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Sport Spots

Help, It's A Snowmobile

I suppose you may have already read about that big snowmobile race coming up Sunday on Lake Simcoe to help provide funds to build the Whipper Billy Watson \$250,000 Therapeutic Pool at the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

It certainly is a worthy cause and my heart will be riding with all those sportswriter types and celebrities in the area who will be bravely manning the snowmobiles along 100 miles of icy wasteland which is Lake Simcoe in the winter. My heart will be with them, my body won't.

There's a reason I won't be there. I'm a coward. Besides that, my doctor told me that if I don't slow down I'll only have 60 more years to live. The news shook me up so much I missed a round. That's never happened to me before.

It's true that such a cause should be enough to make me throw caution to the wind just once and do my thing. Even that didn't have any effect on my determination to remain a coward. Sometimes I get mad at myself.

IT'S A RASH

Snowmobiles? I break out in a rash even hearing the name. With good reason, too. A few years ago I allowed myself to be talked into going for a ride on one.

It's possible that the driver was either unlucky or just having a bad night. But in any case the snowmobile we were on cleared a farmer's woodlot, knocked down a couple of fences, flew over a gravel pit, and ended up in a living room of a house via the picture window. The people were nice, though. They offered us a drink while they waited for the ambulance to arrive.

Sure, I know it was just one of those nights. Could happen to anyone, maybe never happen again. Then again I've a pessimistic streak to my nature. The next time we might not be lucky enough to land in someone's living room and be offered a drink.

So come next Sunday I'll be sweating it out before a nice, open fire and holding a cup of something warm and occasionally checking the weather — and kicking the dog. Hope it's a good day for the fellas out there. I worry about my fellow-man, you see.

Especially about fellow-newsman James Irving who, in a burst of enthusiasm or something, agreed to go on that ride for me. I always thought he was a reasonable type. So go to it Jim, boy. My heart will be with you Sunday. Keep the old "Liberal" flag flying. Excuse me now while I get myself a cup of something warm and brood over a streak of cowardice in me.

SEZ, MR. IRVING

When interviewed, Irving said he had never even driven a snowmobile before. "In fact, I hate the damn things," he said.

"But Whipper Billy Watson has won about 485 more fights than I have, so who was I to argue?"

Irving says that, in an effort to keep in shape for the big event, he has been getting to bed before three every night and has been limiting his weekends to overnight excursions to Hawaii and other nearby points.

Irving says also that he's not worried about the weather. "I'm from the west," he said, "where the temperature drops to about 40 degrees below zero in the winter.

"And it's even colder outside."

So don't worry about Jim. He may not be all that bright, but he'll try anything once.

And he has full confidence in the snowmobile getting him across the lake and back. His only worry is that his car gets him up to the lake and back.

And in case you might want to view the devastation at first hand the host of celebrities are scheduled to leave from Bradford Arena and/or Marina starting from 8 am to 11 am.

The info I have states there will be some 500 entries which means a lot of action.

There will be two doctors on the scene (for what reason I can't imagine?), a couple of St. Bernards replete with flasks, and two or three exorcists who seem to be making it big these days. There will be five check points, all will be using new machines, and Canadian snowmobile champ Yvon Duhamel will also be along.

If the weather turns out eh, they'll go the following Sunday. A CKEY helicopter will also be around for the show.

Lots of luck fellows. Bye!

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Hill Rams Win And Tie Aurora, North York

The Richmond Hill Rams are showing signs of making a determined bid to move into the first division of the Provincial Junior "A" standings in the waning days of the regular season.

They were just 17 seconds away from a 4-3 win over North York Rangers Sunday night when the latter team pumped home a goal to tie the game.

Despite the last-second deflation Sunday it was a successful weekend for the Rams. They upset the high-flying Aurora Tigers 5-4 right in the Tigers' own bailiwick at Aurora.

The win and a tie moved the Rams within a game of fourth place Wexford Raiders with five games to play and four games from first place Vaughan Nationals with two games in hand.

"We're starting to jell and we've got some of our big fellows back from their injuries," says Coach Karl Brimblecombe's assessment of the weekend. "We're still hurting but at least they're in the line-up."

GOALIE STARS

Sunday's encounter saw Rams' goalie Brian Stankiewicz at his stopping-best as he turned back numerous Ranger thrusts. The North Yorkers outshot the Rams 43-24 on the game. Brian was picked as first star for his heroics. Another Rams defenseman Bennie Pedersen was nominated as third star.

The Rams suffered the third period sags for the second game in a row. They were leading 4-1 at one point, only to have the Rangers come back with three straight goals in the final six minutes.

TYING GOAL

The tying goal came at 19:43 with the Rangers' netminder on the bench for a sixth attacker. An ensuing face-off saw Scott Bokey firing a screen shot from the blueline. The puck deflected off a stick and past a helpless Stankiewicz.

It was the second time in the game that the Rangers had removed their goalie for a sixth attacker.

The first time came with seven minutes left in the game. The Rams were leading 4-2. This also resulted in a goal by Graham Foley to make it 4-3.

HARTMAN'S 52ND

Richmond Hill's goals were by Mike Hartman, his 52nd one of the season, Dave Stuart, Jim Casola, and Al Potts. Steve Palmateer, Rick Box, Graham Foley and Scott Bokey scored for North York.

Palmateer opened the scoring for the Rangers at 10:58 of the first period only to have Hartman tie it at 13:00 from Stuart and Jim Roffey on a typical, never-say-die effort. Hartman just kept poking at the puck around the North York net until it went in.

Richmond Hill moved into a 2-1 lead at 12:51 of the second period on a slap shot with assists to Al Potts.

It took the Rams just 17 seconds into the final period to make it 3-1. Ernie Takeuchi fed the puck back to Potts on the blueline and his slap shot zoomed home.

NORTH YORK RALLY

The Rams appeared to be

Hill Whips Aurora 15-9 In Badminton

The Richmond Hill Badminton club inflicted the first defeat of the season to Aurora by downing that club 15-9 in a game at Aurora.

As a result of the win the Richmond Hill club, Aurora and St. Clements all have won five games, lost one and tied none.

Scores as follows:

Ladies doubles: Enid Grant and Joan Freeman losing 12-15, 7-15; Carol McDonald and Lil McCallum splitting 15-9, 1-15; Jill Johnson and Hilda Baxter winning 15-9, 15-10.

WIN MEN'S DOUBLES

Men's doubles: Cam Cairncross and Larry Marchbank winning 15-6, 15-9; Randy Carlson and Syd Redgate winning 15-10, 15-12; Derek Smith and Peter Redgate splitting 9-15, 15-1.

Mixed doubles: Enid Grant and Cam Cairncross winning 15-7, 15-4; Joan Freeman and

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Softball Squabble

"We'll Fight It In Court" Twinney

There may be more action off the field than on it this season in the "professionalized" Ontario Fastball League.

Some of that off the field action may be supplied by Newmarket Rays' Owner Ray Twinney who claims to be "fighting mad" over the Canadian Amateur Softball Association's recent declaration that the CFL was a professional league.

So much so that he'll take the CASA to court and "make them prove that our club is professional if the situation isn't resolved soon."

As a first move in his war against the CASA Mr. Twinney has applied to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association for affiliation with it in 1974. Such affiliation would make the Newmarket club eligible to participate in amateur CASA

tournaments this season which, in effect, would be an admission that Newmarket isn't a pro outfit.

"If they don't allow us to affiliate with them we'll slap an injunction on their tournaments and take them to court. An injunction will mean that they won't be able to hold them unless we're allowed in," stated Twinney.

Twinney is also infuriated that "five or six guys sitting around the table can brand 300 ballplayers as professional and ruin their chances forever of participating in international softball competition."

He was referring to the executive meeting at which the CASA put the pro tag on the OFL.

International rules are such that once an amateur has been declared a professional he can never again compete on an international level even though he becomes re-instated again as an amateur.

"What burns me," Twinney continued, "is the fact that the CASA is calling us professional when it's a well publicized fact that the Ontario Hockey Association pays its players \$50 a week. Does that make them professional?"

Twinney stated that if "we go to court we have all the confidence in the world we'll win. If we don't there are going to be more clubs than those in the OFL declared professional in the country."

He didn't elaborate on that last statement.

Especially affected by the "pro" tag is former Dynes Jeweller Pitching Star Bob Domik who signed a contract with the Rays earlier in the year after playing several seasons in Richmond Hill.

"We have every hope of getting Bob although this present situation certainly jeopardizes his position especially since he isn't one of those players classed as professional because he wasn't in our league last season."



RAY TWINNEY Fighting Mad

Twinney said that while Domik has already signed a contract "I would feel obligated to release him from his agreement since it would prevent him from ever playing in the world championships again."

While there has been no indication as to when the CASA will act on the Ray's Golf application, Twinney said he hopes there will be some decision prior to February 18, the date set for the next OFL meeting to plot strategy in the current controversy.

The league is set to take action similar to that planned by Twinney. It will select one player and use him as a test case in an attempt to force the CASA to prove that he is a professional.

Approve Plaques Swimming Pool Dynes Jewellers

Appropriate plaques commemorating the construction of the Centennial Swimming Pool in 1966 and the Dynes Softball Team as World and Canadian Champions in 1972 and Canadian Champions in 1974 were approved by Richmond Hill Council at its meeting January 21.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey explained that what she had in mind in presenting the recommendation to the finance committee as an appropriate plaque for the swimming pool was one which would acknowledge the co-operation of federal, provincial and municipal governments, the people of Richmond Hill and the contributions of the members of the swimming pool committee.

She felt the Dynes Plaque should be placed in the town hall so that people "visiting this building could see that Richmond Hill is the home of the world champions, and it should contain the names of the players and of officials."

Mayor William Lazenby noted that this could be the beginning of a local Sports Hall of Fame and there are other members of the community and groups which should be honored.

bowling Results



ABC BOWLING

The Professionals lost 7 points to the Amateurs but are still holding down first place with a total score of 36. Right behind are the Killers with 34, Pooch Bears and Amateurs 27; Gambler's 26, Tigers 18.

The President's Trophy race still has the Professionals holding down a big lead with 56,812 points. Trailing are the Killers with 55,491; Pooch Bears 54,883; Gambler's 54,128; Amateurs 54,027; Tigers 53,183.

Top three ladies for the night were Janice Lambert with a big 680 (202, 218, 260) followed by Dee Whiteman with 662 (246, 223, 193) and Ruth Gerrard with 653 (189, 268, 196).

Mike Weber led the men with 784 (223, 271, 290). Then came George Lawson with 753 (288, 232, 233) and George Stepanous 732 (217, 220, 295).

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