



(Photo by Barbour)

Softball, Already?

Want to get away from it all? The winter and all? Thoughts of summer? Just hustle down to the gymnasium at Richmond Hill's McConaghy Public School and get in tune for the upcoming softball season.

Doing just this are (left to right) Bob Thompson, Coach Ken Stephenson, and Bob Broom. They're working out for the Brenan TV softball team, finalists last year in the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League.

Indoor practices are held every Monday and Wednesday from 7.30 to 10:30 pm.

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



Official Openings

Have always got a boot out of attending openings, official or otherwise. Conversely, I've always religiously avoided those inevitable closings. I even resent the fact I'm going to have to be at my own someday.

And so am looking forward with particular interest to the official send-off this Friday at 7.45 pm of Richmond Hill's new arena.

Let's see now, it seems like it was but a few weeks ago that Mayor Thomas Broadhurst took a shovel and cranked up the first few pieces of turf on the site. Then came the gaping holes and finally, almost painfully, the steel beams started to struggle skyward. That was back in July of historical 1967.

It all started with the arena association's creation of a fact-finding committee under the inspiration of Chairman George Chassie and Councillor William Lazenby, secretary.

Then came the well-prepared brief, presentation to a council which found the proposition too good not to consider, its agreeing to float a \$350,000 debenture with the arena association agreeing to pay the yearly debt charges of \$35,000 over 20 years, and so on.

Key to the project was the association's agreeing to pay off the debentures itself thereby not requiring the amount to be taken off the general tax rate. Council undoubtedly would have turned thumbs down on the latter.

NOTHING'S CHEAP TODAY

Final cost of the arena will amount to about \$400,000 (the building originally was marked for about \$358,000 but the inevitable extras that evolve moved the total up to its present figure) which in these days of booming costs is not bad at all. Take a look at the building if you don't agree. Nothing comes cheap these days and that building came cheaper than it very well might have.

The cost situation was helped greatly by Stran-Steel's co-operation in supplying a complete arena at such a reasonable price. Cost of the arena (without the extras added) amounted to \$358,000 which was \$38,000 lower than the second best out-of-town bidder and \$90,000 lower than the one after that. See what I mean?

Councillor Lazenby ventured his personal opinion that the same arena would cost up to \$600,000 if started today under different circumstances.

But, of course, there are many other hidden advantages. There are many things you can accomplish with a new and bigger edifice.

OTHER ADVANTAGES

There would have been no Junior "C" hockey without it, the big Richmond Hill Legion International Midget Hockey Tournament coming up in April wouldn't have been possible to schedule in the old and small arena, etc.

But the overall benefit is simply that in a town with 20,000 people (and growing) you have to grow with it. A new arena was a necessity to even keep pace. Now you've got it. I think it's been worth the price and will prove to be for those long years, hopefully, ahead of us.

HURR-UMPH!

Also took a brief tour of the arena with Councillor Lazenby the other day.

And being a soul with simple tastes was impressed with the washing-room facilities. Very modern, very roomy, very, very nice.

It's a long way from my early days in dear old Woodstock (the old home town) which had (and still has) an arena that was ancient in the days when King Clancy used to cavort with the Leafs ON the ice.

Wow. There used to be two lineups at every hockey game in those dearly beloved days. The one outside before the game and the one inside after the first period ended.

The washroom facilities—I'm speaking strictly on behalf of the men, now, of course—consisted of one, just one, mean little toilet which was crammed inside a mean little cubbyhole.

On numerous occasions I joined the lineup when the local team was winning at the end of the first period only to find they were losing after I got back sometime in the final period. Honest, it was depressing.

However, that's all in the past. Just a comment on how important the little things in life can be. Hurrr-umph!

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Gary Stamp Top Scorer With 63 Points

Jewellers Clinch 3rd With Win, Meet Comets In Playoffs Sunday

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers nailed down third place in the York-Simcoe Senior Hockey League with an 11-6 walloping of Newmarket Sunday but it may prove to be a dubious distinction.

Their third place finish will see them facing first place finishers Don Mills in the opening best of five semi-final series here March 17.

Don Mills downed Willowdale 6-1 in the triple-header with Toronto Shultons bombing Downsview Canadians 14-1.

The other series will find Willowdale pitted against Toronto Shultons following the Hill opener at 6:30. Gametime for the second game is set for 8:30.

Another development saw Shultons' Gary Stamp move into a tie with the Jewellers Tom Kelly off a four goal and five assist performance against Downsview. Kelly was at a further disadvantage being unavailable for the game against Newmarket.

Stamp now has 63 points from 29 goals and 34 assists for 63 points. Kelly has 17 goals and 46 assists. Stamp's teammate, Bob Ritchie (yes, the former goalie) picked up four goals and four assists in the game.

Rod Chapman opened the scoring at 12:09 for Richmond Hill with Nemarck's Prentice Smith tying it at 16:54. Doug Stubbs and John Mulhall picked up assists on Richmond Hill's first goal.

The same Stubbs made it 2-1 at 18:45 from Clay Chapman but it was Smith again tying it up at 19:49.

The Jewellers moved back into the lead at 2:05 of the second period with Matt Kinnari doing the trick at 2:06 from Rod Chapman.

It was 4-2 at 11:12 with Clay Chapman scoring assisted by Paul Foy and Doug Stubbs. But the persistent Newmarketers rallied for two goals by Bruce Raciott and Glen Townsley to tie it at 4-4.

It was their last big gasp. Richmond Hill moved out in front to stay at 16:40 with Rod Chapman's second goal of the game and Paul Foy followed up at 19:48 with another one. Kinnari and Clay Chapman assisted on this one.

The Jewellers went on the rampage in the third period putting five goals to Newmarket's two. Newmarket opened the scoring at 2:09 but Doug Stubbs came back to score at 11:31 from Clay Chapman and Kinnari.

The Jewellers knocked home two more goals from Doug Stubbs at 12:20 from Kinnari and Mulhall; and the same Mr. Mulhall at 13:06 from Doug Stubbs and Clay Chapman.

Newmarket's Doug Gibbons got one back at 14:23 but Mulhall put the nails in the coffin with two goals at 15:00 from Kinnari and Rod Chapman; and at 18:59 unassisted.

It was a 6-6 tie between Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers and the Downsview Canadians in a game played at Richmond Hill arena Tuesday night of last week.

The Jewellers were forced to come from behind on three occasions to gain the tie. Doug Stubbs opened the scoring at 2:33 on passes from Clay Chapman and Tom Kelly.

Len Perkins tied it up unassisted at 4:26 and the same man put the Canadians in front 2-1 at 5:21 from Bill Fleming.

The Jewellers fought back to tie the game at 2-2 at 17:14 as Bud Stubbs performed the honors from brother Doug and Kelly.

The tie was shortlived as Terry Hayward put the visitors in front once more at 17:54 from Bob St. Pierre.

Downsview knotted it up again with the second period only 30 seconds old with Larry Black blinking the red light from Chapman and Moe Williamson.

Downsview persisted and took the lead once again at 8:01 courtesy of an unassisted effort by John Banks.

But Stubbs came back to tie it at 4-4 assisted by Chapman and Kelly.

The Jewellers got off to a fast start in the final period and took the lead at 10:59 with Paul Foy denting the twines from John Mulhall and Rod Chapman.

But the Jewellers suffered a momentary snag and it cost them two quick goals at 15:14 and 16:59. Bob Proacher and John Banks did the damage.

With time running out at 17:28 Doug Stubbs whacked home his second goal of the night to tie the game at 6-6.

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Automobile Salesmen advertisement. Required immediately, 3 new and used car salesmen for Mercury dealership in Richmond Hill.

Notice advertisement. The Richmond Hill Recreation Committee desires all Recreational and Instructional Activity Groups to send the format of their group.

Playoff Hockey advertisement. St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17). Barrow Insurance Services Ltd. suggests you go to the new Richmond Hill Arena to watch York-Simcoe Senior Hockey League Semi-Final Playoffs.

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Bounty Days are back again at Puddicombe Motors advertisement. Lists various cars like 1967 Cougar Htp, 1967 Mercury Parklane, 1967 Cougars, 1967 Comet 202, and 1967 Rideau 500 with prices.

Eric's Cycle & Sports advertisement. We have a complete line of C.C.M. & Majestic Bicycles \$29.95. As low as \$29.95 at Eric's Cycle & Sports, 25 Yonge St. S., Richmond Hill.

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