



Rams Tie Aurora Tigers 5-5

By FRED SIMPSON

Benny Pedersen is an Aurora boy but he couldn't make the Aurora Tigers' line-up this season.

That's why the Richmond Hill Rams were able to come out with a 5-5 tie Sunday night against those Tigers in a Provincial Junior "A" hockey game in Aurora.

Pedersen, who managed to hook on with the Rams on defence, was the same chap who scored the tying goal at 15:28 of the final period. Un-assisted.

The Rams were trailing 5-4 at the time as Pedersen blocked a clearing shot at the Aurora blueline by the boards. He wound up with a slap shot and then pitched forward on his hands and knees. Head down.

It wasn't until he lifted his head that he realized that the puck had sailed past Aurora's Goalie Peter Heintzman catching the far corner.

Mr. Pedersen was very happy about it all.

Especially since he is an Aurora boy, played midget hockey there last year, and was cut after trying out with the team earlier in the season.

To make things even happier he was picked as one of the stars along with Aurora's Jim Masin and Pete Miller.

It was a sweet tie for all



RICHMOND HILL CURLING CLUB

By RON TAYLOR - 884-7817

Curling Underway Again

Curling action is underway for another season at the Richmond Hill Curling Club. With one of the earlier events being the Junior-Senior Bonspiel held November 18 which saw the younger skips emerging victors on both draws.

Bob Peck and his rink of Faye Weiss, Marion Herms and Don Rawless were first draw winners with 3474 points. Jack Shropshire's rink of Kelly Hicks, Bob Moore and Rick Doedens placed second with Bob Stenhouse's rink of Francis Stenhouse, Dave Stenhouse and Craig Rayson coming in third.

Second draw winners were Jill Tomasson and Larry Harris with Kevin Roberts skipping. Second prize went to Jim Anderson and his rink of Carole Sawyer, Vera Shropshire and Hellen Sitaros. Coming in third was Jean Coneybeare and her rink of Bob Sutherland Jr., Vern Garlick and John Rumney.

SAINTS, SINNERS

From all reports, the Saints and Sinners Spiel (held November 17) was a great success. Winners on the first draw were Jean Halstead, Tom Hodge and Joyce Abrams, skipped by Dan Milford. Don Bradshaw's rink of Connie Doe, Jean Warlow and Marianne O'Connell was second with third prize going to Bert Naylor's rink of Gloria Crotin, Stew Halstead and Carol Hodge.

Second draw winners were Rita McQuade, Brian Chinery and Helen Greer, skipped by Harold Loudon. Wes Draper skipped his rink of Monica Wood, Chuck Landry and Gloria Park to second place with third prize going to Peter Shannon's rink of Mary White, Ron Millar and Dawn Vernon.

Skip entry competition on Monday night has only two nights remaining and the link rink skips in the first division are Dalt Hicks (5-1), Jack Shropshire (4-2) and Ralph Harley (4-2).

Second division leaders are rinks skipped by Tom Bush (5-1), Paul Welsh (5-1) and Doug Jenner (4-2).

Third division leaders are Jim Anderson (6-0), Bob Thompson (4-2) and Mike Mulcahy (4-2). Tuesday night competition has Ralph Ryan and Gerry Cole leading with 4-2 records with Ralph Harley next with three wins and one tie.

After six games of curling on Thursday nights the leaders are Mike Olyne and Tom Bush tied with five wins and one loss with Stan Nyström and Elgin Barrow next with 2-2-2 records in the first draw. Mike Mulcahy leads the second draw with a 5-0 record with Curly Lynett (5-1) second and Murray Meeres (4-2) third.

Our mixed curling schedules show Skips Pete Smith, Keith Anderson and Frank Ellison leading Group 1 after

of the Rams in a game which see-sawed back and forth throughout the 60 minutes. First one team would take the lead and then the other.

The Tigers took an early 1-0 lead at 6:58 of the first period only to have the Rams tie it up. Ditto the second period which eventually ended up 3-3.

Then came the third period and at the 4:30 mark the Rams moved in front by 4-3 for the first time in the game.

It happened when Rick Febbo, another Aurora reject, carried the puck into the corner and whipped it out to Bob Bangay standing alone in front of the net and he put it home just as quickly.

The Tigers fought back with Bruce Smith tying the game at 10:14 and then Craig Chandler putting them ahead at 14:56 with what looked like the decisive goal. Then along came Pedersen at 15:28.

The game saw the Rams outshooting the Tigers 44 to 32 with both goalies — Brian Stankiewicz of the Rams, Heintzman of the Tigers — coming up with some outstanding saves as both the teams wheeled up and down the ice.

Scoring for Richmond Hill was handled by the aforementioned Pedersen and Bangay plus high scoring Mike Hartman, Steve Morrison, and Stuart. For Aurora it was Doug Counter, Wells, Alan Hayes, Smith and Chandler.

But it was Pedersen winning the day as he counted his first scoring points with the Rams as well as rushing well and handing out a number of punishing checks.

Another stand-out was Bob Bangay who was moved to centre from left wing and making it pay-off with a goal and coming close on two other occasions.

The Rams started dangerously with Bangay and Dave "Digger" Dunkley almost scoring in the early minutes but being outlucked. Another near-miss in those opening minutes was a dribbling shot by Jim Graham which whizzed off the post and into the corner.

Dunkley came up with his usual maddening checking game.

He was particularly effective with the Rams short-handed as well as setting up Hartman for the Rams' third goal which came with them playing short-handed.

Stankiewicz was sharp all night and came up with a number of stops on

labelled shots. On one occasion he reached out with a glove to block a shot while lying on his back; on another stopped two pointblank drives being knocked back into the post at the same time and up-ending the net.

The never-say-die Rams hustled all night and were full-value for the tie.

They came from behind no less than four times during the contest which, at the time, was a battle for second spot. The point split left the Rams one point behind the Tigers but with two games in hand.

The Rams play Whitby on Whitby tonight (Thursday); tangle with Seneca at Seneca Monday night, and are at home to Markham Tuesday night at 8 pm.

Standings	P	W	L	T	P
Vaughan	18	12	3	3	27
North York	20	12	6	2	26
Aurora	20	11	5	4	25
Richmond Hill	18	11	4	3	25
North Bay	19	11	7	1	23
Seneca	17	10	3	2	23
Wexford	17	7	7	3	17
Markham	20	6	10	4	16
Dixie	18	7	11	0	14
Weston	17	3	10	4	10
Whitby	18	3	12	3	9
Downsview	17	1	16	0	2

Sweden Ambassador Midget Tourney

Richmond Hill and area fans will get an opportunity December 28 to see how the local Legion Midget Hockey Club stands up to international competition.

That's when they clash with the Hammarby, Sweden Midgets at the local arena in a game to be officially opened by the Swedish Ambassador to Canada, Lars Lunberg.

The international event will take place on the first day of the annual Rose Town Peeewe Tournament sponsored by the Richmond Hill Lions Club.

A heavy demand for tickets is expected and patrons are advised to obtain them early in order to avoid disappointment.

Advance tickets for the game are now available from the following outlets in Richmond Hill — Bank of Nova Scotia, Lorne and Yonge Street; Royal Bank of Canada, Leventdale Road; Russ Andrews' Barber Shop, Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill Legion and Richmond Hill Arena. Tickets are also available from members of the Legion Midget Hockey Team.



MARKHAM AQUATIC CLUB
Dear Mr. Editor—

In a recent article on your sports pages, you stated that Richmond Hill AC is the only competitive swim club that serves Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Aurora, Markham and Thornhill. I would like to draw your attention that there is another swim club, Markham Aquatic Club, that works out every night at the Thornhill Indoor Pool. It is recognized by the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association.

You also mentioned that Richmond Hill is one of the newest clubs in the CASA. I would like to say that ours

is the newest, having just been formed in September of 1973.

Though we have a small membership we are very active. On November 4, in our first meet, the Alderwood Invitational, we placed fifth. We thought this was a good showing and are certain we will gain more points in the future. We also went to a meet at Scarborough on November 18.

Although the final scores are not available, we did very well with very many high placings. We are looking forward to continuing this trend.

TRAYCE WAKEFIELD,
A Swimmer.



(Photo by Fawn)

Glen Wright Most Valuable Player

The James Douglas Buckley Memorial Trophy for the most valuable player in the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League during the 1973 season is shown being presented to Glen Wright (on the right) by Clay Chapman, at the league's annual dance held at Our Lady Queen of the World Church Saturday night. Wright plays third base for the championship winning Barrow Insurance Team and also hit .483 during the season. The trophy is presented each year by Chapman on behalf of the Town Auto Body Team. The late Mr. Buckley was a player with the team prior to his death in a car accident three years ago. Chapman also plays ball for the Auto Body Team which went down to defeat at the hands of the Barrow team in three straight games in the finals.

Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

Pack 'Em In

Gave my Grey Cup Liver a couple of slaps (to get it functioning again) Sunday night and tottered up to Aurora to watch the Provincial Junior "A" Rams and Tigers of that town do battle.

It turned out to be worth the trip as both teams came up with some fast-skating, strictly interesting hockey enroute to a 5-5 tie. The thing that kind of grabbed me the most was the large turnout of Aurora fans. They do draw good up there.

Which makes me wonder why the Rams (who have never had a losing season under Coach Karl Brimblecombe) don't pack them in as well. Sure, I know the attendance is not all that bad at the local arena for Richmond Hill games but I have the feeling it could be much better. It should be.

It especially makes me wonder when I realize that the local club has a very good representation of local and/or area players such as Dave "Digger" Dunkley, Billy Stephenson, Dave Stuart, Jim Roffey, Rob Yoteff and Goalie Brian Stankiewicz who was a standout Sunday night along with Aurora's Peter Heintzman. Not to mention imports such as Jack Guest, Ernie Takeuchi, Mike Hartman, Riek Febbo, etc., etc.

The kids are playing their; well, their hearts out for Coach Brimblecombe (haven't they always?) and it shows in the standings. They just don't give up.

Am always impressed by the play of "The Digger" Dunkley who has got to be one of the most aggravating players in the Provincial "A" loop.

As a rival coach put it last season in an outburst of frustration: "Every time you turn around you're picking that \$%#% little Dunkley out of your unmentionables." That's almost a classic and very apt description of just how effective Dunkley is out there.

Then, of course, there's Billy Stephenson who seems to get better every time out. He's the captain of the team and rightfully so. Sunday he was a leader, a field general, and what have you. And he was also rushing up the ice in very effective fashion with the puck. When he does that he controls the game which is also very important.

I won't go down the entire list of players but, it goes without saying, you have to have everyone going out there for you. You're really only as good as your weakest player in the long run.

But Coach Brimblecombe seems to have that uncanny ability to get more than most out of everyone and that's the main reason he's been a winner for the past three seasons.

I've said it before but I'll say it again. You should get down there on Tuesday nights (at 8 pm) and take a look. You won't be disappointed (Continued on Page 16)

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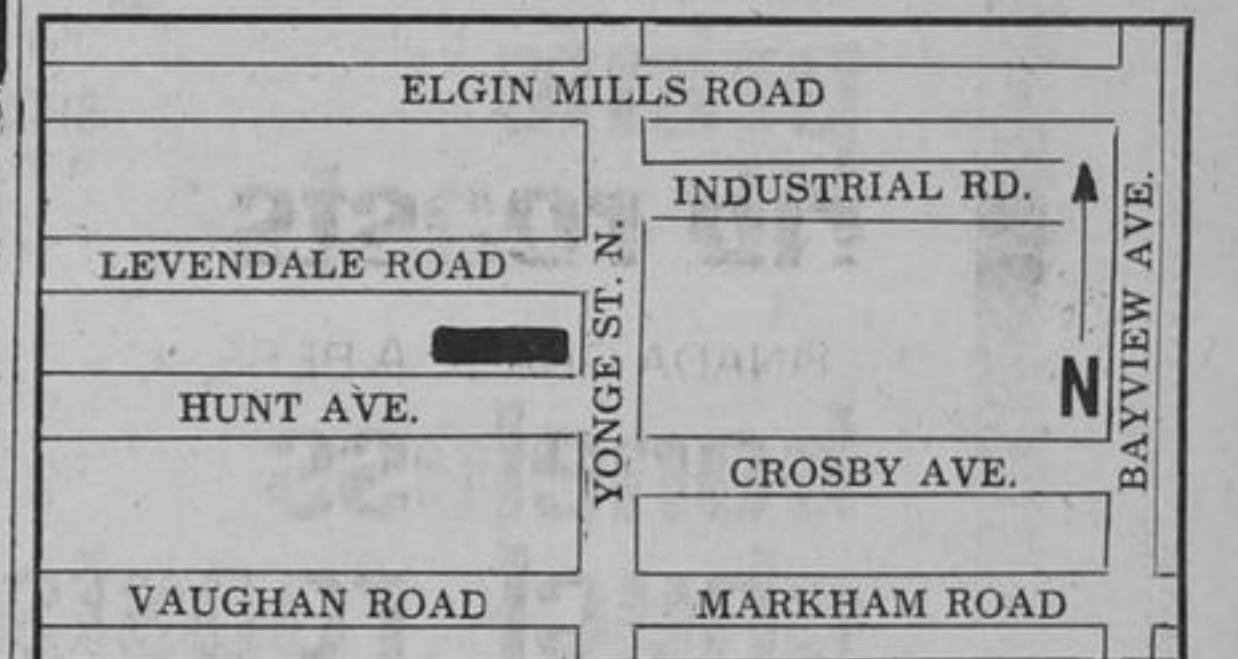
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