



NEW \$265,000 COMMUNITY ARENA FOR KING CITY  
**Golden Shovel Starts King Arena**

By NORMAN MATTHEWS  
Over 100 residents of King City turned out on Saturday morning for the official "sod turning" ceremony of the new King City Community Arena. Although cold and windy, a bright sunny sky gave the snow-covered Memorial Park a cheerful look as everyone gathered around an area cleared by a bulldozer.

The ceremony was delayed when Mayor Ken McTaggart did not arrive at the appointed hour, but King Lions Member Bill Curran decided to get the

show on the road at approximately 11 am regardless of the mayor's absence. At Mr. Curran's request, William Hodgson M.L.A., York North and John Roberts M.P., York Simcoe and Councillor Donald Findlay, jointly grasped a golden colored spade and overturned an 18" square piece of sod.

Rev. Norman Gibson, minister of King City United Church, gave a short blessing: "O Lord, God, as we assemble to turn the sod which will mark the beginning of this community project, we pray that your bless-

ing will be upon our deed. And when the community centre is completed, we pray that it may serve to develop and strengthen character and person of all who have shared in its building, and of all who by privilege make use of it. This we ask in your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Bill Curran pointed out that the arena is a combined federal, provincial, and municipal project involving many King residents, and asked the federal and provincial representatives to say a few words. Bill Hodgson said that he had "had the pleasure of being at four sod turnings in the area" and that "in every instance, it had drawn the community together." "I have no hesitation," he said, "that if the project will be a great success." John Roberts said that in addition to bringing the community together, the project "has also brought together the three levels of government." Mr. Roberts also paid tribute to Bill Curran for his hard work, receiving a hearty applause from the assembled crowd.

Mayor McTaggart finally arrived and offered his apology for being late, explaining that his car had been stuck in his

driveway and that a lady who volunteered to drive him to the ceremony had a flat tire. The story brought a few laughs and comments from the crowd.

Also in the assemblage was Norman Burling of Burling Builders Limited, Newmarket, who is the general contractor on the area. Messrs. Deane Lynch and Tom Akister of Pearson Buildings Limited, Peterborough, designers and engineers of the project; Harry Goulding, chairman of the King City Lions and such other well known people as Stan Root, Mr. and Mrs. John Langdon, and Don Tedford.

The new arena will be built in a north-south position in the area east of the parallel to Doctors Lane, leaving parking space between the building and the street. We understand that the Canadian Ice Machine Company of Toronto (CIMCO) has been awarded the refrigeration contract for the arena's ice plant. Mr. Burling said that construction would start this week.

The arena is to cost \$265,000, with \$100,000 to be covered by government subsidies and grants, \$100,000 by 20-year debentures and \$65,000 by public subscription.

**Rams Bounce Right Back  
Defeat Markham By 7-4**

Just when everyone figured they were about to be buried by a mountain, the Richmond Hill Rams moved it.

They moved right into the heart of Markham Country Monday night and toppled the Sealers 7-4. The win was Richmond Hill's first of the best-of-seven Metro Junior "B" 1972 finals. Markham won the first two games handily by 7-0 and 9-3 scores.

It was a vastly different story this time out as the gritty Rams came from behind four times to tie and then move out in front to stay.

High scoring Craig Terry and Steve Colp were the two who tied and won the game for the Rams. Terry's goal at 8:48 of the third period tied the game at 4-4 and Colp's at 13:43 put the Rams ahead to stay. Both were unassisted and both came as a result of picking up loose pucks in the Markham end and beating Markham goalie Steve Bloomer.

Bulwarks of the Richmond Hill offensive again was the brother combination of Bill and Dick Weber. They scored two goals apiece, with each adding an assist. John Barnett scored the other Richmond Hill goal.

Bruce Boudreau, scored twice for Markham, with the others going to Geoff Green and Dennis Maruk.

Markham attempted to storm back, but they were stymied by the outstanding goaltending of Gary Carr. He stopped a total of 37 shots over the game, 16 in the last period. The Rams fired 38 shots at Bloomer, 12 in the last period.

The Waxers removed their goaltender with two minutes remaining in an attempt to get back in the game.

Barnett rose to the occasion, winning four successive faceoffs in the Rams' end.

**Rams Lose By 7-0, 9-3 Markham**

It was like getting trapped in a flash flood. That was the story on the weekend as the Richmond Hill Rams were crushed 7-0 and 9-3 by Markham Sealers in the first two games of their best-of-seven Metro Junior "B" finals.

Richmond Hill was simply outgunned by a fast-skating, poised band of Markham Sealers obviously out to get the series over as quickly as possible.

The Rams gave it their best shot Sunday night and just couldn't come up with the right answers although the score wasn't indicative of the territorial play. Markham outshot Richmond Hill 35-27.

Markham was deadly on every scoring opportunity around the nets while the Rams missed some good chances.

The Markham team poured at the Rams in waves and forced the locals into costly mistakes including one occasion when they saw the visitors score two goals while a man short.

Leading the visitor's offensive were Dennis Maruk, John Blainey and Geoff Green with two goals apiece. Singles went to Dave Rooke, Steve Langdon and Richard Nagai.

John Barnett, Dick Weber and Daryl Rice scored for the Rams.

Richmond Hill appeared to have the edge in one department in the game. Fighting.

The Rams' Fred Doyle threw a barrage of rights in the face of Maruk before they tied each other into non-slip knots. Bill Weber also manhandled a few opponents during the end of the game getting them quite perturbed.

But they were about the only highlights even slightly favoring the Rams this time out.

Perhaps their darkest mo-

ment came in the second period when they were already trailing 4-1.

Markham Goalie Mike Palmateer walked into a penalty giving the Rams an excellent opportunity to get back in the game.

Then came a play at centre as a bouncing puck got past Rams' defenceman Bob Labelle and a speeding Green picked up the puck and was home-free to Gordon Woolnough's doorstep. He made no mistake.

Twelve seconds later it was Langdon getting a breakaway on another loose puck and he also beat the unfortunate Woolnough. Woolnough couldn't be faulted on most of his goals as defence was very wobbly in front of him.

Friday nights game saw the Rams in the game for the first two periods trailing 1-0 at the end of the first and 3-0 going into the third.

Markham turned on the pressure cooker then and beat four unanswered goals by Gary Carr who played an outstanding game most of the way.

Carr was called on to make 58 stops in the game to Palmateer's 32.

John Stewart led the Markham offensive with three goals followed by Steve Langdon with two. Gavin Laws got the other one.

**Sport Spots**

By FRED SIMPSON  
**One Of Those Weeks**

This week was almost like going home a day late with a bouquet of roses for your wife. She accepts the roses and then beats you up for being a day late.

What I mean is that almost everyone was a "winner" in Richmond Hill over the weekend except the local teams.

It was another great Richmond Hill International Midget Hockey Tournament with drama, excitement and all those other cats clogging the scenes.

Tournament winners, of course, were the Toronto Foster Firebirds (I kept getting them confused with fire departments, foster homes and big birds) who eliminated the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets enroute to copping all the marbles.

As side-dishes you had our beleaguered Richmond Hill Rams running into a possessed Markham Junior "B" Club in the finals and getting clobbered quite handily in the first two games. Like 7-0 and 9-3 and I just don't want to talk about it.

Then you had our almost forgotten (forgotten in the glamor of the tournament, Rams' episodes) Richmond Hill Minor Midgets playing in their first All-Ontario finals ever.

Sad news here, too. They dropped two of their best-of-three series games to Chinguacousy by 5-2 and 6-4 counts.

This alone was enough to curdle the milk in Coach Ken Ham and Manager Sandy Dunlop's respective breakfast cereals.

**FORGOTTEN TEAM**  
Their disappointment wasn't enhanced by the fact that their game Sunday followed the tournament "championship" which played to a packed house and deservedly so.

Ham's Bond Steel Minor Midget Playoff followed at 5 pm and was almost played to an empty house. You couldn't have gotten people out faster than if you'd hollered fire.

I can understand how such a wholesale clearance would affect Mr. Ham who states (rightly so) that his is one of the few Richmond Hill teams in the past few years to get as far as an All-Ontario let alone win it.

**A LITTLE TIRED**  
"I'm getting just a little tired of having Chinguacousy fans behind our bench instead of Richmond Hill ones," said Ham. "I don't mind it so much at Chinguacousy but it's a little disconcerting to have it in your home arena, too."

He feels his team is being unjustly treated by Richmond Hill minor hockey supporters (with the exception of a handful of tried and true fans) and can't figure why it should be so.

"They're sending everyone home happy but their home teams. Why should we be treated as a second rate attraction in our own town? Here we're in the All-Ontario finals and no one seems to care. You can say I'm very disappointed in Richmond Hill fans, in their attitudes. Don't they think we're worth supporting?"

I can sympathize with his feelings and add that it's unfortunate so many things are happening at one time in Richmond Hill. The Bond Steelers seemed to have been lost in the shuffle.

**STEELERS PLAY TONIGHT**  
But it's still not too late to give the youngsters (Continued on Page 12)

**BOWLING RESULTS**

ABC BOWLING  
The Hell's Angels moved into the lead with 23 points on the fourth night of the fourth series. Following closely are Hogan's Heroes with 22 points. In third place are The Go Aways with 19 points.

Kay Weber led the ladies with 779 (255, 245, 279). Frances Warner had 629 (183, 242, 204). Pat Horton had 624 (159, 242, 223).

Dennis Pelletier was first for the men with 711 (132, 253, 306). George Stepanous had 687 (187, 221, 279). and Bill White 639 (253, 176, 210).

There will be no bowling Good Friday.

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**IMPORT Auto TALK**  
By IAN NEILL

**Freon-powered Datsun 1600 prototype** — Nissan Motor Company's interest in a cleaner environment has manifested itself in a very concrete fashion with the production of a prototype Datsun 1600 wagon equipped with a vapour engine. The vehicle was developed with the co-operation of the Kinetics Corp. of Sarasota, Florida, and was displayed at the Tokyo Motor Show.

The engine (known as the Minto after its inventor Dr. Wallace L. Minto, Kinetics Corp. president) is akin to a steam unit, except that it uses Freon or a similar refrigerant as the active fluid. Gas expansion is achieved by heating the refrigerant with kerosene or light oil until it is vaporized. During expansion the gas drives a compressor-like engine, then condensed and is recirculated. A motor operating through this sort of process produces only water and carbon dioxide, both of which are regular elements of air. Nissan is reported to have an agreement with the Kinetics group for exclusive rights to the Minto engine when and if they are satisfied with its production feasibility.

**Car makers may go to court over air bag safety device** — The U.S. auto industry may find itself forced to take legal action to resolve the dispute over the installation of the air bag safety system of passenger restraints unless a compromise solution is reached soon. The deadline imposed by the National Highway Safety Bureau is January 1, 1973, but both GM and Ford insist that additional time is required to test the radical restraint system.

**Tire Safety** — I'd like to remind drivers that probably the single most important safety factor you should be concerned about in your car, is the condition of your tires. Having good quality tires with plenty of tread left is essential. But the new thing that's really catching on in tires is radial-ply tires. Sports car and exotic import car owners have been using radials for years and now the word is getting out that radials improve the performance of all types of cars. Among the most popular are Semperit radials. They have an excellent reputation and are available in a wide variety of sizes and tread patterns. That's why we stock Semperit radials exclusively.

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