



Sport Spots
By FRED SIMPSON
Shinny Time



A youngster gave me a dirty look the other day and, on second thought, I don't blame him a bit. I happened to drive along and break up a game of road-shinny at a very crucial moment. This chap had just stick-handled past three opponents, was about to zero in on goal, when I threatened to wipe him out with my Maverick. There we were. He glaring at me, I glaring at him.

We settled the matter quite peacefully. I ran over him.

Seriously though, it reminded me of what seems like a thousand years ago when I was that youngster with a lot of other ones. We used to plan all kinds of horrible endings for motorists who insisted on driving along our street in the midst of a dramatic game of shinny. Like landmines, land-slides, tank-traps, even molotov cocktails. Nasty little weapons like that. Slow them up a bit.

Usually we settled for the traditional glare, a wave of hockey stick which could be interpreted as a friendly greeting if the particular motorist was a sensitive type. We mumbled a few things too, friendly things like "hope your wheels fall off, fella."

Those were good old days as I recall. Of course, we weren't as professional as now. In those seemingly, less complicated times we had to settle for a couple of hunks of dirty-brown snow for our goal-posts.

WHAT NEXT?

I noticed the other day that the kids are coming up with regular portable goals with posts and nets and all that. They look pretty sharp and probably are much more efficient.

But they sort of take the romance and fun out of the idea of road shinny. Seems that way to me.

Can still remember the heavy meetings that took place before a game to decide how far apart the hunks of snow would be for the nets.

There was always some smart guy who would try to narrow the width of his goalposts during the game when the action was up at the other end of the road.

It was some fun too when the tennis ball (we always used a tennis ball) would be shot over the hunk of snow. A great debate would ensue as to whether the ball was inside or outside the hunk of snow which served as the goalpost. Some games never did get completed. There was always someone who would pick up his tennis ball and go home.

THE SLASHER

There was always the "slasher" on one of the teams. He was usually a somewhat big, awkward type who really wasn't a good hockey player. He always managed to clip you on your shins with his stick as you whizzed by him.

Ah, those were the days. Up in the morning, frigid winter days, out on the road and go to it.

We also used to play hockey on old laneways, in front of garages, and even on an old abandoned tennis court. Nothing was too good for us.

What ever happened to those days? That's why I tend to get nostalgic when I see the youngsters shirnying it up out there nowadays. It's a fact that things never really change, just people.

ICE SHINNY, TOO

Speaking of shinny, there's a bit of it going on these days on-ice at the Richmond Hill Arena courtesy of Administrator Ed Sackfield.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 3 pm the ice is open to anyone interested in having a game of shinny hockey and/or just skating for the price of \$2 a head.

As Ed puts it:

"We averaged about 25 to 30 kids during the winter holidays and it was just like the old days when we used to get together on the pond and play hockey. We often have about 10 to 12 or 15 people out there during the week. Fellows like to get together for a skate, form teams, and have fun."

It seems to me that it would be an excellent idea for you sedentary office workers to take an hour at noon, gulp down a sandwich, and go for a skate at the arena.

You can't miss at \$2 a head for 7 hours of skating. Or maybe even go after work?

How about it?

FITNESS PROGRAM

The Richmond Hill and District YWCA's fitness and recreation program (co-sponsored by the local parks and recreation committee) is underway this week for boys and girls 7 to 10 years, 11 to 13 in Program A and girls, 9 to 13, boys 9 to 13, in Program B.



(Photo by Pikulin)

Members of the now inactive Markham Millionaires senior hockey squad have been practicing hard for their game the night of January 12 during the official opening celebrations for Markham Town's new Markham Centennial Arena. The Millionaires will play the NHL Old Timers. Admission is free. Here the Millionaires' Howie Lee of Unionville makes the ice flakes fly in practice at the new arena.

Lee, who lives in Unionville, had an illustrious career beginning with the Marlie Junior "A" squad. He was on three Allan Cup Championship teams — the Marlies and the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, the latter going to the Olympics in 1956. He also played for the Cleveland Barons in the AHL. He earned the Most Valuable Player Award in Orillia in Intermediate "A" hockey after a three-year layoff resulting from a serious eye injury. Adding to his laurels was a stint with the Mann Cup Champion Hamilton Tigers of 1948.

Millionaires Play Again

Something old and something new will be served up in liberal doses this Saturday night for the benefit of area hockey fans.

The new will be the official opening of the Markham Centennial Arena Saturday evening.

Providing the "old" will be a selection of former hockey playing members of the Markham Millionaires and the Stouffville Clippers of the 1950's era.

They'll be assisted by other "old-timers" when they meet the NHL Old Timers in an exhibition match at 8:40 pm.

Area fans will recall with very little effort the Markham Millionaires of the 1950-51 era and later the Stouffville Clippers who sprung onto the scene with the demise of the Millionaires. The Clippers' lineup contained many former members of the Markham squad.

Time has taken its toll of those still-active players with the result that only six former Millionaires will be on skates although the lineup will be filled by other well-known hockeyists of that era. They include:

Frank Stevenson — Frank started on the road to stardom with the Weston Junior "B's". He spent two successful years with Springfield in the AHL, on to the Varsity Senior Commercial League and was on the OHA Senior "B" Championship team for the Stouffville Clippers in 1951-52.

Ron Bell — Ron is a resident of Unionville and coached in the minor hockey system there. He played for Galt Junior "A" and for Philadelphia in the AHL. Home to play Senior "B" at Markham. When the Markham Millionaires dissolved in 1951 he moved on to the Stouffville Clippers where they won the OHA Senior "B" Championship. Ron will be coach of the squad when it takes to the ice against the NHL Old-Timers.

Don McIntosh — Don played hockey for the Corner Boys in the OHA Junior B League. Played Junior "A" for Kitchener and was a ferocious contender in the East Senior League playing for Latimer Brokers. Don played Senior "B" for Stouffville Clippers and four years Senior "A", two with Orillia and two with Bradford.

Vic Sluce — Vic has spent the last 20 years coaching; 14 years for Marlboros in MTHL and six years St. Mike's Buzzers Junior "B". His career started with Scar-

Richmond Hill Rams Sag Some But Manage 6-6 Tie, 5-2 Loss

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The Richmond Hill Rams could come up with only one point in two games last week and it took a three-goal come-back in the final period of one of them even to get that one point.

It was pretty well all Dixie Sunday at Dixie as that club downed the Rams 5-2 in Provincial "A" action.

And it took a three-goal rally in the final period of Saturday's game against Downsview Beavers to enable the Rams to gain a 6-6 tie.

Sunday's game saw Richmond Hill fall behind two goals in the opening period against Dixie, trail by 3-1 going into the third period. The Rams were never really in contention at any point as they were completely outplayed in the first and third periods. The second period was fairly even.

STANKIEWICZ OUTSTANDING

To give some indication of Dixie's complete domination of the game the Rams' Goalkeeper, Brian Stankiewicz was chosen as the third star of the game despite having five goals scored on him. Most of the 54 shots directed at him were difficult chances. On the other end of the rink Dave Legree in the Dixie net had only a handful of tough stops to make even though 42 shots were recorded.

Dixie's Doug Patey started things off with a goal on a three-way passing play with Mike Kaszycki and Bill Stewart. Time was 10:38 of the first period.

It was 2-0 at 12:15 when Warren Young made an individual rush and hit home with an accurate shot from the blueline which caught the corner. Dixie outshot Richmond Hill 17-11.

The home team moved into a 3-0 lead at 6:56 at Kaszycki latched onto a rebound off a hard shot from the point by Alex Kallinikos and batted it home.

HARTMAN SCORES

Richmond Hill got into the game at 12:23 as Defenceman Al Potts shot the puck around the boards to Billy Stephenson at the point and he blasted a hard shot. Opportunist Mike Hartman was on the spot to flip in the resultant rebound. Richmond Hill outshot Dixie 15-14 in this session.

It took only 36 seconds of the final 20 minutes for Dixie to move into a commanding 4-1 lead as Kaszycki scored his second goal of the game as he broke through the Rams' defence to go in alone on Stankiewicz.

Richmond Hill kept plugging and it resulted in its second goal of the game at

6:31 as Dave Stuart deflected Rick Febbo's shot from the point. Stephenson drew an assist on the play.

Dixie's Kaszycki made it a three-goal night at 16:10 on assists from Bill Stewart and Murray Wright. It was all over. Dixie outshot Richmond Hill 23-17 this time out.

Richmond Hill's Al Potts played an aggressive game for the Rams being involved in two fights and hitting quite effectively.

RALLY TO TIE

Saturday's game saw Downsview outscoring Richmond Hill 4-2 in the opening period and lead them by 6-3 going into the final one.

The Rams completely dominated play in that final 20 minutes, managed to score the three tying goals, but would have won going away except for the brilliant work of the Downsview netminder.

Big goal scorer of the night for Richmond Hill was

Vaughan 34 20 10 4 44
Aurora 31 17 6 8 42
North York 33 19 10 4 42
Wexford 31 18 8 5 41
Richmond Hill 33 16 11 6 38
Seneca 30 15 7 8 38
North Bay 33 14 16 3 31
Dixie 31 14 16 1 29
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