

Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

Dynes Time Again

Here I go again, on that well known road again, taking a chance on Dynes Jewellers. Ho, ho, that's a line from an old song. Sort of.

It's that time again for the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers who will be up to their necks in trench warfare at the Canadian Softball Championships at Edmonton by the time you read this. And where does the time fly?

Seems like almost yesterday that the Jewellers scrambled their way to the Canadian Championship in historic Halifax which started off the biggest softball bing (that's a nice word, bing) in Richmond Hill for many a year. That was last season about this time.

Now they're at it again and the pressure is really on with the Jewellers trying to make it over their final big hurdle in order to really prove something they should have proven already.

That they are true world champions. There's not a doubt in my mind that they are but they are in the unenviable position of having to prove it every time they throw a glove out on the field. The pressure is really wow.

THEY'RE ALL AGAINST IT

As Manager-Coach Russell Cripps so eloquently put it: "Everyone's trying to beat us. We go against a team from Squares-ville Corners and they're trying to kill us. You have to watch some of these small places. They can surprise you."

That's about it. Everyone else is up and there's no way you can get a champion team up for every game. You have to just hope you can get them ready for the big ones.

To date, Cripps has been able to do it. Almost all of the time anyway.

Look at their total record in 1972? They've won 40 games and lost but 12. The real biggie, of course, was winning the All-Ontario for the second time in a row in Oshawa.

Now the pressure is on again and here we go again.

A flat prediction. The Jewellers have the team to do it again.

The key is their pitching and you know all about that. Bob Domik (25 wins, five losses) and Billy Drennan (15 wins, six losses). Add a plus in Welland Dycks pick-up pitcher Kenny Rohr and Ted DeRuiter (a lefty thrower but a bigger hitter) and you have to go with Dynes.

Pitching in softball is the key day in and day out and in the Edmonton round-robin it should continue to be so.

Hitting? Well, you know the Jewellers. Why do it the easy way when it's more exciting the hard way?

Knowing (and suffering) with the Jewellers I figure they'll win all their games by half-a-run. They are a very frustrating team at times as you sit and wait for their bats to explode and you sit, and sit, and sit, and it don't happen. Oh, it's frustrating.

But they win most of the time and that's where it's all at.

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Car Talk

By IAN NEILL



Buying a used car. Because many people don't buy their cars new, I thought I'd pass along some helpful tips on buying a used car. There are, of course, several ways of doing this. Some people think they'll get the best deal if they buy a used car privately. Sometimes, they're lucky, but this method has one major disadvantage. If you buy your car from a private party, you won't get one minute of warranty, so the price reflects the chance you're taking. Unless you know a lot about cars, the risk usually isn't worth it.

So, let's say you decide to buy a used car off a lot. The first, and undoubtedly most important step is to pick a good dealer. Do that and you're halfway home; ignore it and you might be taken so badly you'll wish you'd spent the money on roller skates. So how do you find a good dealer? Look for one with a reputation for honesty and who offers a warranty on his used cars. Keep your ears open, ask people who have bought the type of car you want and they will steer you in the right direction. Check with the Better Business Bureau. And look for that warranty. Try to get as good a one as and as long a car as you can.

Now you found the dealer and you spot a car you're interested in. Now comes another important part — checking over the car. Follow this method and you usually won't go too far wrong.

1. Never inspect a used car at night if the lot isn't extremely well lit.
2. Check the paint and chrome carefully. If they look good, it usually means the previous owner took good care of the car.
3. Check for sagging front and rear a sign indicating weak springs.
4. Look for mismatched paint and sight down the body for waviness, both indications of accidents and resulting body work. If you find anything, check underneath the car for structural damage.
5. Check the exhaust system for leaks with the engine running, and for worn hangers.

Have a good week.
Plugs & Points: If you are thinking of buying a used car, check with our lot. All our cars have warranties, which vary with the unit. Basically, we offer a 90-day warranty on a 1-year-old vehicle, 60-day on a 2-year-old, 30-day on a 3-year-old. And we offer financing at rates comparable to banks. Drop in and see us. Watch for our next Car Talk column September 14th.

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Burlington, Sudbury, Montreal Track Meets

Ted Ruffman In Surprise Second Southwestern Ontario High Jump

Atom Ted Ruffman of the Richmond Hill Track and Field Club finished second in the high jump at the Southwestern Ontario Championships in Burlington last week.

He was one of a number of local members of the club who participated in the meet.

Young Ruffman trained for weeks to participate in the sprints and long jump and entered the high jump as an additional event. He'll now concentrate on this event for the coming indoor season.

BUCHAN PLACES FOURTH
Ricky Buchan placed fourth in the same event and he'll be training throughout the season along with Ruffman to attempt to monopolize the high jump for Ontario Atom athletes.

Angus and Neil MacGregor improved their times in the 200 and 400 metres, while Darlene Christie looked competent in her 400 metre heat, finishing third with a time of 1:20.8.

Stevie Price tried the 1500 metres, long jump and high jump and had the pleasant experience of finishing in the top six for each effort.

BAD EVENTS MIX
Rusty Cochrane learned that 1500 metres and high jump do not mix effectively as his run in the 1500 metres tired him for the high jump and he was eliminated at the 42' level.

Gavin Newell was faced with the same problem when he attempted to run the 1500 metres and compete in the long jump.

For their first efforts in a major meet the 10 atom and tyke athletes from Richmond Hill and Thornhill have a right to be proud of their efforts.

SUDBURY RIBBONS
On Saturday, Coach Ray Kyte transported two of his midget members to Sudbury for the Nickel Belt Invitational Meet and came away with ribbons and experience.

Ennio Borin placed second in the Midget discus with a toss of 73'7/4", just three inches behind the first place winner.

Clayton Biglow placed fourth in the Midget 1500 metres and lowered his time to 4:50.2. Clayton attempted the 400 and 100 metres prior to the mile race and suffered from exhaustion in the late stages and dropped to the fourth position.

THIRD IN DISCUS
Coach Kyte placed third in the senior discus throw although he hadn't originally intended to compete in any event. He got caught up in the spirit of the day and surprised everyone with his performance with the disc.

At the Canadian Championships in Montreal, John Cook and Greg Binkley suffered setbacks in the 400 metre hurdles.

Binkley came down with a mysterious virus on Tuesday prior to the meet and could not train for many days and had to withdraw from competition.

COOK RAN POORLY
Steeplechase expert John Cook concedes he ran poorly with a fifth place finish in the 3,000 metre steeplechase. He's still the fifth best junior athlete in Canada at this event.

With the close of the outdoor track and field season approaching, all senior members are taking advantage of the Hamilton

On Olympic Meet Saturday to participate in as many events as possible.

Entered in the Junior Pentathlon which consists of discus, javelin, long jump, 200 metres, and 1500 metres are Binkley, Steve Hoxey, Bruce Cook, Doug Workman and Glen Belcher.

Concentrating on their specialties will be Dianne Diggins in the 100, 200 metre and long jump; Clayton Biglow in the 400 metres and 1500 metre steeplechase; and Ron Wiegand in the 400 metres and steeplechase.

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OFF TO KITCHENER
Juvenile Sprinter Sue Stephenson will be off and running at Kitchener-Waterloo University this September and all members of RHTFC wish her the best.

Cathy Clark, a junior 400 metre expert, will be in Ottawa attending school and efforts are being made to place Cathy with the Ottawa Harriers for training.

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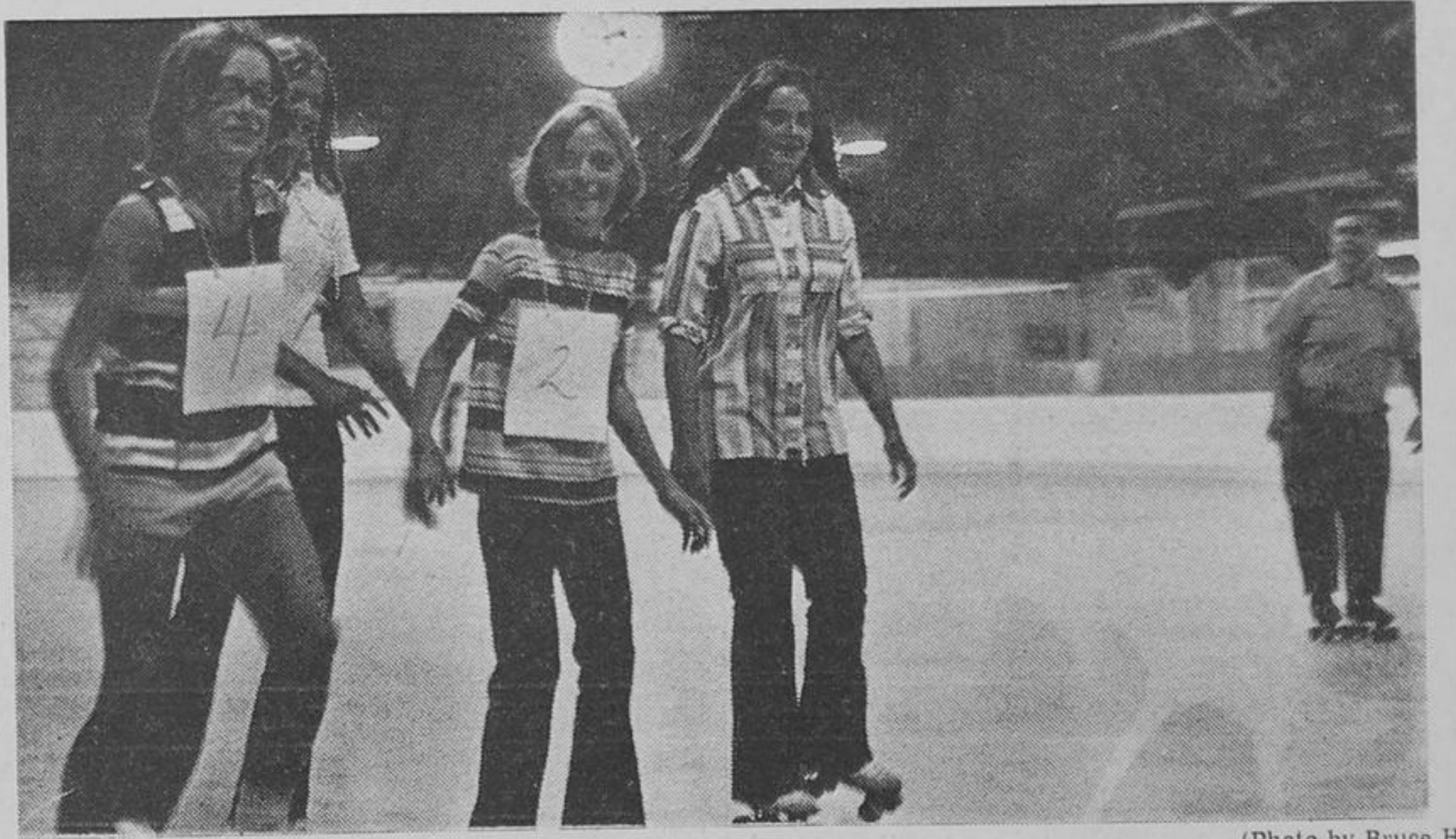
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(Photo by Bruce Hogg)

Vaughan Recreation Marathon Earns \$1,600

People from the Thornhill, Maple, Concord and Kleinburg areas of Vaughan Town apparently don't like mixing exercise with the raising of money for recreation, or else they just don't like to go to Woodbridge arena. In any event they were conspicuous by their complete absence from Vaughan Town 36-hour roller skating marathon last weekend that raised \$1,600 for recreation.

At press time the total raised stood at \$1,566.47 and was expected to pass the \$1,600 mark when all the money was in.

Five Woodbridge skaters, two gals and three guys, kept going non-stop for the 36 hours, receiving contributions from sponsors according to the length of time they kept going. Vaughan Councillor John Gilbert also completed the 36 hours, raising \$707.36 all by himself.

Shown during the marathon are several sponsored skaters and some others apparently just out for a skate (from left to right): Wendy Coopman who skated all 36 hours and raised \$140.76, Cindy Schofield, Louise Reid who skated 11 hours and raised \$53.68, Heather Shearek and Robert Bagg who skated 14 1/2 hours and raised \$24.65.

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