

Rams Play Junior "A" Tier 2 Hockey In New Loop During 1972-73 Season

The Richmond Hill Rams will be participating in the newly named Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior "A" Tier 2 Hockey League during the 1972-73 season.

Eleven other clubs will also be members. All of the clubs played in the now defunct Metro Toronto Junior "B" Hockey League last season.

They are North York Rangers, Weston Dodgers, Seneca Flyers (previously Scarborough Sabres), Downsview Beavers, Wexford Raiders, Toronto Nationals, Dixie Bees, Richmond Hill Rams, Aurora Tigers and Whitby-Ajax Steelers.

Two new teams will be added. They are the North Bay Trappers who were previously in the now defunct Northern Ontario Hockey Association Tier Two Junior "A" League and Kingston Frontenacs.

The Frontenacs played in the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" hockey grouping last season.

Two other members of the Metro Toronto Junior "B" loop of last season, Markham Waxers and St. Michael's Buzzers, have decided to maintain their present "B" franchises.

The Waxers are remaining "B" in order to retain their affiliation with the Toronto Marlies of the Major Junior "A" league.

Both clubs will probably play in an Eastern Ontario Junior "B" grouping next season.

Convenor for the new league will be William Ruddock of Toronto who held a similar position with the Metro Junior "B" group last season.

The new league will play a 44 game schedule in 1972-73 with the opening night being September 29 running through to February 11, 1973. League games will be played seven nights a week with the possibility of weekend and holiday afternoon contests.

Playoffs will start February 12 and run through March 23, 1973. The quarter finals, semi-finals and finals will all be best four out of seven game or eight points series.

The ultimate winner will go against the winner of the Southern Ontario Junior "A" Tier Two Hockey League for the right to represent Ontario in the Canadian Centennial Cup Championship.

The various teams will be allowed to dress 19 players per game made up of 17 players plus two goaltenders allowed to dress. Previously in Metro Junior "B" two goaltenders and 15 players were allowed to dress per game.

Tier Two Junior "A" players will be eligible for American Hockey Scholarships.

Agincourt Plays U.S. Softball July 15, 16

An International Women's Softball Weekend will be held at Agincourt Community Park July 15 and 16. Teams featured will be The Ashland, Ohio, Sarver Paving Co. Girls who are members of the Michigan-Ontario Ladies Softball League and the Agincourt International Waxes. They participate in the Ontario Ladies Senior "A" Softball League.

The Ashland Team will be competing in the Michigan-Ontario Elimination Tournament to get area representative teams for the United States Nationals in August.

The first doubleheader will be played July 15 at 7 pm and the second at 1 pm July 16. Agincourt Community Park is located on Glen Wafford Drive, north of Sheppard Avenue East.

Oak Ridges Ball Scores

BANTAM	
H. Brown Fencing 1	E. Gwillimbury 1
H. Brown Fencing Bantams	held East Gwillimbury to a 1-1 tie July 6.
Alan Heintzman	scored the only run for the locals in the second inning. He also pitched to 33 batters, walked two and struck out 27 in nine innings, while allowing only four hits.
Baker Squirts 5	
OR Lions Squirts 3	
Mark Spensley, Terry Lusk	and Dale Rennieck earned runs as the Oak Ridges Squirts bowled to Baker Squirts 3-3 July 4. Losing pitcher was Gerry Wilkinson.
Lion Squirts 16, Stouffville 7	
The Lion Squirts defeated Stouffville 16-7 July 5 as Wilkinson, Bob Smith, Spensley, Kenny Clague, Bob Kirkman, came up with two runs each and Allen Bestard, Brad Ortiz, Kenny Blyth and Vernon Therien added single runs. Clague connected for a homer with two on and a triple with three on for six RBI.	
"B" Teams	
Bruce Butterworth's Squirt "B" team defeated Schomberg 11-10 in Schomberg July 4.	
Scoring for Oak Ridges were Mitchell Morias, Billy Carswell, and John Browning with two runs each, Rick Carswell, James Cummings, Kelly Friend, Philip Lusk and Tony Battaglia with one run each.	
House League Tykes	
Stingrays 10, Chargers 6	
For the Chargers George Parker hit a home run with bases loaded.	
Joel Lyons homered for the Stingrays.	

Around the Diamonds

(Games Results, Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association)

(Week of July 3)	
SQUIRTS	
Town Auto Body 3	Worldwide Shipping 3
Jim Malury of Town Auto	had 15 strikeouts and was aided by Rick Caramakis with a homer. David Allen of Worldwide had 11 strikeouts and hit a homer.
RH Jaycees 26	N. S. Smith Real Estate 7
Tom King of the Jaycees	hit a grand slam home run.
Dairy Queen 3	Murphy's Real Estate 2
Both pitchers threw a good game.	
Hodgins Hardware 3	Mr. Transmission 0
Glenn Apps of Hodgins	pitched a no-hitter and contributed a home run to take the win. Mike Smith of Mr. Transmission had 11 strikeouts.
Standings	
Town Auto Body	7
Murphy's Real Estate	6
Hodgins Hardware	4
RH Jaycees	4
Dairy Queen	4
Mr. Transmission	2
NS Smith Real Estate	2
Worldwide Shipping	1
PEEWEE	
Mark Spensley 7	Mac Heating 6
Kenzie Pharmacy 13	Bob's Boys 11
RH Judo 1, Rendezvous 1	Dynes Jewellers 12, Hatch's 7
Greg Walton of Hatch's	hit a home run.
Standings	
RH Judo	11
Bob's Boys	10
Dynes Jewellers	8
Rendezvous	7
Kenzie Pharmacy	6
City Wide Rental	6
Mac Heating	6
Hatch's	2
BANTAMS	
Photique Studio 11	Charlton Hardware 8
R.H. Billiards 8	Kinnear Pontiac 7
Brian Sullivan hit a homer	for Billiards and Keith Dossie connected for one for Kinnear.

... Sport Spots ...

(Continued from Page 11) Karl does agree that he'll greatly miss the presences of the Weber brothers, Dick and Bill, plus John Barnett, all of whom have decided to pursue college careers in the United States next year. I'll go along with that but it's something you have to expect in junior hockey. They come and they go.

SHINE ON OLD ARENA

And speaking about hockey, how about the changes they've made in the old arena? Fantabulous! In short, they've added six or seven feet to the west side of the old building, widened and lengthened the former tiny, tiny ice surface, and topped it all off with an inside and outside paint job. Among other things.

ENTER BOB

And it wouldn't be a complete summer if I didn't report on the goings-on of that sportsman-about-town, Bob Ross Jr. Bob, the uninitiated, is the sponsor of Bob's Boys Peeewe team which (at writing) is tied for first place in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association.

He was wheezing and cackling to me the other day about how successful his team has been this season compared to last. Bob coached it last season but he dropped out this year because "those kids were driving me crazy." He tells me that Bill Worsfold handles the team.

I wondered aloud if the change in coaching has anything to do with the improvement of the team but Rapid Robert hotly denied this. So, naturally, I dropped the subject. Bob, who runs a skate shop at the arena in the winter and goes into semi-retirement in the summer is probably the Dynes Jewellers' most vocal supporter.

Bob's characteristic voice can be heard gently advising the kindly Coach Russell "Casey" Cripps on how to run his team during the games. Sometimes I think Casey actually listens to him. Anyway, Bob's business is going good in the skate shop, and so all is right with the world.

On that cheerful note I'm going to rise and get out of here.

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Industrial League

R. H. Auto Body Beat Joe's 5-2, Tie Them 0-0

Last week's Monday night contests in the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League were postponed because of wet grounds.

President Bruce Thompson has been busy rescheduling rained-out games, some to be played in neighboring Victoria Square and others at the town park commencing this Sunday afternoon.

RH Auto Body 7, Barrow Insurance 2. In the single game played Tuesday, Richmond Hill Auto Body, with a skeleton crew, surprised second place Barrow Insurance 7-2.

Having only eight players, a coach and an assistant coach, the Auto team used the option of selecting an idle player from the stands to fill the ninth spot. Pete Hannan of Joe's was called in and remained through the Hill's inning at the plate after which the team was advised to use Assistant Coach Ron Marshall as the ninth man.

In the top of the first inning, the Richmond Hill Auto Team, such as they were, jumped on Barrow's hurler Roger Ball for four runs.

Ian Cameron walked, followed by singles to Ray Richards and Pete Hannan and another one to a walking wounded, Pete Gould, who drove home two runs.

Pitcher Kenny Roberts continued the hitting spree, singling in Gord Wright, who was given permission to run for Gould.

Bill Jones got on by an error to the third baseman and Dave St. John singled after Paul Williams struck out, loading the bases. Cameron, in his second turn at bat in the inning, hit into a fielder's choice ending the inning with no more damage.

The bottom of the first saw Barrow's load the bases with their first three batters. Their next three were retired without a run being scored.

RH Auto added their other three runs in the sixth with men reaching the bases on one error, a single, a walk and a two-run double by Cameron.

Barrow's got one run in their third when Bill Robinson walked and Ted Moreland hit into what should have been a double play, but a boot by Second Sacker Gould gave him a life.

Robson was scored on sacrifice plays by Paul Hunter and Larry Black. Their other run came in the fourth on a fairly similar pattern.

A record number of spectators crowded Crosby Park Wednesday night for a doubleheader which featured a tooth and nail battle between Barrow Insurance and the Black Hawk Motel and Inn for second place and a double shutout in the nightcap in which Auto Body's Pitcher Bruce Sim opposed Joe's Super Star Doug Webster.

Barrow Insurance 7, Black Hawks 5. Barrow's jumped into a three run lead in the top of the first and the Black Hawks managed to score four runs to lead by one in the bottom of that inning.

In the third Barrow, in their long awaited new uniforms, leapt past the firemen as Paul Hunter doubled driving home Bernie Hough who got on by the error route.

Hunter was scored by a single off the bat of Eric Hillaby, preceded by a sacrifice by Al McKenzie.

Barrow's racked up an insurance run in the sixth and opened another one-run policy in the final frame.

The Black Hawks got a run in the fourth as Bob Kennedy opened with a single and was advanced by a single by Barry Pollard, they scored as Bill Rice gained entry to the base paths courtesy of a boot by Wright.

Bill Hamilton was the pitcher of decision for the winners. For the Black Hawks Doug Elford, a North York Fireman who lives at Oak Ridges, made his first start on the



All Sorts Of Sports

By BOB CARTON

Pennant Races A Reality

One of the major complaints concerning big league baseball over the past few seasons has been the pennant races, or, rather the lack of pennant races.

Expansion, formation of the two divisions in each league, and scheduling have all been blamed for the absence of real tight races with any amount of consistency over the past few years.

The only real nip and tuck fight for a divisional title in recent seasons has been the one staged by the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers in the fall of 1971, and even that one did not materialize until mid-September.

EACH YEAR A NEW POWER

The last three seasons Baltimore has out and out dominated the Eastern Division in the American League. While the same cannot be said for the three other major league divisions, in most cases the team that eventually won had a fairly large margin of quite a few games over the rest of the pack.

In past years teams like Oakland, Minnesota, and Cincinnati have all but declared that they were the division winners with as much as one full month to go in the season.

HURTING BASEBALL

In the opinion of many people baseball is gradually decreasing in spectator interest, with the lack of pennant races getting the finger as one of the main culprits causing this decline. With the players' strike this past spring baseball was supposed to suffer irreparable damage, with many fans swearing up and down that they would not attend a baseball game all season.

But, overall attendance is up, even though it is down in the American League by a little. The reason for the continuation of a steady flow of people into the ballpark can only be directed towards the rather tight races being held in all four divisions.

While there are still two and a half months to go before the season ends, and one team could feasibly still make a cake walk out of it, the teams are generally closer than what they have been in a few years for this time of the year.

For baseball's sake it is a good thing that no division leader has more than a four or five game lead.

Baker's Busy On Tournament Trail - Oshawa This Saturday

Thursday, June 29 Baker's Sales and Service Squirts defeated Stouffville 18-1. This game had to be called after five innings because of rain.

Ted Inch pitched a fine three-hitter, allowing only one run while Baker's collected 14 hits. Leading the hitting were Richy Gerber, Gord Dumas, Darrell Gleason and Ted Inch with three hits each, Dennis Kane, Matt Zurich and Scott Campbell with two hits each.

Baker's 5, Oak Ridges 3. Last week Ted Inch pitched a fine game with Matt Zurich and Bruce Buchan each scoring two runs. Inch, Buchan and Zurich led the batters with two hits each.

Baker's 18, Stouffville 7. Against Stouffville Zurich had five hits, Kane, Gleason and Dumas had three each. Inch, Billy Madden and Gerber had two hits. Gleason pitched a steady game allowing six hits and striking out eight.

Woodstock Tournament. In the first game of the Woodstock Tournament Saturday, Baker's defeated the Woodstock "B" Team 16-1. Dale Moreland pitched a very strong game, allowing eight hits and striking out six batters. Every player on the team came up with at least one hit with Jamie Tuck, Dumas and Danny O'Sullivan hitting long homers.

In the second game Grantham defeated Baker's 6-1. Grantham is a very strong team and has won three tournaments already this year. Ted Inch started this game and pitched well until hit by a hard line drive in the third inning. He was taken to hospital, but fortunately it turned out to be only a bad bruise on the chest.

Gleason and Moreland pitched the final four innings and

Soccer Rangers Win

Defeat Markham 4 - 1

On the tenth minute of the second half, Rangers scored again. This time it was Horst Delschlegel who found the back of the net. On the 15th minute mark, Murwin Evans, the right winger, received a perfect through pass from Bryon Kinnan and made no mistake in beating the keeper. Almost on time Rangers were awarded a corner kick. It was taken by Evans, who found Billy Keenan positioned in the goal mouth area, who got goal number four.

Richmond Hill Soccer Rangers got in amongst the goals for the first time this season when they played a league encounter at Markham School Grounds July 8. Ground and weather conditions were pretty near perfect for the match.

The first goal came around the 15 minute mark of the first half and was scored by Jimmy McKeegan on a fine taken chance. Markham made it all square at the 30 minute mark and Billy Coventry was the marksman.

The next league game will be played Saturday at Langstaff Recreation Ground against local rivals Richmond Hill United, newcomers to the first division. Kickoff will be at 6 pm.

Legion Ladies

Take Two Games

Marion Fox pitched Richmond Hill Legion Ladies to a 9-1 win over Oshawa July 4. She struck out four and issued one walk. Cathy Stead, pitching for Oshawa, struck out 12 and gave up one walk.

The local ladies scored nine runs on 10 hits, aided by five Oshawa errors. The Oshawa team managed six hits but pushed only one run across the plate.

Cathy Boagey scored three times, Lynn Olson twice, Muriel Morrison, Joanne Gallagher and Mary Williamson once each.

R. Hill 13, Markham 4. Thursday evening, the Legion ladies continued to win as they set back the Markham team 13-4.

The local girls collected 14 hits to push 13 runs across the platter. They scored once in the first, three times in the third, twice in the fourth, four times in the fifth and three times in the sixth.

Lynn Olsen had four runs, including a homer; Muriel Morrison and Marg Mackan each scored twice. Linda Elliott, Merrylynn Henry, Janet Somerville, Marion Fox and Joanna Meeke each had one.

Linda Elliott did the pitching chores, striking out one and issuing two walks.

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