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Memories Of Fish

I realize it's hardly the proper way to start a column on fishing by announcing that you know nothing about fishing. That the closest you've been to a fish in the past seven years was one that was lying soggy on a plate arm-wrestling with some limp-looking French fries.

But no matter. It's true. I've always had a romantic yearning to be a fisherman. To be able to talk long and lovingly about the one that got away, to discuss the merits of certain types of hooks, to plan that weekend in the far north which will find you frying fish over a camp-fire, a cook stove, ah, you know what I mean.

I think it must have all began away back in those times when grandmother used to fry white fish quite regularly. I say white fish because with me it's either white fish or dark fish. Don't know one name from another generally and get very remorseful about this at times.

I'd sit there carefully picking at those slight slivers of bone which used to infest white fish but seem nowadays to have magically disappeared from those very same dishes. Wonder if it's because they slice the fish differently or whether they've just managed to eliminate fish bones? I'll probably never know.

GONE FISHING

Then a little later came that old song about "Gone Fishin', 'Stead of Just Wishin'" or something like that. And you can see that Huck Finn-type boy sitting in the sun on the river bank with his line dangling lazily into the water.

Sure, pure escapism but I still see that long-ago scene which, I think, was on a calendar. We all should be able to get away and join him but we never get the time.

Then a few years after and it was Sudbury and the French River region where it was very easy to rub shoulders with fishermen and listen to their ruminations about the glories of past fishing days on the river.

As I recall, there was a lodge hardby the river, a restaurant, and small bar where you could sit and do some indulging while the American fisherman rattled on about their escapades on the French River and the many years they had been coming up on holidays from Ohio or somewhere else.

It was a relaxed atmosphere, kind of magical, and it has stayed with me. The wide river flowed by outside and the fisherman flowing by inside telling you how he was going fishing that night because that was the best time to catch them. Funny, I don't know if he ever did go fishing that night because I left shortly after talking to him and have never been back.

Then there was that place south of Sudbury called Lake Kuchegami (the name might be very well misspelled, it's been a long, long time) where there was another lodge and a sandy beach. I was there only once for a few days and remember that tortuous dirt road winding around, up and down enroute to the lodge. But it was worth it.

The people who ran the lodge were tremendous, very obliging, kindly, unbusinesslike, and I remember them very well except for their names which have disappeared from my memory.

MUNCHING LAKE TROUT

I can still recall sitting in the spacious, knotty-pine walled lodge looking out at the lake while munching the lake trout they served and which was about as fresh as you could get it. Memory dims but it seems to me you would order it first and then, only then, would they go out and catch it. That's how fresh it was.

At night the loons would make the scene on the lake, you'd hear the odd bear crashing around in the bush, and then the lodge owner's dog barking at him.

When we left I was to return very soon but that was 10 years ago and I'm not even sure I could find my way back again. Sometimes I wonder if I was ever there now, if it ever really happened.

What's all this got to do with fish? I don't know except that when I think of fish all the above scenes pile in on me. There they are, those people, the background scene of lake and wood, the sense of getting away from it all.

That's my only excuse. But it's good enough for me. And, well, maybe someday I will go back to Lake Kuchegami and sit in that lodge again and munch on that magnificently cooked fresh lake trout.

I hope so, anyway.

JUST MARY NOTES

It do say here that the Richmond Hill Ball Association will be holding a meeting at 8 pm in the recreation room of the Richmond Hill Arena. Purpose is to discuss the co-ordination of all softball organizations throughout the now enlarged Town of Richmond Hill. All interested

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**Third Period Blues
...Rams Lose By 7-4**

The Richmond Hill Rams showed up for the third period in North Bay Sunday night and that was their first mistake.

North Bay pumped home six straight goals in that final 20 minutes to the Rams' one and skated away with a 7-4 win in a Provincial Junior "A" league game.

The win put the northern boys in second place with the Rams dropping back to the lower end of the top four or five closely-bunched clubs.

Richmond Hill looked like winners in the first two periods building up a 3-1 lead despite being outshot by the North Bay squad 29-21.

Again it was Mike Hartman showing the scoring way for the Rams with two goals in the game with the others going to Rick Febbo and Al Potts.

Randy Stojkiewicz scored twice for the homesters with singles going to Claude Noel, Joe Omicciola, Dave Nadeau and Brian Kuruliak, and Barry Callahan.

North Bay opened the scoring at the 9:38 mark of the first period on Callahan's counter but the Rams evened it at 11:57 as Febbo whipped one home from Jim Casola and Bill Stephenson. North Bay outshot Rams 13-10.

Richmond Hill played tight, defensive hockey during the middle session with Doug Brumwell playing brilliantly in goal for them as well as getting help from his defence who were forcing the Trapper shooters to fire most of their shots from fairly well out.

The rearguards were also clearing loose pucks well during the first and second periods.

In the meanwhile, the Rams moved into a 3-1 lead as Hartman scored his first goal of the game at 4:26 on a pass from Dave "Digger" Dunkley.

He chipped in with his second one at 18:08 assisted by Ernie Takeuchi and Rick Febbo.

North Bay outshot the Rams 16-11.

Then came the fatal third period and the Rams suddenly forgot to back-check. North Bay snipers were getting two or three whacks at the disc on a number of occasions and what resulted was six straight goals.

They came in bunches of three in a span of one minute and nine seconds just past the five minute mark and another trio in a space of two minutes and 13 seconds at the 10 minute mark.

Brumwell could not be

RAMS SCORING STATISTICS

Player	GP	G	A	Pt.
Mike Hartman	14	22	10	32
Dave Stuart	14	5	10	15
Dave Dunkley	13	4	11	15
Jim Clement	14	6	6	12
Rick Febbo	13	4	9	13
Jim Casola	11	4	8	12
Bill Stephenson	14	1	8	9
Ernie Takeuchi	14	4	4	8
Jack Gutt	14	2	6	8
Alan Potts	14	3	4	7
Steve Glover	12	2	3	5
Bob Bangay	14	2	3	5
Steve Morrison	14	1	3	4
Jim Graham	14	1	2	3
Rob Yotoff	14	1	1	2
Benny Pedersen	8	0	0	0

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR

Team	G	W	L	T	Pt.
Vaughan	15	11	2	2	24
North Bay	15	10	4	1	21
Aurora	15	9	5	1	19
North York	15	9	5	1	19
Seneca	13	8	3	2	18
Richm'd Hill	14	8	4	2	18
Wexford	15	6	7	2	14
Markham	16	5	8	3	13
Dixie	13	5	8	0	10
Weston	14	3	8	3	9
Whitby	13	1	9	3	5
Downsview	12	0	12	0	0

Kings Lose 8-2

The Oak Ridges Kings ran into a well-oiled machine in the persons of the Markham Royals Monday night and dropped an 8-2 game at Bond Lake Arena.

Markham has won 12 and tied two of 15 games this season.

Kevin Street and Ed Sarsary led the Royals with two goals each. Brian Crichton, Kip Churchill, Doug Todd and Joe Collinimo each scored once.

METRO JUNIOR B

Team	G	W	L	T	Pt.
Markham	15	12	1	2	26
Belleveille	12	10	2	0	20
Pickering	12	9	1	2	20
Bramalea	14	9	4	1	19
Wexford	14	9	5	0	18
St. Michael's	16	7	8	1	15
Peterbor'gh	13	7	5	1	15
Oshawa	12	5	7	0	10
Toronto Nats	13	3	9	1	7
Etobicoke	15	2	11	2	6
Oak Ridges	15	2	12	1	5
King City	11	0	10	1	1

Monday's Results

Markham 8, Oak Ridges 2

Provincial O.H.A. Junior "A" Hockey

North York vs. RAMS

TUESDAY, NOV. 20
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(Photo by Susan Samila)

Get That Volleyball!

Some fast exchanges here at the first Annual York County Secondary School Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament two weeks ago at Thornlea Secondary School. Opponents above are Stouffville and Langstaff Secondary School. A total of 18 teams participated in 25 games with Stouffville Secondary winning the senior division by beating Woodbridge in

two straight games. The one-day competition began at 9:30 am in the morning with the finals at 8 pm. Woodbridge won the junior crown by defeating Stouffville two games to nothing with the same school taking the Mid-ged division by two out of three games over Markham.

Tournaments Beat Aurora, Lose To Don Mills

MINOR ATOM - 2nd Team
A spunky little team, bolstered by a few extra players, Barrow's Insurance nipped Royal Bank 4-3 Saturday.

Royal Bank started out strong in the first period with goals by Barry Munro and two from Brian Hull. Assisting were Steven Morituga, Carl Boyle, Derek Veitch and Wayne Langdon.

Barrow's scored an unassisted goal by Steve Ritchie in the first period, and shut-out Royal in the second while Ritchie scored two more unassisted goals. In the third another unassisted goal by Allan Jones proved to be the winner.

Barrie 5
Perry Hill Industries 0
For their third league game of the season, the team travelled to Barrie Saturday afternoon. After falling behind 2-0 early in the first period on goals by Steve Neal and Peter Whelan, the Richmond Hill team never got untracked.

Second period goals by Mike Forbes and Kevin Tustin, and a third period goal by Mike Hoffman made the final score 5-0.

Had it not been for superb goal-tending by Doug Macklin the score could have been higher as Richmond Hill were out-shot 28 to 8.

The next home game will be this Friday night at 7 o'clock against Camp Borden. See you at the arena.

MINOR BANTAM "A"
THEY'RE IS HACKY
Richmond Hill Tournaments Inc. Minor Bantam "A's" had to play both kinds of teams this past weekend.

Tournaments 3, Aurora 0
Tournaments Inc. came home November 10 with some bruises and a 3 to zip win from Aurora. The game was scoreless and 11 minutes to go in the third period when Phil Wood did his thing from Frank Nigro. Blair Lewis from Steve Bowers and Ray Roberts made it 2-0. Nigro put away a boomer from Lewis to make the final count 3-0.

Stephen Price did a fine job in the nets as the score indicates.

Don Mills Flyers 6
Tournaments 2
The Greenmen played

host to a very fine hockey club, the Don Mills Flyers Sunday. This team played one of the cleanest games of hockey we've seen for quite a while for this age group and for their size. They used their skills — passing, skating, shooting — the positional play was beautiful to see.

Nigro from Wood and Jamie Gropp scored in the first period, the Hillers and Wood scored unassisted in the second period.

The Phantom Minor Bantam MINOR BANTAM - Second Team
Victoria & Grey Trust 4
Oakville Bantams 3

Victoria & Grey Trust eeked out a 4-3 decision last Saturday over Neal's Electric who play in the bantam league in Oakville, with a little over two minutes left in the game as Greg MacMillan pulled the trigger on passes from his red hot linemates, Billy Byers and Ross Quereggesser.

The Hillers, who were sporting a two game winning streak, came out of the dressing room with great enthusiasm, and were rewarded with a quick goal off the stick of Quereggesser from MacMillan and Byers. The older Oakville squad regained their composure and knotted the game at 1-1. Before the period ended, however, Quereggesser fed the puck to defenceman Greg Walton at the point, and Greg whistled the puck into the net.

Victoria took a 3-1 lead when Jim Wood alertly sped Dave Cates into the clear for a picture goal. With the Hillers to run out of gas, the bigger Oakville club took over at that point, and with relentless pressure scored two goals to tie the game with six minutes remaining, until MacMillan potted the winner.

This was a fine team effort, as the lines of Greiner, Cates and Wood, and Bedford, John Burnett and Bed Laughlin checked ferociousness of Tuck, Tipold, Putnam, McGregor and Walton played their hearts out, while goalies Steve Shadoff and Kevin Brown came up with hot hands.

Coaches Bud Wood and Gary Tuck had to smile a

little as they witnessed some of the fruits of their labor evolve. During the wretched hour of 7 am practices, they have been emphasizing that to be effective, Victoria & Grey must hit. From the smallest to the tallest, this they did!

Markham "A" 13
Victoria & Grey 1
Victoria & Grey Trust shot into a quick 1-0 lead the next night in the new arena at Markham as Jim Wood converted a Pete Tipold pass into a goal.

The jubilation, however, vanished more quickly than the aspirations of a Toronto Argo Grey Cup victory as a well balanced, extremely talented Markham club scored 12 unanswered goals. The Victorian team was treated to a hockey lesson that night as the Markham club displayed the art of hitting, passing and scoring. So well was the lesson inflicted, that the Hillers were mesmerized. One would have to compliment Coach Doug Tourgeon on the talents of his well disciplined team.

The greatest praise, however, was yet to come. As the public address announcer, Pat Jones, advised the spectators of the 12th tally, "Markham goal, scored by Number 2, Tim Horton", Coach Peter Tipold quipped to Manager Bud Wood, "No wonder we're losing; we've been conned. We're playing the Toronto Maple Leafs!"

MIDGET
Whitby Midgets retaliated for a previous 5-1 loss to the Legion Midgets with a 2-1 victory last Sunday in the new arena.

It was obvious from the onset that the Whitby club was out to make amends as they skated and passed with authority, and exhibited a marked team spirit.

After Whitby took a 1-0 lead, Richard Hopson accepted a Dave Berseth pass, and fed Brian Kellett a perfect pass, which Brian converted to a 1-1 tie in the second period.

Mike Doyle, in the Legion

net, kept the Hillers in the game with his skill, but Whitby scored the clincher in the 3rd period on a deflected shot. The Legion simply could not get untracked on this day.

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NOTICE
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