

Pill Roller Tykes Win Three In A Row

Richmond Hill 4, Bolton 3
Friday evening, Lazenby's Pill Rollers travelled to Bolton for a league game and defeated their hosts 4-3.

Scoring for the Pills were Dan Henderson with two and singletons were credited to Ian Ball and Neal McGregor. McGregor's tally came with 36 seconds remaining in the game to break a 3-3 deadlock. Assists were credited to Henderson with two, Dunford and Ball with one each. Goalie David Jordan played solidly in the nets for the local boys.

Richmond Hill 2, Etobicoke 1
Saturday morning the "Pills" were on the road again, this time to Beeton where they defeated the "Canucks" in an exhibition game by a 2-1 score.

Scoring in this one were Jamie Tuck and Neal McGregor. Checking solidly behind the blue line were Jones, Francey, De Franco and Edwards.

Richmond Hill 11, Streetsville 0
Sunday, the local tykes went to Streetsville and slammed their tyke team into submission 11-0. Scoring in this exhibition match were Dan Henderson and Glen Dunford with four tallies each, singletons going to Craig Halliday, McGregor and Tuck. In the assist department Doug Jones came up with a well-played effort, Halliday gained two and single assist points went to Ball, McGregor and Dunford.

Steve Shannon and Bryan Buchan played solidly through this match. Goalie Jordan, although not tested too often, came up big enough to gain the shutout.

ATOM "B"
Don Valley "B" 6, Pincrest 2
Mark Porter, Pincrest's goalie played the game of his life last Saturday at Bayview Arena as he faced a total of 35 shots to hold down the score to 6-2 in favor of Don Valley.

After the game, the coach of Don Valley visited the Hillers in the dressing room, and he told Mark his performance was the best he had seen by any goalie this year.

Steve Bowers took a Danny Petroff pass early in the first period and scored the first goal. This seemed to spur on the excellent, well balanced Don Valley Team as they fired five unanswered goals. In the last period, Steve Shadoff picked up a loose puck, skated down the length of the ice in full flight to beat the goalie.

The Toronto team took advantage of Pincrest's inability to get the puck out of their own end, and whistled savage slap shots at will at the acrobatic Porter.

Coaches Bill Bedford and Bud Wood nearly broke up in laughter at 11-year-old Neil Putnam's summary of the game. In awe, Neil stated, "Some 'B' team that is. The reason they beat us is because their slapshots must have gone over six miles an hour!"

ATOMS
Wilson-Niblett 4, Guelph 3
Monday, January 10 saw one of the best played atom games in many a moon here at our ice palace. Both clubs were most evenly matched and the name of the game was "move". The kids certainly did that.

The Hillers' big guns were in order of players' numbers — Blair Lewis, one goal and one assist; Alan Clark, one assist; Frank Nigro, two goals and one assist; David Cates, one assist; Angus McGregor, one goal and two assists; and Phil Woods with two assists.

Allison 5, W-N 5
Saturday evening, January 15, the local atoms journeyed to the Allison ice box to determine the final standings for the OMHA playoffs. Our lads build up a 4-1 lead by the second period and decided to coast along, but Allison tied it up then went ahead in the third. The tying goal was rolled in late in the third.

Phil Wood was the opportunist with the last two goals.

Ernie Takeuchi Stars
Thornhill Wins Title
A three-goal effort by Ernie Takeuchi carried the Thornhill midgets to a 4-1 win over Hawkesbury on the weekend and to the "A" championship of the North American Silver Stick hockey tournament at Sarnia.

It was Thornhill's third straight win in the tournament. They opened the tournament by edging Toledo, Ohio, 2-1, and then defeated Garden City, Michigan, 5-1.

That final game against Hawkesbury saw Takeuchi opening the score with an unassisted goal. His second counter was assisted by Dave Courtemanche and Hugh Matheson. His third goal was assisted by Courtemanche also.

Gary Smith scored the third Thornhill goal. He was helped by Dave Halpin and Robbie Yoteff.

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The first one was assisted by Nigro and McGregor, the tying one by Peter Halliday and Jamie Gropp. Other scoring points were by Lewis unassisted, Steve Price assisted by McGregor and Lewis and Bill Byres from Steve Madden.

Scarboro Sabres 3, W-N 2
Sunday, January 16, the local atoms hoped to avenge a previous loss to Scarboro Sabres (the team that knocked them out of the Don Mills Tournament semi-finals) but such was not to be.

Once again the Sabres provided a rather sloppy effort and the Hillers played just as badly. Nigro from Clark and Clark and Price from Clark and Nigro accounted for the locals' goals.

W-N 8, Aurora 1
Monday, January 17, the Wilson-Niblett Atoms hosted Aurora for the first game of the "best of three" series to determine the next round opponents in the North York League elimination playoffs. The final winner of the league will advance into the All-Ontario playoffs.

The poor Aurora boys were completely outclassed and were outshot 47-13. Two hat tricks for the locals were scored by David Cates, whose effort was a "true hat trick" with three consecutive goals, the other by Frank Nigro, who picked up three goals and threw in two assists for good measure. Blair Lewis also showed well with a goal and three assists.

Scott Taylor proved to be the playmaker. The ever-reliable Phil Wood came through with a goal and an assist, Alan Clark and Bill Byers contributed one assist each.

W-N 7, Aurora 2
Wednesday evening, January 19, the local atoms wrapped the series up fast and knocked Aurora out of further frustrations to the tune of 7-2. Aurora stayed with us for part of the first period and despite the Niblett lads only having 11 players, Nigro and company skated them into the ice. Frank got another three goals and one assist, Phil Wood two goals, Steve Price two assists, Tom Peden one goal and one assist each, Jamie Gropp and Angus McGregor one assist each.

W-N 6, Humber Valley 0
Despite the fact that Captain Frank Nigro was in on all six goals, the balance of the team played extremely well against the visiting Humber Valley Atoms. Steve Price was tried in goal and he earned a shutout, as he maintained control and rose to the occasion when needed.

Nigro scored five, yes five, of his team's goals and assisted on the first goal scored by McGregor on a nice rebound pickup.

Assists were earned by: Blair Lewis (2), David Cates (2), Angus McGregor and Steve Madden, one each.

Next weekend the supreme test comes in the semi-final district OMHA playoffs against Thornhill — Saturday at Double-rink Arenas at 2 pm, Sunday here at 5:10 pm and Monday at the Double-rink at 5:45 pm if a third game is necessary.

PEEWEEES
Lions 4, Thornhill 0
In the first game of the best two of three North York League playoffs, played January 19 at Double-rink Arenas, Richmond Hill Lion Peewees defeated Thornhill 4-0.

Scoring for the Hill were Gary Langfield, Dean Jones, Army Armstrong and Al Barnett with assists coming from Ron Dyrast with two, Jones, Chris DeGee, Dave Forrester, Dale Strang and Roy Russell.

Thornhill took the second game of the series 1-0 in the local arena Friday evening.

Thornhill 1, Lions 1
Saturday, January 22, the third game was played in Double-rink Arenas and was a 0-0 tie at the end of regulation time. It then went into a 10-minute overtime period.

Thornhill 1, Lions 0
Brad Lloyd scored the first goal of this period, and the jubilant Lions, thinking the game was over, poured off the bench on to the ice, only to be handed a bench penalty and the game continued. Thornhill scored to tie it up, and that's the way it ended, necessitating a fourth game.

Sunday, the Thornhill Peewees handed the Lions 3-1 defeat and ended the series and the Lions' hopes of winning an OMHA title.

Armstrong scored the only Lion counter on a pass from Greg McMillan and Dave Forrester.

The score was tied 1-1 going into the last 10 minutes of the game. Thornhill made it 2-1. Richmond Hill pulled its goalie, a manoeuvre which backfired, Thornhill knocking the puck into the open net and widening the margin to 3-1. That's the way it ended.

MINOR BANTAMS
Tournaments Inc. In Semi-Finals
Richmond Hill Tournaments Incorporated defeated Orillia in two straight games and will advance into the league semi-finals against Aurora. Winner of this series will advance against Barrie in the North York OMHA finals.

In the first game against Orillia January 20, Tournaments defeated them by a score of 5-0. Kevin Mabley earned this shutout.

Danny Jones scored two goals and Doug Reid, Glen Tatum and Gord Sinfield one each. Assists were by Dynes, Simpson, Jones, Tatum and Brillinger.

Saturday, January 22, the Hill boys again defeated Orillia, this time by a score of 8-1.

Gord Sinfield, Dave Brooke and Rob Wallingford came up with two goals each, Doug Reid and Mark Brillinger scored one each. Assisting were Hodgson and Chaisson with two, Jones, Brooke, Kimmel and Brillinger.

BANAMS
Travelway Bantams took a 1-0 lead in the quarter finals of the OMHA playoffs by defeating Orillia 2-1 at the new arena January 17.

While this game was important to both teams, it proved to be a lack lustre affair. Travelways did not help their cause, as out of 50 minutes of hockey playing time, they spent 36 minutes in the penalty box, many of which were unnecessary. Being short-handed so often, their attack bogged down, and they were a disorganized band.

The Hillers opened the scoring early in the first period as Steve Hodgins connected on passes from Richard Campbell and Steve Morrison.

The highlight of this game was the sensational solo effort by Mike Gallagher who tucked away what proved to be the eventual winner in the third period.

The Orillia Team counted once late in the third period, but were unable to penetrate goalie Ben Bourget's defence again to force overtime. Travelways' many sojourns to the penalty box, almost made this possible though. As was proved in the New Hampshire Tournament, and so often last year, penalties are poison to this team.

Whitby 4, Travelways 3
Richmond Hill's Travelways spotted Whitby to a 4-1 lead after two periods in Brooklin January 18 before they started to skate and concentrate on fundamentals. Unfortunately they ran out of time, and consequently bowed to a hustling team from Whitby 4-3.

Travelways started auspiciously as Steve Morrison fired the puck into the Whitby end. The puck bounced off the boards and stopped at the goalie's feet. John Oakley zoomed in and rammed home the puck.

This lead, however was short-lived, as Whitby began to skate in earnest and completely dominated the game. Two Travelways' penalties, resulted in two fast Whitby goals. Mike Rowley, the lad that played so well for Richmond Hill as a novice, scored the first goal on a slap shot from the blue line, and fed his teammate a perfect pass to set up Whitby's second goal.

Just when the embarrassed Hill fans were anticipating a Whitby rout, Travelways started to skate at full throttle in the third period. Steve Hodgins, an unheralded worker, picked up a Morrison rebound to narrow the margin 4-2. Dave Berseth added a goal, after Hodgins made it possible by digging the puck from behind the net. Mike Gallagher played an exceptionally strong game on defence, carrying the puck out of his own end with real authority.

Travelways 4, Orillia 2
Travelways Bantams moved into the semi-finals of the OMHA playoffs as they knocked off Orillia in two straight games last Friday night in the new arena.

This contest which the Hillers won 4-2 was almost a replica of the first game of the series. It seems that whenever Orillia and Travelways clash, the brand of hockey played is far from exciting as Travelways play to the level of the opposition.

Arnold Van Der Weyde, picking up a Jeff Miller pass, fired a wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder to open the scoring. Dave Berseth, taking the puck from centre, deked the defenceman and backhanded in a goal, to give Travelways a 2-1 lead. Orillia tied the score once again, until late in the third period, when Steve Morrison fired a hard slapshot. In the meantime Van Der Weyde alertly raced in on the play and got the winning goal.

In the last minute, Orillia took out their goalie, and Mike Ham banged in the puck, assists going to Berseth and Tony Robinson. Morrison played an excellent aggressive game, and stood out for Travelways. This team now awaits the winner of the Aurora-Thornhill series.

Georgetown 4, Trilwys 2
For 45 minutes Travelways

skated stride for stride with a crackerjack team from Georgetown last Sunday night in the new arena. Rider laxness in the final five minutes, however, were expensive, and they were defeated 4-2.

After a scoreless first period which featured exciting end-to-end action, the Hillers went ahead. John Oakley won the faceoff in the Travelways end, passed to Dave Berseth, who sent Mike Gallagher on his way. Gallagher made no mistake, picking the short side with a hard slapshot. Georgetown tied the score, only to have Richard Campbell score to forge the Hillers into a 2-1 lead on a picture goal. Steve Morrison passed to Mike Ham, who fed the puck into the slot to Campbell.

Leading 2-1 in the third period, the local lads took two penalties, and Georgetown tied 3-2 within the space of 2½ minutes.

MIDGETS
Thornhill 4, Legion 3
Thornhill evened the play-down series as they edged the Legionaires 4-3 at Double-rink Arenas last Thursday. The locals were never behind in the game until the 18:50 mark of the third when Thornhill scored the winning goal while the Legion club was playing shorthanded.

After winning the first game of the series 4-1 overconfidence set in as the locals had not lost to Thornhill this season. Slopiness in clearing and straying from their cheeks resulted in at least two goals from Thornhill. The line of Dunkley, Steffan and Baillie accounted for all the scoring.

Paul Baillie sent the locals ahead 1-0 in the first as he picked up a rebound and fired it home assisted by Dunkley and Steffan. Tom Sanlon and Baillie set up Steffan for the next. The picture goal of the game was scored by Jeff Wood from Dunkley in a perfect two-way passing play as they skated through the entire Thornhill Club.

Royal York 3, Richmond Hill 1
The Legionaires visited Royal York Rangers at the Double-rink Arenas Friday night and came away on the short end of a 3-1 score. Dennis Acomb scored the only counter for the locals, assisted by Bruce Hippkiss at 8:20 of the second.

Legion 4, Thornhill 2
The third and deciding game of the playdowns with Thornhill was played Sunday night with the locals coming out on top with a 4-2 victory.

Thornhill, who has just won the Silver Stick Tournament in their division earlier in the day put up a strong fight. The game wasn't five minutes old when Thornhill scored the opening goal. However, before the period ended Acomb tied the score with assists going to Jeff Wood and Kim Mabley.

The locals carried the play to Thornhill in the second period and their persistence paid off when Steffan sent the home side ahead 2-1 with Lunau and Dunkley assisting.

Chuck Lunau notched the eventual winner at the 20 second mark of the third on a set-up by "Digger" Dunkley and Pete Ranieri.

Dunkley put the game away at 17:36 of the period with assists going to Lunau and Ranieri.

The Legion crew now take on Orillia in the best of three with the first game scheduled for last Monday, the second game at Orillia Thursday at 8 pm and the third game back in Richmond Hill Sunday at 2:10, if necessary.

The management and players would like to thank George Sullivan and his co-workers for their efforts in organizing the hockey dance at the Legion Hall Friday night. Proceeds of the night are being used to send the club to the Drummondville, Quebec, Tournament next month.

Busy Time For Figure Skaters

Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club is indeed proud of its pair skaters, Lindy Watts and Donald Fraser. On January 13, while competing in London, Ontario, they became Canada's new junior pair champions. Their triumph was the culmination of many hours of hard work as they struggled to make up for time lost when Lindy suffered a broken arm in July. Especially elated was their coach Rick Stephens, who, with former partner Anna Forder, was himself junior pairs champion.

Also competing in the Canadians were Keith Swindlehurst and Patti Fletcher in the novice division. Skating in a competition for 16 pairs they skated a fine program and won ninth place. Everyone was placed with this standing in their initial effort.

RHFSC is a busy place these days. Coming up is the interclub competitions on February 19. Competing in these will be finalists from four clubs namely Aurora, Markham, Stouffville and Richmond Hill. There will be solo, interpretive and dance competitions. Plan to attend this event and cheer on these young skaters, many entering competition for the first time.

"Holidays On Ice" RHFSC's mini-carnival will be held March 11 and 12. Highlighting the program, besides the club's own skaters will be Roger Uuemae, John Raitt and Jenny Greco. Also featured will be sectional competitors Donna Shubaly, Linda Taylor, Keith Swindlehurst and Patti Fletcher in the novice division.

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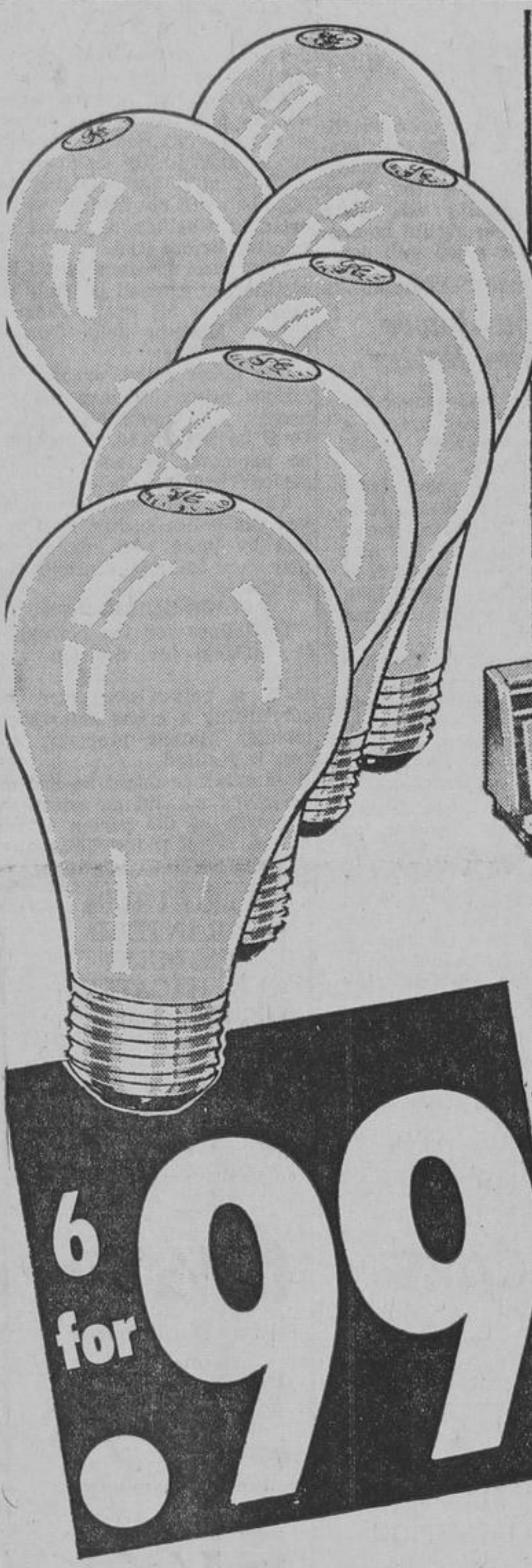
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