



Tom Young Soccer Draw

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Walter Abbott of 327 Bluegrass Boulevard, Richmond Hill, is shown (centre) receiving an AM/FM Multiplex Stereo combination. He was the lucky ticket holder in the \$1,000 Tom Young Benefit Christmas Draw sponsored by the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association. Left to right are Les Trotman, secretary-treasurer of the association; Abbott, and Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association President Rob Kernohan. Richmond Hill Councillor Lois Hancey made the draw. Proceeds will go to Young, who was seriously injured in a car accident last April. He has been hospitalized since that time.

Oshawa Wins Tourney

BY FRED SIMPSON

A little red machine from Oshawa made a shambles out of the opposition to skate away with the "A" championship at the first annual Richmond Hill Lions Peeewe Invitational Tournament Wednesday night.

It was strictly no opposition as the well-oiled, well-drilled Oshawa squad passed Kingston dizzy to rack up an 8-0 cake walk in the championship game for their fourth straight win in the tournament.

Oshawa opened the tournament Monday with a 5-0 shutout over Richmond Hill Lions, a 7-1 drubbing of Toronto's highly touted Ted Reeves team, and a 5-1 win over a gritty squad from Thunder Bay.

It was a so-so three days for Richmond Hill and area teams with the exception of the Thornhill Peeewe who got into the "B" finals only to run out of gas and bow to Ottawa 7-2.

THORNHILL CAME CLOSE

Enroute to the finals, Thornhill dropped a 2-0 opener to Thunder Bay, whipped Lake Bluff 6-0, edged Richmond Hill in a 2-1 thriller, before meeting their Ottawa Waterloo.

As for the tournament as a whole? "We're tremendously pleased with the way it turned out," said Lions Club Chairman Jim Mansbridge. "Everything went like clockwork considering it was our initial tryout."

He was also elated with the response from the public indicating that some 3,000 spectators had attended the three-day tournament.

It was a color-splashed finale Wednesday night as Richmond Hill Lion Majorettes performed and the trophies were distributed to the winning clubs.

Not so successful were the Richmond Hill and Oak Ridges clubs who just didn't have the necessary weapons to overcome some of the best clubs in Peeewe hockey.

The Hill Lions got off to a shaky start losing by 5-0 to Oshawa. They came back with a nail-biting win over Welland only to be eliminated by old rival Thornhill by 2-1 in an equally nail-biting contest.

"We just couldn't get the boys to shoot or pass the puck enough," commented Lions losing Coach Gary Smith.

BIG THORNHILL WIN

He was referring to the tense 2-1 game with Thornhill which saw Richmond Hill trailing 1-0 nearing the end of the game after a goal by Thornhill's Pat Bertrand in the first period. He was assisted by Greg Foy.

The undefeated Lions kept coming back and pulled off another last minute heroic effort as Dave Forster brought the arena alive as he took passes from Greg MacMillan and Chris DeGeer to tie the game 1-1.

Spectators were girding themselves for another overtime thriller but it wasn't to be.

A Richmond Hill defender was slow in clearing while the Lions were one man short and Bill Coville got the puck to Brian Anderson at the point. And he whistled it home with about 22 seconds left.

"I think it was a case of us running out of gas," said Thornhill Coach Jack McLaughlin who was quite happy with his team's effort in getting to the finals. "I think we could have done better against Ottawa. The score really wasn't pretty indicative of the play. We held our own pretty well."

He felt that beating Richmond Hill who are "our arch rivals

BIG LIONS EFFORT

Co-ordinating of the tournament and the arena activities generally were handled by members of the Richmond Hill Lions Club.

Other persons involved on the tournament committee included Secretary Eileen "Goody" Beard; Administrator Ed Sackfield; Director of Operations Stan Hitchinson; Finance Ken Tomlin and Advertising John Blanchard.

Proceeds of the tournament will go toward a variety of Lion projects.

Monday

Brampton 5, Leaside 1
Lindsay 6, Ottawa 5
Kingston 7, Oak Ridges 1

Newmarket 2, Napanee 0

Oshawa 5, Richmond Hill 0
Ted Reeve 1, Welland 0
Thunder Bay 2, Thornhill 0
Oakville 8, Lake Bluff 0

Tuesday

Ottawa 7, Leaside 1
Oak Ridges 1, Napanee 0
Richmond Hill 2, Welland 1
Thornhill 6, Lake Bluff 0
Lindsay 4, Brampton 3
Kingston 5, Lindsay 3
Kingston 3, Newmarket 2
Oshawa 7, Ted Reeve 1
Thunder Bay 7, Oakville 6

Wednesday

Ottawa 3, Oak Ridges 2
Thornhill 2, Richmond Hill 1
Kingston 5, Lindsay 3
Oshawa 5, Thunder Bay 1
(Oshawa 8, Kingston 0)
(Ottawa 7, Thornhill 2)

Sport Spots

By FRED SIMPSON

Some Mish-Mash

Well, we made it. Here it is 1972 and lo and behold I've suddenly acquired five or six more problems already. That's not so bad. What puts me off is that I've still got the ones left over from 1971. Even worse. One of them has worsened.

However, I'm alive and it's time to go on. A sort of mish-mash here as I attempt to recover my senses after the holiday madness.

Have to make a congratulatory comment regarding the first annual Richmond Hill Lions Invitational Peeewe Hockey Tournament which turned out to be quite a deal.

Unfortunately, none of the local teams made the winner's circle. But a fine team from Thornhill gave it the big try for the "B" championship. Just not to be.

A few thoughts (it happens once in a while) occurred to me during the tournament.

One being the number of fine looking young players I saw on display out there. What happens to all these guys? They tell me that they fall by the wayside somewhere along the way.

I would guess that it's a case of some players being precocious and looking as good now as they ever will. Perhaps others lose the desire while still others are late-starters and develop at a later date. I suppose it's all a mystery.

But with all the expansion going on in the NHL (as well as the proposed new World Hockey League) in the works, there should be plenty of opportunity for any youngster playing hockey today.

The only qualification should be his ability to tie his own skates and to carry a hockey stick. From the looks of some NHL games that's the only qualification needed today. Some are real stinkers.

I suppose that in the next five or 10 years the talent will catch up with the teams. But in the meantime you see some pretty "ecch" matches.

TOO MANY GAMES!

Another somewhat old topic that drifted on the scene during the peeewe shbang was that there are pro and con opinions that the youngsters play too many games during a season.

It was mentioned that a lot of the teams play 70 or so games a year which, to me, seems somewhat ridiculous. No wonder a youngster is fed up with hockey by the time he gets to Midget. Everyone professes to be doing things for the kids for the fun it gives him. But 70 games seems like something you'd do if you were a professional.

I could be wrong, but I feel it's time the people who arrange all these games should get back down

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BOWLING RESULTS

ABC MEN'S BOWLING

ABC No. 1 players were big shooters on the last night of league play in 1971.

Games of 1,320, 1,322 and 1,360 gave them a 4,002 total.

Bruno Pezzin had an 888, and John Faber led their team to its fine total.

Pezzini also rolled the high single game of the night at 333. Other good singles were rolled by Gary Palmer 321, Robert Giles 310, Lorne Cable 305, and John Faber 300.

The high average race still has Norm Roberts on top at 259. Ian Cameron has 235, Gary Palmer 252, Bob Julian 250, and Bruno Pezzin 246.

Standings: Powell Fencing 11½; ABC No. 3, 11; Engel's Golf 10; South Simcoe Sports 9; ABC No. 1 9; Richmond Hill Furniture Mart 9; YBC Seniors 6; York Simcoe Sports 6; Hall's Fuel 5½; ABC No. 2 5; Allencourt Lanes 5.

NEWMARKET: York Region should demand from the province the authority to control spending by the two conservation authorities active in the region — Metro and South Lake Simcoe — regional council was told recently. At present the council may scrutinize the authorities' budgets when they're prepared and can appeal the total figures, but not individual expenditures.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

MINOR BANTAM

Brian's Shell 2
Murphy Real Estate 0

Getting the goals for Brian were Eric Thompson aided by Andy Cook along with Bill Murphy with Dave Bolingbroke unassisted.

Richmond Hill TV 2
Avenue Taxi 0

Potting the counters for the TV men were Mike Briscoe helped by Roy Pike and Gord Simfield and Dave Stockall from Phil Wilson.

Rotary Club 2
Simms Construction 2

Rotary's tallies came from the sticks of Bruce Noble and Bob Adam.

Dan Powell and Zenio Ferrone each connected for a goal and an assist for Simms, with Gord Bedwell assisting both.

BANTAMS
CFGM 1

Stephenson Construction 0
Steve Petersen garnered the

only goal of this contest with CFGM Goalie Craig Richardson coming up with his third shut-out of the season.

Reliable Marine & Sport 5
Surf Marine 2

Scoring for Reliable were Chris Patterson, Randy Hughes-Guest, Glenn Jarvis with two, and John Petronski. Petronski also earned two assist points.

For Surf Marine, the goal scorers were Tom Mesley unassisted and Allan Basinger aided by Paul McGeachie.

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Some people who once loved big cars are growing disenchanted in traffic jams on city streets and highways. They believe auto-insurance costs are "exorbitant". Repairs "are far too difficult and expensive," gasoline and depreciation are costly, and parking is a worsening chore — according to Mr. George Katona, a consumer psychologist who directs the University of Michigan's survey research centre.

Once, most people wanted as big a car as they could afford. "Now many people buy the smallest car that will do their specific transportation job," says Robert McCurry, sales vice-president of Chrysler.

Lee Iacocca, president of Ford, agrees that more and more customers are putting the emphasis on utility. "Nobody has to draw us any pictures to show us that the tide has turned," he says.

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