5, South Shore 2
 Friday night the Country Gentlemen thumped the South Shore team 5-2. Defenceman Dave Berseht demonstrated his ability to skate through the opposition and opened the scoring unassisted early in the first period, his second tally of the season. Bob Russell came right back, assisted by Mike Rowly to put the locals ahead 2-0. Mike Ham caught the opposing netminder unaware with a hard ice shot from well out on CFGM's third marker. Bob Russell earned an assist in setting up the play.

Rowly added his third goal of the season unassisted, with a hard, rising shot early in the third period. Joan Oakley scored his first goal of the season from a close-in play around the net, assisted by Richard Campbell and David Berseht.

John Schaap and Gerry Tipold, the CFGM goal-keeping duo, have been exceptionally sharp between the pipes in all three league games and both are destined to turn in a fine season.

Coaches Sonny Kelleit and Fred Bell are pleased with the team's showing to date, but continue to impress on the boys the need to improve and work hard. CFGM will host the Thornhill novice team this Friday night at 7 pm.

ATOMS
Richmond Hill 2, Oak Ridges 1
 The first game of the season for the North End Cleaner's Atoms proved to be a fairly good hockey game, pleasing the crowd and the coaches.

Coach Joe Ranieri was satisfied with his boys' efforts and said the team seems to have a fair amount of promise.

Scoring for the Hill were Eric Kivimaki and Mike Cronkright, with assists from Kevin Lundy and Ted Brown.

PEEWEEES
First Loss In 11 Starts
Lions 4, Alliston 0
 Wednesday the Lions travelled to Alliston for a league game. Although they didn't play their best for this one, they shut out Alliston while collecting four counters. Goalkeepers were Billy Stephenson, Steven Gordon, Jimmy Clement and Tommy MacRae. Assists were a-

warded to Gordon, Peter Ranieri, Tommy Sanlon, Paul Bailie and Jimmy Clement. Goalie Bobby Clement earned the shut-out.

Lions 9, South Shore 0
 Friday, in a league game against South Shore, Bobby earned another shutout as his team mates connected for nine tallies.

The Lions opened the scoring eight seconds after the starting whistle with Ricky Sackfield winning the face-off, with assists to linemates Gordon and Sanlon. At 2:16 Allan Graham clicked, assisted by Kevin McKeage and Val Stefan, unassisted, made it 3-0 at 7:34.

In the second Peter Ranieri sank a low one from the point unassisted, at 2:01. Paul Bailie added another from his point, assisted by John Clement, at 7:36 and Stefan got his second from his centre ice position, with assists to Graham and Clement, at 13:26.

In the third Ranieri got his second as South Shore fell apart. Tom MacRae, assisted by Charlie Lunau and Steve Sexton, scored at 7:36 and Richmond Hill finished it off when Gordon scored on a pass from Sanlon.

Lions 7, Oshawa 5
 Saturday, the Peewees visited Oshawa for an extended hour and a half game at the new municipal auditorium. The Lions opened the scoring at 5:05 of the first, Ricky Sackfield being assisted by Sanlon and Ranieri. Oshawa tied it up while the Lions were short-handed. The Lions came right back and Jim Clement shot one in at 8:45 from Stephenson, who received a pass from Terry Rice.

In the second period the Lions played hard and MacRae scored at 2:45, assisted by Lunau and Sexton, while Oshawa was short-handed. Oshawa shot one in at 11:17. The Lions scored again at the 14 minute mark, Sanlon getting the counter, assisted by Gordon and Sackfield and Terry Rice set up the play. Oshawa came back to make it 4-3.

In the third, looking for insurance, the Hillers scored again, Graham assisted by McKeage. Oshawa retaliated at 5:12 and Lunau was the Lions' marksman, assisted by Ranieri, at 14:32. Sexton on a solo try put the puck in the net at 18:46 and Oshawa scored the final goal of the game at 18:46.

Barrie 2, Lions 1
 Sunday, Barrie came to the local arena for an exhibition contest. The Lions matched their opponents but relaxed long enough to allow Barrie to outscore them 2-1. Sanlon was assisted by Sackfield and Ranieri on the only local goal. Both Barrie goals were start-

ed by defensive errors at centre ice. Lack of practice has not allowed our boys to perfect their skills but this will be taken care of as practice time has been arranged.

No games will be played at home this weekend, the Lions playing at Newmarket Friday and Barrie Saturday.

Sunday's loss was the first for the Lions in 11 starts. They have allowed only 17 goals while scoring 52.

BANTAMS
Seventh Straight Win
North End Cleaners 3, York Steel 1
 Wednesday night in an exhibition game against York Steel at Doublelinks, North End Cleaners were on the long end of a 3-1 score. York Steel is one of the top teams in Metro.

Goal getters for the Cleaners were John Barnett, assisted by Robbie Sackfield and Chris Andrews; Sackfield from Andrews and Barnett and Andrews unassisted. The team played particularly well defensively with Larry Keelett being the defensive star and Scott Mabley also being outstanding on defense.

Up front Barnett and Steve Cronkright were particularly impressive. Probably the smallest bantams in the area, they are always a threat when on the ice. Dave Addley contributed his usual standout game in goal.

This is the Cleaners' third straight win against top Toronto competition.

Cleaners 12, South Shore 1
 The Cleaners racked up their seventh straight win Saturday in a league game against South Shore, and bombed the opposition to a 12-1 score. Andrews, Larry Kelleit and Mike Ball each came up with a pair and Dennis Acomb, Bill and Dick Weber, Ranieri, Sackfield and Johnny Gropp, each added singles.

MIDGETS
Legion 5, Alliston 0
 At Alliston Saturday Chris Amos got his first shutout of the season as the Legion defeated their hosts 5-0. Beanie Methe scored unassisted; Steve Addley, playing well offensively and defensively, clicked for two, assisted on one by Paul Brown and Barry McKillop; Billy Wright added a singleton on a pass from John Dunkley and Hal Murphy; and Jimmy Ball assisted by Methe, made it 5-0.

Legion 4, Thornhill 0
 Sunday, at home, the Legion took on Thornhill in one of the best games of the season and bested them 4-0, in spite of missing Darrell Rice, the big gun, who was suffering from concussion and a bad knee. Little Paul Brown was one of the stars, but every player in the lineup played well.

John Dunkley contributed a hat trick, with Hal Murphy assisting on all three and played well going both ways. Jerry Methe scored unassisted, hand-

ing the puck well. Offensively and in killing penalties Addley was very effective and it is forecast he will be among the top scorers by season's end.

The last period of a real tough game was marred with a number of injuries. Dunkley had to have four stitches above the eye and McKillop suffered a nasty hit on the nose, with others receiving minor injuries.

Next Sunday the Legion plays at Newmarket at 1 pm and the following Sunday will meet a top-rated team in the local arena at 2:30 pm.

JUVENILES
Surf Marine 6, Beeton 3
 Last Sunday Surf Marine Juveniles played Beeton in a scheduled North York League game and won 6-3. Larry Shier opened the scoring at 18:33 of the first period on a pass from Chris Hobson and Bill Houke. Bill Spicher tallied for Beeton to end the first period 1-1.

In the second period, Richmond Hill scored four goals; Shier from Houke, Wilson Ross unassisted, Roy McBrien unassisted and Harvey Gordon from Chris Dunlop and John Shropshire. Sunnerton and Doyle scored for Beeton.

In the third Hobson scored

on a pass from Dunlop and Gordon to end the scoring. Defenceman Tony Caven will be missing for the balance of the year due to a recurring back ailment. Jack McAuley, who has been sidelined with a broken finger, is expected to return to the club shortly. Dave Broderick, a stalwart forward with the juveniles has joined the ranks of the junior "C" club.

Next Sunday the juveniles will host Bolton at the local arena at 1 pm.

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