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**Basketball Action Underway At Don Head**

He could be saying, "now this is a basketball", but it's really not the case. It's Ed Alan (with the ball) shown with the above participants as he launched his Saturday Morning Basketball League at Don Head Secondary School last week. In the picture with him are Mike Hiscott, Duane Reid, Rick Carlton, Steve Collett, Greg Henderson, and Brian Seath. It is the fourth year Ed has been holding his basketball leagues. He's a high school referee. Each Saturday features two segments of basketball. From 9 am to 10:30 am will be for those 16 and under. From 10:30 to 12 is for those above age 16, including adults if they wish to get some exercise. "Drop over," says Ed.

**Sport Spots**



By FRED SIMPSON

**Cocher Artemchuk**



PETE ARTEMCHUK

When it comes to interviewing coaches I must admit a strong prejudice in favor of the mild-mannered types. I don't mean soft. I mean mild-mannered. That's nothing against the colorful, excitable, arm-waving coaches who test the durability of brick walls with their roars before, during and after games. They've got their place. They are colorful. And a heck of a lot of them are effective. They're just not my cup of tea. I don't like hollering at people, I don't want to be hollered at.

Which brings me around to mild-mannered Peter Artemchuk of Richmond Hill who has just recently taken up the rather weighty job of coaching the Brantford Majors in the Southern Junior "A" Tier 2 Hockey League. Some rather more cautious souls would tend to suspect a suicidal tendency in a man who would come out of retirement to coach a team clinging precariously to the final playoff spot, having a 13 win, 23 loss and 6 tie record, beset with a long list of demoralizing injuries.

Peter has another word for it. He considers it a challenge. He's also an optimist. It all helps.

**A CHALLENGE**

"You might say it was a lack of challenge that got me out of hockey two years ago," mused the 39-year-old Artemchuk. "It took a challenge to get me back in."

It was two years ago that I interviewed a somewhat disappointed Artemchuk on the eve of his bowing out as coach of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets.

If memory serves me correctly (It happened twice in the past five years. I keep records, you know) that was the time Leamington beat out The Hill in the OMHA finals in the last game.

"I figure that was the best team I've coached," states Artemchuk. "If I couldn't win that year I felt it was time I took a rest and figure out what went wrong."

Enter the challenge bit. "I had coached the midgets for the past five years. We'd won the North York League every year. The challenge was virtually gone. I wanted to move up."

The opportunity to move up he had with three different clubs. But there were no openings for the place he wanted to stay.

"I would have liked to have had a go at coaching the Rams," he said. "But that was the year they signed Sid Smith. They were pretty well set. The other offers involved Junior "B" clubs, but I didn't want to go out of town when it would involve a lot of travelling. I decided to take it easy."

Artemchuk was still active in the hockey scene only in the scouting end of it for several clubs on a freelance basis.

"I confined the scouting to Richmond Hill basically," he said. "I think we've got some fine players and I would like to see them get ahead." His scouting was for clubs such as Peterboro and London of the "A" loop.

**LOTS OF LOCAL BOYS**

It wasn't very surprising that some of his selections included names like Colin Wood, Tony Bellevance, Steve Addley, Scott Mabley and Larry Kellett, etc. They'd all played for Pete and they were with him that fateful year he lost to Leamington.

Most of his picks moved up to "A" and they are still there. In fact, he has a goodly number of

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**Elect Bill Fox To Head Hill Ball Association**

Bill Fox was elected president of the Richmond Hill Ball Association at its annual meeting Thursday night of last week at the town hall.

He replaces Glen Philip. Other members of the executive are: Vice-President John Cook, Second Vice-President Tom Anderson, and Third Vice-President Eric Stoness.

NEWMARKET — Mayor Bob Forhan recently charged that the population ceilings in the Toronto-Centred Region Plan will stifle growth in York Region during the next 20 years and force families into sub-standard accommodation. This town will be limited to 8,000 people in addition to the present 19,000 population figure.

The mid-winter training trials of the Labrador Owners' Association of Toronto will be held Sunday at the Cold Creek Conservation Area of the Metro Conservation Authority.

Dogs in four classes — puppy, junior, qualifying and open — will be put through their paces by their owners under difficult winter conditions beginning at 10 am and running through until 3 pm.

In another area of the park, snowmobilers can try the two-mile marked route over the King Hills, weather permitting, and all visitors can enjoy the log fire and hot refreshments at the Cold Creek Conservation Field Centre.

Cold Creek is one of eight conservation areas being operated for public recreation this winter by the authority, and is located between Bolton and Nobleton, about three miles north of the King Sideroad on Concession 11.

For more information, contact Cold Creek Superintendent George Claver at 857-1646.

**IMPORT Auto TALK**



By IAN NEILL

**ROAD AND TRACK MAGAZINE ROAD TESTS DATSUN 1200 COUPE**

We've always looked upon Road & Track magazine as one of the fairest auto mags around. They tell it like it is when they check out cars. And what is most important, they have a panel of testers give the car a thorough going over — the car is not at the mercy of a writer who might have just squabbled with his wife or have a bad hangover. The road test write-up is the combined effort of several knowledgeable journalists. And this is what they said about our Datsun 1200 coupe: "An excellent car — a really practical little fastback at a good price."

"The body form is very good." "It's on the inside that the Datsun 1200 really comes into its own, with excellent, fully adjustable front seats and a fold-down rear seat that allows an uninterrupted cargo space 54 inches in length and 17 cu. ft. in volume (below the level of the windows — it can be nearly twice that if you're wanting to tote home a potted palm and vision to the rear isn't required). The deck opening is standard size, not including the rear window as on the Vega coupe or 240-Z, but bulky objects can be loaded without too much difficulty. Upholstery is of good-quality black vinyl."

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These excerpts were taken from the November issue of Road & Track. We have a copy for viewing at our dealership.



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The wonderful world of speed and competition Nations and manufacturers and people all over the world are always trying to prove something — like they're better, faster, more "achieving" than the competition. Time and time again Japan has proven itself as one of the most "achieving" countries. Its manufacturers have built reputations based on advanced-design fine quality products. It's people are proving they can beat the best in the world at things that are new to the Japanese. One of the most remarkable achievements was that of Morohita Masaru. He skis. Oh boy, how he skis! In fact, he's the fastest skier in the world. Would you believe 113.887 mph? Masaru (now called "the missile") set a new world record of 113.887 mph in a ski speed competition known as the Kilometro Lanciato, or kilometer flying start on a remote and lofty glacier above Cervina in the Italian Alps. Dressed in a skintight outfit, crash helmet designed with points similar to the prow of a ship, and on a special pair of Kazama 240 cm. downhill skis weighing 20 lbs., he blasted down the mountain like a bullet in a super-streamlined "egg" position. Even his ski pole baskets were cone-shaped to reduce wind drag. The 117-pound champion beat the previous world record of 104.86 mph by a healthy margin. His time was followed closely by Nishi Masaru at 113.733 mph and Satoshi Shimizu at 113.539 mph. What's all this got to do with selling and caring for Datsun cars which is the name of my game? Nothing, I just thought you might be interested... Watch for our next Import Auto Talk, Feb. 3rd.

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**Rams Get Caught Firing Blanks Go Down 3-0 At Hands Of Whitby**

The Richmond Hill Junior "B" Rams came up with a team effort in reverse Sunday night against Whitby-Lasco Steelers. They all played badly. They lost 3-0.

But it was only their fourth loss of the season against 23 wins and three ties so Coach Karl Brimblecombe isn't inclined to press the panic button.

"We didn't play that well," the nets for Richmond Hill but he said. "We're in a slump but you have to expect such things over a long season. I'm never happy when we're playing badly. You just have to work harder and the goals will start coming again."

The goals weren't coming at all against Whitby although the Rams did outshoot their rivals 41-35 but none were of the really dangerous calibre.

To make the wound of losing smart even more so it was an old Ram that did most of the damage. Namely, Paul Turley. Turley, who played with the Rams last season, led the Whitby offensive with a goal and an assist. John Barker and Bernie Johnson scored the others.

Mike Ryckman played well in goal for the Steelers although not harassed to any alarming degree by the Rams. Gordie Woonough started in

While the Rams appear to be in a slump of late, it is true that Whitby appears to be reaching its peak having tied Dixie in a previous outing last Friday. However, the Steelers have left it too late. Sunday's win was only their third in 31 games. They have five ties.

Richmond Hill plays host to Aurora next Tuesday night in what should be a blistering contest. Game time is 8 pm.

They play Wexford at Stouffville tonight (Thursday) and travel to Dixie Sunday.

**Thornhill Henson Rink Wins Canada Life Spiel**

Despite not having a curling rink over his head, so to speak, Dennis Henson of Thornhill came on strong over the weekend to edge Ray Grant of Unionville 7-6 in the deciding game of the Canada Life bonspiel at Donalds.

Henson's home rink at Thornhill was destroyed by fire a month ago and he and his fellow curlers have been doing their playing at Lambton, Scarborough and Bayview.

Winning is nothing new for Henson. He was vice-skip for John Martin when Martin won the Canada Life two years in a row in 1967 and 1968.

By losing, Grant missed a chance of also winning two years in a row. He had a winning streak of 17 games before losing in the 12-end finale.

The game ended on a spectacular note. Henson never trailed after building up a 4-1 lead in four ends and led 6-2 after eight.

But Grant scored three in the ninth, the 10th was blanked and Grant stole one in the 11th to tie it at 6-6.

In the 12th, Grant filled the front with guards and then buried two stones. Henson won when he raised his own rock on to the four-foot.

Bill Schultz, Tom Blackwell and Bill Mathews curled on the winning rink. Henson reached the final with a 9-6 win over Stu McKenzie of Humber Highland.

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