Nats thrive on early adversity or at least that

was the case Sunday night against Dixie Beehives

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She observed her 16th birthday last week. She didn't celebrate it because you can't do much swinging when you're encased in a body cast. Flat on your back, so to speak.

Louise has been in her cast since early November and expects to continue her enforced ceiling-grazing until at least the end of April.

"Boy, am I counting the days to April," she said the other day whilst taking time out from television viewing in her bedroom. She has to wear special reflecting glasses which allow her to look straight up at that familiar ceiling while seeing straight ahead of her. She doesn't read too much because reading while laying on her back makes her go to sleep.

CURVATURE OF SPINE

Louise's particular problem started when she was born with a curvature of the spine.

"You could say I've suffered a malformation in my back for years," she said. A pause. Let's face it, I was born deformed. I can't stand that word malformation."

In layman's language, Louise had to go into Toronto East General to get her back straightened. To do that they start out by breaking it. The pouches under my eyes turned an unhealthy green when I heard this but Louise bubbled cheerily on. She treats her particular adversity in anything but a self-pitying vein. Smiles, laughs

"They did some bone-grafting and inserted | Mann. a steel rod where the problem is. The muscle and tissue is supposed to grow around it." There's more involved but you get the idea.

"I don't feel any pain any more which is a relief. It pained me off and on before the operation and got particularly bad toward the end of and Scott Mansbridge the softball season." * * * *

Louise felt she didn't have as good a season with the Mic Macs as she would have liked to have had.

"The way my back was," she said, "it caused me to bulge on my right side. I had to pitch around the bulge. It also made me walk lop-sided which made me self conscious. I wore loose clothes so it wouldn't be too "noticeable".

Louise's Coach Bill Fox felt she had a "very good season for us particularly at the end. She really came on strong. I knew she had problems with her back but she didn't want any pity. She wanted to pitch."

Pitch she did and pretty well winning something like seven games and losing only one. She sparked the Mic Macs to a big tournament win in Richmond Hill at season's end tossing all three games. The Mic Macs also won their York Central League division and went to the PWSU finals before bowing out to Ottawa.

Louise simply "loves softball and baseball, I watch all the hardball games on television" and would like to continue pitching softball and eventually for the intermediate girls' team.

"I guess you would say I throw a pretty fast pitch," she said. "I throw windmill fashion." Louise was so fast that in her earlier years in the house leagues they would only let her pitch two innings. No one could see the ball.

She's disappointed that she probably "will have to sit out this softball season but it's one of those things. You can't have everything and at least I won't have pain."

She's happy though that her operation "has made me taller by about two and half inches. I was 5'1/2" and now I'm 5'3". How about that." Oh, about that cast.

"I had a specially designed one," she said, "and you can say it's the prettiest cast around." I can say it makes her look like a medieval knight in armour. Well, sort of. Historical note: This knight is blond, pretty and weighs 110 pounds. That's the difference.

Finally: "I got depressed at first just lying on my back," she admits, "but you adjust, you have to. I love snowmobiling so I'm glad the weather's been bad for it. I hate lying around when I could go out snowmobiling.

But for the present it's wait until the end of April. She's got it marked on her calendar. Walking time again.

* * * * * GOLF AT PEBBLE BEACH?

It's been almost that kind of winter where you could introduce outdoor golfing to the Richmond Hill scene but, alas, not quite. You still have to go elsewhere.

Which brings us subtly (?) around to a golfing expedition being planned for next March by Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club Profes- Tucker. sional Wally Byers and Maple Downs' Irving Lightstone.

To wit: They are offering a six-day \$399 package golfing deal to Pebble Beach March 12 and 18 with passage thereto via American Airlines. The offer is open to members of the Richmond Hill club and any other duffers in town who can get away from the local scene for a few days.

The trip is being handled by Tony Lewis of the Executive Travel Agency, Toronto. Tony, by the way, is a relatively new resident of Roseview Avenue in Richmond Hill.

He happened to be passing through the town one day, liked what he saw, and said: "Think I'll buy a house here." Simple as that.

Anyway, this trip will feature the following items for your \$399 package: Your return trip, of course, plus two nights' accommodation at the luxury Del Monte Lodge, breakfast daily plus two gourmet dinners, etc. There are oodles of Blyth, Michael Beadle, Mark and Gary Kimmel with Scott other benefits included along with an opportunity to golf at Pebble Beach (try and go down there yourself and play there . . . just no go); Spy Glass Hill, Monterey Peninsula Golf and Country Club and Del Monte Golf Club.

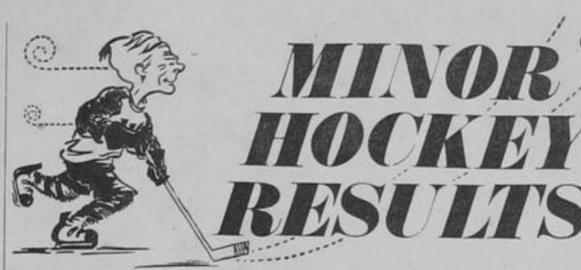
The thing for you to do is to check out the benefits in more detail by phoning (416) 789-3231 or writing Executive Social Club, PO Box 121, Station S, Toronto 20.

BALL CHATTER

Some more smells of summer with the signing of Rapid Robert Domik to the Jewellers. Big Bob will be toiling for his seventh season as a Jeweller (time do fly, don't it?) and this assures another season of top flight ball with the World Champion Jewellers.

Also, Dynes' Manager Russell Cripps reports that the Jewellers will start indoor practicing tomorrow night (Friday) at McConaghy Public School. Any new faces are welcome (including youngsters) to come out and either watch and/or participate. The session starts at 7 and runs

through to 8:30 pm. Any ballplayers interested in trying out for the Jewellers this season can get further information by calling Mr. Cripps at 884-3681 after



BOB ROSS, JR. MAJOR MITES

City Wide Rentall 5 Allencourt Fish & Chips 0 two goals and Barry Munro, and Ricky Gerber. James Kennedy and David Wood one each to City Wide's win. Earning assist Jackie Woods.

bridge and Kurt Zinkan,

Bob's Boys 3 Charlton Hardware 1 Bob's goals came from the

McGrath (2) and Kinnari.

Barrow's Insurance 2 Kinnear Pontiac 2 Scoring for Barrows were Paul Beckwith and Wayne Girard with help from John

near was Allen Evelyn who ting two helpers. Rockarts David and Barb, are a handalso got an assist, and Kevin and Scott Taylor one each.

Fred's Towing 4

Gormley S & G 3 a hat trick to lead Freds to helping hands. a win with Pat Lawlor adding the winning goal and assists going to John Black and Dino Murri.

and Stephen Irwin shared Johnston and Danny Petroff Gormley's counters, with with a goal apiece and Brent Giles and George D'Antimo Thornhill, Scott Taylor, Ted earning assists. ATOM

> Hans Gulf Oilers 4 **BAIF Bruins 2**

Robert Hughes clicked for for a singleton for the Oilers. Gerber had two assists and one each.

for both BAIF counters, helped by Robert Vandenvelde Capotosto with one each. and Douglas Bell.

Kent's Black Hawks 1 Seafood Corner 0 Ken Redding scored unassisted to enable the Black Hawks to win.

Rice's Flowers 5 York Simcoe Sports 0 Rice's goalgetters in this whitewash were Danny Iafano with a hat trick and Mark Kernohan with a pair. David Vennard and Pat Macklin each had two helpers and Glen Fehily one.

Bradock Optical 6 Walker's Insurance 1 Scoring for Braddocks

NOVICE

were Don with three, Kernohan with two and Lawlor with one. Assisting were Lamb, Lawlor, Wright and Mitchell.

Netting the puck for Walkers was Moss assisted by Mc-Laughlin.

Dan's Esso 2 Consumers Gas 1 Dan's goalgetters were Main and Follows, with help from Redding and Opatowski. Special mention should be made of the fine play of

Plitong. The lone goal for Consumers was scored by Austin. Knapp's Paints 5

Allencourt Pharmacy Howe, Conley, Corl ess, Thornhill and Dema each counted once for Knapps with assists being earned by Corless, Steenson, Leger and

Thompson, Shannon, Neilson and McKenzie scored for Allencourt, with Thompson and Coombs getting assists.

Scotia Bank Rams 2 Warren Park 1 Scotia Bank Rams scored

Bond Lake Skaters Pass Figure Tests

successfully passed their Na- Peden for CMR scorers were tional Figure Skating Tests Chaisson (2) McLean and last week at the Bond Lake Hancott; assists, Cox (2), Mc-Figure Skating Club. They were-

BEGINNERS - Cathie Chapman, Greg Bub, Celine Tracey Perry, Jeff Perry, broke getting the assists. Michelle Scott.

mour, Kathy Foster, Cheryl ence, Bob Golding and Errol Heavener, Debbie Dion, Jones. Assisting were Jed Cathy Nelson, Celene Cowan, Bartlett and Zenio Ferrone. Tracey Perry, Katherine MIDGETS Margerum, Donna Ash, Cathie Chapman.

ELEMENTARY—Lisa Cor-Debbie Ash, Judy Smith. Debbie Ash, Judy Smith.

NOVICE I-Debbie Ash. JUMP-Mandy Findeisen, Dave Morrison shared the Lori Sayers, Gayle Papand- CAE goals with Anderson reau, Yvette Richard, Helen also getting an assist. Stepien, Tina MacLeod. NOVICE II-Gayle Papan-

queline Flemming. FIGURES-Carol Wilson, Sandy Murdoch came up Nancy M. Seymour (Badge with two tallies and Randy and Test Chairman.

Park January 21.

Ken Redding got both goals for the bankers with Edward Iafano contributed help from Mark Kernohan

Scotia Bank Rams 5 Oak Ridges Peewee "B" 0 Ken Redding got another points were Munro and pair January 24 as Scotia Bank blanked Oak Ridges 5-0. ber earning one each.

Scotia Bank Rams 5 North Toronto Clendinning with two, Stephen Kinnari and Paul with one goal each were the getter was Bobby Petroff assists, David Vennard, who was helped by Eddy Danny Busnello, Gerber and Clendinning one each. PEEWEE

Shields Footwear 5 Street Construction 2 Shields goals were sunk by Farrell, Robbie McKenzie Sean Rockarts, Steve Harris,

Replay December 2 Game

Donald Earl came up with and Mark Robson lending the crowd. The dance team

Street Construction 5 Tony's Esso 5 Mark Gossman with two Doug Walton, David Giles goals, Glen Hepburn, Gord

> with helpers. Dynes Jewellers 7

Ruffman and Glen Eagleson

Eric Cycle and Sports 1 Dean Capotosto clicked a hat trick and Ricky Gerber for a hat trick. John Tuck Scott Bartlett accounted Wood with two each, Brad O'Hara, Tom Wilson and Duane Robertson tallied for Eric's with the help of

> Shields Footwear 4 Hodgson Bros, Hardware 7 and Greg Walton with Steve week.

Richard Skupien.

MINOR BANTAM Richmond Hill TV 4 D & D Excavating 3

A pair of counters by reaction, "if any." Wayne McCartney and singles by Robin Aitchison the General Purpose Comand David Miller with assists mittee, council had not refrom Alan Thomas, Steven ceived any complaints from Barber and two from Kevin the public following the first Higgs gave the TV man a two Sunday races at the win. Scoring for D & D were Abernethy and Vander Valk with help from Talman and

Pirri's Fruit Market 2 Brian's Shell 2 Scott Thomas and Rob

Frater helped by Brian said it was only asking for Queen scored for Pirris. Kisko and Steve Young aid- year." ed by Kisko. Rotary Club 4

Simms Construction 2 Notching the counters for Rotary were Ricky Girard, Craig Clack, Danny McVeigh and Danny Girard with Mc-Veigh, Bill Duncan and James Vermuelen assisting for Simms, Baker and Sparrow secred, Wilson (2) and Baker helped. BANTAMS

CFGM 5, CMR 4 Gord Sinfield scored twice, Dave Stockall, Sean Gentry and Don Gillebrand once for CFGM. Earning assists were A number of skaters Gentry, Sinfield and John Lean, Hancott, major (2). Surf Marine 3

W. A. Stephenson 3 Sinking the puck for Surf Cowan, Donna Ash, John were Bob Putnam, Steve Orr Shepherd, Willie Robinson, Mayhew and Dave Bolling-For Stephenson the goal STROKING - Paul Sey- scorers were Chuck Lawr-

> Laurin's Esso (Thornhill) 4 Can. Auto Electric 3

Mike Titmarsh led the coran, Brenda Near, Barbara | Thornhill lads to victory with Andrews, Carolyn Dunn, a hat trick with Fred Jones Beverly Trask, Janet Beadle. and Neil Stevens adding BASIC-Shannon Friend, single counters. Alan Berryman had two assists and SPEED-Shannon Friend, Garry Williamson and Brian Kidwell one each. John Anderson, Harris and

Village Pizza 4

Little Fords 2 dreau, Yvette Richard, Tina Village's goals were potted MacLeod, Jacqueline Flem- by Kevin Merritt with two, Roland Proulx and Tom DANCE I-Gayle Papan- Mesley with help from dreau, Yvette Richard, Jac- Proulx, Steve Peterson and Pete Smith.

Hancott with one for Littles

MINOR Hill Figure Skaters Impress HOCKEY Although Fourth In Seniors

267 Gretel Drive

By DOREEN TRUNK

in the junior dance and raise money for this trip. Ohlis with assists from Bill hot shots in this one played former Richmond Hill Skat-January 25, Zurich and Bart- ing Club Skaters Marie-El-For Charltons, the goal- lett each were awarded two len and Bernard Souche finished second in the junior pairs event. A Richmond Hill High School student last year, Glen Laframboise, representing North Bay, finished fourth in the junior men's division.

> In the senior dance, Barb, Berezowski and David Porter of Unionville, finished sec-For Streets Jim Moore and smooth, polished program Glen Hepburn connected for brought a lump to the counters with Danny Petroff throat of the romantics in of Linda Roe and Michael Bradley of Unionville struck the right chord with the Big guns for Streets were crowd earning a standing ovation from many. They finished third overall. Trained by Bernard Ford, former England and World Title Holder, their program is dif-

went to Les Smith and Jim free skating programs could before trophies.

only pull them up to fifth in novice ladies for Angela and It was a busy week for sixth in junior ladies for in a Provincial Junior "A" game at Maple. many of our local skaters Cheryl. Out of a flock of who were attending the Can- twenty talented skaters this trailing Dixie by 5-0 with only about four minutes a 2-1 victory over Warren adian Figure Skating Champ- was indeed a fine showing ionships in Vancouver, from but both skaters were cap-January 15 to 21. Richmond able of finishing in the first Hill Figure Skating Club three. Another Unionville and Donald Fraser, 1972 breaks when he needed them Junior Pair Champions, fin- was Ricky O'Neill. His us-

The hand was extended by with the fifth one at 3:46.

ficult, fast paced and pleas- Karen Magnussen, Lynn had Figures, the bogey of all free skating and tied her in Gary Gill broke the ice skaters, except Trixie Schu- free skating, only Karen's with a goal at 4:30 from Ron ba, held Skaters Cheryl figures saved her the Can- and Robbie Harris with Richardson and Angela Wat- adian Title, but she still son back from titles. Al- reached out to calm the at 9:10 from Glen Barnett for a pair and Neil Rothwell though both are consistently young sixteen year old be- and John Winder. and Jim Wood for singletons good at figures they had an cause the key to Karen's per-Hughes and Tony LaPoint for Dynes. Assist points off day and their brilliant sonality is that friends come Cook combined with Ron

Sunday Sport Closer To Reality Vaughan Okays Races

Hitting the target for Sunday sport moved a allowing the races on a tem-Shields were Sean Rockarts, little closer to reality in porary basis, was just so it Allan Clark, Randy Bennett the Town of Vaughan this could do "that very thing."

Jensen, Robert Thomson and Sunday sports in the town. backs of industries."

dates in March, as requested and 5 pm. by Pinecrest, pending further assessment of public

According to a report of speedway, January 7 and 21. Council granted those dates, but left open an additional request for the February time, until it could properly assess the first races.

At that time, Pinecrest "occasional racing," prob-For Brians it was Paul ably about "four times a

Councillor James Cameron, speaking at Monday's meeting, said it was "about time" council made a proper assessment of the situation and amended the bylaw to see if Sunday sports were really wanted. Mayor Garnet Williams

said the reason council was

for

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Harris earning two assist Meeting Monday after- strong said the January noon, council agreed to al- races had been relatively Angus McGregor had a great low Pinecrest Speedway, successful. There had been day for Hodgins with five big Highways 7 and 400, to hold more than 1,000 people on 2:55 and again at 7:56 to tie goals. Steve Crump and "studded ice races" for mo- hand on one of the worst the game. The tying goal Kerry Martin contributed a torcycles, February 4 and days of winter. The area begoal each and Harry Lewan- 18 and also to give further youd the track was mainly fort by Ronnie Harris who dowski, Ken Woods, Tom consideration to legalizing marshalling yards and "the

stupor at 18:46 as Large scored his second goal of the night to restore some semblance of order going into the third period.

goal at 16:56 as John Cowan fed Bob Osborne a break-

away pass and he went in

Dixie roused from its

But Vaughan had made up

Robbie Harris scored

lost it to a Dixie defence-

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alone to beat Liut.

its mind to score again and score they did. Three times was an example of sheer efstarted the play in his own end. He passed to Robbie

David West-Gaul an assist Council, however, with- The races will be held in Harris who lost the puck at held authorization of two the afternoon, between 1:30 centre. Ronnie picked it up,

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gone in the second period. You could even say they were alarmed. So much so that they proceeded to score representatives, Lindy Watts skater that didn't get the with startling regularity and ended up by upending Dixie by 7-6. ished fourth in the senior ually good jumps were just "I guess you'd have to say man, recovered it in the cor- again, pair division. Skating ag- a little bit off but his pro- we were lucky," wondered ner again and then passed ainst Canadian Champions, gram was by far the most Vaughan Coach George Stor- out to Robbie Harris who the brother and sister duo polished in the novice men's. ey. "The team keeps com- put the puck in the open net. way as the Nats won 9-1. from Willowdale, Sandra and Ricky's idol is Toller Cran- ing back which is great but The winning goal came Bobbette lead the way with Rascone Const. Equipment 2 Jack Vantol, Matt Zurich and Val Bezic, who retained their ston and it shows in his then you wonder why they from a scramble in front of three goals, Ronnie Harris Gerber accounted for the championship, and the Moore arm and foot work. David get so far behind. At first the Dixie net at 12:12 with two, and singles by Mike Denting the twine for other tallies with Kernohan and Murray team from North Porter and Barb. Berezowski you're unhappy, then you're the honors going to Gary Hammond, John Winder, Rascone were John Evelyn and Lenny McVeigh getting Vancouver, who finished sec- were picked for the Canad- happy.' and Alan Jones with helpers two assists and Jack Cross, ond, the Richmond Hill pair ian Team and will represent It was much the same coming from Joel Mans- Scott Barlett, Rick Clendin- skated a strong and pleasing Canada at the 1973 World story Friday night against ning, John Noble and Ger- program. Maturity and ex- Championships in Brata- the dangerous, fast-skating perience will certainly make slava, Czechoslovakia. Febru- Seneca Beavers. them a serious threat in the ary 27 through March 4. The Nats trailed 3-1 in this Unionville Skating Club will one going into the third per-Keith Swindlehurst and be holding a Millionaires iod only to wrap home four sticks of John Hughes, Zurich, Bartlett and Redding Judie Jeffcott finished eighth Night in February to help goals in a row to win it 5-3. Like, nothing to it Charlie. It was an interesting week But hard on a coach's ulcers.

for this reporter. I was very impressed with the standard Thursday night of last week in the first period which was of skating on all levels. 9-1 walloping of Downsview Some memories that will gave the Nats a little breathlinger on are - the gasp of ing room at the top of the the astonished crowd when heap with 60 points to sec-14-year-old Vern Taylor ond place Wexford Raiders' landed a triple lutz in his 54. free skating program, the Sunday night's encounter only time the jump has been with fourth-place Dixie saw landed in a Canadian comp- the Nats allow three goals in Allan Clark, Chris Bedford, ond to Canadian Champions etition and the second time the first period with Bruce Sinking the goals for Kin
Greg Walton, with Clark getBarry and Louise Soper.

In any competition — The Allworth scoring two of little girl in Junior Ladies them and Dave Large the that finished her program other one. so ill she was doubled up "The play was fairly even but still insisted on standing despite the goals," ruminaton the podium to hear her ed Storey, "but it was a marks before being carried case of Dixie seeming to off - The roar of the crowd take advantage of every scorat the completion of Toller ing opportunity. We were FRIDAY-Cranston's artistically bril- missing our chances." liant free skating program Dixie's Bob Schnieder - The hand put out to Lynn made it 4-0 in the second Nightingale as she stood while Vaughan was a man SATURDAY & SUNDAYshaking from joy, excitement short and then Gary Aull and disbelief on the podium. appeared to make it decisive

> That's when Vaughan debeaten Karen in compulsory cided to start moving. Doug Bernett scoring again Bobbette and John Winder to beat Mike Liut. Then came the fourth Nats'

"Bob Volpe played great for us in the third period in goal," said Storey, "and

Vaughan Nationals Chalk Up Three Wins In Row

that was the story of that period. We got the big stops and Dixie didn't." The Nats outshot the Dixie-ites by 57-39.

Friday night the Nats ob-The above two wins and a served Seneca outskate them

It would seem the front-running Vaughan | scoreless and then observed them further in the second when they rapped home three straight goals within six minutes. Scoring were The Nats suddenly discovered they were | Mike Francis, Harry Robock and Jim Cowley. Nats won the game 5-3.

John Cook got one back late in the second and then the Nats scored four straight goals in the third by Ronnie Harris, Bob Osborne, Rob Bobbette and Ronnie Harris

The game against Downs-Gary Gill and Robbie Har-

Vaughan closes out its regular schedule with home games tonight (Thursday) against Aurora Tigers at Maple Arena, 8 pm and again Sunday at 7:30 pm against Kingston Frontenacs. Their final game is the following Sunday (February 11) against Richmond Hill Rams.

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