

## Swedish Midget Hockey Team Plays In Richmond Hill December 28

A Swedish Midget Hockey Team will compete against the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets in an exhibition game December 28 at the Richmond Hill Arena.

The international event will take place at 7 pm on the first day of the Third Annual Rose Town Peeewe Hockey Tournament. The tourney is to be held over three days and will host 16 teams yet to be named.

An agenda for the week-long visit to Canada by the Swedish team is still being worked out by Ontario Minor Hockey Association officials. The team will comprise 22 sixteen-year-old players of triple "A" calibre from Hammarby, a suburb of Stockholm. The visiting party will include Swedish officials and some parents and will arrive in Richmond Hill at 11 am December 28. The party will be met by a welcoming committee which may include Toronto Maple Leaf Defenceman Borje Salming and Left Winger Inge Hammarstrom, rec-

ently of the Swedish National Team.

Following the game both teams will be hosted at a banquet to be held in the Legion Hall.

Players will be billeted with local families Friday and Saturday. The team will attend the Maple Leaf Gardens Saturday evening when Toronto is at home to the Atlanta Flames, and depart Richmond Hill on Sunday.

Planning of the international event is being undertaken by a joint Richmond Hill Service Clubs Committee under the chairmanship of Richmond Hill Hockey Association President Dick Hutchinson. The committee includes members of the Richmond Hill Lions; Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion; Tournaments Incorporated and the local hockey association.

Advance tickets for the game, which will be held under international rules, will shortly be available at the Richmond Hill Arena.

## Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

### Back To The Midgets

Pete Artemchuk isn't exactly the type that goes around drooling and brooding at the same time but he has moments when he does both.

It was happening during a recent interview when I was chatting with him about his return as coach of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets after an absence of three years with the team.

The drooling occurs when he recalls the make-up of that 1969-70 squad and the brooding follows shortly after upon realizing how close he came to winning the OMHA Midget "A" Championship for the first time.

"I must admit I've never lived that down," states Coach Artemchuk. "I still lose sleep thinking about how we lost that one to Leamington. You'll never convince me we didn't have the best team that season. But that's hockey."

You may recall that was the season Artemchuk's boys lost a thrilling seven-game series to Leamington the last one 3-2 in overtime.

Artemchuk tends to drool when he recounts some of the players of that team most of whom have gone on to show they have all the credentials of fine hockey players.

Some of those names include Bill and Dick Weber, Daryl Rice, John Barnett, Scott Mabley, Hal Murphy, Tony Bellavance, Larry Kellett, Colin Wood and on and on. Quite a team.

After that series, Artemchuk decided he'd better retire for awhile and think about it all.

### COACHED BRANTFORD

Artemchuk was talked out of "retirement" to coach a Brantford entry in the new Provincial "A" Western Ontario Tier 2 Hockey League partway through the season.

One of the enticements to this job was the fact he was coaching some of the same players that had played Midget hockey with them.

The club was floundering when Artemchuk took over and he almost, but not quite, got them into the playoffs.

"I was plagued with that almost again. We won 15 and tied two out of 20 games that season," he recalls. "We missed the playoffs by one point."

Artemchuk didn't go back the next season because the franchise moved to Niagara Falls and he was "sick of all the time and travelling involved. I decided to try something around here again."

### LOTS OF OFFERS

He noted that he received offers this season from several provincial "A" teams plus a couple of universities but opted for the Richmond Hill Midgets again.

"I guess it's because I like working with youngsters, trying to develop them, I don't know. Maybe I'll get my ears pinned back this season but we'll give it a try anyway."

Artemchuk is quite frank about saying he's also disappointed in Midget hockey from the standpoint that the players show such poor basic hockey training.

### Thornhill Rec. Centre

## 4500 - Seat Arena Nixed By Council

A proposal whereby the new owners of the Toronto Nationals' hockey organization would endeavor to locate a Major Junior "A" hockey franchise in the Thornhill Recreation Centre at John Street and Bayview Avenue nearly got off the ground Tuesday night of last week.

The owners, Carlo Corvesse and Peter Makos, were on hand to discuss enlarging the proposed arena from a presently planned 1,000 seats to 4,500 to accommodate a Junior "A" franchise.

Biggest detractor was Councillor Roy Muldrew who didn't think the area population would support a 4,500 seat arena despite the fact I live in Thornhill and would love to see a Junior "A" hockey team located there.

"I like the idea but this town just can't afford the increased cost," he said.

Councillor Carolyn Bell took a different tact citing the main idea of the community centre was to have a "building which will be very attractive and be the focal point of the community."

"SPOOL APPEARANCE" By enlarging the building to include 4,500 seats might very well spoil the appearance.

"Very few of the seats would be used during the week and it would be too expensive a proposition. And what if the hockey club decided to fold, or pull out of the arena?"

Councillor Ron Moran was another for stating that it wouldn't be fair to add an "additional financial burden to our taxpayers just for the benefit of residents of Metro Toronto who would come to see a Junior "A" hockey franchise."

He said the present complex would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,700,000 and I can't see spending any more money at this time.

Regional Councillor Harry Crisp thought council should perhaps look into the feasibility of increasing the seating capacity and how much more it would cost.

"Once you get by the initial capital cost it wouldn't cost any more to have 4,500 seats there or 2,500."

In his presentation, Mr. Makos had stated that the enlarging of the seating capacity would probably mean purchasing of further land.

"FINANCIAL HELP?" He said that his organization would likely be willing to contribute "some monies to the purchase of more land

but it, of course, would depend on how much the property cost. We haven't looked into it at all."

Mr. Makos indicated he was mainly there to test council's feelings on his proposal.

Councillor Gary Kay expressed considerable interest in Mr. Makos' proposal but felt that if "anything is done it would have to be done quickly because the project is currently well underway."

He was interested in just what financial contributions Mr. Makos might be willing to come up with and thought that this could have some bearing on the matter.

"It would be a question of financing it," he said, "as well as to how drastically such a change would make in the appearance of the building."

Mr. Muldrew continued to insist that a 4,500 seat arena wasn't realistic at the moment.

"I repeat," he said, "that I'm not trying to drive you away but I just can't see your proposition."

"LARGE FAN SUPPORT" Councillor Kay thought that a Junior "A" team would be "well supported in the area and also receive considerable press coverage."

Mr. Makos commented during his presentation that his organization, which also operates the Vaughan Nationals Provincial Junior "A" Club, was unhappy with its location at Maple Community Centre.

"They are enlarging the seating capacity," he said, "but it's basically not designed for a hockey club." He said present seating capacity was for only 350 persons.

Council voted against increasing the arena seating capacity to 4,500 at the present time.

The Nationals' organization comprises minor hockey teams right from peeewe through Junior "B" and an inter-provincial Junior "A" team represented by Vaughan Nationals.

The Nationals have been playing out of the Maple Arena since last season.



Sixteen-year-old John Lenneville (centre) is shown reaping the benefits of a bountiful softball season as he receives the Frank Kirkman Trophy at the annual Oak Ridges Minor Softball Banquet Wednesday of last week at Bond Lake Arena.

Presenting his own trophy (left) is Mr. Kirkman while President Al Bestard of the

ORMBA, look on approvingly. The trophy presented annually to the player on the town representative teams showing a combination of ability plus good sportsmanship. Selections are made by coaches, managers, and umpires. John, also an excellent hockey player, was with the Oak Ridges Franklin Life Midgets this past season.

## John Lenneville - Big Winner

A few hundred hockey-playing Oak Ridges youngsters took time off from their ice duties to close out the softball season by attending the annual Oak Ridges Minor Ball Association's banquet at Bond Lake Arena.

Trophies were in plentiful supply featured by the Frank Kirkman Trophy which went to 16-year-old John Lenneville for exhibiting a combination of the most outstanding ability plus sportsmanship with town representative teams.

Other trophy winners and their teams are:

Lions Club Squirts — Most Valuable Player, Rick Green-slade. Most Sportsmanlike, Phil Lusk. Most Improved Player, Tony Battaglia. Coach of the team is John Spensley, Manager Joe Battaglia.

Alex Brockton Peeewe (finalists in the All-Ontario this past season): Most Valuable Player, Harold DeGeer; Most Sportsmanlike Player, Bob Kerr; Most Improved Player, Ken Plante. Coach of the team is Carl Griffith.

Merchant Bantams — Most Valuable Player, Tom Duke-low; Most Sportsmanlike

## Rams Blank Markham By 4-0 First Shutout Stankiewicz

Mike Hartman was at it again Sunday night scoring two goals to lead the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior "A" Rams to a 4-0 blanking of Markham right in Markham.

Defensively it was Brian Stankiewicz making a triumphant return to the Rams' twines after being absent due to an ankle injury.

"I was quite happy with the way the team went particularly with the way Stankiewicz played in goal," commented Coach Karl Brimblecombe.

He said the game "was a close checking contest all the way. We were never in trouble and were in control most of the time."

He was particularly happy with his defence pointing to Al Potts and Newcomer Benny Pedersen who came up with strong defensive games.

Pedersen is an Aurora product who played with the Oak Ridges Kings last season and Brimblecombe terms him a "rushing type of defenceman who should really help the club."

The other Rams' goals were scored by Dave "Digger" Dunkley and Steve Glover.

"Dunkley played his usual strong checking game," said Brimblecombe.

Richmond Hill led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 2-0 going into the final 20 minutes.

The Rams are still hobbling along with two or three injuries but things are starting to straighten out.

"We've got 13 points to date this season," said Brimblecombe and "I'm reasonably happy with our showing."

"We'll do all right if we can just stay away from any more serious injuries."

The Rams travel to North Bay Sunday and are host to the same team Tuesday night of next week at 8 pm.

Future Games Thursday—Richmond Hill at Whitby.

Team	G	W	L	T	Pt.
Vaughan	11	7	2	2	16
Aurora	11	6	4	1	13
North York	10	6	3	1	13
Wexford	10	6	3	1	13
Rich'd Hill	10	6	3	1	13
Seneca	9	5	2	2	12
North Bay	10	5	4	1	11
Dixie	8	5	3	0	10
Markham	12	4	7	1	9
Whitby	9	1	6	2	4
Weston	10	1	7	2	4
Downsview	8	0	8	0	0

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## BOWLING RESULTS

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The Professionals are still leading with 32 points followed by the Killers with 25, Amateurs 23, Gamblers 17, Tigers 15, Pooh Bears 14.

The big three for the night for the ladies were Gloria Byer with 756 (300, 234, 222), Diz Lawrie 724 (242, 191, 291); Marg Price 711 (212, 238, 261).

For the men it was Ed Muehlstaedt shooting 751 (201, 279, 271); Ron Price 645 (205, 228, 212); Ian Lawrie 643 (217, 222, 204).

The Professionals continue to lead in the race for the President's Trophy with 18-610 points followed by the Killers with 18,320, Gamblers 18,019, Pooh Bears 17,950, Amateurs 17,605 g. Tigers 17,308.

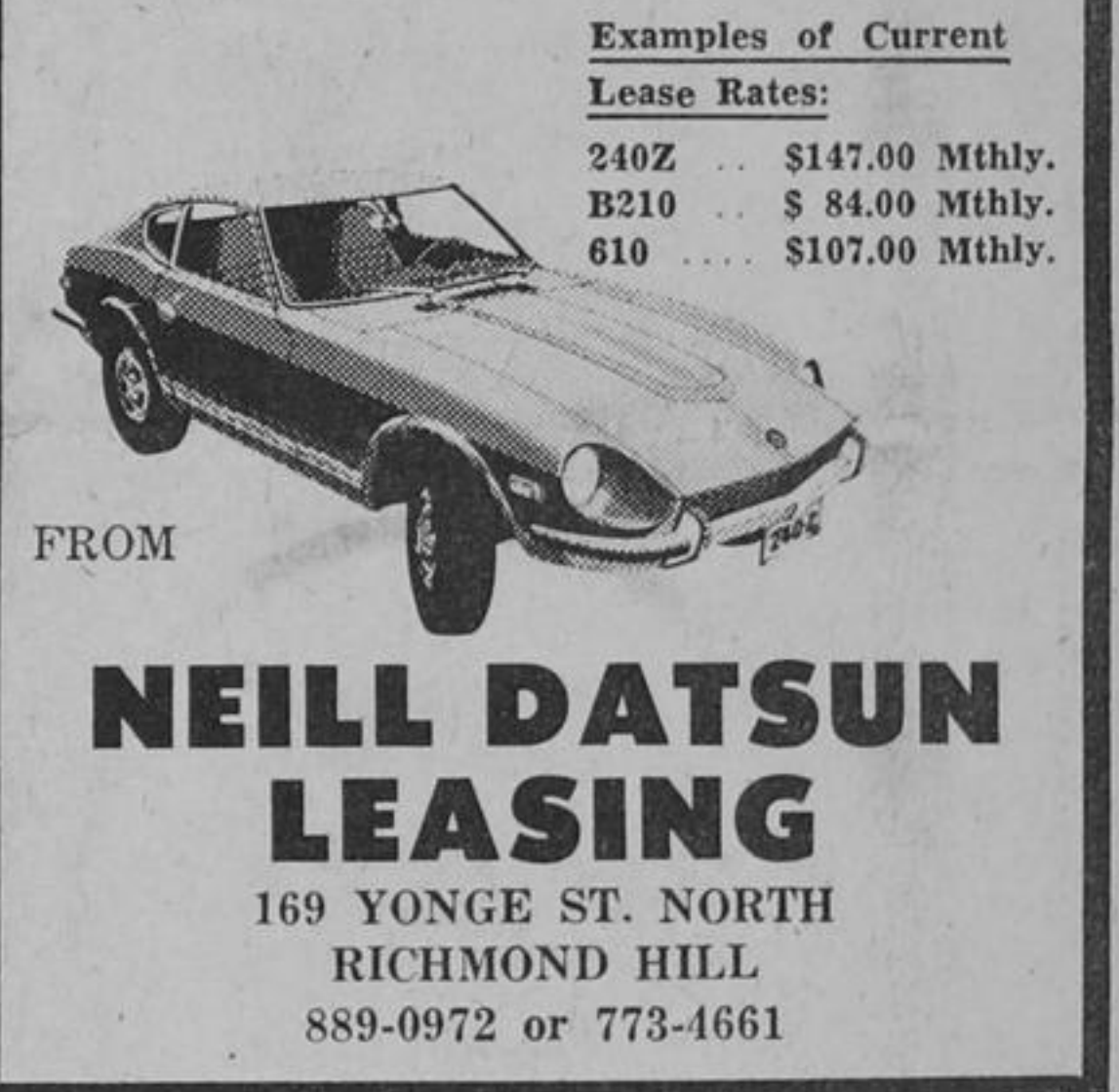
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