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Cap also managed an Oak Ridges Intermediate Women's Team for the "Moms" in those days. They played in the old KVW (King, Vaughan, Whitchurch) League and Cap's team won the championship one year.

So it went. Cap has always been somewhere around the ball picture in Oak Ridges because that's where the children were.

"I decided to retire this year," he said. "Let some of the younger people take over. I've had my run. Of course, I'll be around."

"It's funny," he said in between pausing to take a predictable puff from that cigar. "I see the children of the mothers I used to watch playing ball themselves. Makes you realize how much time has gone by."

TIMES CHANGE

Cap admits that times do change and maybe, just maybe the Oak Ridges scene has left him a little behind.

"We're bigger now, we're part of Richmond Hill," he said. "You need more people, younger people to run things. I sometimes feel it's not as much fun as it used to be. It's a little too organized for my liking."

It's almost impossible to talk to Cap without wandering onto the subject of his sea-faring days which saw him captain of his own lake freighter at the age of 25.

He retired in 1948 and came to Oak Ridges with his wife (she died two years ago) and one daughter to "get away from the sea. I lost two brothers on the boats and I wanted to get away from it after that. Imagine an ex-captain of a lake boat coming to Oak Ridges and peddling gas?"

Cap has also been a member of the Oak Ridges Lions Club for 21 years and he can tell you a lot about that too.

But, not surprisingly, the conversation always ends back at the children.

He tells you about the time he retired as post-master in 1968 and how the children from Oak Ridges Public School paid him a farewell.

"They presented me with a booklet of drawings with their names and grades on each of the pages. I've still got it here. I prize it above all my possessions."

He showed me the booklet and it was full of childish scrawls all saying "Farewell to Cap" and there were crude sketches of him in his seaman's outfit with that cigar sticking out of his mouth.

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HEY, IT'S PEOPLE

How about that crowd at the Richmond Hill Arena the other night for the game between the Rams and Markham? I actually had to line up in order to get into the gate.

For a minute there I thought I'd made a wrong turn and ended up at a Bingo game. Needless to say, the Rams topped it off with a thrilling come-from-behind 4-4 tie to send everyone home happy.

I'm always afraid the team is going to bomb out. It happens that way in life. But not this time.

Maybe not any time with this squad. As each game passes it becomes more obvious that the Rams have a good crew. A right smattering of veterans and rookies. The thing is the veterans are good and so are the rookies. Makes for an ideal combination. Isn't it great to be on a winner for a change? I'm just not used to it. Don't know how to conduct myself. I even get excited watching the game. Drink my hotdogs, eat my coffees, and do all kinds of kooky things. Man, it's great.

DOUG ACOMB

See by the papers that Doug Acomb of Richmond Hill, recently retired from the professional combats, is the leading scorer with Barrie in the Ontario Hockey Association Senior A scoring race. Doug, who started with the Marlboro Juniors, has 20 points on nine goals and 11 assists.

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Incidentally, opposition for the Jewellers at Manila in February will be the United States, Philippines, Mexico, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Virgin Island, Netherlands, and others.

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Hill Minor Football Title

Trio Restaurant Edges The Blues 2-1

The 1971 Richmond Hill Minor Football champions are Trio Restaurant Bombers who upset the favored Southern Blues 2-1 in a snow-swept final game November 7.

Blues were undefeated and heavy favorites to repeat their role as last season's champions but the second place Bombers had other ideas and stole the trophy on a kick by Bruce Clatsworthy that scored the winning two points.

Standout runner and tackler for the Bombers was Joe Moore who seemed to be all over the field encouraging his players to hold firm or throwing blocks to aid his ball carriers to gain valuable yardage.

There was some dismay at losing in the Blues' camp but Coach John Bork is to be commended for allowing every boy to play throughout the game even when it was apparent that an all-out effort by his biggest and best players might win it for him.

The special referee's corps consisting of Jim Fleming and friends had more than they bargained for when midway through the fourth quarter the snow started to fall, the wind to play throughout the game and it was impossible to see more than 10 yards in any direction.

The regular schedule wound up last week in high school football with only one team from this area gaining a final playoff berth for the regional championships.

The intermediate powerhouse team of Bayview Secondary School completed its season without a defeat edging Langstaff Secondary 7-6 in a cold, fumble-filled contest to put Bayview in the regional final against Aurora.

Quarterback Paul Duncan had to call on his work horse, Hugh Cutler, to win this last game for Bayview as Hughie powered off tackle for 20 yards to score the touchdown that proved to be the winner.

There was some concern late in the game when Dave Brillinger was helped off the field with an ankle injury to rob Bayview of a fast back for the last five minutes. Defensive Captain Mike Graydon filled in for the injured halfback and performed very capably.

Mike Graydon's appearance on offense brings up the embarrassing question why he hasn't been used more often to spark the attack when things bog down.

The Langstaff team, liberally staffed with players from the local town league showed surprising strength to hold the bruisers from Bayview to one touchdown. Glen Pemberton, Jim Lessiff and Bruce Bailey played well for the disappointed Langstaff twelve.

A final note of thanks to the officials who have labored all season in the expanded league with the increased number of games in rain, sunshine, and freezing cold.

Throughout the football season just closing members of Omni Oble, Richmond Hill's only continuing youth group, have been rating the cheerleading teams of all the local high schools.

This year a rating system was worked out to grade the cheerleading lassies and an overall winner has been chosen.

Langstaff Secondary's four winning members were Nancy Brown, Lorraine Deshay, Gail Neal and Laura Anderson who topped the poll with 85 points out of a possible 100 to edge Bayview and Thornhill for best cheering in 1971.

The rating system divided the points over six areas. Costumes or uniforms could gain a maximum of 10 points, originality in cheering 20 points, activity or movement 20 points, pulchritude 10 points, enthusiasm 20 points, and finally, looking at the crowd, 20 points.

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By BOB ROSS JR.

MAJOR MITES

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Kings 4, Nationals 0

Goals by Steve Harris came up with a shutout for the Kings as teammates Doug Walton scored twice, Mark Hayward and James Gwillam one. John Black earned two assist points.

TKES

Fred's Towing 2

Gormley Sand and Gravel 1