

Sport Spots

By FRED SIMPSON

Like A Winner

I wouldn't even begin to explain to you all the ingredients that go into making a winning hockey club. I haven't got a clue except to say that you have good players, of course, desire, coaching and a little bit of luck. But everyone knows this.

So I don't know what it is with Richmond Hill Rams' Coach Karl Brimblecombe that has made him a consistent winner in his two seasons here. But I do think there's little doubt that one of the factors in his somewhat uncanny ability of coming up with some top flight Midget stars out of Metro Toronto and then managing to get 150 percent effort out of them. That's a talent in itself.

Which brings me around to one of Karl's captures a season ago in the person of 17-year-old Gary Carr who was fresh out of the Etobicoke Midget ranks carrying credentials tabbing him as one of the more promising goalies for future professional hockey around.

"I did a lot of talking to get Gary to come with us," Brimblecombe was saying the other day. "Take it from me, there were a lot of Junior clubs after him."

Brimblecombe's astuteness was borne out last season but never moreso than the present one as the Rams' goals-against average shows at the present time. In 23 games (as of writing) the Rams have allowed only 60 goals which is one vital reason they have either been in first place all season or hovering around the general area. Carr has been the man in the nets most of the time and he's having a brilliant season.

BEST IN JUNIOR

Brimblecombe has absolutely no reservations about proclaiming that Carr "is the best goalie in junior hockey today. He has that fantastic ability to be in the right place at the right time. That's the difference. You either have it or you don't."

Add to this other factors such as a quick glove, excellent reflexes and a dislike at being scored on amounting to fanaticism and you have the makings of a Gary Carr.

"Gary is a very quiet boy," continued Brimblecombe, "but also a very competitive one. He just doesn't like being scored on. He gets out there and challenges the shooters to beat him."

I suppose you could accuse Karl of being just a little prejudiced in the matter although there's no one around who is going to challenge his opinions to any great degree.

One opinion from a member of a rival team in the same loop just about sums it up in a proverbial nut-shell.

"What strikes me about Carr is the fact he doesn't appear to have any real weaknesses. Usually a goalie will be weak in one thing. He might be shaky on the glove side, stick side, or on high or low shots. Carr doesn't seem to have any one glaring weakness."

"And when you can put all that together you've got a pretty good goalie on your hands," he said.

TOO MUCH GARBAGE?

There's the odd critic who thinks that maybe Carr leaves too much "garbage" in front of the net and also tends to go down on shots too often.

I hasten to add that the criticism is only offered in "the guy's got to have some faults" type of assessment.

As for going down? "They all do it nowadays. A few years ago you couldn't have got into the NHL if you weren't a stand-up goalie. Now it seems to be as much an accepted style as standing up. If you can stop the puck often enough it doesn't matter whether your style is standing on your head."

In complete agreement with the above statement is the man himself. Carr.

Said Carr. "It's a matter of style, of being comfortable. I go down but then so does Tony Esposito. Going down at the right time is the key along with the ability to recover quickly. I think it depends on the individual."

HE'S A BIG ONE, TOO

Carr, who lives in Rexdale and attends West Humber High School, also has size going for him in that he's a growing 6'1, 175-pounder and that always catches the eyes of those fabled junior hockey scouts.

Needless to say, Carr has caught their eyes (Continued on Page 16)



Mike Hartman Scores Three Goals Rams Bomb Kingston Frontenacs

Another three-goal night by Mike Hartman plus the return to the line-up of high scoring Craig Terry were two of the highlights of the Richmond Hill Rams Sunday night as they walloped a hapless Kingston Frontenac team 9-1 in a Provincial Junior "A" game in Kingston.

It was Hartman's second three-goal night in three games as the Rams had little difficulty handling the Frontenacs after taking a 3-1 first period lead.

Hartman was paired with Craig Terry and Pat Hughes and it looks like Coach Karl Brimblecombe has come up with a formidable scoring punch.

Terry, although out of condition after over two months lay-off after breaking an ankle in a game against North Bay, showed he still had his scoring touch playing on right wing.

He came up with a goal and two assists to go along with wingmate Hartman's three goals. The other goals went to Alex Pirus, Tony Bellavance, Greg Binkley, Bill Stephenson and Bob Lewzuck. The latter two goals were the first of the season for Stephenson and relative newcomer Lewzuck.

Lewzuck was moved to the forward line and handled himself very well.

Coach Brimblecombe made no bones about his reason for signing Lewzuck.

"We're badly lacking muscle in our line-up and that's what Lewzuck gives us. He's quite a rugged boy out there."

Kingston's goal was scored by George Patterson.

The Rams opened the scoring within 19 seconds of the start of the game as Hartman took a pass from Hughes and put the puck away.

Kingston tied it at 1-1 at 5:36 but goals by Alex Pirus as 7:48 from Dave Lumley and Bellavance; and Hartman again at 17:41 from Craig Terry, put them ahead to stay.

The Frontenacs faded after the first period and Richmond Hill rammed home three more goals in the second and three more in the third.

The second period goals were scored by Craig Terry at the 46 second mark from Bellavance; by Bellavance at 3:14 from Bob Bangay; and then Binkley at 17:17 from Glen Sharpley and Jack Guest.

In the third it was Hartman scoring at 2:36 from

Craig Terry and Pat Hughes; Stephenson at 9:05 from Lumley and Pirus; and Lewzuck at 19:53 from Hughie Cutler.

Richmond Hill outshot the homesters 47-34 on the game with Gary Carr never being too overly pressed at any time.

Coach Brimblecombe said he's been quite impressed with the team's scoring prowess in the past eight games which has seen them without a loss.

"We've always had some good shots on this team," he said. "Now we're hitting the net and it's showing on the scoreboard."

A big test for the first place Rams comes next Tuesday night when they play host to the second place Vaughan Nationals at 8 pm. This Sunday night they play host to North Bay Trappers in another 8 pm game. Friday night they travel to Wexford for another key game.

If the Rams win these games they should be fairly well ensconced in first place and favorites to stay there.

Individual Scoring

	GP	G	A	P
Alex Pirus	24	25	25	50
Dave Lumley	24	9	37	46
Dave Dunkley	24	22	13	35
Tony Bellavance	24	7	25	32
Pat Hughes	24	11	17	28
Bob Bangay	22	12	8	20
Glen Sharpley	24	4	16	20
Mike Hartman	18	11	2	13
Craig Terry	5	7	6	13
Greg Binkley	22	6	4	10
Jack Guest	24	2	6	8
Dave Hill	20	3	4	7
Paul Terry	24	2	5	7

Seneca Scores Four In Third Topples Vaughan Nats By 7-3

A four-goal outburst in the final period carried Seneca to a 7-3 win Monday night over the slumping Vaughan Nationals in a Provincial Junior "A" game played at Seneca.

"We just fell apart in the last period," said Nats' Coach George Storey. "They just poured in on us. You couldn't blame the goalkeeping. We got good goalkeeping but we just had no one bothering to backcheck for us. I guess we just haven't been hungry enough lately."

The Nats led Seneca 2-1 at the end of the first period and were tied 3-3 going into the third.

It was the debut of new goalie Bob Volpe who played earlier in the season for Sudbury Wolves of the Major "A" loop and last season with Scarborough.

"Volpe played very well for us but we just didn't have any defence going for us on the left side," said Storey.

That left side is hurting injury-wise for the Nats with Ron Bobbette playing but nursing a variety of injuries. Another stalwart on the left side, John Cowan, has also been missing from the line-up for the past two weeks.

Doing the scoring for the Nats last night were Lorne Allen, Ray Koopman, and Bob Osborne.

One of the major frustrations for the Nats Monday night was the goalkeeping of Mike Benny in the Seneca twines.

"Benny came up with a fantastic game in the second period," said Storey.

Storey noted that the Nats outshot Seneca about 20 to 8 in that second period but "we could only get on goal. We fell apart after that."

Storey pinpointed players such as John Cook, Doug Bennett, Ron Harris and Gary Gill "who are coming up with top efforts for us. But our defensive playing still leaves a lot to be desired."

"We were fortunate early in the season because we were spotting the opposition two or three goals and then coming back. But the teams are tightening up now."

"You're only going to get what you fight for now," he said. "The other clubs have tightened up."

A big test for the Nats will come Tuesday night of next week when they meet the front-running Richmond Hill Rams in a continuing battle for first between the Rams, the Nats, and Weston.

Vaughan tangles with Aurora Tigers this Sunday in Aurora. Their next home game is December 23 at Maple Arena. The opposition will also be the Tigers.



(Photo by Dave Barbour)

The Smile Of Champs

The smiles above are the familiar ones of champions. They belong to the four captains of the Southern Blues Richmond Hill Football Team plus Coach Bill Morris. The Rams won the above trophy by walloping Canada Bolt Bombers 31-6 in the York County Minor Foot-

ball League Championship November 5. Left to right are Ollie Nelson, Mike Johnson, Coach Bill Morris, Harold Simpson and Greg Pugh. The trophy was presented at a recent banquet at Richvale Lions Hall.

Season's Greetings and Sincere Thanks

to the residents of Ward 1 who voted for me in the recent election.

IVAN MANSBRIDGE

TO ELECTORS Town Of Richmond Hill

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who supported me at the polls in the December 4 town elections.

I will endeavour to fulfill the confidence you have placed in me to the best of my ability.

DOUGLAS ALLEN School Trustee - Elect

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