

Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

Ottawa Bash

Sure, I've attended parties from noon to midnight before. Just never been able to finish one that's all. But I did it Friday in Ottawa. What a bash. Amen. Sorry you missed it.

The one I'm talking about, of course, was the biggie the government threw for the 1972 World Softball Champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers. It featured a daylong parade of food, drink, drink, drink, tours, drink, drink, food, drink, drink. The only time I missed a round was when I attempted to jump off the Peace Tower but was talked out of it. In any case I got home 30 minutes ahead of the plane I was on which was really something.

All kidding aside it was a fantastic day as the Jewellers were feted by everyone concerned. It's almost impossible to describe the feeling it gave you to realize that all this homage was strictly for the benefit of a group of guys from Richmond Hill. Just unreal.

GOLD MEDAL

It was the first time I think it really registered on me what the Dynes team had accomplished. It doesn't happen every day. This team had brought home one of only two Gold Medals copped in world competitions by Canadian athletes. The only other Gold Medal was won by a Montreal swimmer by the name of George Athens.

The team got to make a tour of the Parliament buildings, got to meet Speaker Lucien Lamoureux, Mitchell Sharp, and none other than Mr. Trudeau himself.

Trudeau is the only other guy in Canada capable of competing on an equal basis with Bobby Orr. I mean it. The guy's a star. Mr. Trudeau was presented with an autographed ball by Dynes' batboy Paul Philip in an impromptu ceremony outside the Parliament Buildings.

Trudeau fondled the ball, then made a quick pitch which caught Manager Russell Cripps blinking. It bounced off his shoulder as he ducked. This was obviously the highlight of the day. Yeah, the guy's a star, quite a guy.

Host for the day was Barney Danson, Liberal MP for York North, along with the newly organized Sports Canada organization which operates independently of the government although sponsored by it. It was this body which did the wining and dining and also presented portraits to each member of the Dynes squad. The portraits depicted a statue named "The Athlete."

The Jewellers also attended a reception as thrown by members of the Hull Volants Team which competed in the All-Canadian Tournament in Halifax last Labor Day. It was the Hull Catcher, Pierre Boivan, who was picked up by the Jewellers along with Pitcher Dick Hames of London TV Cable.

SPORTS CANADA

In charge of the Sports Canada hosting were Larry Skinner, executive co-ordinator for softball in Canada, Larry Lefaive, director Sports Canada, and Bob Van Impe, president of CASA.

All in all a great day. Just one more comment: There's nothing like winning to be recognized. The Jewellers, by winning, helped bring amateur sports into the spotlight and certainly helped softball as a whole. Hopefully, (Continued on Page 14)

Old Arena Gets New Look

Needed renovations on Richmond Hill's old arena is expected to be completed by May 31 to qualify for federal-provincial grants in labor costs, town council was told April 10.

The tender of W. A. Stephenson Construction Company was approved on recommendation of the tendering committee with payment to be made as follows:

On the cost of the work performed by the general contractor with 3% markup for overhead and profit.

On the cost of the work performed by sub-trades with 3% markup for overhead and profit.

The renovations include a new and enlarged ice surface area. To make this enlargement possible, the west wall of the old arena is being moved westward. Other general repairs will be carried out. Estimated cost of the entire project is \$80,000. The new floor is to be suitable for roller skating.

The tendering committee was composed of Mayor William Lazenby, Arena Board President William McVean, Councillor Shaun Beggs, Arena Board Members Elgin Barrow and Ed Sackfield, along with a consultant from London.



Plays For Northeastern

Les Chaisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chaisson of 166 Essex Street, Richmond Hill, was recently awarded his second varsity letter in hockey from Northeastern University, which is located in Boston, Massachusetts. Les was the Northeastern Huskies Hockey Team's leading scorer for the second straight year and has been chosen to captain the squad for the 1972-73 season by unanimous vote of his team mates.

Les centres a line, participates in the power play and kills penalties. He tallied 21 goals and 19 assists and spent only two minutes in the penalty box. He was voted most valuable player of the 1971-72 team.

A 1969 graduate of Newmarket High School, Les learned his hockey in that town's hockey program. He is well known in Richmond Hill having been a member of Newmarket teams pitted against the local boys in league and OMHA games.

He is a business major at Northeastern in accounting and is undecided on his plans after graduation.

Oak Ridges Bantams Lose Clancy Tourney

Oak Ridges Bantams were eliminated from the annual King Clancy Tournament Friday of last week when they were defeated 8-3 by West Mall Cullot's in a game at George Bell Arena.

The loss came after an opening tournament 8-0 win over Humberview.

The tournament was a two-game series total-goals to count with any team losing by a five margin in any game being automatically eliminated.

Oak Ridges won the first contest by five goals and went out via the same route to lose by five goals to West Mall.

That game saw goals for Oak Ridges by Dale Roffey, Al Heintzman and Billy Medcalfe. Assists went to Peter McConachie, John Grech, Gary Gee and Dale Roffey.

Their win was paced by John Lenneville with four goals with two by Bill Medcalfe and singles to Dale Roffey and Jim Gerber. Assists to Dale Roffey three, Lenneville two, Paul Smith two and singles to John Grech, Al Heintzman, and Chris Smith.

The annual wind-up father and son banquet will be held May 13 at the Our Ladies of Annunciation Hall at 12:30 pm. Trophies to winning teams and individuals will be presented.

A dance will be held later in the evening.

Back In Ontario - Michigan

Dynes Play In Toronto District Loop

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The 1972 World Softball Champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers will officially launch another season May 20 at 7:30 pm when they play host to London TV Cable at the town park.

This will be their first game in the Ontario-Michigan Fastball League. The league will feature a number of Saturday and Sunday doubleheaders against such teams as London, Windsor, Lansing Michigan, Detroit B and Bs, and the 1971 league champion Detroit Nothdurft team.

The Jewellers have also joined forces with the greatly expanded Toronto and District Major Fastball League. It will be kicking off its second season of operation. That loop, which consisted of North York, Scarborough, and Newmarket Rays last year, has been swelled to 10 teams in 1972.

Richmond Hill's opening game in this league is slated for May 25 against Burlington Provisioners at the town park. All in all it's expected to be a busy, busy year for the Jewellers — still basking in the glory of winning World honors at

Manila last March—who will be playing some 60 league games not including playoff and tournament action.

It will be the second year for Manager Russ "Casey" Cripps' team in the strong Ontario-Michigan loop which features such pitching stars as Bonnie Jones of the Nothdurfts and Dick Hames of London.

Hames, of course, will be a curious foe for the Jewellers after having been an instrumental cog in the Richmond Hill jaunt to the All-Canadian and then All-World honors.

Hames was picked up by the Jewellers for those two tournaments but will be a mortal enemy from here in.

Dynes pitching will be led by Bob Domik, chosen the best pitcher in the World's Tournament, and Billy Drennan.

Jones, of course, was the top hurler in the Michigan loop last season and came close to leading his team to the World championships. The Nothdurfts were eliminated by Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which went on to Manila and defeat at the hands of Richmond Hill.

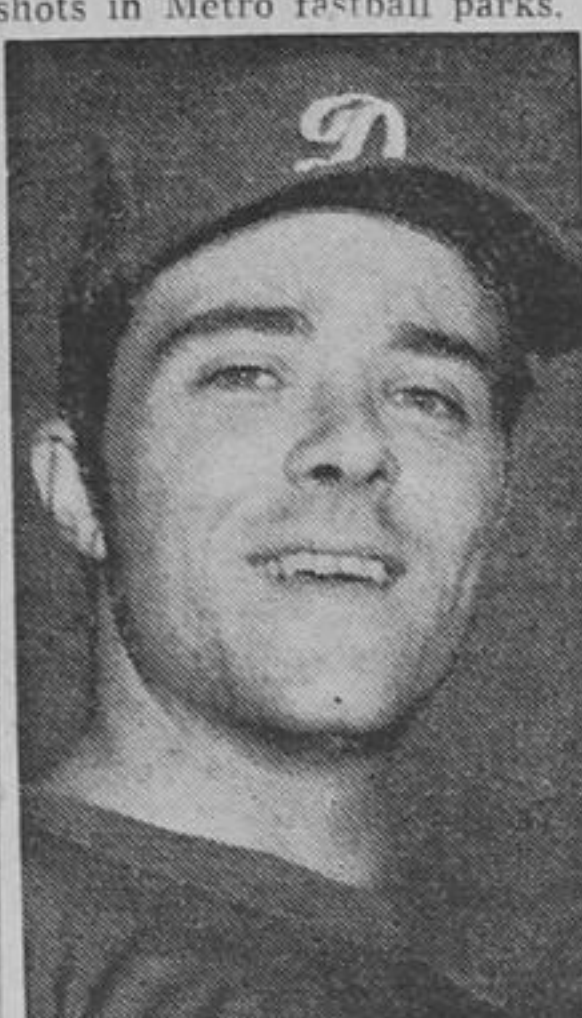
The Jewellers were unable to defeat Nothdurfts last season and finished out of the playoffs.

All Sunday games in the Michigan League start at 1 pm while all evening ones begin at 7:30.

The Toronto League will include teams from Scarborough (two), Oshawa Tony's, Oshawa Falcons (formerly The Bunnys), Toronto, Newmarket, Burling-



BOB DOMIK



BILL DRENNAN

Clay-Chuvalo Fight Hill Cable TV

Richmond Hill residents who subscribe to cable television will be able to see the Mohammed Ali - George Chuvalo heavyweight fight live and in color direct from Vancouver on May 1 at 10 pm.

Richmond Hill Cable TV, announced last week that it has joined with several other cable companies in Metro to bring this major event to their subscribers.

The fight will be received live via micro-link and broadcast in color on Channel 10.

A rerun of the recent fight between Mohammed Ali and Mac Foster will be shown at 9 pm immediately before the May 1 fight.

This will be the second in a series of special presentations from Richmond Hill Cable.

Further events hoped for are two Broadway shows, the LeMans Road Race and the upcoming Frazier-Clay fight in the fall.

Allencourt Wins Bowling Honors

Allencourt Lanes of Richmond Hill won the 12th Annual Canada Dry World Bantam Bowling championships at Guelph April 15.

It was the first time Richmond Hill has won the event since 1962. The event originated in Richmond Hill.

The team, featuring youngsters 12 and under, finished first 1,961 points, 45 pins ahead of second place Plantation Bowl of Toronto.

Brimley Bowl of Toronto came through in the girls' section as their lasses rolled a record breaking 1,917 to finish ahead of second place Waterdown Lanes who tallied 1,850 points.

Richmond Hill girls didn't fare so well, finishing in 30th spot. Members of the team were Heather Porter, Wendy Brough, Susan Baskerville, Janet and Patsy Wolfreys. Their total points were 1,570.

The Allencourt boys were paced by Steve Young who counted 522 for the two games and was followed by Mark Clayton who had 404.

Other team members were Randy Crittenden (355), Chris Jones (345) and Chris McGraw (335).

The boys' high double was won by Allencourt's Young with a 522.

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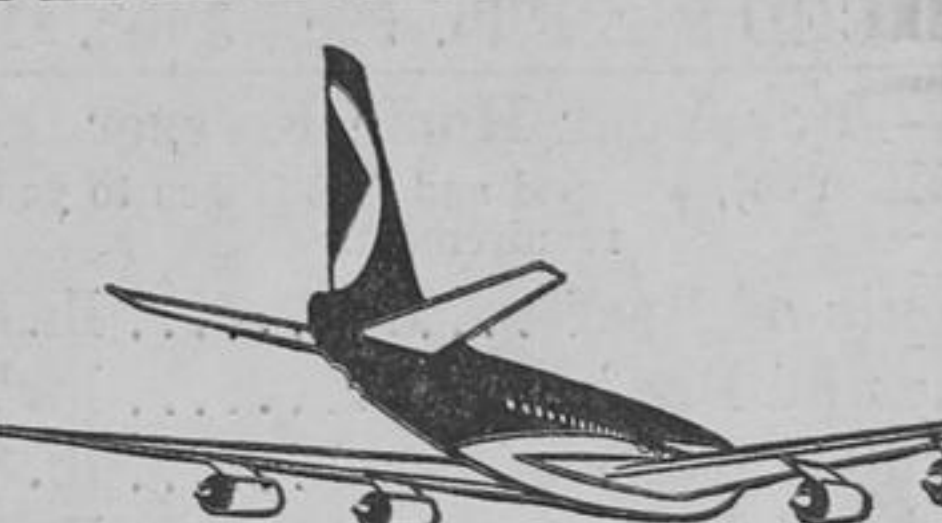


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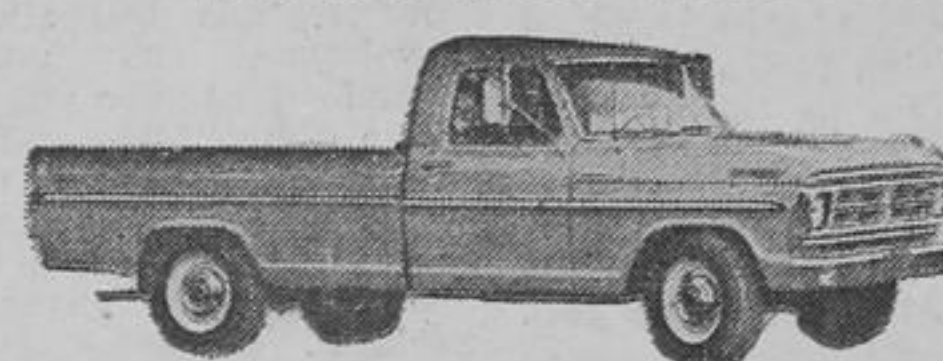
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