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It's Over, It's Over

There have been more strenuous weeks, I'm sure of that. Right off hand I can think of World War I, World War II, the Korean and Vietnam encounters.

I'm talking about the 7th annual Richmond Hill International Legion Midget Hockey Tournament which ground to a conclusion Sunday afternoon after something like 50 games throughout the week.

As one of the tournament officials was heard to remark somewhat wearily toward the end. "You go to bed every night tired. You get up exhausted."

That goes for all of the many volunteers who offered their services during those seven days. I got exhausted just watching those chaps hurrying by on their way to this and that particular area of the rink.

There certainly was a lot of action out there on the ice but, truthfully, I find myself observing the things that often happen off the ice. Tournaments, it seem, are almost a world unto themselves. It's like Saturday night in an ant colony. Youngsters everywhere, adults everywhere.

At every tournament there is always the fellow who "haunts" the place. You know the kind. He's there an hour before the first game of the first day. He never leaves. Why, I even get tired of a party after the fourth day.

LISTEN TO ME

You can see him leaning over an arena railing, against the side of a wall, almost all over the place, at any time. Between sips on a coffee, healthy bites out of a hotdog, he'll tell you anything you want to know about any team or player on the ice. He'll even tell you if you don't want to know.

I stand in awe of him. So what if his wife has left him when he gets home? He's magnificent. He can tell you who is going to make the NHL or the WHL for the next 10 years. It's a science, a gift, it's got to be.

WHERE AM I?

Then you have the other kind of guy. He seems to be completely unaware that he's even at a tournament. Just wandered off the street. Hey, where am I?

He'll stand there watching the first two periods of a game and then he'll ask you who's playing. Most of the time he's either gone to the washroom, on his way, or standing over by the coffee bar. You can't even see a game from there. I'm not being critical, just makes me wonder.

Of course, it all goes to make a tournament. Wonderful.

TO THE LOSERS

Then you have what I call the "loser." That's me. I can watch a game and never see a goal. You know what I mean. It can be the dullest contest in the world, I go for a walk, get a coffee, and each team has rattled in four goals by the time I get back. Sometimes I just have to turn my head and, bang, they get a goal. You've got to have philosophy.

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Maple Bantams
In Finals

A super team effort gave Maple Bantams a 4-0 win over Stirling and advanced them into the "DD" Ontario finals against Elore. The game was played Sunday night at Maple.

Robb Hudson, playing with a cast on his hand, scored the first goal and it was his tenacious checking after that which kept Stirling in their own end most of the game.

However, every player on the Maple team came up with some superb play and that was the major difference.

Dennis Limoges, with two goals and Steven LeMoine with one, rounded out the scoring. Joe Saunders gave Maple outstanding goal-tending and had a well-deserved shutout.

The finals will start tomorrow (Friday) in Elora (14 miles north of Guelph) with the second game slated for Maple Tuesday at 8:30 pm. It's a best-of-seven series.

Scotia Bank Wins

Peewee "B" Title

Scotia Bank defeated Schomberg in the league finals three games to one. In the third game Jamie Tuck scored the winner in overtime. Mike O'Donnell and Gord Mournier also scored in the 3-2 win.

Jamie Tuck scored a hat trick as the Hillers closed out the series with a 4-3 victory. Bryan Buchanan notched the other goal. Mike Mulvihill and Scott Smith were standouts in goal.

Members of Scotia Bank team are to be congratulated for a fine effort in capturing this title in an age group one year above their own.

Team members: Mike Mulvihill, Scott Smith, Bryan Buchanan, Gord Fournier, Eric Ruckarts, Ed Opatowski, Jamie Tuck, Ian Ball, Joe Thurston, Cam Moss, Mike O'Donnell, John McLaughlin, Paul Lawlor, Russell Thompson, Troy Edwards, Russell Thornhill.

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Minor Midgets Win Wingham Tourney

Richmond Hill Bond Steel Minor Midgets covered themselves with glory last weekend when they took the AAA Championship at the Wingham District Midget Tournament. All other teams in the tournament were of full midget age—a year older, a year bigger and a year more experienced.

Teams came from Detroit, Windsor, London, Hespeler, Metro and many other areas in the province.

Bond Steel won their first game Friday by defeating Waterloo 5-4 in a terrifically hard-fought game.

Saturday, in a real cliff-hanger, they defeated London's Mr. Transmission 4-3. In the final game Sunday before a large cheering sec-

tion of parents from Richmond Hill and the boys' Wingham billets, they fought Windsor to a 3-3 draw in regulation time. The game went into a 10-minute sudden death overtime period with shots on goal to count if no goal was scored by either team. Richmond Hill had five shots on goal and Windsor only four, so Bond Steel was declared the winner in an amazing upset.

The Bond Steelers, coaches and parents pay tribute to the warm hospitality of the Wingham people—the most hospitable they have ever met in their travels.

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Judo Greats
At
Hill Clinic

Olympic Judo hopefuls from across Ontario came to Richmond Hill recently to attend a clinic conducted by Canada's National Coach Hiroshi Nakamura, 5th degree black belt, at the Richmond Hill Judo Club. Mr. Nakamura lives in Quebec, but travels across Canada spreading his great knowledge of Judo in preparation for the 1976 Olympic. The O'Keefe Sports Foundation covers his salary and traveling expenses.

Canada's University Coach for Judo, Doug Rogers, a Silver Medalist in the 1968 Olympics, was also on hand to demonstrate advanced training methods.

Two competitors from Richmond Hill are shown above as John Hobbs, 17, demonstrates kata-guruma or shoulder wheel on Syd Woodward, 18.

In the group photo (left to right) are: Doug Rogers, Linda McClelland, Hiroshi Nakamura, Coach for Ontario Andy Hart, Don McClelland with Syd Woodward and John Hobbs in the front row.



Minor Bantams Win 1, Lose 1, In Semi-Finals

Peewee Tuesday the Peewee Lions flew to Thunder Bay to participate in a tournament.

The first game played Wednesday afternoon was against Saskatoon which the Hill boys won 6-4. Ricky Warren was in goal for this one and the Lions' scoring was taken care of by Jeff Joslin and Scott Bartlett with two each, Jim Majury and David Plaxton with one each. Earning assists were Dean Logan with three, Joel Reeves with two, Jack Cross with three, Bartlett, Joslin, Plaxton and Gary Carvin with one each. After each game a star is chosen and the boy with the most points at the end of the tournament wins a trophy. Joslin was awarded the star in this game.

In the second game played Thursday the Lions shut out Oshawa 2-0. This was a solid team effort with Ted Inch earning his shutout. Scoring for the Hill were Tom Reaume from Richard Hughes, Len McVeigh from Hughes and Reaume. Reaume was the star of this game.

Friday the Thunder Bay fans were out in full force to cheer the home team as it tackled Richmond Hill. The Bay boys gave the fans lots to cheer about as they scored eight goals to the Hill's one by Joslin from Bartlett.

Thunder Bay went on to win the tournament Saturday. All the boys from Richmond Hill had a good time

and appreciated the fine northern hospitality.

Minor Bantams Tournaments Inc. met Kingston in Richmond Hill last Thursday night in the first game of the best three of five semi-finals for the provincial honors in 1974, and won a decisive 9-4 victory.

Sharing the Hill scoring were Danny Girard and Phil Wood, each with a hat trick. Frank Nigro with a pair and Chris Nye with a singleton. Assist points went to Nigro with three, Blair Lewis with two and Tommy Peden and Nye with one each.

Dino Capotosto was the goaltender for this contest. Sunday evening Tournaments Inc. travelled to Kingston and lost a 6-5 squeaker. Marksman for the Hill were Wood with two, Nigro, Peden and Lewis with a goal each. Assisting were Peden and Lewis with two each, Wood and Nye. Steve Price was in the nets.

Tournaments suffered its second loss of the day when it lost the toss to Kingston and had to return to that city for the third game Tuesday evening. The fourth, and it is hoped deciding game, will be played in Richmond Hill Friday evening.

Minor Bantam 2nd Team Paced by the sparkling four goal performance of Robert Greiner, Victoria & Grey Trust Minor Bantams defeated Schomberg Bantams 5-2 last Saturday night in the old arena to take a 1-0 lead

in the best of five finals of the York Simcoe Bantam "2" Hockey League.

Classy Greiner (37 goals, 35 assists in 41 games) centres linemate Greg MacMillan and Ross Quereggesser, and this trio accounted for a total of 92 goals and 89 assists this year.

The Hillers were at fever pitch when they hit the ice, and Greg Walton whistled home the puck at 1:53 of the first period. A power play goal by Greiner was set up by Walton, followed by two more tallies by Greiner, the first assisted by MacMillan, as Victoria led 4-0 after two periods.

Goalie Mark Porter, again showing the sharp reflexes of a cat, was unbeatable until 4:32 of the last period when Schomberg finally clicked on a power play goal. Catching fire, Schomberg scored once again just 34 seconds later to narrow the gap to 4-2, and they buzzed around the net firing shots at will as the Hillers were running out of gas.

Steve Shadoff played the last three minutes in Victoria's net and was forced to kick out seven difficult shots. With the Schomberg goalie out of the net, an alert Quereggesser fed the puck to a speeding Greiner, and Robert calmly and deliberately fired the puck in the empty net.

This was an excellent team effort, but it was not without casualties as the older Schomberg club hit with au-

thority. Courageous Chris Bedford caught a stick in the forehead and had a bump as big as an egg, while Angus McGregor and Pete Tipold had to leave the ice when they were hurt with sticks to their stomachs. Walton and Phil McLaughlin were effective with their crisp hitting as they kept Schomberg honest.

Atom After a crushing 8-0 loss to Thornhill in their best of three semi-finals, Perry Hill Industries travelled to Markham Saturday night for the second game. It was a tight hard-hitting game as the referees called a total of 50 minutes in penalties, and the final score was Thornhill 2, Perry Hill 1.

Thornhill opened the scoring at the 14:05 mark of the second period on a goal by Rob Humphries assisted by Kevin Goble. The Rams continued to slug away and at the 4:58 mark of the third Ken Jensen tied the game, with help from Paul Harrietha and Mark Lockerbie. This forced the game into overtime and the Hillers continued to pressure Thornhill only to be foiled by their goalie. It wasn't until the 7:16 mark of the overtime period that Thornhill broke the deadlock and eliminated Richmond Hill from further play.

The Perryhill Rams go to Framingham, Mass., this weekend where they will compete in the Perini Invitational Tournament.

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