



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Burn Your Own House

No one can tell you be alone in this world, be secure, steer or sink your own ship.

It's always been that way with me. Take my sports desk. To say it is untidy would be doing it a gross injustice.

Tidy, neat desks make some sports writers secure, they make me insecure.

Where most people use desk drawers to store articles for safe-keeping for awhile, I do it to keep them safe forever.

Just recently I opened my drawer and uncovered an invitation to attend a sod-digging ceremony launching the building of a new arena in Richmond Hill.

Imagine my horror to discover the new arena was already there, already in operation, and had been so for some four years.

That's the way it has been for five years and I've been, oh so happy. Even my name isn't real.

I've been writing little columns, piteable little columns under the name of Fred Simpson while all the time my real name is Louis Riel.

Then in the space of a few seconds my little world crumbled. The telephone rang. Someone had found out where I worked, was asking me to attend a minor soccer banquet in Richmond Hill.

This didn't unsettle me. Happy to oblige, sneak in the rear window, and sit in a corner. Besides, it was a chance for a free meal which made my morale leap with joy.

I giggled, said yes, and then came the sneak punch. The voice on the other end wanted me to be master-of-ceremonies, sit at the head table in front of all those people, to talk.

It was only six years since it had all happened to me before. The horror of it all came flooding back on me. It seemed like only yesterday that I had sat at a head table, a guest, stood up to speak, to spray a thousand witticisms on the audience.

Stood up and found I couldn't talk. What was wrong? Couldn't open my mouth. Blushed. Just stood there. Then someone whispered to me what was wrong. I still had my pipe in my mouth.

All I had to do was casually reach up with one hand, remove the pipe and stop blushing, make a witticism. I didn't have to panic. I did.

FIRE, FIRE

I opened my mouth and the pipe dropped into the butter dish, a spark from the ashes touched off a napkin which, sadly, was being worn by a gentleman at the head table who suffered a seizure, yet another spark landed on the nose of the guest speaker who ran out of the room screaming.

Pandemonium broke out. Some people were laughing, others were crying, and yet others were sitting there calmly waiting for me to come with a witticism.

By this time I was desperately trying to recover my pipe from the butter dish which I did, then said excuse me, and also ran out into the night. So now you see why I am the way I am. Why that one phone call has turned my little world into a nightmare, brought all the old insecurities back on me.

And that's why I screamed "no" into the telephone and slammed the receiver down. I just want to tell you, sir, so you won't think I was being unnecessarily rude. It's just that you've ruined me all over again.

I'm still so shaken I'm about to tidy up my desk. That's how serious it is. Now do you realize why I just want to be left alone?

VANCOUVER IN STANLEY CUP?

They'd probably figure out some excuse for arresting you under the Emergency Measures Act if you were so rash as to predict that the Toronto Maple Leafs will be meeting Vancouver in the 1970-71 Stanley Cup Finals.

But, believe it or not, once upon a time it all came true. I've got the dope right from 83-year-old Frank Tate of 90 Church Street South in Richmond Hill.

Frank, who might refer to these days as a long-suffering Maple Leaf fan, will be occupying his customary seat at Maple Leaf Gardens come November 11 when Toronto and Vancouver take up an old rivalry which hasn't existed since the winter of 1917-18.

And, yes, Frank was there in the old home of Toronto St. Pats to watch the locals take on Vancouver in a best-of-five series for the Stanley Cup.



FRANK TATE

Rams Break Markham's Win Streak At Five Games, Final Score: 5-3

The Richmond Hill Rams stepped into Markham Arena last Friday night and downed the home-sters by a 5-3 score to break a five game winning streak by the Seal-O-Wax crew.

Richmond Hill looked impressive all the way through the game and outshot the opposition by a 36 to 24 margin.

The Rams took the lead at the 3:39 mark of the second period and were never menaced from there to the end of the game. It was a cleanly contested match with just 14 two minute penalties being called, each squad receiving seven.

Richmond Hill was behind the eight ball early in the first period when Markham Forward Fred Prosser cashed a pretty three-way passing play with Steve Langdon and Brian McCready to give Markham a 1-0 lead on their first shot on goal.

However, Paul Turly equalized before the end of the initial period with Bill Law and Al Sims drawing assists on the play.



QUEBEC REFUSAL WAS BOARD'S DECISION

Dear Mr. Editor:

We were interested to read the letter in last week's edition of "The Liberal" from the Quebec Reunion Weekend Committee regarding our failure to reply to two letters and for failing to contribute to the entertainment of the visitors from Quebec.

Before dealing with the issues we would apologize, if our written reply failed to reach them in time.

Firstly the Chamber received two oral requests from the committee, both of which were rejected by the board of directors and at least two members of their committee were aware of the refusals and the reasons therefor.

Secondly we would like to emphasize that our answer was NOT a presidential decision but one reached at an executive meeting by our board of directors.

Thirdly though we agreed that the project was a worthwhile undertaking we wish to point out that the Chamber of Commerce does not raise funds

at 10:36 Bill Mouncey picked up a loose puck from a scramble and batted it behind Markham goalie Steve Bloomer. Labelle assisted.

Dave Rooke completed the scoring in the last minute of play taking a pass from Al Watt and beating Louie Moore in the Rams goal. Moore, subbing for injured Bob Smith, played an excellent game in the nets.

Another impressive Ram whose name does not appear on the scoresheet was right winger Wayne Stokes who worked his heart out in the corner, checked fiercely throughout, and narrowly missed on a few good chances.

The Rams play Brampton this Tuesday at 8 pm. This will be the first meeting between the two teams this season.

The Rams put the game out of reach with two goals 15 seconds apart past the half way mark of the period. Steve Lyon scored on a power play with Turley and Head assisting at 10:21, and

to contribute to such projects or charities. The members of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce are all approached from time to time to contribute to various causes either personally and/or through their businesses and we do not believe they would want to contribute a second time through the Chamber. Furthermore many of our members are actively involved in service clubs and charitable organizations and provide service to the community thereby. We should mention that other worthy local organizations have approached us in the past for contributions and it was decided as a general rule that the Chamber would not make any donations for the aforementioned reasons.

Fourthly we would like to advise that the Chamber of Commerce has only a limited budget, which is being employed on Chamber projects all of which are in the interests of the community.

In conclusion we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to reply to the letter.

THOMAS PORTER, Secretary, Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce

METRO JUNIOR "B" HOCKEY EVERY TUESDAY

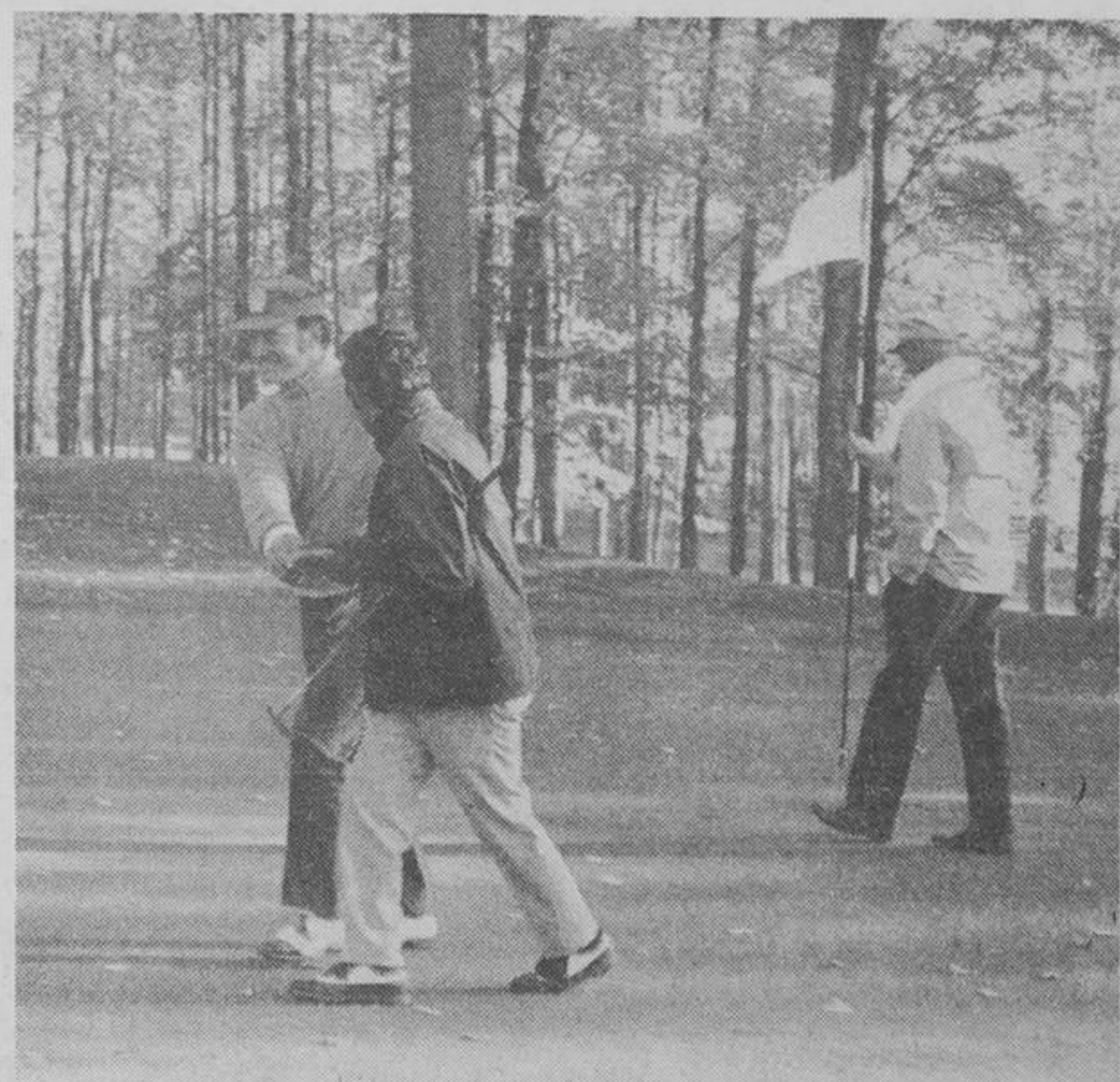
Advertisement for Metro Junior B Hockey featuring the Richmond Hill Rams. Includes details about the game on Nov. 10th at 8 p.m. at the Richmond Hill New Arena. Admission: Adults \$1.25, Students 75c. Support the Rams.

MEMO FROM A CAR DEALER

Advertisement titled 'HOW TO CONDUCT YOURSELF IN AN ACCIDENT' by Don Strupat. Provides first aid instructions for car accidents, such as checking for injuries, stopping bleeding, and observing until medical help arrives.

A Champion At 8 Months

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of 452 Elmwood Avenue, Richmond Hill, are the proud owners of Hillhaven's Thor, a Doberman Pinscher puppy, who won his championship at the early age of eight months and nine days.



Area Riders Hoping To Defeat Germany

A determined Canadian Equestrian team is out to stop the powerful West German machine that swept the Pennsylvania Horse Show at Harrisburg recently.

The Canadian squad of Jim Elder, Aurora, Jim Day, now of Oakville and formerly of Oak Ridges, Moffat Dunlap, Newmarket, and Barbara Simpson, Calgary, finished as reserve champions in the weeklong show.

"We made them work for it," the Canadians said, referring to the German win. "The German team is good, but it wasn't a walkover."

Rated the best team in the world last year, the Germans repeated the victory achieved in their last trip to the North American indoor circuit 12 years ago.

Our unfortunate run of injuries all season made it tougher for us, and some of the horses coming back from being hurt were competing for a first time in months," said Dunlap.

"By the time the teams wind up at the Royal, we should be ready for them."

Hockey Standings

Table showing Metro Junior B Hockey Standings for various teams including North York, Weston, Tor. Nats, Dixie, Markham, Tor. Raiders, Aurora, St. Michael's, Whitby, Richmond Hill, Brampton, and Scarborough.



Just bring your body — we do the rest at our 12th ANNIVERSARY SALE

Large advertisement for Kent Clothes featuring a 12th Anniversary Sale. Promotes a wide selection of fall and winter fashion fabrics (stripes, checks, plains) and offers a Reg. \$125. to \$145. value for \$98.50. Includes details about customizing suits and jackets.

Put It There, Mr. Girard

It's a victory handshake from a Richmond Hill area loser to a Richmond Hill area winner in Kitchener. Ken Girard (left) of the Summit Golf and Country Club, Jefferson, is congratulated by Leon DeCaire, of Buttonville Golf and Country Club, after winning the Ontario Professional Golf Association championship at Westmount in Kitchener October 16.

DeCaire, who is a resident of Richmond Hill, tied for second place with Dave Clayton of Toronto Donalda with 148. Girard won \$600, DeCaire, \$427.50.

IMPORT Auto TALK

Advertisement for Import Auto Talk featuring a photograph of a car and a portrait of Ian Neill. Discusses German cars and highway conditions.

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Mr. Neill: Just wanted to drop you a line to say we are very pleased with the performance and handling of our 1971 Datsun 1200 we recently purchased. We have driven many small cars but this is the first one we have ever owned.

DRIVING IN THE WET

I thought you might be interested to know about the dangers of driving on wet roads — and why much greater care should be taken under those conditions. One reason some cars behave differently on wet roads is the phenomenon called hydroplaning. It is the cause of a lot of accidents by skidding.

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