



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Tournament Time

There are times I can hardly wait to see what I'm going to say. This is one of those times. Not that it really bothers me. It's happened to me really quite often, quite like all my life.

Like getting out of bed and taking my shoes off, dressing up in tie and cuff-links to go fishing, cleaning my teeth before I eat, shaving after I get home, being nice to dogs who bite me, stuff like that.

Here I'm getting all excited, worked up again as the third annual Richmond Hill Legion International Midget Tournament fast approaches this coming week.

Am going to devote a goodly portion of this column writing about the chances of the local Midget hockey team in the tournament. But alas, at writing (Tuesday am) no one is sure the team will even be in it.

You'll probably know whether they are or they aren't by the time you read this. The problem has been the finals between Richmond Hill and Leamington in OMHA playoff action. The catch being that OMHA rules forbid any team from participating in a tournament until the playoffs are over. The playoffs have to finish this week.

But to hell with it. Am going to rush bravely forward and presume the locals will be in the tournament. They'd better be.

Talked to Coach Peter Artemchuk the other night and came away as enthused as he is about his team's chances of going all the way.

ALL THE WAY "Anything can happen in a tournament of course," said Pete. "Breaks mean a lot in a one-shot effort. But everything considered this team can beat anyone on a given night."

"I don't feel we've really reached our potential yet. Our best hockey was against Toronto Young Nationals in the Quebec Tournament. We led them at one point before losing 4-3 on a fluke goal."

Pete likes to refer to his team as a non-star outfit much in the glorious tradition of the NHL Maple Leafs of yesterday. The Leafs very seldom made the All Stars but they always ended up winning the Stanley Cup.

"We're balanced, all three lines do their job. Everyone is a back-checker and when you've got this going for you you're always in the game."

Artemchuk is particularly happy with the way his first year men have come to the fore. For example his first year line of Greg Binkley, John Clement and Brian Williamson.

"This is our third line but they've been as good as anyone else this season and this is what makes the difference. You know what your veterans are going to do but the new fellows are an unknown quantity. It all depends on them."

LOCALS COULD WIN This is why Artemchuk's boys have had their biggest year yet in OMHA playoff hockey and why they should have their best year in the Legion (Continued on Page 12)

Tri-County League

Weyerhaeusers Eliminate Milton From Playoffs

TYKES Lose Two To Penetang

Allencourt Pill Rollers hosted the strong Penetang team for a pair of games on the weekend at Richmond Hill. The Hillers dropped both games, losing the first one Saturday night by an 8-3 count, then bowed again Sunday to the tune of 2-0.

These two losses by the local team followed a pair of wins against Penetang two weeks ago on Penetang ice.

Scoring for Richmond Hill Saturday was handled by Steve Costello unassisted, Phil Wood from Steve Price and Ross Quereensser and by Peter Halliday from Robert Greiner.

Both games were well-played by both teams despite the first game's lopsided outcome. A good display of fast skating and close checking was featured in the tightly played second game.

It was a very busy weekend for both Penetang and Richmond Hill players as the visitors from Georgian Bay were billeted over Saturday night in the homes of the local players.

Sunday morning hosts and guests enjoyed a bowling party and movies before playing the second game.

The Allencourt Tykes have one more weekend to prepare themselves for the Streetsville Tournament which begins March 27.

PEEWEE "B's" Eliminate Milton

Monday, March 9 saw Milton come to Richmond Hill, hoping to wind up the series with Weyerhaeusers in two straight, after shutting them out in the first game in Milton the day before by a 2-0 score. But the Hillers were not to be denied and came fighting back to win a real thriller in overtime by a 3-2 score.

In overtime, running into the second five minute period, Gord Bedwell worked the puck out to slotman Eric Thompson, who made sure of his shot and forced the third game in Milton Wednesday night.

Wednesday, March 11, the Hill boys stunned the Milton players and spectators by jumping into an early 3-0 lead. From there in it was real ding-dong battle with the Hillers finally coming out on top of a 6-4 score. This wound up the first series of the Tri-County League playoffs.

Counters for Weyerhaeusers were Dave Little from Jones and Simpson, Mike Ham unassisted (again), Glen Tatum from Jones and Bedwell, Bedwell from Gord Simfield and Jones and two by Kyle Chatfield with his booming slapshot from the point.

The next adversaries will be Chinguacousy who took Thornhill two straight in their series. Newmarket 5, Weyerhaeusers 3 Thursday, March 12, the Weyerhaeuser lads took off for Newmarket and should have stayed home. They just weren't with it and got beaten 5-3 in a game of an insignificant nature. Fortunately it was only an exhibition game.

Hill scorers were Bedwell from Jones and Tatum, Bedwell from Jones and Simpson and Jones from Tatum and Bedwell.

MINOR MIDGETS Win First Game 2nd Round

A and B Office Maintenance Minor Midgets have won their first game against Orillia in the second round of OMHA playoffs.

The first game was played here Sunday and the local lads shut out Orillia 2-0, the third consecutive shutout for goalie Dave Addley.

Scoring for the Hill were Wes Berseth from Mike Hogg and Robbie Sackfield from Doug Lounsbury.

The second game will be played in Orillia on Thursday.

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PEEWEEES Newmarket 3, Lions 1

Sunday, March 8, at Newmarket the Lions dropped a 3-1 decision to their hosts.

In the first period Tony Robinson got things going from Grant Ferguson.

In the second period Newmarket came back with two. The goalies and defencemen played extremely well, however in the last minute of the game the Lions took out their goalie and Newmarket scored in the empty net to win 3-1.

Lions 9, Woodbridge 0 During practice time March 12, the Lions hosted Woodbridge. Goalies Craig Richardson and Gerry Tipold blanked Woodbridge like the way while their team mates scored nine goals.

In the first period Ferguson scored assisted by Steve Morrison. Richard Campbell scored, assisted by Bobby Russell and Brian Kellett and Jeff Miller counted from Mike Gallagher and John Oakley.

In the second period it was Ronnie Bell from Steve Morrison and Grant Ferguson, Morrison unassisted, Gallagher from Keith Swindlehurst and John Oakley, and Bell got his second from Ferguson and Gallagher.

In the third period Ferguson got his second from Morrison and Russell, then Miller scored from Russell and Oakley.

Defencemen Campbell, Morrison and Gallagher played very well offensively and got three goals and five assists between them. Final score was 5-0.

Lions 4, Wexford 3 Sunday morning the Lions played Wexford Peeewe team at Tam O'Shanter and came back with a 4-3 victory.

Scoring for the Lions was Dave Berseth from Ferguson, Bell from Miller, Ferguson from Russell and Arnold, Van der Weyde from Miller and Morrison.

This was a big win for the Lions as they were dwarfed by most of the Wexford boys. It was a good team effort and the victory was well earned.

Lions 6, Minor Bantams 2 In the afternoon the Lions played Richmond Hill Milton Bantam "B's". On the first shift of the game Swindlehurst counted, assisted by Russell and

Defenceman Gallagher.

In the second period Kevin Merritt tied it up for the Bantam "B's". The Lions then scored three unanswered goals.

Robinson from Gallagher and Gordie Forbes, Morrison from Van der Weyde and Russell assisted by Ferguson and Swindlehurst. The Bantam "B's" got their second goal near the end of the third period, when Jeff Watson netted the puck assisted by John Tipold.

Jeff Miller came back for the Lions, assisted by Van der Weyde and Oakley to make the final score 6-2.

Next Sunday the Lions leave for the Lakehead to play in a tournament in Fort Frances and another in Thunder Bay.

NOVICES David Forbes of the CFGM Country Gentlemen Novices has proved himself a real goal-kicker, scoring all his team's goals in its last three contests.

Oakville 5, CFGM 4 Tuesday, March 10, CFGM lost to Oakville 5-4 in Oakville. Forbes scored all four counters, assisted on the first by David Baker and Chris DeGeer, on the second by Mark Girdler and DeGeer, on the third by Baker and Girdler and on the fourth by Baker.

CFGM 2, Wexford 2 Friday, March 31, the local lads managed to hold the very strong THL entry from Wexford to a 2-2 tie. The Hillers led 2-1 until the final minute of the game when Wexford tied it up.

Again Forbes accounted for both goals, assisted on the first by Brad Lloyd and on the second by DeGeer and Girdler.

CFGM 4, Rangers 4 Sunday, March 15, the CFGMs played a return match with Royal York Rangers and held them to a 4-4 tie. Forbes clicked for all four goals, assisted by DeGeer on the first two, getting the third unassisted and being helped by Girdler on the fourth.

The CFGM team is entered in the big Brampton Tournament which starts Sunday and goes on all next week. There are 18 entries in the B division in which Richmond Hill will play and there are four divisions, making it a very large competition.



(Ontario Hydro Photo)

Mark Accident Free Record

Presentation of framed certificate from the Ontario Hydro Commission was made by Frank Dobson, manager of hydro's central region (second right), to Area Manager Michael Crompton, of Richmond Hill Area (right). The certificate was in recognition of the Richmond Hill Area staff's unique accident free record in achieving more than half a million manhours of work without a lost time accident.

Looking on are Stanley Wright, regional accident prevention officer (left), and Bruce King, area operations supervisor, (second right).

An accident-free record has just been recognized with the presentation of a certificate and awards to 51 Ontario Hydro Richmond Hill Area staff members for achieving over half a million manhours of work without a lost time accident.

In a brief ceremony at the Richmond Hill Area office, Manager Frank Dobson, P.Eng., of hydro's central region, presented to Michael Crompton, P.Eng., Richmond Hill Area Manager, and Bruce King, area operations supervisor, a framed certificate from the commission

for this excellent record. Each member of the staff who contributed to the record was presented with a fine leather wallet inscribed "presented to the Richmond Hill Area staff for outstanding accident free record". This recognition to the staff members came just prior to the closing of the Richmond Hill Area office. This staff is being merged with Sutton Area office staff and placed in a more central area headquarters at Newmarket.

The Richmond Hill area group actually had achieved a total of more than 618,000 man-hours without any lost time accidents, it was revealed by Stanley Wright, regional accident prevention officer.

Commenting on their splendid efforts, Mr. Dobson said that with this type of performance the whole region should be able to win the General Manager's Award in the future. He praised the safety record of the Richmond Hill Area staff.

Area Manager Crompton in congratulating the staff expressed the hope that the staffs of Richmond Hill Area and Sutton Area could surpass this safety record as a combined work group in the Newmarket Area. He said that this certificate for more than 500,000 manhours without a lost time accident had been earned by good work practices and always keeping safety in mind.

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Drummondville, Quebec, will provide a very exciting brand of hockey. They lost the "A" championship to St. Hyacinthe in sudden death overtime at the Drummondville Tournament.

Lindsay finished one point behind the first place team in the Lakeshore Midget Group No. 1. The third place team finished nine points behind Lindsay.

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Unionville Skaters Port Huron Plaque

It was a tired but very happy group of Unionville skaters, parents, professionals and the Club President James Irving who returned home on March 1 from the Tri-State Invitational Free Skating Competition held at Port Huron, Michigan.

Happy, because in this, their first venture into international competition, their joint successes had resulted in the award of the team plaque for the highest number of points.

Two hundred and six skaters from thirty-eight clubs in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario were entered in the various events. Unionville skaters scored as follows:

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