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Curling Club Holds Pogy Bonspiel

Food, food, everywhere but not a bit to spare for the annual Richmond Hill Curling Club's Pogy Bonspiel December 20. Admission was, yes, food, as can be seen above. Among those in the photo are: Jack Kennedy, Ivan Hillaby, Vera Shropshire, Armand Tripp, Kathy Brayshaw, Bernie Dolan, John Johnson, Pat Watson, and Don Richards.

Winner of the 'spiel was the rink comprising Ralph Harley, Gloria Crotin, Don Brayshaw, and Don Hardcastle. The food will be distributed to the needy throughout the holiday season.

High School SPORTS

By BOB CARTON

Domed Stadium!

These are the two words that have been tossed around in Toronto lately. City council, special committees, and citizens alike have all been discussing this controversial subject. Even though I am not a Torontonian, me, along with most of the citizens of Richmond Hill should be concerned about the Toronto-Montreal rivalry. Montreal does have Toronto beat population wise, but that does not mean that they should beat us culturally.

The people of Toronto seem to only support teams of major league calibre, or else teams who have been here for years. The Toronto Rifles of the Continental League were a highly successful team. They ended first in their division, and made it into the league finals only to be beaten by Charleston. At the same time this was happening, the Argos were wallowing in last place in the CFL.

Because more people supported a losing team over a winning one, the Rifles' franchise was moved after only two or three years. The Toronto Falcons soccer team was also disbanded after several seasons.

The Toronto Maple Leafs of baseball fame were also a big flop financially, while they were at their peak on the field. The Leafs were in Toronto since the early 1920's, and the fans stuck by them through both good and bad. Then, when the Leafs were in the midst of playing their best ball in the history of the team, the fans stopped coming out. Now Toronto sports fans are a funny breed, but they are also ridiculous.

There are cities that are much smaller than Toronto, such as Winnipeg, Three Rivers, and Quebec City with franchises in minor professional baseball. Meanwhile Toronto does not even have a ball park, so the best they can do is an amateur inter-county team. It's time that Toronto sports fans woke up and got more interest in new sports franchises, which also means a domed stadium. The American baseball league is all but throwing the Chicago White Sox franchise at Toronto, only we need a domed stadium.

At one point it appeared as though the Argos were going to be playing their games in tiny Varsity Stadium next year. A domed stadium would not only supply a much more suitable playing field over that at CNE Stadium, but it would also attract and hold more people.

Soccer would also stand a far greater chance of success in a domed stadium.

Basketball is starting to slowly catch on in Canada, and particularly in Toronto. With the Lakers and Royals coming into the Gardens in January, this could be the spark that ignites basketball interest in Toronto.

SUMMARY

Out of all this mumble jumble I am trying to say that in order for Toronto to be recognized as a major sports centre they must:

- 1) Build a domed stadium;
- 2) Accept new franchises in baseball, basketball soccer;
- 3) Support all of their professional teams in any sport in such a way that they all can survive financially.

NEXT WEEK

In my column next week I will have an interview with cross-country and wrestling star John Cook.

Rams Still In Battle For Playoffs Despite 3-2 Loss To North York

A desperation last second drive by the Richmond Hill Junior "B" Rams almost paid off Tuesday night of last week when they scored the tying goal — only a second after the final buzzer had gone.

What resulted was a 3-2 defeat at the hands of the league leading North York Rangers.

The Rams had drawn within one goal of the Rangers when Craig Terry scored from Cliff Lynham and Dick Weber at 19:09.

Following this — with Goalie Louie Moore benched for an extra player — Richmond Hill had four shots at Randy Shatto in goal for North York before finally banging the puck home after the buzzer rang to end the game.

"I'm quite happy with the spirit and hustle of the team," commented Coach Carl Brimblecomb who replaced deposed Coach Scotty Watson a few weeks ago. "We're just starting to jell and I think we'll be tough for anyone to handle from now on."

Carl still has his eye on the eighth and last playoff spot and feels his team has an excellent chance of making it.

"We've got something like 15 games left," he said. "And if we do make it we will be very tough to handle in the playoffs. Watch out for us if we make it. We're coming on."

Injuries have been plaguing the team and Brimblecomb since he took over the reins from Watson.

Suffering various aches and ills are such stalwarts as Daryl Rice, Ron Morgan, Frank Teskey and Steve Lyon.

"At one point we didn't have a regular left winger on the team," he said.

Brimblecomb expects most of the injured players back in a day or so and is especially looking forward to the return of Left Winger Rice.

"Our line of Paul Turley at centre, Daryl on left, and Craig Terry on right

wing is as good as any in Junior "B" hockey. Craig's our leading scorer.

Brimblecomb was also elated at the continued solid playing of Louie Moore in the nets.

"I feel Louie has an excellent chance of being a draft choice next season," he said. "He should make Junior A."

Tuesday's game saw the Rangers open the scoring at the 19:26 mark of the first period as Joe Crosby, an ex-Ram, beat Moore after taking a pass from Dave Wright.

Richmond Hill tied the game up at 18:38 of the second period on Head's goal from Dick Weber but the tie was short-lived. Sean Coughlin put the visitors out in front again at 19:05.

Then came Rick Kennedy's unassisted effort at 4:02 of the third period to put North York out in front to stay.

Brimblecomb is pointing to the Whitby and Toronto Raider Clubs as the ones he has to beat.

"We've got to nail those clubs and then hope for some upset wins over the leading clubs." Brimblecomb also points out that this "is only our second year, really our first as a present unit and it takes awhile to get going against all those established clubs."

"Don't forget, this club already has twice as many points as last year's team managed all season.

"So things aren't all that bad."



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

The Life Of A Golf Pro

Every once in awhile my imagination runs away with me. Here I sit, imagining that I'm a golf pro who pursues his leisurely way through the greens during the summer and then tootles off to such places as Spain and Florida for a few rounds during the winter.

I'm always jarred awake, jarred back to reality when I go out to clean the snow off my car and face the biting winds of a cruel December, January, and February.

But gee, it would be nice to have a job like 28-year-old Leon DeCaire, now of Thornhill and just recently of Richmond Hill, who pretty well does just what I was imagining above.

Leon is the golf pro at Buttonville Country Club and, just as in my imaginings, recently returned from a golf tournament in Spain and Florida and will be heading back to Florida February 28 for a few more weeks of sunburn and golf. He'll be taking his wife Darlene and son Mark, 3, and Troy, eight months.

"Sure I'm quite happy with the life of a golf pro," states the amiable Mr. DeCaire. "It's worked out fine. I hope I keep doing it as long as I can get my arms back far enough to swing a club."

Leon likes to get in as much golfing as he can during the winter and also during the summer but he doesn't get to travel very much in the warm months of summer.

LOTS OF ENJOYMENT

"I'm always at the club," he said. "The hours are long but I get a lot of enjoyment out of meeting people, running the pro shop. You can say I love my job. You have to like people, like meeting them."

Leon, as so often happens, stumbled onto his eventual golfing career as a youngster of 15 years in Aurora just looking around for something to while away the time at.

He stumbled across an old golf club one day, a few golf balls, but couldn't find a golf course available to him. So he made one.

"Some fellows and I found a field, cut out some greens, dug five holes, and put cans in them. They served as greens. That's how my golfing got started."

Leon eventually drifted into caddyding at the Aurora Highlands, eventually joined the club, and proceeded to win the junior club championship three years in a row.

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Pledges For A New Year



Harry Sadler, F.R.I.

This is the time of year for pledges. The cynics say that pledges have a tendency to become recited than practised and good intentions to become forgotten.

They're right, of course. We all fall short of perfection. But it is the striving to be better that keeps our society improving. Here is a list of pledges we'd recommend to any businessman as we strive ourselves to live up to them:

"Reputations will continue to be made by many acts and lost by one . . ."

"Performance will continue to outsell promises . . ."

"Business will continue to go where invited and remain where appreciated . . ."

"Go-givers will become the best go-getters . . ."

"People will go right on preferring to do business with friends . . ."

"Know-how will surpass guess-how . . ."

"Trust, not tricks, will keep customers loyal . . ."

"Enthusiasm will continue to be as contagious as ever."

"Quality will be prized as a precious possession . . ."

"And as anyone who has travelled it knows, the 'extra mile' has no traffic jams."

May you and yours have a happy and prosperous New Year.

See you next week.

Unionville Skaters Stage An Exhibition

A skating exhibition comprising members of the Unionville Skating Club going into the Central Ontario Sectional competition in January was held December 19.

Those participating included Jane Curtis, Angela Watson, John Belec, Jo-Ann and Richard Pettit, Karen Newton, Ricky O'Neill, Cathy Wilson, Kim Harper, Tammy and William Crompton, Janet Harper, Heather Crompton, Barbara Berzowski and David Porter.

Valerie Trunk, who will be participating in the competitions was unable to skate due to a recent fall suffered while skating.

The evening adult session had a party December 21 which also included a game of broom ball on skates. Coffee and sandwiches were served by Norma Craib, second vice-president.



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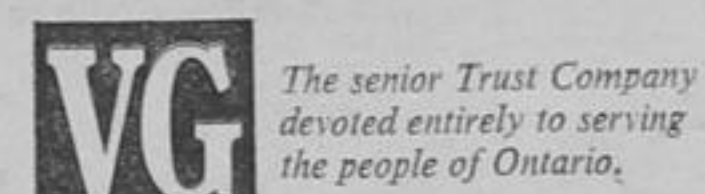
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