



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Civitan Football

Chatting with Bob Thompson and Bruce Venn the other day on the growing pains of the four-year-old Richmond Hill Civitan Football League reminded me of those dear nostalgic days of yore when the world (as far as I'm concerned) was just a bit younger.



BOB THOMPSON

Yes, those were the days. Chilly early days of November when four or five youngsters would meet at the street corner, wait for the other guy to arrive who had the only ball in captivity, and then head over to the front lawn of the school which was the football field.

It was undoubtedly the most unusual football field (that's what we called it, anyway) ever conceived by man. It was small, very small and was ringed by the stately red-brick school building on one side, trees and sidewalks on the others.

There was also a not so stately school janitor who bore the marks of a man continually beset by worry over the grave possibility that a football would find its way through the windows. It finally did thereby relieving him of his worry which, at the time, I thought was very considerate of us.

You should have been eligible for a Purple Heart or some other kind of heroic decoration for having the guts to even think of playing tackle on such a field. But there we were. Three aside sometimes with scores reaching such fantastic proportions as 90 to 8 or 80 to 70. Bruises were a way of life because the only thing between opposing enemies flesh and bone. No helmets, pads, no nothing.

OH, BRUISES

Being one of the smaller (if not smallest) warriors I seemed to inherit every type of bruise known to modern science. It wasn't a good night for me unless I was scraped off the side of the school building, bowled over by a tree, or burned by a sidewalk, at least once.

If this wasn't bad enough the game would be periodically disrupted by the janitor who kept mumbling away about us not being allowed to play on the grass. He'd go away awhile and the game would take up where it left off. Then he'd be back again and the whole horrible process would be repeated.

I think he finally had a nervous breakdown. The last I heard he was in a small, white room still chasing youngsters off the grass. Except there ain't no grass there, ain't no youngsters. We even had a female member who was the roughest, toughest one of us all. She wasn't that big either. Believe me, it was never any fun tackling her.

AAah, nostalgia. But the point of all the above (there surely must have been a point?) was to lead into the Civitan football project which grew from a similar type of street corner scene. "A member of the Richmond Hill Civitan Club, John Lawlor, conceived the idea of forming a football league," said Mr. Thompson.

"You could see a number of youngsters tossing the football around at the park almost every evening. So we thought it might be nice to organize a league." That's just what happened. And it worked. That was four years ago. "It was rough going the first year," states Mr. Thompson. "We got enough boys for two teams and charged each boy \$5 a piece. This enabled us to scrape together helmets and sweaters."

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2 Goals For Rice

Rams Scrapy But Markham Wins

By FRED SIMPSON

If you can be optimistic when you lose, then the Richmond Hill Junior "B" Rams came up with one of their more impressive efforts of the season against a strong Markham squad Tuesday night of last week in Markham.

They lost by 7-3. But they came up with a hard-hitting effort which kept the powerful home team down to a 3-2 lead until past the five-minute mark of the third period before Markham finally forced open the door for three goals and a win.

Paul Raymer was the big thorn in The Rams side with a three-goal effort with single counters by Ron Aston, Dean Sheremeta, and Glen Goldup. Daryl Rice, a Richmond Hill product, came up with one of his more impressive scoring efforts of the season as he drove home two goals with Stan Egerton getting the other one.



DARYL RICE 2-Goal Effort

Egerton, who had been having less than what you might call successful games recently picking up foolish penalties, came up with a solid defensive display. His one goal was a picture effort all the way. The entire team came up with a rugged display, knocking the bigger Markham team at every opportunity which upset their smooth pattern plays.

Aston opened the scoring at the 46 second mark for Markham on a two-man break from center as he took a sharp pass from Goldup and rifled a low shot to the corner past Steve Bushell. Markham's second goal was something of a gift as Ram defenceman Bruce Vass attempted to stickhandle out of his own end, was checked by Bruce Herridge who passed to Raymer who batted it under a falling Bushell. Time was 9:57.

The Rams opened the scoring early in the middle period as Vass carried into the Markham end and centered to Rice standing directly in front of the net and he knocked it home before Goalie Bill Atanasoff could move.

Markham came back at 4:14 to score off a face-off as Roy Kert won the draw and got the puck back to Sheremeta who rifled it through a maze of legs into the corner. Richmond Hill again opened the scoring in the third period at the 25 second mark when Rice knocked the puck behind Markham's net and Egerton raced after it, retrieved it, and then worked his way out in front of the net and backhanded it home in a pretty effort. But the bubble finally burst as Markham rapped home three straight goals before Richmond Hill managed to score again at 15:45.

It was Rice again as he picked up a loose puck in front of the Markham net and slapped it home. John Precious received an assist on the play. Markham also helped to win the Simmer's Trophy a few weeks ago. Are they aiming for that free trip to Bermuda in the spring? *****

Seen curling at the Donalds Club in the Toronto district ladies was the rink of Terry Powell, Ruth Taylor, Donna Stephenson and skip Ruth Mabbett. Good luck, ladies. Willy Beresford's skip entry rink seems to be having its troubles as it lost its fourth game in a row with a close 14-1 defeat by Walt Lavender.

Interest in club bonspiels is increasing now that our football fans have seen their last CNE game. One section at the huge stadium was representing Richmond Hill quite enthusiastically during the early part of the curling season. The only opening for the "Steak Draw" on November 22 appears to be on the 8:30 draw. Other dates to remember are December 13 which gives us the annual Sinners Pogy Bonspiel with 10-end games and dinner included. Very appropriate prizes are to be awarded for December 20. *****

A story circulating about has Jack Shropshire skipping 14 consecutive ends without giving up one to his opponents. If you can beat Jack's record, and prove it, it will be recorded. A rink made up of Jack Shropshire, Ian MacDonald, John Anderson and Gord Brown were recent three game winners at a Tam O'Shanter Invitational Bonspiel. This combination of Jack and Ian also helped to win the Simmer's Trophy a few weeks ago.

Richmond Hill Curling Club. Sinners Pogy Bonspiel December 13 In Aid Of Needy

Undefeated Richmond Hill Curling Club rinks up to and including November 13 are those headed by Bill Mabbett, R. Hepburn, and Gord Charity on Monday night; by Irwin Coneybeare and Gerry Morlock on Tuesday night; on Thursday night by Bob Tompkins, Elgin Barrow and Frank Ellison.

Sunday teenage curling and the Friday night "Mixed" are just getting under way so the results will be reported a little later. It has been noticed, however, that several hard working seconds of past mixed rinks have decided to enter their own rinks.

Good luck to Jim, Ron, John, Ed, Gord and Bill, and especially new members Robert Thompson, Tom Bush and Cam Milani and their rinks. *****

was short a man at the time. An indication of the rugged play of the game was the 30 penalties called during the 60 minutes.

The play was also close most of the way with Markham outshooting Richmond Hill by just 33 to 32. There was one fight in the game and this one saw Vass of Richmond Hill thumping Bill Grant of Markham. Grant didn't do much fighting (too busy ducking) and only picked up a roughing penalty while the more ambitious Vass received five minutes.

Richmond Hill plays host to Whitby next Tuesday night at the town arena. Game time is 8 pm. STANDINGS (As of November 18)

Table with 5 columns: W, L, T, F, A, P. Rows for St. Mike's, Markham, N. York, Dixie, Weston, Aurora, Brampton, Whitby, Etobicoke, Richmond H., Toronto City.

BOWLING RESULTS

ABC BOWLING CLUB. The Apollo's continue to be front-runners with 14 points after the first two nights of the new series. Trailng in second place are The Hillbillies with 12 points.

Four other teams — Arrows, Baby Heifers, Diggers and Padlocks — trail with seven points apiece. Frank Horton led the men with a total of 766 (255, 249, 262) followed by Glenn Eldridge with 694 (271, 214, 209); Karl Reisenweber with 660 (324, 174, 162).

The ladies were led by Shirley Reisenweber with 588 (245, 190, 153); Ann Mansbridge 586 (209, 179, and 207); Jo Anne Eldridge 573 (210, 187, 176).

Art Higgins was high triple game scoreman for the week with a 907 which included a single of 327. Following him were Garry Palmer with 877 (366); Norm Roberts 865 (305); Jake Beresford 851 (302); and Rick Bunston with 831 (310).

High average leader was Bruno Pessin with 257, Norm Roberts with 254, Roy Thompson 254, John Banks 254, Art Higgins 252, Tim Saul 252.



Richmond Hill Curling Club

Call Halt Rowdyism Schomberg Arena

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1,301 Ducks Banded Via Wildlife Staff

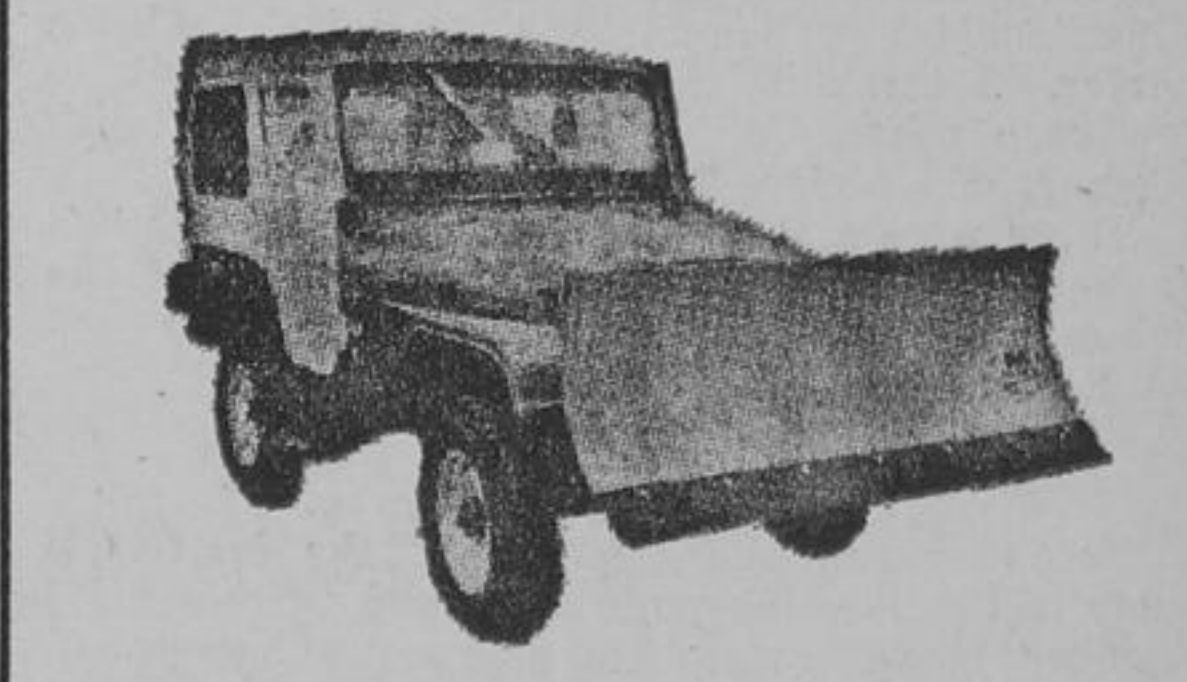
A total of 1,301 ducks have been banded this year in the four locations served by the Fish and Wildlife Section of the Department of Lands and Forests. The number represents a nine percent increase over the 1968 total and consists of: four Mallards, 174 Blacks, 150 Wood ducks, 38 Blue winged Teal, 11 Green-winged Teal, two Widgeon, and two Pintails.

The number of juvenile duck — which are more easily trapped than adults — totalled 74.3 percent to 25.7 percent. Trapping sites were set up in three newly acquired hunting areas: Tiny Marsh, Holland Marsh and the Nonquon River, a private gravel pit in Pickering Township, and at the George Langman Sanctuary where Ted Bagley and members of the Orillia Fish and Game Club carried out banding.

At Farmers' Market Big Wrestling Card

A "grudge" tag team match will highlight tonight's (Thursday) wrestling card at the Farmers' Market in Thornhill beginning at 8:30 pm. The grudge will be between Big Jake Vanderpost of Richmond Hill, Cowboy Morgan of Calgary, and Tony Siriani of Milan, Italy. Ernie Moore of Detroit. Single encounters will see Vilmos Fargus of Hungary opposing Terry Yorkston of Hamilton; Mr. Wrestling vs Bobo Burkowski of Winnipeg; and Swede Anderson against Bernie Livingston of Nova Scotia. General admission is \$1.75, ringside \$2, children 75 cents.

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