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Sport

To The Losers

Here's to the losers. Bless them all. Which beginning serves to remind me of the rather early demise of our beloved Richmond Hill Rams of the Provincial Junior "A" Hockey League. Not to mention the Vaughan Nats of the same league who also went down to defeat.

I could continue on to mention the Oak Ridges Kings who suffered from an overdose of trauma this past season in their first try at Junior "B" hockey in finishing 11th in a 12team loop.

How can I go on? Here it is the end of February and I feel like a discarded old paint brush. Who snowed on my parade? What happened to those green years?

It's funny how talking about losing (especially in cold, grim February) sends my thoughts reeling back to that fateful day years ago when I lost 11 straight games. Playing marbles. There I was. One second I had a full bag of marbles, was young, happy. Then I was reduced to poverty. An empty bag.

Which is the way I feel now when I dwell on that just-completed series before the Rams and Wexford Raiders. Especially that third game which saw the Rams go down to defeat in the third overtime period.

PENALTY-SHOT BLUES

If you're a fan you probably know by now that high-scoring Mike Hartman had the whole world in his hand (so to speak) when he was granted a penalty-shot in one of the overtimes with the game tied. If he scored the Rams would lead the series by three games to one.

History, of course, has recorded that Mr. Hartman ended up hitting the goalpost and that the Rams went on to lose that game and the next

The Rams died after that one and you can't really blame them. They might have gone on to lose the series in any case but after that marathon epic they just had nothing left.

Ditto the Nats who literally blew a 4-0 lead in a game at North Bay Friday night while leading their best-of-seven series by three games to two.

The North Bay squad came back to tie it playdowns by defeating Stephen Price for his great at 4-4, win it, and then take the final one. Thornhill three games to one job in the nets), Bowers (for Almost a foregone conclusion.

> * * * * NO MORAL

The moral of it all?

No moral. The Rams ran out of gas, the Nats psyched themselves out of the series by blowing that four-goal lead.

So it goes. But, all in all, it was a very satisfying season and we all can't be winners. The Rams, under Coach Karl Brimblecombe, did remarkably well and there's always next season. Carry on. Which is what I'm trying to do.

MIDGET TOURNEY

Which is what I'm trying to do. Don't forget, there's still one major blast

left to winter and that's the seventh annual Richmond Hill Legion Midget Hockey Tournament which will be the biggest show in town from March 18 to 24. Thirty-two teams will be in

Here I go again. But wouldn't it be s'wonderful if our local Midgets got hot and won that tournament for the first time in seven years? I mean, what a way to exit winter. Be a winner.

Not that winning is everything, of course. But it sure would be a good tonic for Spring. Especially since the Rams and the Nats and

the Kings ended up losers. There I go again. Dreaming.

Anyway, Spring is coming and I know good things, winning things can't be far behind. Maybe I'll go out and buy me some marbles and start again.

TAKE NOTE

Anyone interested in participating and/or viewing the high-flying art of trampolining should turn out to watch the local club in action. Sez the note from Head Coach Frank Juhasz:

"The Richmond Hill Trampoline Club practices every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:45 pm at the Bayview High School Gymnasium.

"We cordially invite Mr. Fred Simpson to from Gentry and Jamie and Bonnie Bryan getting the to try out the trampoline and we will safely teach him to do a seat bounce."

Seat bounce? Do it all the time in my Maverick.

Besides, who's Fred Simpson?

Think Make Believe

SEE OUR WANT ADS. A classified ad in "The heels 4-1 last Saturday. 884-1105-6 for direct-line Nye with one. FOR FAST RESULTS.

March 18

Gymnastic Course At Nobleton School

a gymnastics school March balance beam, floor exercise longer the series went the 18 to 22 featuring some of and tumbling. Canada's most notable in-

abundance of equipment.

of the instructors' teaching tion, at the school will be excep-

Savage, who was Canada's The school will run daily Olympic Coach from 1968 to from Monday to Friday durattendance instructing on from 9 am to 12:30 pm. also assist the students in age. routine composition

vaulting and tumbling.

national coach for women in March 11. modern dance wil be hand- In order that the ratio of over floor exercise.

polining.

trampoline, horizontal bar, am to 3 pm.

Nobleton Senior Public parallel bars, uneven paral- carry the burden." School will be the scene of lel bars, uneven parallels,

Each student registering were. will be exposed to five pie-The school, under the di- ces of apparatus per day juries," he said, "while the Major sent Paul DeMarco rection of John Laughlin, is with the last 45 minutes de- Richmond Hill team were away to slide the puck into unique in that it will feature voted to giving the student having their problems this individualized attention with a chance to specialize in the way. Then again we've been one instructor for every six pieces of apparatus of his coming on very strong since or her choice.

cilities with a double gymna- Highway 27, one half mile time." sium and two additional north of the King Sideroad. He used Richmond Hill's and Jack Guest assisted on large teaching areas plus an A bus service will be run for high-scoring star Mike Hart-The calibre and capability culty arranging transporta- his theory

Instructing will be Marilyn change with registration.

1972. She will specialize in ing the week of March 18-22

Tom Zivic, the head of nal but students will be gas.

ling the dance aspect of six students to one instructor be maintained registra-The Tramp Champs, fea- tion will be limited to a ford also rapped home two. turing Jack Weber and maximum of 75 students so Wayne King (Junior and early registration is sugges-Senior Canadian Trampoline ted to avoid disappointment.

Champs) will be instructing | Registration forms and in basic and advanced tram- brochures giving additional information may be obtained As well as the above in- by writing Mr. Laughlin or structors, there will be eight phoning him at Aurora at additional teachers with top 727-2043 (after 5:30 pm) or qualifications in vaulting, at work at 859-4590 from 9

Tournaments Defeat Thornhill Third Round OMHA Playdowns

northern town in the next their defensive play). tion is not yet known.

wrong.

"Digger" Steve Bowers from Wood put it away, A boomer from Frank Nigro stopped working). Another solo effort from Numbers 10, 14 and 35 play-Danny Girard was number ed really great hockey. four, Gentry from Nigro

netted number five. This win was really a team effort. Stars for extra effort Halliday, Dino Capotosto (for his fine job in the net) and The Richmond Hill Gorm-Stephen Bowers (for his ley Sand and Gravel girls never-ending penalty killing), hockey team eliminated

17 was a heartbreaker as scores. Thornhill edged Tournaments | Leading the way in the 4-3. It was a tie game all the two-game win was Jan Baxway until Thornhill went ter with four goals.

Gropp. Blair Lewis let a other ones. Assists went to beauty go from Jerry Leger Debby Jones, Bryan, Mcand the hard-working Nor- Cleave, Baxter and Sue man from Wood got the O'Connel.

greenmen's last tally. Tournaments 4, Thornhill 1 Hood, Terry Tarling and glory with Tournaments set- the scoring. ting Thornhill back on their It was Jan knocking home

Liberal" is a good way to Nigro, Bowers, Girard and win with Sue O'Connell getturn out-grown or unneeded Wood potted the greenmen's ting the other one. Assists items into cash. It's easy to goals with assists going to to Pat Lohman, Brenda Reid, order your ad. Just phone Madden with two and Chris and Bonnie Bryan. Linda

It's hard to pick stars but | goal.

Tournaments Inc took the one would have to be Madden third series of the OMHA (he never stopped digging), in the best of five series, his penalty killing), Blair They now will play against a Lewis and Jamie Gropp (for

series but the exact opposi- Tournaments 4, Thornhill 3 Game number four played sport - cross-country ski- These areas, operated by In the series against Thorn- Sunday has got to be the ing. hill, Tournaments took the most exciting, nerve-racking first game 5-2 and lost the game the parents have ever neer Village offers pleasant sundown daily. second 4-3. They won the been put through, and Tourn- and unusual surroundings. third game 4-1 and the fourth aments came out on top 4-3. At Jane Street and Steeles except Black Creek is \$1.50

Tournaments 5, Thornhill 3 the third period, the Tourn- iently located on the Jane 50c for adults and 25c for In the first game, played ament goal coming from bus line. February 16, the greenmen Madden assisted by Bowers The other areas are: Al- with parking free. went to Markham and came and Gentry. Thornhill made bion Hills - Five miles back with a victory. The red it 2-1. With one second to go north of Bolton on Highway and up-to-date snow condimachine couldn't do right, Good Ole Woodsy from Dig- 50; Boyd - Two miles north tions please contact Metro the greenmen couldn't do ger Bowers tied up the game. of Woodbridge on Isling- Conservation at 630-9780. The fans went wild.

times while shorthanded in a put it away unassisted. of Don Mills Road on the passing and skating game Thornhill tied it up with only Gormley/Stouffviffe Road; which saw every boy work 40 seconds to go. Then with Claireville - On Highway 7 only 19 seconds to go Peden one mile west of Highway

started the ball rolling with Stars would have to go to Bolton and Nobleton three a pretty goal from Gary Wood (for his two very im-Gentry. Tommy Pedden from portant goals), Peden (for his Phil Wood and a lot of hard winning goal) Price for his work from Stan Norman re- great net-minding), Bowers sulted in tally number two, and Madden (their legs never unassisted was number three. And for the red machine

Hill Girls Oust would go to Norman, Peter Maple By 4-3, 3-1

Thornhill 4, Tournaments 3 Maple Lions in two straight The second game February games Saturday 4-3 and 3-1

ahead with only one minute That first game saw Jan

firing home two goals in the Bowers started the scoring 4-3 win with Les McCleave

For Maple it was Leslie Then came a weekend of Michaela Weidenfeldt doing

two goals again in the 3-1 Turnbull got the lone Maple

Playoff Trail Ends For Outmanned Rams

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior "A" Rams suffered a fuel shortage in their final two games of the 1973-74 seasonal playoffs with Wexford Raiders.

In fact:

They simply ran out of gas. End result was a 7-4 and 4-2 loss which spelled doom to the Rams in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight season de-

spite their share of thrill providing. The Wednesday and Friday out. Especially in the third night loses followed on the period of each of those heels of a marathon three games. That's the story of

Rams losing their best-of- the scoring at 12:31 of the seven playoff four games to first period assisted by Andy It was the same story last it was Vince beating the season as they were downed Rams' Douglas Brumwell by Vaughan Nationals by the assisted by Nick Fiore.

Tobias probably pinpointed Raiders were content to conthe results of the final three trol the play. games when he commented In the third period Gra-

same four games to two re-

BIG DIFFERENCE

in those final three games and it paid off at 17:03 as was the fact that we had 18 Jim Roffey scored on a pass players all receiving the same from Dave Dunkley. ice-time against Richmond Hill's five or six outstanding players who were trying to

He acknowledged that the weaker the Rams' chances

"We were fairly free of in-Christmas and it seems to me There will be excellent fa- The school is located on we peaked at the proper the puck behind Steve Napier

those students having diffi- man as a prime example of

However, bus stops and last three or four games bepick up areas are subject to cause he was simply pooped land Arena at 8:15 pm.

over-time period 4-3 loss to the series." Wexford Tuesday night of That final game saw Wexlast week and resulted in the ford's Dan Tobias opening

Vince. Just 24 seconds later

CONTROL PLAY There was no scoring in Wexford's Coach Steve the second period as the

after Friday's final game ham Hall put the visitors out in front 3-0 at 10:42 assisted by Tim Regan.

"I feel the big difference The Rams kept plugging

Then came Coach Carl

Brimblecombe's big "all or nothing at all" gamble as he removed Goalie Brumwell with about three minutes left fora sixth attacker with the score 4-1. The move backfired 40 seconds later as Wexford's Steve

the empty net. Back came Brumwell. Then with but 37 seconds Little Kings Win left "Digger" Dunkley put

to make it 4-2. Bob Bangay Four Of Five Tilts The Raiders open their

best-of-seven series with "Mike didn't score in the North Bay Trappers tonight (Wednesday) at Hy-

Rams Lose 7-4 Wexford

Wednesday's 7-4 loss in at 11:14 with Big Bill Has- Wednesday of this week the balance team and will There is no restriction on Wexford saw the Rams start- sard beating Stankiewicz on a ing strong in the first period pass from Rob Trimble. The school is co-educatio- but gradually running out of The battling Rams moved game in Schomberg March 2

York University Gymnastics grouped according to sex They were in the battle middle period when Ernie Ridges March 3. and Men's Canadian National and ability. Registration fee until the final minute of the Takeuchi, back in the line-up Coach, will be instructing in is \$45 for the week and may second period when with after receiving a concussion be paid in full or with a \$20 Wexford leading 3-2 the earlier in the series, broke Tamara Bompa, Canada's deposit with the balance due Raiders struck for two goals in alone to score unassisted. in 14 seconds and it was all

The Rams scored twice in the final 20 minutes but Wex-

Wexford outshot the Rams 32-21 on the game with the first period fairly even although Wexford had nine shots on Brian Stankiewicz while Steve Napier was handling five.

The Rams got off to a promising start with Dave Stuart scoring on a powerplay at 4:11 off a neat threeway passing performance with Rick Febbo and Mike at 10:05 with Febbo scoring Hartman.

Wexford got the goal back sisted.

into a 2-1 lead at 3:38 of the and the third one in Oak

That goal ignited Wexford

instead of the Rams and they went on to score four straight unanswered goals before the period ended. Bruce Carrigan scored at 12:53; Peter Sands at 17:41

by Andy Vince at 19:26 and Graham Hall at 19:40. Dave "Digger" Dunkley got Rams' third goal of the game at the beginning of the third period at 2:28 with Neil Burns getting

with the Killers being goals

Sands got the seventh goal the final one at 14:08 unas-

that one back at 6:14.

Cross-Country Skiing

tion's many winter areas are Bruce's Mill, Cold Creek and perfect spots to enjoy On- Heart Lake and a refreshtario's fastest growing snow ment booth at Boyd.

It was a 1-1 game late in Avenue the village is conven- per car. Village admission is

ton Avenue north; Bruce's Tournaments scored three | Overtime was worse, Wood Mill - two miles east 50; Cold Creek - Between miles north of the King Sideroad on Concession 11: Greenwood - Four miles north of Pickering on the Greenwood Road; Heart Lake -- Approximately four miles north of Highway 7

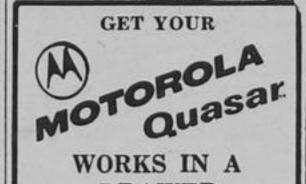
east of Brampton on the Heart Lake Road. There are refreshment booths and heated shelters a

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the Metro Conservation Au-Historic Black Creek Pio- thority, are open 10 am to

children (under 15 years)

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Bountiful Season!

Richmond Hill Rams centreman hockey star Mike Hartman reaps the rewards of a bountiful season as he receives the Richmond Hill Town Auto Body Trophy for leading the team in scoring this season with a total of 54 goals in 44 games during the regular season. Making the pre-game presentation is Rams' President Harold Barnett. Hartman also was presented with another trophy sponsored by Alliance Sporting Goods for being adjudged the most valuable player on the team as selected by his teammates.

The Victoria Square Lions Club Little Kings won four out of five games downing Keswick 1-0, Schomberg 3-0, King 9-0, and Oro 3-1. Their

one loss was 4-1 to Oro. The Kings finished second in league action one point behind first place Keswick. They open their playoffs against Schomber at Bond Lake Arena with the second

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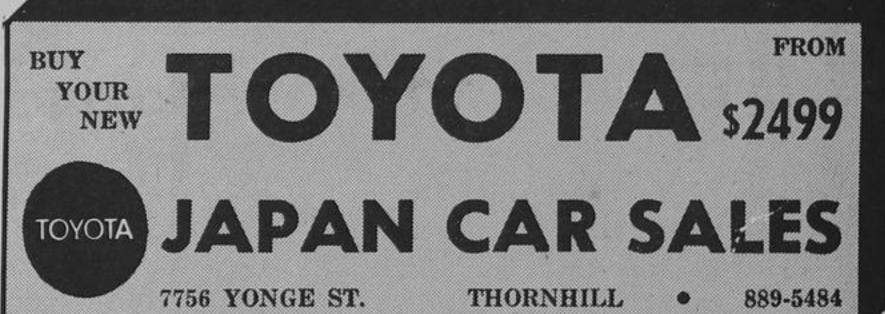
Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association announces tryouts for its girls' town rep. softball teams. All tryouts are at Crosby School at the following times.

JUVENILE MIC MACS (17-18 YRS.) Wednesday Evenings 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

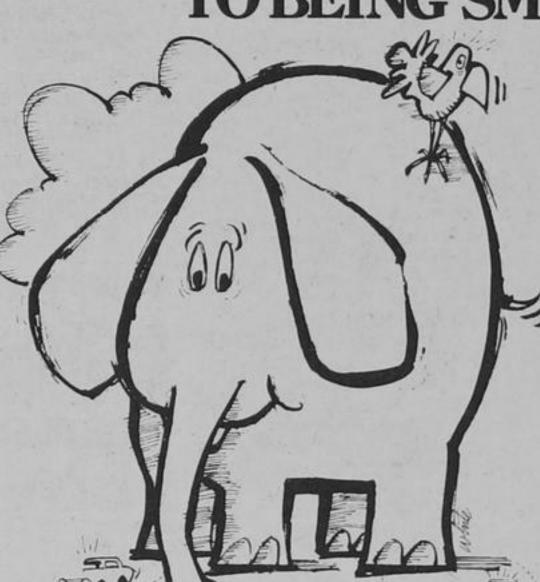
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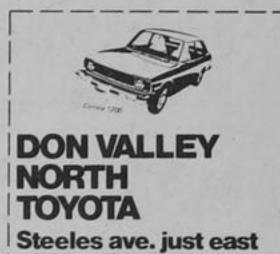


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