

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Bad Year For Leafs

So I thought to myself as I watched Doug Acomb limp (slightly) out of "The Liberal" office. It's a bad year, a lean year to be a Maple Leaf. Even to be owned by them.

Doug, as you may or may not know, is a 20-year-old Richmond Hill hockey player currently suffering through his first year as a professional hockey player with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Pro League. He's owned by The Leafs. Suffering is the ominously appropriate description for Doug's first pro season. At the moment of writing Doug is back home at 362 Sugar Maple Lane almost recovered from a broken instep bone in his right foot. He's been out of action for four weeks but will be heading back to Tulsa sometime this week.

"I stopped a shot," said Doug describing his injury. "It's the first injury I've had. I've missed some games in previous seasons from a couple of operations but not from injuries."

What has been happening to Doug this season is what happens to athletes for unknown reasons. You get off to a slow start and things come along to keep you that way.

"I'm very unhappy with my season to date," stated-Doug matter-of-factly.

This caused me to stutter slightly (more than usual, that is) as the reports show that Centreman Acomb of fourth place Tulsa in his team's second highest scorer. He has 13 goals and 15 assists in 40 games.

AND HE WINCED

You recite this to him and the only response you get is a wince.

"Thirteen goals in 40 games is terrible," he winced. "The puck just won't seem to go in for me this year. I'm skating okay but things just aren't going my way. And being out four weeks will make it even worse."

"I was fully confident of scoring at least 30 goals this season but that's out now."

Doug, who led the Marlies in goal-scoring in his final season in 1968-69, admits that a major reason for his less-than-up-to expectation showing is the better quality of players.

"Most of the players in this league played junior last season and they were the best. So, naturally, the competition is that much stiffer. But the style of play is about the same."

Doug started out the season in somewhat of an uncertain fashion. At one point he contemplated going with the Canadian National team, changed his mind, was bought by the Leafs, and turned out with them.

"I practised about a week with the Leafs and finally ended up down in Tulsa," he said.

NHL OR NO

Doug likes it in Tulsa except for the fact that he is in the minors and there is just no way he's going to make a career out of being down there.

"I'd have preferred to move right up to the NHL from junior because you learn more by playing against the best. But I don't mind playing minor professional as long as I see I'm getting somewhere, as long as it's a temporary stop."

It would seem that any Maple Leaf chattel in the minors would be rubbing his hands in glee considering the present last-place plight of the parent team. But not Doug.

"My problem right now is that I'm a centremen and if there is one place the Leafs aren't weak that's at centre."

This turned out to be an interview-of-concern. Doug is also a little bit concerned about his

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Town Legion Midgets Winners "B" Championship Drummondville, Que.

The Legion Midgets returned Monday night from Drummondville, Quebec, with the "B" championship and with the knowledge that they had forced the powerful Toronto Young Nationals to their limit in the battle for the tournament's grand championship.

In order to play their first game at noon February 11, the Legionnaires flew to Drummondville in the morning using the money they had earned at the spaghetti dinner the weekend before. They returned by train Monday.

Legion 7, St.-Pie-X 0

In the first game in group "B", the Legion boys shut out their opponents from Quebec City and according to tournament rules when they scored their seventh goal early in the third period, the game was called and they were declared the winners.

Scoring for Richmond Hill were John Gropp from Scott Mabley and Mike Ball, Tony Bellavance unassisted, Mabley unassisted, Colin Wood from Bill Weber and Mabley, Larry Kellett from Gropp and Ball, Ball from Gropp and Bellavance.

Legion 7, Dollard des Ormeaux 0

The second game against Dollard des Ormeaux was also called a win for Richmond Hill as soon as the seventh goal was scored by the local lads.

Marksman in this one were: Wood from Bill Weber, Kellett from John Barnett and Bill Weber, Steve Addley from Greg Binkley, Wood unassisted, Wood from Bill Weber, Wood from Barnett and Bill Weber and Gropp from Ball and Bellavance.

Legion 5, Lachute 1

Saturday the Legionnaires eliminated Lachute to the tune of 5-1 in a rough, chippy game. Goals were scored by Bill Weber unassisted, Addley from Wood and Bellavance, Barnett from Addley and Wood, Dick Weber from Wood and Ball from Kellett and Gropp.

Legion 6, Dorval 1

Later on Saturday the Legionnaires handed Dorval a 6-1 defeat to take the Group "B" championship.

Scorers in this one were: Wood from Barnett, Addley from Clement and Binkley, Ball from Dick Weber and Gropp, Wood from Kellett and Barnett, Gropp from Kellett and Bill Weber from Barnett and Wood.

Legion 3, Buckingham 0

Sunday, February 15, the Legionnaires defeated Buckingham, Quebec, winners of the Group "C" championships, 3-0 to enter the finals.

In this game the goals came from the sticks of Bill Weber who clicked for two and Wood who added one. Wood and Mabley earned assists on Weber's first goal, Barnett and Kellett on his second and Barnett and B. Weber on Wood's counter.

The boys paced themselves in this one, thinking of the final game later in the day and good goalkeeping by Buckingham kept the score down.

Young Nationals 4, Legion 3

Richmond Hill started the grand final game against Toronto's Young Nationals, rated at least three goal underdogs. Young Nats to that point had been unbeaten and unscored on during the tournament. The Legionnaires came up with the best game of the season and kept on top of their opponents with tremendous skating and checking.

The Legion led 1-0 at the end of the first period on a goal by Johnny Gropp from Ball. At the end of the second they led 2-1 with Steve Addley getting the second goal. In the third period Gropp scored to give his team a 3-2 lead until the last seven minutes. The local lads let down briefly but long enough for the Young Nats to score two quick goals to win the game and the grand championship by a 4-3 score.

Richmond Hill may well be proud of their representatives in this tournament which had an entry of 80 teams. IN OTHER GAMES Legion 6, Owen Sound 2 After eliminating Barrie and Orillia from OMHA Playdowns, the Richmond Hill midgets took on Owen Sound in the next round. The first game was played

here February 9 and resulted in a 6-2 win for the local boys. Scoring for the Hill were Bill Weber from Wood and Mabley, Barnett from Addley, Dick Weber from Binkley and John Clement, Mabley from Dick Weber, Weber from Ball and Bellavance and Gropp from D. Weber and Ball.

Legion 11, Owen Sound 2

In the second game of the series the Hillers proved too strong for their opposition and rolled up an 11-2 score, but Owen Sound never stopped trying.

Getting the goals for the Legion were Greg Binkley unassisted, Wood unassisted, Gropp helped by Addley, Clement from Binkley and Brian Williamson, Clement from Binkley, Clement from Williamson and Addley, Wood from Barnett and Bill Weber, Ball from Gropp, Clement from Williamson and Binkley, Addley unassisted and Larry Kellett from Mabley and Clement.

This gave Richmond Hill the round. The Legionnaires will now meet Georgetown in the next round of the OMHA Playdowns.

Bill Fox New Prexy Hill Minor Ball

A handful of die-hard minor ball enthusiasts turned up Sunday afternoon to elect Bill Fox president of the 1970 Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association. Mr. Fox lives at 313 Axminster Drive.

"I was disappointed at the turnout of course," commented Mr. Fox who was vice-president of the association last year. "If seems you get a certain group of people who are willing to offer their services for a year and are forced to keep offering them from there on in because there isn't anyone else."

Other members of the executive: Vice-President Jim Davidson, Secretary Verda Stoness, Treasurer Tom Anderson, Registrar Sid Moreland, Publicity Shirley Lee, Umpire-in-Chief Danny Smith and Equipment Manager Cliff Dunbar.

Installation of the new executive was handled by Glen Philip, president of the Richmond Hill Ball Association. The meeting was held at the Legion Court in Richmond Hill.



Richmond Hill Club



Sweetheart Sweep Valentine Bonspiel Is Huge Success

This year the Sweetheart Sweep Valentine Bonspiel was held as a three draw spiel to determine if three draws could be filled. At some of our earlier spiels some rinks were unable to curl because both draws were filled rather quickly. Unfortunately, this time all three draws were two or three rinks short. The committee now recommends that all future "in club" events be limited to just two draws, and advises all curlers to sign up for these events as soon as possible.

The lack of several rinks, however did not stop our regular curlers from having their usual good time both on Friday and Saturday night. Valentine treats were served both on and off the ice, and Warren Davey's famous "crunchberries" were an added treat. Prizes again were of the different but appropriate variety.

Winning first prize on the first draw was the rink of Irwin and Jean Coneybeare, with Harry and Joyce Elkins, Mike and Hazel Olyneac with Glen and Helen McLeod were second prize winners, with Ian Kerr and Mary Jane Murphy picking up third prize.

On the second draw, Tom and June Bush with John and Bette Brown took top honors while Mac and Agnes Richardson with Russ and Edna Seltzer came second. Third prize went to Will and Marj Beresford with Arman Tripp and Edna Barker.

The rink of John and Pauline Anderson with John and Shirley Bate not only won top prize in their draw but they were also the highest point getters of the entire spiel, and earned the right to have their names engraved on the O'Keefe Valentine Trophy. Runner up on the same draw was the rink of Bill and Joan Kirkpatrick with Marty and Nan Cormack. Coming in third was the rink of Jack Van Goozen, Shirley and Nick Lash and Isobel Wilkes.

The spiel was topped off with a lively evening of dancing to the very popular "Group of Four."

The Business Girls and the Sinners occupy the club this Friday night with their usual high jinks, and on Saturday and Sunday the club hosts the intermediate playdowns. Next Tuesday and Wednesday (February 24 and 25) our club hosts the Imperial Life Bonspiel in the evening after 9 pm. This is a good chance for the members to come out and see some fine mixed curling. A few upcoming events are

the annual Sinners Bonspiel on March 7; the Shillelagh Mixed Bonspiel on March 11-14th, and the very popular Gay Nineties on March 21. This year however the name of this evening will be changed to suit the theme of an island night with live steel band music. The popular gambling aspect of the evening is being repeated to give last year's losers a chance to get even with Donna Stephenson.

Several out of town reports have been sent in on the new sheets. The first has Gord Tonner, Ken Dargavel, Hank Vos, and Bill Morris winning three games at the T & N O held at Kirkland Lake and Englehart. These wins enabled this rink to qualify for the finals, but apparently they faded in the home stretch. Walter and Norma Lavender curling with Earl and Elaine Allen didn't fade in the stretch at the Stratford Valentine Bonspiel. This strong rink came away with the Bessemer Trophy which represents four victories in the four game event.

In the Mods and Flappers Bonspiel at the club earlier this week, the top Mod (filly) rink was the foursome of Fran McKenzie, June Bush, Mari Sahr and Fran Tingley. Top Flappers (seniors) were Jessie Wainwright, Rena White, Isabel Davis and Joan Taylor.

At the Oshawa Filly Bonspiel, Gwen Rogers with Mildred Bradstock, Sylvia Brown and Norma Goodhead won two games and were third highest point getters. Finally, in the Sunflake at Thornhill Curling Club, winning three games which qualified them for the first event semi-finals was the rink of Shirley Lash, Donna Stephenson, Dianne Whittaker, skipped by Ruth Mabbett.

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By AL TURNER - 884-6671 Lake Simcoe Fourth Largest Inland Lake In Ontario

Fishing on the fourth largest inland lake in the Province of Ontario (Lake Simcoe) is improving with good catches of Whitefish and Trout reported in the Brechin area. Besides overbaiting, a reason for the poor fishing recently might have been caused by the Ling spawn. The Whitefish eat the spawn as it is part of their natural food. The ling spawn during the period between January 15 and 31 in Lake Simcoe. This year the spawning might have been later than these dates or an exceptionally productive one for this type of fish. An example of the amount of food supplied by these is represented by a small mature female of this species captured by the Department of Lands and Forests officials that measured 13 1/2 inches and weighed 24 ounces. This fish had 45,600 ripe eggs. The quantity of spawn increases considerably with growth and is shown by an eight year old female which contained 1,018,050 eggs, representing 22% of its prespawning weight. In the winter of 1954 the department netted 13,000 pounds of these fish, so you can imagine how many there are in the lake.

Quantities of Lake Simcoe Whitefish and Herring are sold by resident anglers to local people and unsuccessful sports fishermen. With this, the question of selling these fish comes up periodically. Some people say it is legal, while others say it is not. According to the book "Fishing in Lake Simcoe", these fish, when caught by angling are not a game fish and are sold legally in the vicinity of the lake.

Here is a further report on the DDT situation from Allan Wainio, district biologist for the Department of Lands and Forests. "As part of the overall DDT investigation in Ontario waters ten Whitefish and ten Herring caught by commercial fishermen off Wasaga Beach were sent to the University of

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Guelph for DDT analysis in the fall of 1969. As was expected, DDT was present in both species but in very low levels. The levels in the Herring varied from .8 to 4.0 ppm with nine of the fish having levels below 2.0. The average concentration was 1.6. In the ten large Whitefish the levels were even lower, none being above .8. In these fish the DDT varied from .3 to .8 with the average being .6 ppm. These values are practically all well below the 5 ppm set by the Ontario Department of Health as the maximum level safe for human consumption.