By FRED SIMPSON

It may not be the most scientific or smoothest but it may definitely be the most exciting hockey around these

That's the hockey now being played by the upstart, first year Oak Ridges who are presently holding down fourth place in the nine-team OHA Central Junior "C" Hockey League.

"I'm very happy with the way the team is going", states Coach Dan Madaleno who is also something of a first-year man himself although he was one of the starters of the Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association in the early 60's. This season is his first as a junior hockey coach having handled minor league teams for years.

"When you consider it's our first year in an old established league and the fact that we're going with a team consisting of mainly local players you have to be pleased with the way we're going. I think we surprised a lot of teams."

The Kings have put together 12 wins and two ties against eight losses in the 22 games they've played to date. League leader is Lindsay with 37 points off 17 wins, three ties and three

"You could say I've become a little superstitious," said Madaleno. "It was last season that Cobourg finished in fourth and they ended up going all the way to the finals. That's why fourth place doesn't seem all that bad to me"

Madaleno admits that coaching junior hockey is quite a bit different than minor hockey. In a word:

Pressure. "It's just that much pressure all around and it takes up a lot of your time but I'm enjoying

He enjoys it because "it's exciting hockey. The kids don't have the finesse around the net but it's the kind of hockey you stand up at. The boards take a beating and it's hard-hitting. You don't go to sleep at our

The players on the Kings all hail from either Oak Ridges or Richmond Hill minor hockey system with the exception of Dave Van Nostrand who is an "import" all the way from

The Kings are particularly well off in goal with the play of both Terry Haviland and Danny Clews.

"We're very strong in goal with the two boys we have. Terry is a Richmond Hill kid and Clews came up through our Oak Ridges system. No complaints here. In fact, Clews is high on the negotiation lists of other junior clubs".

"I guess you could say we're mainly an offensive club rather than defensive which puts the pressure on the goalies. They've got to come up with those big saves at the right time and we've been getting them more often than not.

"Our big problem to date has been our inability to make the power play work and in this league you have to have a good power play. You have plenty of opportunity to use it.

"Another problem with us has been our inability to get the puck out of our own end. We keep getting bottled up and it's costing us goals".

Madaleno hopes he has helped ease that problem with the recent signing of Barry May of

Richvale and Mike Graydon who played last season with the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets.

"May and Graydon can get the puck out of their own end and both are very aggressive. May, in particular, is a real hustler. Mike is still out of shape but he's a big boy and we need some bounce on our rearguard".

The rest of the defensive corps consists of John Ranieri of Richmond Hill (he played for the juveniles last season), Bill McIlwaine, Richmond Hill, and his own son, Paul Madaleno of Oak Ridges. Paul also takes a stint on forward and is another

aggressive, hustling-type player. The defence rounded out by Jim Roffey in untidy fashion (untidy as in rugged) who Madaleno describes as the "hardest hitter on the team by

Heading up his forward lines is the Robbie Sackfield one with Greg Woloski on left wing and

Bill Gunaine on the right side. "Sackfield is one of the most honest hockey players I've ever coached," said Madaleno. "He always give you a good effort all the time he's out there. He blends in well with the other guys'.

Another line is centre Terry Rice who is "the smallest player on the team but has a lot of guts going for him. He's very intelligent and helps make the team go with his inspired play. He's not afraid of anyone".

Terry, incidentally, is the younger brother of former Richmond Hill Rams' Star, Daryl Rice, now playing out of the University of Michigan.

Young Rice is teamed up with two other products of the Richmond Hill minor system. They are Bruce Hipkiss on left

wing and Kim Mabley on right

His third line consists of Van Nostrand at centre. Pete Stuart on left wing and Bill Kenny on right. Stuart is currently out with a broken hand.

Other players who round out the team include Midgets John Lenneville and yet another newcomer in Paul Banks.

"Paul comes from Richvale and has been playing with the Toronto Nationals' "B" Club and he should help us greatly on left wing.

Dan, who lives on the South Road and is the father of two boys and two girls, is slightly unhappy about one thing.

"We'd like to see a few more fans out to our games. I think they'd come back again if they came once. This is a local club and it's something we've wanted to have for a long time.

"Prior to this, our local boys were forced to go out of town to play their hockey after graduating from the Midget ranks. Now they can stay right here. I just wish more fans would come out and support them. The charge is just a \$1 and I know they'll get more out of these games than will some of the socalled higher-classed ones."

Manager of the club is Bill Woloski, trainer is Bill Bingham. The executive comprises Ken Blyth, Peter Youtoff and Jack Pincombe.

"The team plays most of its home games on Monday nights at 8 pm with a few Wednesday games also slated. These latter games are at 8:30 pm.

Playoff time is just around the corner.

Drop in and see some exciting, rough hockey. Then keep going back.

## Richmond Hillers Take First Round OMHA Playoffs

TYKES

Barrie 2, Pill Rollers 0 The Pill Roller Tykes travelled to Barrie Saturday now meets Aurora, in the night and came away 2-0 second round, the first losers. This game ended the game scheduled for Januschedule, before the OMHA ary 29. playoffs. The game had no ATOM

each club failed to acquire went back to Orillia with a week the Lions were paired close-checking game. Pill Rollers 5, Newmarket 0 en assisted by Bruce Buchan winners in a very close Moe and Skip really had and Danny O'Sullivan, the club up for the first Barrie 4, Wilson-Niblett 2 scored by Nigro who was game of the OMHA Playoffs | The atoms journeyed to assisted on both by Nye and as they handed Newmarket a Barrie January 20 for the Leger. 5-0 beating. With only one last league game before the MINOR BANTAM minute and 48 seconds play- Ontario Elimination Playoffs. Aurora 9, Richmond Hill 3

Cox scored on an end-to-end clinching fourth goal. solo effort.

hitting everything that mov- ton and Rich Hughes. ed. Mike Smith added to the | Coming Up-The draw lead on a good pass from for the first series of the Carlo D'Antimo, who played playoffs is Barrie who

his best game this year. Rollers back to their offen- is on Saturday at 4:30 pm sive game with Harrietha and the third game, if scoring from Peter Millis on necessary, will be played a good play. Adam Cox in Barrie Sunday. scored again with assists PEEWEES going to his linemates Jen- Lions 4, Newmarket 2 with Doug Macklin earning Newmarket January 10 for and Brad Lloyd.

the shutout. Next game in the playoff will be played Saturday in Newmarket at 5 pm. NOVICE "B"

> Twin Hills 3 Burlington 2

The Twin Hills team travelled to Burlington Oak Ridges Kings Lose 5-3 their hosts 3-2. Scoring for the Hillers were Doug Eld-ridge and Brian Buchan (2). Port Hope, Whips Penetang 4-1 Assists were by Nielson, Barrett. Madden and Main.

Richvale 5, Twin Hills 0 shot their opponents Monday in front of the net and then as Manager Bob Oakley. The Twin Hillers suffered night and outhustled them. sliped the puck under John-Richvale January 12 at Oak outscore them. Ridges Arena.

against Burlington January Lake Arena. 20, and Twin Hills was again victorious to the tune of 4-0. their Sunday game at Pene- goal came during a scramble finals. Scoring for Twin Hills were tang which saw them beat with Hickson apparently Kevin Kernohan (2), Bill Madden and Ken Main with | margin. one each. Assisting were Barrett, Nielson, Main and idly entrenched in fourth until the last minute and 18 Shannon. Roberts and Mulvhill did an excellent job in place in the league with an the nets. South Shore Rangers and

NOVICE Perry Hill 3. Newmarket 1 | Bowmanville and third place. Perry Hill Wood Products | The game was a see-saw the town's novice entry, de- affair with Oak Ridges com- Rick Sackfield, Bill Gunfeated Newmarket in the ing from behind several aine, and Pete Stuart. They opening game of the OMHA times to tie the game only are expected to be back in Playoffs 3-1 Friday evening to see the visitors come the lineup for the next game. at the local arena. This was right back and go ahead. a hard-fought game but the They outshot the visitors Hillers came with a solid 59-35 on the game but were team effort. Ian Ball opened either outlucked or simply the scoring for the Perry beaten on a number of scor-Hill squad assisted by Hend- ing opportunities by Goalie erson. Dan Henderson not- John Johnson. ched the winning tally un- Oak Ridges got off to a assisted then added a clinch- quick start as Kim Mabley a particularly beautiful efing goal also unassisted. opened the scoring at the 45 fort as he achieved a clean Goalie Ed McCleave was second mark on a pass from breakaway while his teampractically unbeatable in goal, missing but one shot 7:54 as Roger Lees scored Terry Haviland played a

headed his way. Perry Hill 1, Newmarket 0 The local novices took the round in two straight games night. by defeating Newmarket Saturday evening 1-0. Rich- as Rick Hartwick scored beat him. ard Guppy netted the only from Barry May only to see The Kings have a chance teams with both goalies com- Straight shooter in this goal of this game with assists Port Hope again taking the to slip into third place past ing up with some fine saves. game was Nye with four, going to Matt Knight and lead on the first of two goals Bowmanville this Sunday Don McPhee sent the locals followed by Wood with two Henderson, Goalie McCleave by Bob Hickson,

notched this shutout. back of the blue line, Ed- on goal,

and Jones checked solidly. by Wood. The Perry Hill Team

bearing on the standings as Orillia 3, Wilson-Niblett 1 with the help of Bower, in- Barrie 5, Bond Steel 1 Barrie had a three point lead Friday, January 19, saw a suring the team third place with the Rollers ending up very lacklustre affair when in the league standing. in second place. This game Orillia played Wilson-Niblett

ed, the Rollers netted the This time, however, the Richmond Hill Minor Banfirst of the five goals, with locals made a good showing tams suffered a 9-3 defeat Adam Cox scoring from Glen | despite the 4-2 deficit. The | January 17 at the hands of Apps and Paul Harrietha. game could have gone either Aurora

The second period saw the Tom Reaume assisted by He was assisted on all three the spectators, in order for The Legionnaires had some Rollers playing a close-check- Buchan and Steve Plaxton by Larry Trottier, on two by ing game with the defence and Buchan from Dave Plax- Dale Strang and on one by

played here Wednesday The third period saw the night. The second game

a well-earned 4-2 win. by Norman assisted by Nigro, the Richmond Hill lads Oakley. the third assisted by Queren- January 21.

Despite Monday's loss, the

Kings find themselves sol-

only one point away from

Bruce Hipliss.

Port Hope came back at short.

wards, DelFabro, Halliday | fourth was by Nigro, assisted | goals and an assist, Forster a time.

Lions 2, Aurora 1 In the second game at to this decisive win. the first assisted by Nigro, Saturday. Wood popped in the second MINOR MIDGETS

Barrie 3, Lions 2

Three minutes later Brian way until Barrie got the All three of the locals' goals were netted by Roy W-N pointgetters were Russell for a true hat trick.

Randy Martin. Woodbridge 6, R.H. 0 The next door the Hillers suffered a 6-0 disaster delivered by Woodbridge.

Barrie 5, Richmond Hill 3 Barrie defeated the local lads January 20 by a 5-3

Scoring for the Hill were Ron Dysart with two coun-

son and Harrietha. Brian | Fighting for playoff posi- | Earning assist points were Cates and Troy Mitchell tions the Lions won two of Dave Forster with two, played outstanding games three starts, first against Randy Martin, Roy Russell Oakley and Richard Hopson, Richmond Hill 4, Thornhill 0 The first goal was scored When the chips were down

the second was an unassisted trounced Thornhill 4-0 in the effort by Bowers, Leger got first playoff game played gesser and Nigro and the Martin contributed two

block the expected sizzler.

The score remained 4-3

Oak Ridges was missing

three players for the game

due to injuries. They were

Rick Hartwick led the

King's offensive Sunday

night with a two-goal effort

with singles going to Bruce

Hartwick's first goal was

mates were playing two men

Hipkiss and Jeff Wood.

at 8:30 pm.

Clews to clinch the game.

drop a 5-1 decision to their 10 minutes. featured defensive style, as in a re-scheduled game and In the third game of the nemesis in a league contest. Thornhill 3, Legionnaires 1 tender. An 11th or 12th fair

their shooting eyes. It was a 3-1 win. The only local goal- against the strong Barrie in which the Steelers played out of OMHA playdowns team a good shot at going Hartley, 21, of Willowdale, getter was Richard Vermeul- team, which ended up 3-2 their hearts out. Barrie Sunday, losing 3-1 to Thorn- all the way. ed in two rapid Barrie goals. tie the game 1-1. Sensing the kill, Barrie add- Thornhill scored the go-

It became obvious to all the Legionnaires. hockey, and stay out of the talize. penalty box.

Bond Steel 5, Orillia 3 Bond Steel defeated Orillia 5-3 in the new arena last last Friday night in a crucial league game.

With the realization that a win would lead to second place in the North York ters and Strong with one. League, the Hillers stormed med home a goal from John

Bond Steel coasted mo- against Guelph. mentarily, and Orillia scored PEEWEE two goals. Russell however, scored the winner unassisted. The Oak Ridges Kings out-, He faked a slap shot from Steffan and Bill Rice, as well nice 6-1 score.

OMHA Semi-Finals A rematch was played ior "C" win at the Bond tested by the Oak Ridges away with a 3-0 victory, to single helpers. club who insisted he had give them a 1-0 lead in the The second game Friday

the latter squad by a 4-1 well-checked at the time the in each period. Hustling for Newmarket. puck went in. The goal Steve Hodgins, who has been Halliday accounted for two seconds when Neal Puberton Robinson, and Steve shot the Leger, Bower and Nye. put the puck past Larry

> molested to tuck the puck in winning both. the net in the middle period, and Defenceman Hopson's the Lions getting points in a reach in the third period.

Ironman Gerry Tipold played his 116th period in ed his 668th shot, while picking up his fifth shutout for a 2.61 goals against average.

MIDGET Legion 2, Thornhill 1 cision at home the Legion- one to Lewis in a game which and then took the lead at strong game in goal for Oak naires travelled to Thornhill ended Lions 4. Detroit 2. 11:02 of the second period Ridges and was only six last Saturday and evened the Lions 8, Markham Selects 1 out when Robert Dion man- 2-1 victory in overtime.

It was tied again at 15:45 aged to break through and The game featured good for a five-game winning two-way action by both streak when they play that team in ahead 1-0 at 2:20 cf the first and Byers and Peden with Mabley scored his second Bowmanville. Monday night period with Ricky Sackfield one each. Leger tallied Up front the Hillers re- goal of the night at 17:14 on they travel to Cobourg for drawing an assist. Thornhill three assists, Nigro and Cates ceived good efforts by Mc- a beautiful solo effort as he a game and are at home to scored their only tally early two each and Nye, Lewis, Gregor, Tuck, Dunford, stole the puck inside the the same team Wednesday in the second and both clubs Halliday, Byers, Queren-Ball and Buchan, while blueline and went right in night at Bond Lake Arena went scoreless in the third gesser, Gropp and Bowers to send the game into over- one each.

counter, Brad Lloyd an assist the hero in the overtime, fir- the higher "AA" or "A" JUVENILES Aurora the Lions earned a The second game of the screened shot at 3:45, assist- mond Hill, Aurora, Borden close 2-1 win. Leger earned playoff series will be played ed by McPhee and Sackfield. or Thornhill.

to keep Thornhill off-stride will have about seven or for most of the overtime as eight good players on a team. Bond Steel travelled to they managed only one shot Sometimes a ninth or tenth Barrie January 16 only to on Paul Beresford during the player, rated fair, will show

This was an exciting game | The Legionnaires bowed to middling player gives the went into a 2-0 lead before hill in the final game of the Make no mistake, if you Regional Police with utterto quit, but early in the third locals evened the score. Don the surprise of your life stores. period, two Steeler penal- McPhee drove home a perties at the same time result- fect pass from McDonald to

ed another counter to prove ahead marker at 14:54 and they were the class of the the clincher at 19:06 to put

Bond Steel to defeat Barrie excellent scoring opportuniin the playoffs, they must ties in the first two periods MIDGET B play 60 minutes of perfect but were unable to capi-

Not only did they drop out of the playoffs but they received another setback when Steve Morrison left the game in the late stages with a fractured wrist. He will be lost to the team for approximately six weeks. Steve, who very seldom has a bad onto the ice. Russell slam- game, will be missed on the blue line.

The Legionnaires have Legge and Dave Stuart. Campbell scored from Rus- entered the Georgetown sell and Dave Berseth fired Tournament with the first a goal from Campbell and game scheduled for this Thursday night at 9 pm

Eliminate Newmarket Richmond Hill Lion Peeand reliable Tony Robinson wees eliminated Newmarket finished the scoring from in the first round of the Jeff Miller. This was a OMHA playdowns in two 'must" game for the Steel- straight games. The first ers, and the result brought game in Newmarket on smiles of appreciation from Thursday ended with the the faces of Coaches Sil Lions on the right side of a

Netting the puck for the Hill were Wood and Nigro a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Unfortunately, they didn't son as he went down to A combined team effort with two each, Leger and paid dividends as Bond Steel Byers with one each. Leger, Port Hope skated away Hickson's second goal of went into the Orillia Arena Bower and Nye each had two Twin Hills 4. Burlington 0 with a 5-3 OHA Central Jun- the period at 19:26 was pro- last Sunday night and skated assists and Gropp and Joslin

The Kings fared better in kicked the puck home. The best two out of three semi was Richmond Hill all the way with five counters for The Steelers potted a goal the Lions and one lone goal

getting stronger each game goals with singles scored by with his precision passing, Wood, Norman and Nigro. was set up perfectly by Tony Assists went to Cates, Peden Hillers into a 1-0 lead, as he Take Two From Farmington

scored his third game-win- The Lions hosted the Farmington Flyers of Detroit Russell snared an Oakley for the weekend and played pass and went in on goal un- two games with their guests, Saturday's game had 11 of

goal put the game beyond 5-4 game. Wood scored two with Norman, Nye and Nigro getting one apiece. Leger earned two assists and Nigro, the Steeler net as he fac- Nye, Peden, Gropp, Halliday, Bower, Querengesser and Lewis one each. Sunday it was the Hill

and Cates and Gropp once. Two assists went to Peden. After dropping a 3-1 de- Querengesser and Wood and on Lees' second goal of the minutes away from a shut- series at one apiece, with a Sunday evening the Lions played the Markham Selects

again, Norman scoring twice



DON'T FORGET THE JUVENILES Dear Mr. Sports Editor-

Juveniles" is timely and highest category and there is covers an age group in hoc- no junior "C" or junior "B". ed and missed by the aver- juvenile hockey at its best. often by the parents.

any copy about the juveniles drive cars. There's booze. that pointed out that one There's girls (God bless could easily "Forget The them). Juveniles" and in so doing If a young man can battle miss some of the finest hoc- his way through a field like key around. If I may make that and still show up for a a prediction Coach Paul hockey game ready to play Ducharme will find that the -he must like hockey, time spent with the juveniles Possibly more can be done is a very rewarding part of to encourage juvenile hockey. his hockey experiences.

many years. More important pros. it is a denial of a great deal I guess what I'm trying to of fitness and fun for any say is that juvenile hockey young man in the prime of is food fun for young people his life. To say "That's it" and for the fans too, al-

In the four years I was in- the ice most of the fans have volved with the Thornhill gone home. Rather than OMHA Juvenile Hockey neglect this group more pub-Club, many a rough, tough licity should be given so that and exciting game was play- we are aware it exists. ed between your juveniles Besides, if a young player and the Thornhill boys. Being does have high hopes and is such close neighbors there playing his last year of midwas a natural rivalry which get and no one is breaking is a healthy part of sport. down the dressing room door Hockey teams play their best to sign him up to play in the when they "play up". In the great ice palaces of the world former North York League it was not surprising for called Gordon Howe played teams from Nobleton or Sut- his last pre-pro game as a ton. Woodbridge or Bolton juvenile. tally and a helper, Dysart a Rob McDonald came up ("B's" or "C's"), to knock off SO DON'T FORGET THE ing the winning counter on a teams such as Orillia, Rich-

The Legionnaires managed In any community you up giving a so-so team a con-

game. The Lions' goals were Bobby Russell fired home a best of three series. Thorn- have the chance to see a ing a forged document and Richard Campbell pass and hill opened the scoring in juvenile club with a good impersonation, after she Barrie led 2-1 after two the first and it wasn't until balance of 10 to 12 fair to tried to pass false prescripperiods. The Hillers refused 16:03 of the second that the good players you might get tions at two Stouffville drug

hockey has been hiding. The OMHA has many small Your comments in the communities which offer con-January 11 issue of "The sistant fine hockey especial-Liberal" "Don't Forget The ly if the juvenile level is the key that is usually overlook- That's where you'll find

and wonder where juvenile

age hockey fan and more | Most juvenile players are in high school, some at col-I was very pleased to see lege, some at work. They

But let's stop making the To ignore juvenile hockey mistake of comparing the and to "pack it" after the local boys who play for the midget age is simply short- fun of it, to the very, very sighted, rather stupid and a small total-maybe 500-who waste of talent learned over go on to play hockey as

at 17-something is wrong. though by the time they hit

-just remember that a guy

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STOUFFVILLE: Catherine has been charged by York



#### OAK RIDGES MINOR HOCKEY

Fred Carswell. MIDGET "A" (PLAYOFFS) (January 21) (January 16)

Oak Ridges 4, Keswick 3 John Lenneville led the out of the playdowns as Dave attack with two goals and as Stuart broke loose for five many assists. Larry Gueran big ones. Larry Gueran was and Dave Stuart got the other close behind with three.

loose again with three goals Unionville 4. Oak Ridges 1 | with the other one going to The lone Oak Ridges goal Larry Gueran. Dave Stuart was by Cam Cummings as- drew two assists with singles sisted by Robert Herd and going to Wayne Roffey and Brian Jones.

> Oak Ridges 8, Keswick 1 This win knocked Keswick

goals. Checking in with two Brian Jones chipped in with assists each were Terry four assists with singles going to Terry Legge, Larry Oak Ridges 4, Keswick 1 Gueran, Dave Stuart, Albert It was Lenneville breaking Shaw and Tim Watt,

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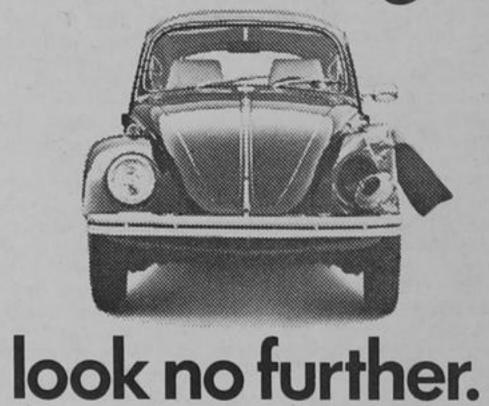
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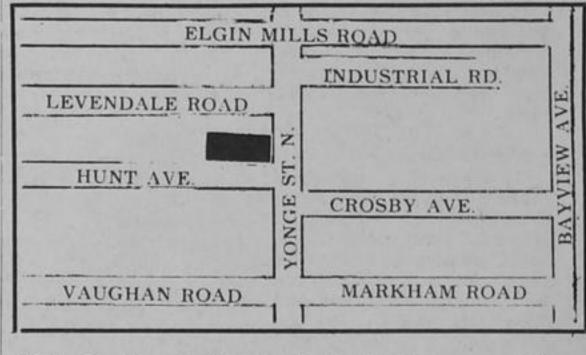
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