# Rowley, Steffan, Gordon And Rice All Produce Hat Tricks

**NOVICES**

**Win 3, Lose 1 In Holidays**

The radio kids travelled to Bradford December 21 and earned a close exhibition victory over a scrappy Oak Ridges squad. Defenceman Dave Berseth was the driving force scoring both CFGM goals unassisted. Mike Green and Gord Sutcliffe combined for Oak Ridges' only tally.

**Brampton 3, CFGM 2**

The Country Gentlemen hosted a strong Brampton team December 22 at the local arena and despite losing the exhibition game by a single goal played an impressive game. The same Brampton team dumped the radio kids 5-0 in an earlier exhibition game.

Mike Rowley scored early in the second period to tie the game, getting help from Grant Ferguson and Bob McCullough. Brampton netted two more tallies before Ferguson came back to score the Hillers' second goal, unassisted.

**CFGM 6, Camp Borden 1**
**CFGM 2, Camp Borden 0**

The Country Gentlemen hosted Camp Borden December 29, then travelled to Camp Borden the next day and came up with back-to-back league game victories.

**December 29 Mike Rowley played a sparkling game, coming through with a hat trick plus, in scoring four goals for the Hillers. Mike scored his first goal unassisted, Dave Berseth assisted on the second, Bobby Putnam and Malcolm Johnston helped on the third and Johnston on the fourth.**

Other goalgetters were Mark Morrison, assisted by Gordon Bedwell and Dave Berseth unassisted. After Camp Borden scored early in the first period, the radio kids came to life and had complete control from there on.

Playing in Camp Borden December 30 the Country Gentlemen found their hosts to be tougher competition than the night before. Dave Berseth opened the scoring, assisted by Gordon Bedwell. John Oakley completed the scoring for the Hillers with an unassisted goal, resulting from a goalmouth scramble. Goalies John Schaap and Gerry Tipold shared in shutting out the Camp Borden Squad.

**ATOMS**

**Don Mills Tournament**

In the first round, a two-game total-score, Richmond Hill bowed to Dorset Park Scarboro, of the THL 6-2.

The first game ended with the score Dorset Park 5, Richmond Hill 1.

The second game was tied at 1-all.

Scoring the only goal in each game was Mike Cronkwright, assists going to Kevin Lundy and David Mallory.

In the consolation series December 26 at North York Centennial Arena, Richmond Hill defeated Dorset Park SHA 1-0. Scoring for the Hill was David Mallory, with assists to Kevin Lundy and John Greenfield.

In the second game December 28 at Don Mills Arena, Ted Reeves was on the long end of a 6-1 score. The Richmond Hill goal was scored by Mike Cronkwright from Jim Graham and Ted Brown.

**PEEWEES**

**Win 6, Tie 1, Lead League**

Wednesday, December 27 the Lions visited Leaside for an exhibition game. Leaside opened the scoring at the four-minute mark, but the Lions were the winners 7-3. Goal getters for the Lions were Val Steffan with a hat trick, Steve Gordon, Chuck Lunau unassisted, Sanlon and Steve Sexton. Assists went to Terry Rice, (2), Alan Graham, Tom Sanlon, Sackfield, Tom MacRae and Jim Clement.

**Defeat Camp Borden 6-0**

Friday, Dec. 29 The Lions returned to regular league play at home defeating Camp Borden 6-0. Scorers were Steve Gordon with two, Jimmy Clement, Peter Ranieri, Chuck Lunau and Tom Sanlon. Bobby Clement earned another shutout.

**Defeat Camp Borden 5-2**

Saturday, December 30 The Lions travelled to Camp Borden for a return match. Final score was 5-2. Marksmen were Peter Ranieri, Sanlon with three goals, and Val Steffan. Gordon, Bailie, Steffan, Ranieri and Sackfield were active in the assist department.

**Tie Bantams 4-all**

Sunday December 31, ice time became available and a hurriedly arranged game took place with a makeup team of house league bantams at the town arena. This was the Lions' eighth outing in 10 days — seven games and a practice. The bantams were out to win this one, but the Lions gave it all they had and managed a 4-all tie.

Lions goalgetters were Kevin McKeage, Steve Sexton and Tommy Sanlon with two. Sanlon's second goal came in the last minute when the Lions pulled their goalie for a sixth attacker and tied it up at 19:26.

Assists went to Steve Sexton, Ranieri and MacRae. Bantam goals came from the sticks of Peter Agg with two counters, Peter Barnett and Mike Hall. Ricky Bolingbrooke, Ross Cameron, Brian Rice, Glen McMaster and Roger Bacci earned assist points.

**Defeat York Mills 13-1**

Friday, December 22 the Lions hosted York Mills of the THL for an exhibition contest. The Hillers had their skating legs but the competition was slow, so the Lions were able to practice passing plays with the outcome 13-1 in their favor. Scorers were Gordon with four tallies, Rice with three for a hat trick birthday present, Lunau with two, and Sanlon, MacRae, Clement and Steffan with one each.

**Defeat Bantams 4-1**

Saturday, December 23 the Lions took on a bantam team from the house league at Doublerink. The bantams were arranged on short notice and never had played before as a team. Final score was 4-1 for the Lions.

Marksmen for the peewees were Val Steffan, Sanlon, Sackfield and MacRae, with assists going to Paul Bailie (2), Sackfield, Gordon (2), Sanlon, Clement. For the bantams Danny Goldring was the goalgetter.

**Trounce Bramalea 6-1**

Sunday, December 24 the Lions turned in a shaky first period but came to to life in the second and trounced Bramalea 6-1. Goalgetters were Steffan with another hat trick, Gordon with two, Sanlon with one. Assists went to Sanlon (3), Sackfield, Rice (2), Clement, Ranieri and Rice.

**BANTAMS**

**Played Seven Games**

In a league game December 19 the North End Cleaners defeated Newmarket in Newmarket 5-2. This game saw rather slow skating, both teams playing spotty hockey, but Richmond Hill held the edge.

December 22 in Peterboro against a tremendous team, the Cleaners turned in the finest game they have ever played to shellack their hosts 6-1.

Sunday December 24, in a rather lackadaisical effort at Doublerink the Hillers came out on the short end of a 2-0 score against Toronto Aces.

**Riverside Tournament**

In the first game of the Riverside Tournament played December 27, the Cleaners defeated Leamington, pre-tournament favorities, 7-0. In the second game of a two-game total-goals series, Thursday, the local team didn't play quite as well and won 4-1.

The same day they took on their neighbors from Newmarket in the semi-finals and lost 4-1 with Newmarket holding a good edge in play and dominating the game. Newmarket was defeated in the championship game by Riverside. The Cleaners had beaten Newmarket in their only other meeting this season.

**On and off the ice local players were a credit to their town, to their parents and to their coaches. A group of very well-mannered boys, they took victory gracefully and defeat as well. They were 100% good sports.**

December 30 the Cleaners held a good territorial advantage over Camp Borden throughout the game and came out with a 5-0 victory.

During the seven games the Cleaners won five and lost two, they scored 28 goals and allowed only 10. Johnny Barnett was the big gun with seven goals and four assists, Bill Weber followed with four goals and six assists, John Gropp had three goals and seven assists, and Dick Weber three goals and six assists. Robbie Sackfield also collected six points and Chris Andrews five, with all other players picking up points.

**MIDGETS**

**Orillia Tournament**

In the first game of the Orillia Tournament at noon December 28, Richmond Hill Legion Bantams defeated a big, strong club from St. Catherines 7-0, as they checked them right into the ground. The Hillers played a perfect game of flawless hockey coached by Greg Bodnar. Scorers were Hal Murphy and Steve Addley with two each, Cliff Lynham, Gerry Methe and Wayne Pollard. Assists were earned by Daryl Rice, Murphy and John Dunkley with two each, McKillop, Lynham, Jim Hamilton and John Bromley with one each.

The Legionnaires met Peterboro, a much weaker team, in the night game and suffered a 4-2 defeat, ending their hopes of going on. Gerry Methe was assisted on the first goal by John Dunkley and Hal Murphy and Jim Ball clicked for the second goal, assisted by Daryl Rice.

**Thursday night the Legionnaires will play at Aurora and will host Alliston Sunday in league games. They intend to settle down and give their all to win a pennant in the North York League. To do so they must win all remaining games and particularly they must defeat Barrie.**

The team was appreciative of strong fan support at the Orillia Tournament, particularly from the members of last year's club.

**JUVENILES**

**Bowmanville Tournament**

Saturday the Surf Marine Juveniles played in the Bowmanville Tournament and won their first game against Belleville. The score was tied 1-1 but Richmond Hill had scored the first goal and was awarded the game. Wayne Harrington scored the counter on a pass from Bill Huke in the first period. Belleville tied it up in the third.

In the afternoon the juveniles met a strong Milton club in the semi-finals and lost 5-1. In the second period Chris Dunlop scored unassisted and Milton tied it up. The roof fell in during the third period as the Hillers became completely disorganized and allowed Milton to bulge the twine four times to end the game.

Sunday the juveniles played Nobleton in an exhibition game and lost 6-3. Larry Shier scored unassisted for the Hill and Nobleton tied it up in the first. In the second Roy McBrien scored from Harvey Gordon and Gordon from Keith Russell and Nobleton got a singleton. In the third Nobleton took advantage of a Hill defensive lapse to score four goals to end the game.

Dave Broderick, Ron Haldane and Wilson Ross missed the weekend games because of the 'flu.

January 2 the juveniles played at Woodbridge. Thursday they will play at Aurora at 9:45 pm. Sunday Aurora returns to play at the local arena at 1 pm. All three games are league fixtures.

# Jewellers Wallop Canadians 9-1 In 1st By 3 Points

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers untouchables are still rolling along.

They did it again last week, winning their sixth game in a row as they walloped Downsview Canadians 9-1 to move to first place by three points.

Don Mills Comets hold down second place one point behind after edging Newmarket Sports 7-6. Third place Toronto Shultons found the sledding tough losing 6-4 to Willowdale Rangers.

The individual scoring leadership also lies in the hands of a Dynesman in the person of Tom Kelly who has compiled 29 points to date via 8 goals and 21 assists.

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The Jewellers' game was strictly a blast-off as a five-goal outburst in the first period carried the Richmond Hill team to a lopsided victory.

Bob Gibson started the onslaught off at 5:43 on passes from Matt Kinnari and Clay Chapman. Then it was Chapman's turn at 10:26 from Al Hume; Doug McInnis at 14:51 from Kinnari; Doug Stubbs at 16:05 from Hume and Kelly; and Kinnari rounded out the first period drive with a goal at 17:27 from Chapman and Gibson.

The Canadians managed a goal of their own in the first period with Bill Fleming doing the honors.

But the Jewellers jumped to the offensive again in the middle period with another three goals to lead 8-1.

Stubbs opened the scoring at 11:54 with assists going to Kelly and McInnis.

Then it was Kelly's turn at 15:59 as he whistled home a drive assisted by Hume and Bob McKinnon; and Hume ended the scoring at 18:04 from Kinnari and Don Hill.

The third period saw Hume scoring the only goal at 2:21 from Gibson.

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The Comets forged ahead of the Shultons with a hard-fought win against Newmarket.

Don Mills got off to a flying start in the first period taking a 4-2 lead, led 6-4 at the end of the second.

Bill Ing and Leo DeRocher paced the win with two goals apiece with singles going to Cal George, Bob Smith and Paul Smith.

Mike Lunney and Ike McKnight handled the scoring honors for the losers with two goals apiece. Helping out with a goal each were Rich Lunney and Ike O'Reilly.

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Shultons faded into third place at the hands of the Rangers. Six individual players got into the scoring act for the winners.

Scoring were Earl Cairns, Dave MacInnis, Jack Robeson, Bruce Lytle, Dick Whitbread and Pete Warmington.

Also sharing goals apiece for the Shultons were Bob Ritchie, Rod Kelson, Carm Sargent and Charlie Gruber.

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**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

| | W | L | T | G | A | Pt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Richmond Hill** | 8 | 2 | 0 | 59 | 35 | 16 |
| Don Mills | 6 | 3 | 1 | 49 | 38 | 13 |
| Toronto | 6 | 4 | 0 | 56 | 39 | 12 |
| Willowdale | 4 | 5 | 1 | 46 | 48 | 9 |
| Newmarket | 3 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 45 | 7 |
| Downsview | 1 | 8 | 1 | 36 | 86 | 3 |

**LEADING SCORERS**

| | G | A | Pt. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Tom Kelly, R.H.** | 8 | 21 | 29 |
| Bob Ritchie, T. | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| **Doug Stubbs, R.H.** | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| Gary Stamp, T. | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Dave MacInnis, W. | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Leo DeRocher, D.M. | 12 | 5 | 17 |

**FUTURE GAMES**

January 9, Richmond Hill Arena, 8:15, Downsview vs. Toronto; 9:45, Richmond Hill vs. Don Mills; 8:45, Willowdale vs. Newmarket.

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# ... Sport Spots ...

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your red scarf, little body shaking convulsively in the wind, wonderful. Then to the rink, feet frozen, ears nipped, snow to shovel, snow to sit on while donning skates, fingers threatening to shrivel from the cold, running noses, lost handkerchiefs, wonderful.

Yes, nostalgia, the good old days. What's that? You're heading down to the Mill Pond. Want me to come along? Well, I'll tell you. There's a game going on down at the arena I'd like to see. Good game. Maybe I'll go down to the pond another day. When it's a little warmer out, that is.

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RUSSIAN ROULETTE?

In conclusion:

Undoubtedly the trend today is to indoor artificial rinks because it is a fact we don't get the bitter winters around Toronto that we used to. Now, don't contradict me.

Money is scarce and should be used to its maximum in any winter program. There doesn't seem to be much sense in paying out sums of cash only to have a mild winter and a skating rink more mud than ice.

This is where an arena is the best bet despite the fact it may not be, just may not be, as much fun. Lack of space, of course, is a great handicap at the moment.

But that's just our opinion. We could be wrong. And with my luck (after the above paragraphs) winter will set in tomorrow, last until next May, and be the coldest on record. Russian roulette, Monsieur?

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FINAL NOTES

And for a few notes to wipe the slate clean for 1967.

Those sterling men who fight the fires for the Richmond Hill Fire Department are branching out, sort of. Fire Chief Alf Stong and his boys are collecting skates — any kind of skates — for Indian and Eskimo girls and boys (or Dad and Mom too, if the skates fit) in the James Bay area.

So if you have any old skates lying around (that you don't need) take them to the fire department. Give some youngsters a chance to have some skating fun, too, that otherwise might not be able to.

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SORRY

And abject apologies to Freda Bourke and the King City Badminton team which I had losing a 16-8 game to Brampton in the North York Badminton League. They actually won the game. Oh well. So much for 1967 and guess, just guess what one of my resolutions is for 1968. Sorry, people.

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ON GOLF

Speaking of golf, see that 21-year-old Ben Kern of the Credit Valley Golf Club is continuing to show promise of becoming one of Canada's outstanding golfers.

Ben, who is a business administration sophomore at New Mexico State University, came from nowhere in 1966 to top ranking among Ontario amateur golfers in 1967.

The Ontario Golf Association announced its annual selections over the weekend and six of the top 10 are listed for the first time. Ken is one of them.

Richmond Hill golf enthusiasts will probably recall Ben's startling performance in the Ontario Amateur at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club in 1965.

Ben almost upset the veteran star Nick Weslock taking him to the 18th hole before bowing out of the final.

At the time Weslock said this: "I always think I have an edge when Nerlich (Richmond Hill Pro Ernie Nerlich) spiels off the championships I've won. But it didn't make any difference with Ben. He couldn't have cared if my name was Sam Sausage."

He went on to describe the youthful star as one of the best of the young players he had ever come up against.

Looks like the old Nicker was right.


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# Hi Sports!

Due to the Christmas Holidays there is no action to report from the high school front, however, Chip Martin once again saves the day.

This being basketball season, I wonder how many of you actually know how the game originated.

The first game of basketball was played in December of 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The game was introduced in France, England, Australia and Canada within three years but basketball did not gain international favor until it was added to the Olympic games in 1936.

James Naismith, a Canadian from Almonte in Eastern Ontario and boyhood chum of Tait McKenzie originally conceived the game while attending a YMCA training school in Springfield. The students from this school were to become athletic directors in YMCA's around the world. These students, however, disliked the rigorous course of Swedish and German calisthenics, so the head of the physical education department asked his students to devise a game that would fill the void between football and baseball seasons.

Naismith originally devised basketball with 13 rules, five of which still hold true today:

(1) The ball must be large, light, and easily handled.

(2) The ball may not be advanced by running.

(3) There must be no restriction upon a player getting the ball at any time.

(4) Bodily contact is not permissible.

(5) Goals must be horizonal and elevated.

Naismith's class was comprised of 19 students so two teams of eight were made. For nets, peach baskets which had been found in the basement of the school were used. These "nets" were nailed to a balcony railing which happened to be 10 feet above the floor. Although the original play was inept, the game was an instantaneous success with requests for the rules coming from all over.

## *Chip Martin's Column*

Unfortunately, five years later basketball became less popular for two main reasons. The first reason was that the game restricted the use of YMCA halls to only eighteen people for prolonged periods of time and that the game had become excessively rough. As a result of the Y's condemnation of the sport many youths dropped their memberships in favor of starting teams in dance halls where admission was charged to pay for the halls, and hence, professional teams began to operate.

In the earliest days of basketball a soccer ball was used and by 1894 a slightly larger laced ball was introduced.

In 1937 the laceless ball was adopted and in 1941 the present day molded ball was employed.

In 1893 peach baskets were discarded and a hammock-type basket was used. If a player scored, someone would have to climb up a ladder to retrieve the ball, or else a long pole was used to knock the ball out. Still later, a device using a chain was adopted, so that if someone pulled the chain the ball would be ejected.

It remained for the professional teams to cut a hole in the netting to let the ball fall through (nice thinking fellas!).

In the very early years of the game balcony spectators sat behind the baskets and would direct shots towards or away from the baskets depending where their loyalties lay. In 1895 a wire screen was used but these became dented making them unreliable and tricky. Finally wooden backboards were developed and today glass and metal are also widely used.

More changes for the future? Mebbe. Experiments with a twelve foot high basket (at present height is 10') have been carried out in U.S. universities. The advantage of this is that the game would no longer depend on tall giants to score points. Many of the seven-footers can stuff baskets with little difficulty.

The raised baskets would again place emphasis on shooting and height would no longer be a factor, thereby giving the shorter man a chance. The only problem with the scheme is that coaches who have taller players on their teams are against it for obvious reasons.

Basketball is extremely popular in the United States where over 140,000,000 spectators annually attend games. Of that total 100,000,000 watch high school games. I was unable to locate any Canadian figures but I have a sneaking suspicion that the number of spectators is somewhat less. Come on Canadians, you're not trying!

(Active in high school athletics, Chip Martin is a resident of Richmond Hill)


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