



"Love" A Raimsey Football Hero

If everyone loves a football hero there was a lot of such admiration going at the official opening of Bruno Piva's new Family Tire Centre at 303 Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill on October 3. That hero was the Argos great running Back Dave Raimsey shown attending the official opening (top left) with Argo Coach Leo Cahill. Also shown is Brian James, Dunlop Canada President (centre) and Mr. Piva.

In the foreground are admiring youngsters who are members of the Crosby Park team in the Richmond Hill Civitan Football League. Coach Cahill is holding the Argo-autographed football that was grabbed off by 12-year-old Susan Chepelsky of 182 Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill.



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Pay To Play

Let's talk about money for awhile. I'm able to do it with a minimum of emotion because I've never been very close to it. Once in awhile it gives me a fleeting nod as it passes, snickers, and then moves on to more likelier people.

So it was with a certain amount of calmness that I read a recent news report in "The Liberal" re complaints on the part of some parents that fees for minor hockey in Richmond Hill are becoming out of reach for average and lower income families.

This could very well be true but, let's face it, what isn't getting out of reach cost-wise in any line for the average guy on the street? Rapidly rising costs are replacing breathing as a way of life.

What can you do about it, what will you do about it? Basically, you won't do anything about it because you're like me. Sure, you'll rant a little, rail a little, but you'll end up reaching deeper in the pocket and paying the piper. You know right now it's not going to get better. It's going to get worse.

The price of registration for each older boy is \$16.50 and for the younger tots \$13.50. When you add a \$7 season ticket to get into the arena it totals something like \$23.50.

Even at this the minor hockey association heads figure that the total cost per child per year on a \$41,000 budget amounts to \$41 a child. The remainder of the \$41 is made up by sponsor donations, adult paid admission, and fund raising campaigns on the part of the youngsters. So, in reality, you're getting off easy. It could be much worse.

And it is in some other areas according to my information. The one that comes most readily to mind is Thornhill where costs for the Church League there is \$35 for the oldest child and \$30 for the others right down the line. FOR OMHA hockey it's \$65. In Richmond Hill it's \$36.50. Richmond Hill is fortunate in having its own arena which means it gets a break in ice-rental times.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

So where do you go? What do you do? It seems you have to fall back on the old saw about someone else always having more problems than you if you look far enough, long enough.

Councillor Lois Hancey wondered if council should consider subsidizing minor hockey to ease the burdens on the parents financially in difficulty. I gather this didn't go over too well. All councillors have a tendency to break into red, white, and blue spots anytime anyone suggests raising the general taxes these days.

Richmond Hill Minor Hockey chief, Thomas Graham agreed this was one way of doing it but felt that the general populace shouldn't be forced to bear the burden of "paying for my children to play a sport. It's almost the same as you paying for my child to join a golf club or something."

I'm inclined to agree. Minor hockey is a recreation, a form of diversion for your own small ones any you should be responsible for the joys you want your children to have. I know someone is going to say it is invaluable because it builds character but then so does a lot of things. Just living builds character or, conversely, tears it down. Ahem.



TOM GRAHAM

MONEY PROBLEMS

But there is the problem that there are actually (Continued on Page 12)



LETTERS TO THE Sports Editor

BOYS CAN'T PLAY HOCKEY THIS WINTER — FEES TOO HIGH

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have just read your article regarding "Increased Hockey Fees Prohibitive" (Liberal issue October 8) and just had to write and say I couldn't agree more.

We have boys who are modestly proficient in hockey and one of them in particular. He was a good goalie on a team a couple of years ago and they won their series partly because of him. Now our youngest also has shown a bit of talent for hockey and likewise is eager to join a league. However, along with many other families, we can't afford the fees this winter.

Councillor Lois Hancey is quite correct in mentioning that some parents won't ask for charity and we are one family in particular. I will mention that I have a parttime job and before anyone thinks "oh well, you can afford it, in that case," let me say that this job is solely to subsidize my husband's wages and keep abreast of the cost of living, because to feed and clothe active children today seems to require both parents working and this is the prime reason why I work. But what of the families a good deal worse off than we are? I know of a larger family than ours who have not asked for assistance, and their sacrifice for their

boys' enrolment in hockey could easily mean a sacrificed Christmas as well.

As far as Mayor William Lazebny's too flippant remarks about retrieving pop bottles is concerned, our boys and many like them were too busy this summer contributing to the victory of the Richmond Hill Speed Swim Club, which as you know, practiced seven days a week, and participating in baseball — two sports which are very reasonable and we could comfortably afford. The prohibitive cost of ice time remains a mystery to us and any inquiries we have made have resulted in vague explanations.

Our oldest boy was heartbroken when he was told we just couldn't afford to sign any of them this year. After all, when all the children in a family love hockey, you can't just sign one up without resentment blooming in the others. And here is the irony of the whole thing — we can't sign them up and yet this oldest boy of ours has been asked to be an assistant coach for the young tot this year! Of course he is deeply thrilled by this, and as you can imagine, at the same time, deeply envious!

Mayor Lazebny, you should be ashamed to state that parents "work it out somehow and enjoy it". They may give you the impression they enjoy it because, as Mrs. Hancey indicates, they are too embarrassed to admit otherwise. If they are enjoying it, it is also because they feel they can't do anything about it anyway, and they resign themselves to the fact that that's the way it goes. You, after all, should know what it's like to fight city hall.

Really, in a town like ours, where parents and children have contributed so freely and eagerly of their time, energies and talents in so many other areas — to have to have them humbled to the point of seeking financial assistance — and worse — to be too proud and not admit they need assistance, is thoroughly disgraceful.

ANNNOYED
(Fred Simpson further discusses this question of soaring hockey fees in his column Sports Spots found elsewhere on this page.)

Special Hockey Night By Oak Ridges Sunday

The Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association will kick off its 1970-71 season with a special performance Sunday in the Bradford Arena beginning at 5 pm.

Starting off proceedings will be public skating which will go until 6:15 followed by a musical display on ice by the Newmarket Pipe Band.

At 7 pm (approximately) a special feature will be an exhibition hockey match between Barrie's Channel 3 "No Stars" and a team composed of the coaches and managers of Oak Ridges teams.

Kathy Pantling will also perform some figure skating routines. Kathy is an Oak Ridgesite.

We Welcome Letters

Have you some "beefs" or comments about sports, about some particular game, you'd like to air? Well now you have an opportunity to express your thoughts. "The Liberal" is now including a "Letters To The Sports Editor Column" as a regular feature each week.

Sports Editor Fred Simpson will be glad to hear from our readers on any sports topic whether it be local or national. Letters must include the writer's name and address. A "nom de plume" may be used at the discretion of the editor but the writer's proper name and address must be known.

Mail your letters to the Sports Editor at "The Liberal", Box 390, Richmond Hill.

Redman Goalie Hurt In Car-Train Crash

York County Hospital officials in Newmarket describe as "fair to satisfactory" the condition of 17-year-old Newmarket Redmen Goalie Rick McGowan who was critically injured in a train-car crash October 3.

McGowan barely escaped with his life when a car he was driving smashed into the lead diesel of an 84-car freight train at the Davis Drive level crossing in Newmarket.

He was thrown out of the wreck of his car on impact, observers said. If he had been wearing a seat belt, he probably would have been killed.

McGowan suffered two broken legs, severe head injuries and lacerations and was several hours on the operating table.

Police said McGowan was westbound on Davis Drive and apparently tried to beat the train.

A large standard that holds the railway crossing signal was knocked to the ground apparently when the train pushed the 1965 model car right through it. McGowan was found near the standard.

Minor Bantams Lose 1st Game To Thornhill

Richmond Hill Minor Bantams played their first hockey game of the season against Thornhill last Sunday and lost by a 5-2 margin.

Arnold Vanderweyde, a prolific goal scorer for the peewees last year, continued where he left off as he gave the Hillers a 2-0 lead early in the first period; assist points were garnered by Jeff Miller and John Oakley on the first goal, while the second one was engineered by Dave Bersegh who skillfully carried the puck out of his own end, passed to Richard Hopson, who, in turn, alertly passed to Vanderweyde.

From that point on the local lads seemed to run out of gas; (they were weakened by the absence of three regulars who were away for the Thanksgiving weekend). With the score tied 2-2 at the end of the second period, Thornhill scored three unanswered goals.

Gerry Tipold was exceptionally busy in the net as he blocked 20 shots, while the Hillers merely managed four shots on the Thornhill goal.

The squad is a little unsettled, as final selection for all positions has not as yet been made.

Running Deer Target Shoot

Of interest to hunters and sportsmen is the "running deer" target shoot announced this week by Metro Conservation Authority. It will be held this Sunday at the Cold Creek Conservation Area, near Bolton, beginning at 10 am and continuing throughout the day.

The West Toronto Fish and Game Protective Association will host this program open to the public on the centre fire range in the area which is located between Bolton and Nobleton just north of the King Sideroad.

In addition, the archery, trap, and small-bore ranges will be open to the public.

There will also be a naturalist on duty to conduct nature walks and a catwalk tour of the famous Cold Creek Bog.

Persons requiring hunter safety training are invited to attend the next course, which will be held, October 21 and October 22 in the field centre commencing at 6:45 pm. Students must attend both evenings to qualify for the final test given by the Department of Lands and Forests. More information may be obtained by phoning Cold Creek at Bolton 857-1646.



JANICE GRAINGER MATHER

Returns To Unionville

Unionville Skating Club welcomes back Janice Grainger Mather to her third year on the teaching staff.

Janice was a skating member of this club before she turned professional. She is a double gold medalist and a member of the Professional Skating Association of Canada.

The club reports more registrations than last year and that the season will open October 17.

An open house will be held for adults October 19. You are invited to skate and meet the professionals, directors, members and friends. Any type of skate is permissible.

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MEMO FROM A CAR DEALER

FOR LADIES WITH SENSITIVE NOSES

Don Strupat

If perfume manufacturers had to depend on the male population they'd all go out of business. The fact is ladies are just more smell-conscious than men and that especially includes lady drivers.

Certain smells are warning signals to motorists of impending trouble. The ladies are most conscious of them so these hints are especially for them, though they're still helpful for any male who can get the pipe smoke out of his nostrils.

Brake fluid has a strong, sweet smell similar to paint remover and is always a warning of danger. It is the usual result of fluid leaking from the braking system and it may mean that the next time you apply your brakes you won't have any. Check it immediately.

There's no mistaking gasoline smells. Gasoline odor comes from raw gas leaking from the carburetor or fuel lines. It usually indicates a flooded carburetor if you are having trouble starting your car. A good way to clear a flooded carburetor is to press the pedal to the floor and keep it there or take your foot off the accelerator until the carburetor has had a chance to clear itself.

Burning rubber is a warning to heed immediately as it could mean smouldering wire insulation or perhaps dragging brakes.

The best person to talk to about these danger signals is an experienced mechanic who can diagnose the trouble correctly.

A quality dealer will welcome questions from his lady customers, so don't be afraid to trust your nose.

See you next week.

D.G. Strupat

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IMPORT Auto TALK

— IAN NEILL

Stop thief!

A couple of weeks ago I discussed car theft — European style. This week, I'd like to talk about anti-theft devices. First, before going any further, you should be aware that if a highly skilled car thief has your car on his list, nothing you can attach to it is likely to stop him. But professional thieves—those who steal and sell cars and parts as a business—account for less than 5% of all auto thefts. The great majority of cars stolen are taken by amateurs either bent on joy-riding or stripping it of accessories they can convert to cash. So the first to go are the easy ones—cars left unlocked and with the keys in the ignition. Or on the sunshade. Or under the seat. Drivers who do that are simply asking for it and probably wouldn't be interested in anti-theft devices anyway. But if you have a car that is more than ordinarily vulnerable—such as a sports car—there are anti-theft devices that might help keep it from being stolen.

The Datsun 1200, 1600 and 240Z sports car have an effective steering lock as standard equipment.

Basically, there are three types of anti-theft devices on the market. The simplest is a switch wired into the ignition system where, until the switch is closed, the car cannot be started. The second type is that which mechanically interferes with the car's operation, making it impossible for the car to be driven with the device in place. Third, and most complicated, is that which sets off an alarm if the car is tampered with.

All these systems have their weaknesses—none of them would delay an expert thief for more than a minute or two. But there is a good reason for installing an anti-theft device on your car. In varying degrees they make your car less convenient to steal. And the less convenient it is to steal, the less likely it is to be stolen.

Basically, there are only three systems available, but I've heard of systems that do all sorts of remarkable things—such as including a concealed loudspeaker system that calls out, "Help, help. This car is being stolen!" Another ingenious device is the "Fuel-Lok". It has an electrically operated valve which cuts off the fuel supply so the thief can go only as far as the gas in the carburetor takes him.

Obviously, there is no ultimate anti-theft device but there's one more item—the simplest of all and the least expensive. For a dollar you can get 12 decals proclaiming that this car is protected by anti-theft alarm system. Well . . . it's probably better than nothing!

Have you heard this one . . .

After thieves stole his car, Martin Alsop of Lexington, Kentucky, remembered he had just installed a radio in the car with a connection to his answering service. He put through a call to his own car and told the thief, loudly: "You who stole my car had better bring it back—it has already been reported to the police." When the officers arrived at Alsop's home a little later, the car was parked in the street a couple of houses away.

An import is an import is an import . . .

You can buy a nice, sensible Datsun 1600 sedan for less than \$2,000 when you're thinking of another car or a second car—or you can buy a Lamborghini Miura. For around \$24,000.

What's the Miura got apart from good looks? A Lamborghini 4-cam V-12, tuned to produce about 400 bhp at 7000 rpm. And it sits in the middle of the car, behind the driver, transversely mounted just ahead of the rear wheels. What will it do? Road & Track tested it to 163 mph in 5th gear. Speed at end of a standing start ¼ mile was 101 mph. 0-60 mph in only 6.3 seconds.

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