

Oak Ridges Junior "B" Kings 'Out Of Business'

The Oak Ridges Junior "B" Kings are out of business — at least for the 1974-75 season. What started out as a "big" hockey rebuilding year for The Kings was scuttled by the arrival of a letter in July from the Ontario Hockey Association President Cliff Phillips. It said in effect that The Kings would no longer be playing in the Metro Division of the "B" loop which consisted of such teams as Markham, St. Michael's, Wexford, Bramalea, and Oshawa. Instead they would be shifted to another Northern Division involving teams such as Owen Sound, Collingwood, Barrie, Orillia, and Newmarket.

SHOT DOWN
"That shot us right down," said Kings' Manager Barry Bingham. "All our plans, our arrangements had been geared to starting our second year in the Metro division."

"Right after the close of last season we started recruiting players and executive on the basis that we would be returning to Metro. We even hired a coach on that basis."

The coach was Peter Artemchuk who last season was the

mentor of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and in years previous to that coached a Bramford Team in Provincial Junior "A" hockey.

"I'm disappointed to say the least," continued Bingham. "The switch would have involved a lot more travelling, added transportation costs and other things."

JUST A LETTER
"Most of all it was the way we were informed. We just got a letter which simply told us we had been shifted. When we contacted Mr. Phillips all he essentially told us that that was the decision that had been made and it would stay that way."

"My feeling is that they could have at least consulted us by phone. We told them that all our plans had been geared to returning to the same league. We'd spent considerable money, even had a \$3,000 donation for dressing rooms."

"We were told we shouldn't have gone ahead until we knew where we would be. Why not tell us in April at least? Not wait until July," said Bingham.

Bingham added that the club executive had then requested a year's "leave of absence" to

consider what the next step would be.

"We were told this was in violation of the constitution," said Bingham. "But they did say we could just pull out and make an application next season which would be given due consideration. They returned our registration and bond fees."

The Kings were told they could again apply for Metro in the 1975-76 season but the impression was left that it would be unlikely.

LOSE PLAYERS
"I should emphasize," said Bingham, "that it's not so much that we are opposed to playing in a northern loop as much as the way we were informed. Just by a simple letter at such a late date."

"We lost some players who just didn't want to travel north. They were willing to come with us mainly because of the Metro league which is much more prestigious, and would draw more fans."

"It's a case of our whole plans being upset. Maybe next season we will be ready to play in a northern loop and gear our thinking to that end."

An even greater disappointment was the fact the Kings had arranged a working agreement with a team in the Provincial Junior "A" League which would have contributed greatly in producing a competitive team.

"Coach Artemchuk would have also been invaluable because he has good contacts with a number of teams including Oshawa. General who he acts as a scout for," said Bingham. "Now that's all gone."

In the meanwhile, it's "on the sidelines" for the Oak Ridges Kings who entered the "B2" ranking last season with high hopes and with hopes even higher this season.

At least until that letter arrived in July he season's over, and it hasn't even started.

The Oak Ridges Kings were formed with the opening of the Bond Lake Arena two seasons ago. Their first year saw them playing in an Ontario "C" league with the switch to "B" last season.

President of the club was Ted Rowe, Past President, Ken Blyth.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Hillcrest Mall's First Fashion Show

Thousands of customers enjoyed Hillcrest Mall's first fashion production, "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe", on the Mall last week. This was a charming back to school fashion show

featuring fall garments from the Mall's many fashion merchants. The three times daily shows were featured among the trees in the Mall's stunning "centre court".

From The Police Blotter

Hill Girl Hitch-Hiker Raped, Richvale Man Crushed By Wall

Joseph Perrin, 52, of Mississauga, has been charged with criminal negligence in the death of a youth in an industrial accident two weeks ago.

Terence Van Dyke, 17, of Newmarket, was electrocuted when a cable on a crane being used to lift roof trusses on Concession 3 in King Township, hit an 8,000-volt Hydro line.

Van Dyke, who was tying the trusses to the cable onto the crane, which was being operated by Mr. Perrin, was pronounced dead at York County Hospital in Newmarket, following the accident.

A young Richmond Hill woman told police she was raped Wednesday of last week by a man who gave her a ride in his car.

She said she got in the car at Highway 7 and Yonge Street, heading for Richmond Hill. However, he then pulled a knife on her and told her to lie on the floor.

After driving east on Highway 7 to Bayview Avenue, he proceeded to a cornfield and raped her. Following that, he drove her to Richmond Heights Centre and let her out, she said.

The woman described her assailant as between six feet and six feet two, about 28, medium build, light brown hair, moustached, wearing a wedding band on his left hand, beige shirt and pants, and white shoes.

She said he was driving a yellow Mustang.

Domenico Ciuffetta, 43, of 146 Weldrick Road, Richmond Hill was described as being in fair condition late Monday at York Central Hospital, where he was taken after being injured in an industrial accident.

Mr. Ciuffetta suffered injuries to his right ankle and pelvis after a section of wall collapsed on him while working at a construction site at 899 Major Mackenzie Drive, August 23.

Police answered a burglar alarm at Bayview Variety Store, 10610 Bayview Avenue, about 3:50 a.m. August 22, and caught the culprit — a 14-year-old juvenile — redhanded.

Police said he was in possession of a bicycle with stolen parts, and a subsequent check of his home revealed several more stolen bikes and parts.

The youth, so far, faces a charge of attempted break and enter.

Police also announced the arrest of a youth in connection with a holdup at the store last March.

Wayne Thompson, of Cherrylane, Toronto, faces charges of armed robbery.

investigating an incident in which Daniel Kremer, 15, of Royal Orchard Boulevard, Thornhill, was stabbed in the chest with a paring knife by a woman.

The incident took place in a downtown hotel lounge and resulted from an argument over money, police said.

Marion Calner, 23, of Sherbourne Street, has been charged with wounding and possession of a dangerous weapon.

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United Ties 1-1
Rangers Win 6-2

Richmond Hill United and Kleinburg fought to a 1-1 draw in league play Saturday at Kleinburg.

It was United's second straight draw.

The scoreless first half saw United at its most aggressiveness but unable to capitalize in the goal department.

In the meanwhile their defensive corps of John Connolly, Ian MacGinnis, Richard Simpson, Klaus Schomann and Urwin Marbauer were playing excellently.

The second half saw United mount a strong attack with Richard Simpson's shot finally finding the target at the five minute mark. United had several good chances to increase its lead but were unable to finish off some good scoring chances.

Kleinburg persisted and finally caught United with its defences down and beat Keep John Slawson on a tough shot.

There is no league match on the weekend. The next game will be against Barrie September 7 at Thornlea school.

The Richmond Hill Rangers defeated Barrie by 6-2 at Pearson Park Saturday night.

Goal scorers for Richmond Hill were Christy Nolan two, Vincent Pottrell, Andy Brannen, Andy Godchalk and Benny Davidson.

Mic Mac Juveniles Lose 12-3 Brampton

The Richmond Hill Dairy Queen Mic Macs Juvenile girls lost their series to Brampton by 12-3 at Crosby Park Tuesday night of last week.

The Brampton club came on the field hustling and simply outplayed the local girls. In the final analysis, it was sloppy play and errors that cost the Mic Macs this series.

Donna Queregesser pitched the game with Bonnie Bryan for two thirds of the seventh inning.

Richmond Hill meets Kleinburg in the league playoffs with the first game slated for Kleinburg Monday and second one tomorrow night (Thursday) at Crosby Park.

NEWMARKET: The town planning committee has rejected a Browndale Ontario application for a spot rezoning to allow conversion of the Grace Church building to a private school. About 100 people were present and several from the neighborhood objected strongly. The application was denied on the grounds that a rezoning would be contrary to the town's Official Plan.

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