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Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

This Sporting Life

This may come as a distinct shock to you but I don't even feel like writing this column. I get sort of world-weary about this time every season's end.

Just too much of everything regarding sports. It's only temporary, mind you, but it is nevertheless very real. Surfeit. A surfeit of softball, soccer, football, and, yes, of me, me, me.

I suppose I shouldn't come out and say it but, well, why not. That's the way I feel. Life's too short to be dishonest all the time.

It started with this past weekend. Am sick and tired of all this sports on television. Especially of the crazy combination of football, baseball, hockey and maybe even golf and roller derby and even hearing about the sad demise of Bobby Riggs. Hopefully, he found that bridge and jumped into well-deserved anonymity.

Also have to agree with those beleaguered housewives who keep plaintively bewailing the fact that on the weekends they become "sport's widows" because they can't pry HIM away from the television set. Then, again, I get sick and tired of hearing them complain about it. There's a simple answer. Leave him.

MISGUIDED, BUT

I'm even mad at myself. This takes a lot of courage because really, deep down, I think I'm a real nice guy. Misguided, but nice.

Was especially provoked at myself for breaking a vow that there was no way I'd even turn the television set on at all this weekend simply because there was too much sports on it.

Sadly, I did. I watched the New York Mets-Oakland A's playoff game (the second one which the Mets finally won 10-7 in 12 innings) from the sixth inning on.

When I said sadly, I meant it. There was the former great Willie "Say Hey Kid" Mays looking very, very much out of it in centre-field. There's no doubt the sun was troublesome but is there anything sadder than someone who has been great to stay around too long? Probably one of the more moving moments in sports as far as I'm concerned. Especially when the guy really wanted to bow out as gracefully as he could.

SWEET MYSTERY

Ah, sweet mystery of life.

Then again I tend to get crotchety, even irritable, when I sometimes (very briefly) look in on this expansion hockey garbage you see these days. Sure, I know that in time the quality will improve, that they'll start playing hockey again. But I don't care anymore. They don't care about Joe Hockey fan, the big-buck operators I mean.

There's a gold mine out there fellows. Joe Fan can be sold anything. Raise the prices and lower the calibre and then go out and sell him on how nice garbage can be packaged. Most of those players in the World Hockey Association and the NHL couldn't have made a top Senior "B" team as recently as 1962 or 1963, I forget.

Oh well, the name of the game is money. Oh, I've got lots of goodies for you if you're still with me.

I also get tired of listening to those instant experts. They used to call them Monday morning quarterbacks. The Richmond Hill Rams, the Richmond Hill Dynes, the Toronto Maple Leafs, Toros, etc., would never lose a game if the Monday morning quarterbacks were the coach.

Only a trifle less irritating are those boors that keep knocking referees at hockey games. I'm not talking about professional hockey. Those guys get paid to take their knocks. I'm talking about senior, intermediate and minor league types.

WHO ME? WRONG?

They remind me of certain people who never make mistakes themselves in life. It's always the other guy that keeps them from achieving. In a word, grow up.

Finally, I hate stags. I shouldn't say this because I will be attending one this Friday night. Which shows you what a hypocrite I am.

Why do I hate stags? Probably because I'm not married and therefore have no need to get away from my wife.

But mainly because I find it much more stimulating in mixed company. Men are nice but, by gosh women are nicer. This, by the way, is a sports stag just to let you know I'm not straying from the subject.

Really, finally, I can't stand someone complaining all the time which is why I'm put out at myself at the moment. So much so that I'm stopping right now.

I'll be back to normal next week, I promise.

An unfortunate incident occurred at the Bond Lake Arena Sunday night when someone (accidentally or otherwise) walked off with all of Rick Lusk's hockey equipment. Rick had been working out with the Oak Ridges Midgets (Continued on Page 16)

Rams Lead Wexford 6-2 Then Hang On To Tie 6-6

The wonder wasn't that the Richmond Hill Junior Rams managed to tie Wexford Raiders 6-6 Saturday night after blowing a four-goal lead in the final 20 minutes at Wexford.

It was that they still had some bodies around to finish the game.

They lost no less than three players during the game all of them of the key calibre.

"We have a total of seven players on the limp in various stages of hurting," commented Rams' Coach Karl Brimblecombe. Included are Defenceman Jack Guest and Forwards Jim Casola, Rick Febbo, and Dave Stuart. "I just hope we have enough bodies for the next game."

Coach Brimblecombe agrees that it's better to have the injuries, if at all, at the start of the season but "you don't want them all at once and so many."

One of those not injured was Mike Hartman and it was a good thing for the Rams.

Hartman triggered no less than four goals, two of them on a power play, as he led the offensive way and the Rams to a seemingly sure 5-2 lead going into the final period. Jim Casola and Jim Graham got the other goals.

For Wexford it was Kip Acton scoring two goals and singles going to Archie King, Neil Burns, Bill Hassard, and Bob Keeler.

The first period of the game was fairly even with the Rams having a slight editorial advantage but an edge in goals as they knocked home two to Wexford's one. The shots on goal were even at 9-9.

The Rams completely dominated play in the second period and it showed on the scoreboard. They ramed home three goals, all by Hartman, to Wexford's one while outshooting the latter team 16 to 7.

Richmond Hill extended its lead to 6-0 on Graham's goal at 4:40 and seemed to have the game in hand until star defenceman Jack Guest limped off the ice around the seven minute mark.

The Rams' rearguard defenders seemed to collapse at this point with the exception of experienced Bill Stephenson who played brilliantly throughout the game directing traffic and body-checking effectively.

Stephenson, incidentally, was not on the ice for any of the four third period goals by Wexford.

Following the outbreak by Wexford which tied the game the shorthanded Rams surprisingly forced the issue for the final six or seven minutes but were unable to break the deadlock.

"We certainly missed Guest when he went off," stated Brimblecombe. "He and Stephenson are key men on our defence. You could say we sagged a little in that third period but then Wexford came on pretty strong too."

"You don't lose key men without something giving somewhere," he said.

Brimblecombe was also happy with the play of locals Jim Graham and Jim Clement.

"They gave us a very good effort out here," he said, "and it was Graham's first goal of the season."

Brimblecombe also noted that Brian Stankiewicz played a solid game in goal.

"You couldn't fault Brian on any of the goals," he said.

The Rams now have won two games and tied one while losing one in the early season going.

They play Vaughan Nationals Saturday at Maple.

STANDINGS

	G	W	L	T	P
Aurora	7	5	1	1	11
Vaughan	6	4	1	1	9
North York	5	4	1	0	8
Wexford	6	3	2	1	7
Richmond Hill	5	3	1	1	7
North Bay	6	2	3	1	5
Markham	8	2	5	1	5
Seneca	6	2	2	2	6
Dixie	4	2	2	0	4
Whitby	5	1	3	1	3
Weston	5	0	4	1	1
Downsview	3	0	3	0	0

Unionville Skaters Busy, Busy, Busy

The Unionville Figure Skating Club season is well on its way from pre-schoolers working hard to earn their badges to senior skaters preparing for the Central Ontario Sectionals November 29 to December 2 at Leaside Arena.

Winners of the competition then go on to the regional competition to be held in Ottawa.

Anyone wishing to join junior, novice, intermediate or adult groups may still do so. Enquiries may be made at the arena during any of the skating sessions.

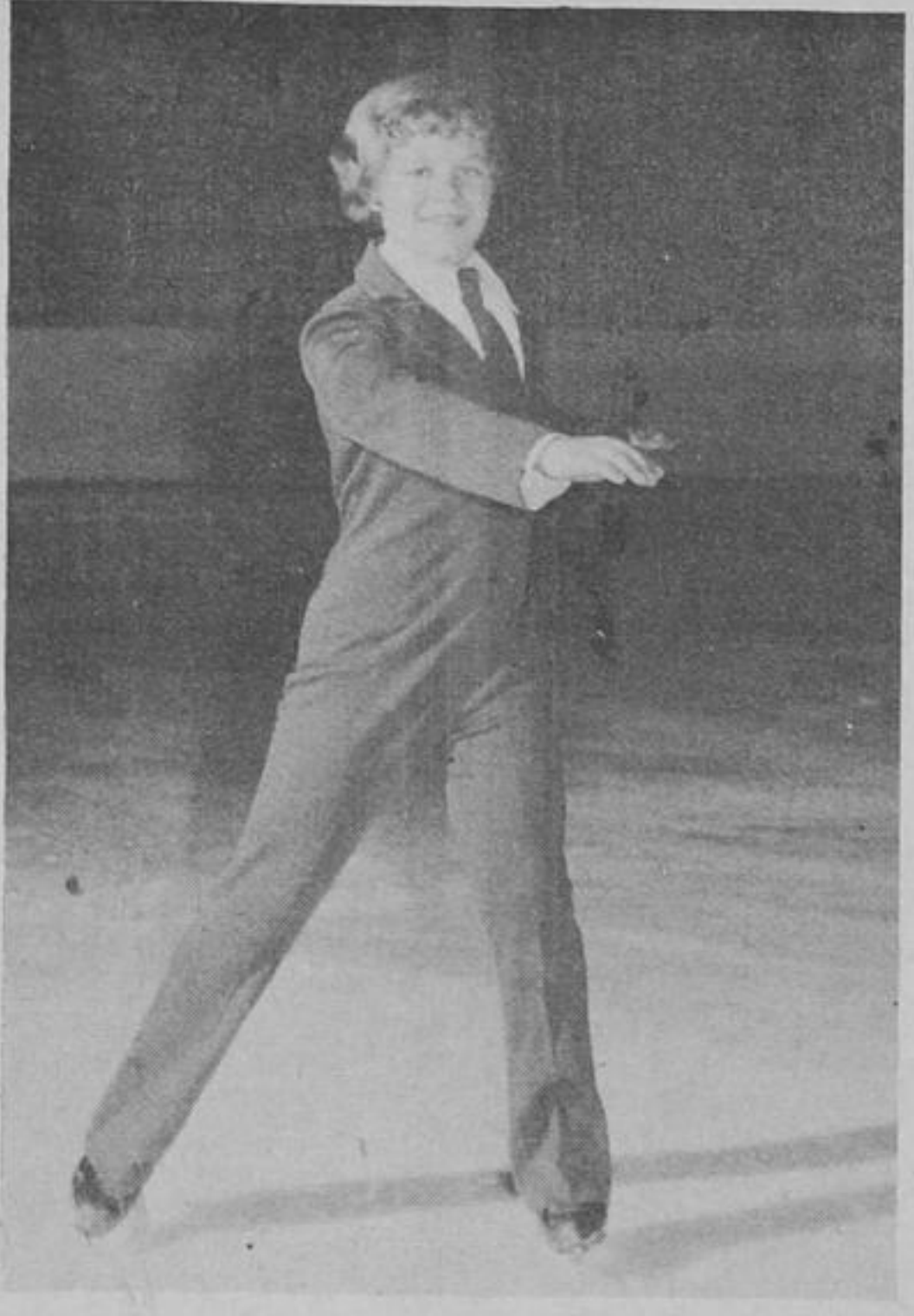
The power skating is off to a great start with applications still available to anyone wishing to join. Just contact Reg Wood at 297-1520 or Ken Page at 297-1233.

Plans are now well underway for our annual bursary Ice Show and Dinner to be held November 10.

Tickets for the ice show portion will be going on sale shortly. The price for adults is \$1.50 and skaters and children under 16 years of age, \$1.

Among our guest skaters will be the club's own Michael Bradley and Linda Roe who were third in the Senior Canadian Dance Pairs and who have done well in Europe and England this past summer.

The show will also feature "The Unionville Ice Chipettes".



KEITH SWINDLEHURST Gold Medallist

Keith Swindlehurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swindlehurst of May Avenue, has become a Gold Medallist in the ice dancing portion of figure skating, September 30.

He started playing hockey in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey House League on the Gormley Sand and Gravel team. The next year he played with the CFGM Novices and the next year with the Weyerhuse Atoms. Finally in 1969-70 season he played with the Richmond Hill Lions Peeewees.

At the end of that season, after having played in 221 games of hockey he turned to full time figure skating and his recent achievement indicates that this was a wise choice.

Keith was a member of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club for several years until he started an ice dancing partnership in August 1972 with Judie Jeffcott of Scarborough. They now skate at Upper Canada Figure Skating Club in North York.

Keith's advice to the up-and-coming skaters at the Richmond Hill Club is to "work hard and you can do the same."

Fiat Auto Club Rally Here This Saturday

Richmond Hill will be the kick-off point for the Fiat Auto Club of Toronto's first event in its 1974 Ontario Regional Rally Championship—its 7th Annual 124/124 rally.

The event which is the only Ontario Region rally organized by a Toronto Motorist Club, will be held Saturday as part of the Town of Richmond Hill Centennial celebrations.

Pre-rally ceremonies will see a parade of competing cars moving off the Dominion Sorens parking lot at 7:30 pm and proceeding up Yonge Street north to Richmond Hill Heights Centre where the event will be launched.

Official starter for the rally will be Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby.

A total of \$3,000 will be up for grabs in prizes in an expected 100 entries in the rally which will wind its way for some 250 miles before drawing to a conclusion.

One of the competitors will be John Inglis of 22 Carrier Crescent, Richmond Hill.

The event will consist of three legs with free gasoline being supplied to all competing cars at the start of the rally and again at the start of the third leg courtesy of Sun Oil Company of Canada Limited.

Leg One will consist of average speed instructions, with lots of controls to keep the competitors on their toes, tulip diagrams, mileages and turns and a straight line map.

Leg Two is almost wholly run on forest roads and consists of mileage and turn instructions supplemented by tulip diagrams with elapsed times for the whole leg.

Leg Three consists of average speeds and elapsed times, shortest route on a map, tulip diagrams and maybe a point to point on a country map.

Navigation will be of a calibre that will make the event a challenge to novice

BOWLING RESULTS
ABC BOWLING
The Killers and the Professionals are tied for first place with 18 points apiece as the league approaches the half-way mark of the first series.
In second place are the Gamblers with 17 points followed by the Pooh Bears with 12, the Amateurs 11, Tigers 8.
The Professionals lead the President's Trophy race with 12,171. The Killers have 12,122, Pooh Bears 12,073, Gamblers 11,847, Amateurs 11,515, Tigers 11,358.
Karen Weber headed the ladies with a great score of 789 (272, 246, 271). She was followed by Dee Whitman with 653 (196, 228, 229).
The men had a good night also with Tony Clayton registering 723 (224, 215, 284); Karl Reisenweber 706 (270, 225, 211); Ian Lawrie 676 (201, 281, 194).

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