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Ladies' Curling Club Executive

The ladies' section of Richmond Hill Curling Club has already begun a full season of activities — sweeping the rocks into the house. The executive of this section is seen above as they got together just before the annual opening luncheon.

Front row (left to right) Kaye Copeland, Peggy MacPherson, Freda McDonald and Jean Coneybear. Middle row (left to right) Dorreen Meeres, Shirley Hicks and Laura Watson. Back row (left to right) Aletha Smith, Shirley Bate, Faye Wiess and Donna Stephenson.

Sport Spots
By FRED SIMPSON



Happy? Ugh!

How can you write about something happy when you're miserable? That's what I'd like to know. Here I am. It's November, I'm a year behind in my health, I've got pneumonia, a tooth-ache, and some sneak just turned my iron lung down three degrees when I wasn't looking.

But my boss says write about the Richmond Hill Rams because they're the happiest thing going on in town at the moment. I guess he's got a point. But there's one thing he doesn't realize. These hockey Rams of 1971-72 just aren't my Rams. At writing, they've gone 14 games without a defeat. They're winners. I can't adjust so quickly. I've been a part of the old Rams for the past four or five years. I've shared their sorrows, their hang-ups, their lonely nights at the Richmond Hill Arena.

It got to the point where I would relate my defeats with the Rams. When I lost, they lost. I knew I wasn't all alone in the world. There was the year they lost nine games in a row. It might have been only coincidence but that was the year I lost nine in a row. Then there have been the past two years when they missed the playoffs by just a few points after making stirring comebacks.

It might have been only coincidence but I missed the playoffs myself the past two seasons after making stirring comebacks. The only difference was I didn't miss them by a few points. I couldn't get a point. But it amounts to the same thing.

WOE WAS RAMS
I can remember the then Rams' coach, John (Continued on Page 12)

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LETTERS TO THE Sports Editor

THOSE CHRISTMAS CAKES!

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

I would like to comment on Robert Thompson's letter published in the November 18 issue of "The Liberal".

In the past I have enjoyed reading his letters and have found them very amusing but not always too factual.

In this latest epistle, Mr. Thompson, you are away off base. Please allow me to set you straight on the facts about the selling of Christmas Cakes and the benching of two midget hockey players.

Before this season started it had been decided by all working people in the Richmond Hill Hockey Association that there have been in the past far too many efforts to raise funds for equipment, tournaments, exhibition games, etc. by the individual clubs. So, it was proposed, and accepted by all present, that Christmas Cakes and puddings should be sold in a single effort to raise all funds necessary throughout the season.

Each team was allocated a certain area of the town to canvass and the profits will be placed in a pool to assist every hockey club in the town.

The midgets team's requirements for this season included new pants, white sweaters, white and blue stockings and safe helmets and some tournaments.

The two hockey players benched were not cut by the hockey association. They were benched for one game by their coach, because they failed to help their teammates in the sale and thereby in acquiring the equipment now being worn by all players on this team. In fact, Mr. Thompson, I assure you these two players are the mainstay of the midget hockey club to date and their efforts on the ice are very much appreciated.

I would suggest that Mr. Thompson should be a regular contributor to "The Liberal" but I would ask him not to listen to all the goof balls and rumormongers (and there are many in Richmond Hill) please check the facts first!

BILL POINTS,
Midget Hockey Coach,
205 Alverna Road,
Richmond Hill.

THANKS TO RICHVALE LIONS

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

This is a letter of thanks to the Richvale Lions and Leos for their support of the Southern Blues Football Club.

I don't think people realize just how much work these Lions do in the community. Not only do they promote and support hockey, baseball and football, but they have recently organized a Leos Club for younger members to participate in community activities. I could go into great detail about their many activities, but would suggest that you will get a better idea by visiting the club, located on Spruce Avenue.

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Let me point out to Mr. Thompson that the coaches, and active members of the association are all parents, and if you can consider the fact that they are participating instead of sitting back and carping, as parental interference and favoritism, then I for one plead guilty.

The situation in which he has unleashed his meagre attempt at humor is, in actual fact, one in which the coach should be commended for taking a justifiable stand. The Christmas Cake Sale, is a hockey association project to raise much needed funds, and to attempt to cut down the numerous individual solicitations. This was requested by the association as a whole and all coaches of town representative teams agreed to take this on as a "team" effort. The individual teams were requested to work together and "blitz" Richmond Hill for two successive Saturdays. One boy in point of fact, took his responsibilities to the team and "team spirit" so seriously that in spite of working until 3 am Saturday morning, got up at 7 am in order to join his teammates in making the "blitz" a success.

The two boys who were benched, for some reason or another did not participate in this team effort. The coach felt this serious enough to bench the two boys for one game. These two boys, and all other members of the team will, from now on I'm sure, attend "all team activities". I might also say that these two boys and their parents accepted the discipline in the proper manner, and I have heard no criticism or complaining concerning the situation.

Mr. Thompson in his final paragraph makes mention of opening Canada's first selling summer school. If this be so I will volunteer to pay for Mr. Thompson's own registration myself. With the high cost of operating hockey today we can certainly use another fund raiser.

SIL STEFFAN,
257 Elmwood Avenue,
Richmond Hill.

THANKS TO RICHVALE LIONS

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

On behalf of the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association I would like to express our thanks to "The Liberal" for publishing our Let's Play Tennis Column during the past season.

I'm sure our members and other readers have enjoyed reading this column and it has greatly increased the spirit of tennis in our town.

ARNOLD BALOGH,
9 Orton Crescent,
Langstaff.

LETTERS TO THE Sports Editor

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

I would also like to express my appreciation to the many parents who have given me help over the season. They are devoted fans, not only for their own boy, but for every boy on the team. Special thanks are expressed to Wilfred and Jeanette Johnson for their extra help. Many times their home looked like the Toronto Argos training camp with equipment stacked here, there and everywhere.

The players and coaching staff are also indebted to the generosity of the people who purchased light bulbs from us. My personal thanks also goes to my abie assistant coaches Bill Morris and Dana Coxworthy — and to Glenn Pemberton and Brian Coxworthy, two fine young men whom I coached in previous years and who are continuing their interest in football by helping me with my coaching duties. With the help of these four men, I would never have made it through the season.

Even though we lost our last game of the season 2-1, we had an impressive record in 1971 which I don't think will be topped for a long time. With ten games played (exhibition and league) we scored 302 points and allowed only 21 against.

Plans for next year are already under way, with the highlight to be the Hamilton Tournament. We participated last year and went to the final game, which we lost 1-0 to Hamilton. The 1972 tourney is scheduled to be played in the Ivor Wymor Stadium, a great thrill for the young footballers.

I know we can rely on the Richvale Lions and Leos for continued support next year in furthering the football skills of the community's boys.

JOHN BORK

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