

Rams Lose Again; But Then Maybe In Playoffs...

By FRED SIMPSON
The Richmond Hill Rams now know how Napoleon felt during his retreat from Moscow.

Not good.
But the Rams made it as they closed out the 1967-68 junior "C" season with a 3-2 loss to Lindsay Thursday night here and a 7-3 loss to Ajax in Ajax Sunday. A long retreat. A long season.

So now it's on to playoff time and a best-of-five series against Milton which opens tonight (Wednesday) in the new arena at 8 pm. The Rams then travel to Milton this Friday night for the second game with the third also in Milton Sunday night. A fourth game, if required, will be back in Richmond Hill Thursday night of next week. This Sunday the Hillers tackle the NHL Old Timers

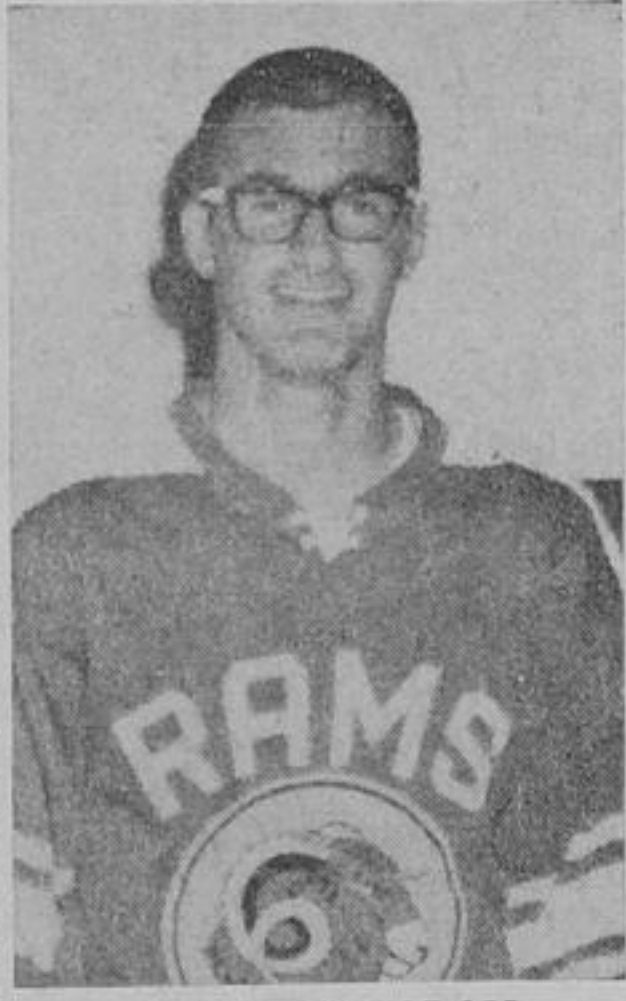
at 2 pm.
Thursday night's game saw the locals come up with a fine effort and could just as easily have won as lost.

The Rams got off on the right foot at 9:44 of the first period on a nice play engineered by Gary Methe. Defenceman Methe carried the puck over his own blue line, shot a long pass to Rod Chapman who scooted around the defence and lifted a high drive which caught the corner behind Brian Davidson.

The lead lasted until 15:41 when Gord Combs put the puck behind Bob Stoddard in a scramble around the net to tie the game at 1-1.

Lindsay took a 2-1 lead at 8:09 of the second period in another scramble as the same Mr. Combs shoved the disk home.

Richmond Hill fought back to tie the game at 2-2 at the



JOHN BOOKALAM
Two-way Effort

3:22 mark of the final period. Spence Natale was the man to get his stick on the puck and drive it home following a melee around the net.
But just a little over a minute later at 4:40 Lindsay popped back into the lead to stay courtesy of Jim Grills.

The Rams received a stand-out effort in goal by Stoddard with John Bookalam being the pick on the forward line with a fine two-way skating effort.

Hard luck Bruce Matson, playing his first game after being out two weeks, was put back on the shelf again when he twisted the same left knee all over again. Larry Watson also had a number of scoring chances pass him by for the locals.

Sunday's game in Ajax saw an undermanned Ram

squad unable to cope with the swift Ajax crew.

Absent from the Hill line-up were regulars Matson, injured, Bookalam, ill, Bruce Mabely, ill, and Gary Charity who was unable to make the game. Replacing them were Juveniles Wilson Ross, Mike Decianis, Harvey Gordeon, and Wayne Harrington.

Pacing the Richmond Hill offensive with two goals was Greg Sephton. Larry Watson got the other goal.
It just wasn't Richmond Hill's game as they trailed 1-0 in the first period and 3-0 in the second.
Offensively for Ajax it was Rod Williams showing the way with two goals with singles going to Bill Morrison, Angus Riddell, Mark Rowland, Dan Piotrowski, and Al Patterson.
John Bork was in the nets for the Rams.

Re-Elect Angus Philip '68 Chairman Of Town Recreation Committee

At the inaugural meeting held last week the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee re-elected Angus Philip, Sussex Avenue, committee chairman for 1968. A member of the committee since 1964, Mr. Philip was completing his first year as chairman. William Naylor, Axminster Drive, another senior member of the seven member group was elected vice-chairman.

The new members recently named to the committee by town council include Russell Cripps, Boisdale Avenue and Andy Chateauvert, Zilda Crescent. The other citizen representative is W. S. Cook, who also served last year. The two council representatives are Deputy-revee Donald Plaxton and Councillor Ivan Mansbridge. The administrator is again Alan White.

Any organization seeking a recreation subsidy during 1968 is asked to file an official form with the administrator at once. Two special meetings will be held during February — one to consider the swimming pool and the other the 1968 budget.
The committee is still awaiting the report of the three member special committee established last November by Mayor Tom Broadhurst to investigate the proposed amalgamation of parks and recreation. The committee is headed by William Ruttie. Serving with Mr. Ruttie is Recreation Chairman Philip and Parks Chairman Shaun Beggs.

BRADFORD: A new-born Guernsey calf at Jamaica Farms on the edge of Holland Marsh weighed in at 141 pounds recently. This is about double the weight of a normal calf at birth. The farm, located off Highway 11 near the Federal Farms, is owned by C. L. Gundy. Many members of the herd have won national and international awards.

cern over future play.

Concerned with the future operation of the Saturday Morning Basketball League, a delegation composed of Mike Hicott and Paul Costello from Richmond Hill High School discussed the matter with the members. Administrator, Al White will serve on the basketball group headed by Tony Berry. With league organizer William Babcock leaving Richmond Hill Hill next year the delegation expressed some con-

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



Be Independent!

Attended a recreation conference in Aurora the other day which brought a few thoughts into focus. A few thoughts, that is, I hadn't thought of for a few years.

They came to me as I listened to the various people give out their invited viewpoints as to what was wrong with the local (Aurora) recreation committee.

And of course there were a number of things that were wrong with it, a number of things that weren't, and a number of other things that could be done to improve upon it.

It boiled down to the question of whether people were being creatively entertained in this age of leisure where society's role is (apparently) to plan your waking moments until you fall fitfully to sleep at night.

Organization. That's the word. Children must be directed into pre-ordained paths from the moment they pop from the crib until they toss away the cane in outbursts of defiance and eventually succumb to the vagaries of old age.

To quote the speaker: "I want my 12 year old fellow to develop physically and to acquire skills that will stay with him for his lifetime. I want him to have the opportunity to react to others and to get others' reactions to himself."

"I want him to learn how to co-operate with others in team effort. Sure, I want him to play hockey and baseball and maybe tennis and golf as well as anything else he finds interesting and challenging. But I hope he has an opportunity to whet his creative appetite and by this I mean both activities in the way of creative hand work and applied imagination using a creative mind."

NOT EVERYBODY?

Is this the role of recreation committees? I don't think so. The part of such a committee is the role of a municipal body that provides this and that for a major segment of the populace. Of course not everyone's covered. Of course people are left out: There's no bridge club, there's no archery club, there's no cricket club, or there's no tidily winks club.

And of course there comes a time when you have to get on by yourself. Plan your own good time, plan your own hours of leisure, plan your own way of disposing of those terrible 24 hours of day of your ONE lifetime.

In other words, recreation is another form of recreation. A body meant to provide a minimum of entertainment for your children, perhaps for yourself. It's not the magic key to carry you through life.

RELAX

The real recreation comes with the realization of every day living which basically involves getting along your own way, of having fun by creating your own fun, by just being children who like to play guns, hide and seek, kick the can, cowboys and Indians, and all that.

In other words, Don't organize everybody to death. Leave the children (basically) alone and let them be. Have recreation. Sure, it's wonderful. But let's not worry about it as if it was the savior of those desolate days when you have to be all by yourself.

Let the children create their own fun. Let the recreation committee create some fun for them. But relax. Stop relying on outside bodies to provide everything for you and junior. They will. But it's going to cost you money.

Now that's a nice note to end on. And to end: Yippee for recreation. But surely it's not the beginning and end of everything. Be organized, but not too organized.

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BOWLING RESULTS

ABC MEN'S MAJOR

The race for first place has really tightened up in the last week. Michael's Gifts, who at one time had a nine point lead, saw this lead dwindle down to a two point margin. Bowdoin Lumber, Powell Fencing and Jack Blyth Insurance all gained the maximum seven points on the leaders who received a big nothing for their efforts last week. Here is the complete team standings after last week's action: Michael's Gifts 38, Bowdoin Lumber 36, Powell Fencing 35, Jack Blyth Insurance 34, Tony's Esso 26, Team 9 24, Allencourt Lanes 21, ABC 2 18, Sterling Drug 18, Wilson-Niblett Motors 16, Hall's Fuel Oil 14, ABC 1 14.

In the high average department, Stew Smith is the leader with 261.
Season's highs to date are: high single flat, S. C. Smith 405; high single with handicap, J. McLean 370; high triple flat, S. C. Smith 893; high triple with handicap, J. Craig 857.
Last week's high triples: N. Roberts 847, B. Haanpa 820, J. Cruise 815, G. Dunn 797, V. Piirto 783, D. Fettes 782, A. Higgins 769, Stew Smith 758, B. Gordon 756, R. Thompson 750.

ALLENCOURT MEN'S MAJOR BOWLING LEAGUE

Bob's Delivery Service captured first place at the end of the second series, edging out Manufacturers' Life. Bob's took four points off Regency Cleaners while Manufacturers' Life could manage only two points off Turnbull Groceries. Allencourt F&C was the only team to get seven points, beating Watt's Real Estate, while Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers upset Cardinal Insulation 5-2. ABC Bowl took five off Richmond Inn and Allencourt Lanes whipped Allencourt Electronics 5-2. Vic Binelli emerged high man for the night with an 803 triple, Harold Howlett had 802, Bob Weeks 792, Karl Hellmich 781, Roy Thompson 774 and Henry McNeil-Smith 772. Fred Hickey holds high average with 264, followed by Bob Weeks and Art Higgins 255, Tim Saul 250, Bob Julian 249, Stan Shadoff 246 and Doug Clubine 245.
Final standings in the second series: Bob's Delivery Service 54, Manufacturers' Life 53, Allencourt Lanes 51, Cardinal Insulation 49, Regency Cleaners 48, Turnbull Groceries 44, Allencourt Electronics 37, Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers 31, Allencourt F&C 29, Richmond Inn 27, ABC Bowl 24, Watt's Real Estate 15.

ALLENCOURT YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Saturday the league roll-offs were completed and the following bowlers will represent our league in the zone finals.

BANTAMS

Girls: singles, Nancy Hoult; doubles, Kim Patten, Cheryl Rogers; team, Darlene Mulle, Kathy Bolton, Elizabeth Vrysen, Linda Jordan, Roberta Findlay.
Boys: singles, John Tipold; doubles, Robert Barker, Paul Jarvie; team, Gerry Tipold, John Anderson, Craig Rayson, Mark Smith, Steven Dengate.

JUNIORS

Girls: singles, Patsy Laird; doubles, Pat Lohman, Robin Hopkins; team, Carol Ann Mowatt, Yvonne Mills, Debbie Weeks, Helma Vrysen, Linda Rigon.
Boys: singles, Ted Green; doubles, Doug Webster, Murray Hill; team, Frank Stanway, Paul Walter, Stacey Richard, Timmy Whelan, Larry Mansbridge.

SENIORS

Girls: singles, Kathy Smith; doubles, Denise MacDonald, Sandra Glass; team, Gayle Bartlett, Beryl Doyle, Brenda Doyle, Patsy Fleming, Linda Maskell.
Boys: singles, Brian Oliver; doubles, Rick Bunston, Bill Barker; team, Bruce Watier, Ian Cameron, Jerry MacDonald, Mike Parrett, Mike Kyte.
The executive of the league extends congratulations to all these young bowlers and wish them every success in the zone finals.

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Old-Timers Hockey

Murray Henderson (left), former Boston Bruins defenceman, and Forward Eddie Litzenger, who played for Chicago, Detroit and Toronto, will play for the NHL Old-Timers when they visit Richmond Hill this Sunday.

The Old-Timers face the Junior "C" Rams at the new town arena at 2 pm.

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