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By Fred Simpson —

Ice Cold In August

I've been confused many times in my life. So many times that it makes me feel insecure when I'm not confused. Somehow I feel very insecure these days.

Tell you what I mean. Spent a goodly portion of last week over at the Richmond Hill Arena watching hockey players. This strikes me as being strikingly akin to the Theatre of the Absurd in August during somewhat of a heat wave.

But you can't escape it. It was a hockey week. Firstly, I chatted with Richmond Hill Rams' Coach Karl Brimblecombe and he was enthusiastic about the upcoming hockey season.

Karl, of course, was in the midst of overseeing the annual Richmond Hill Hockey School which is aflood with youngsters. Helping to shepherd the sessions are well-known hockey players such as Daryl Rice, Dave "Digger" Dunkley, and Gary Carr. I even saw Billy Stephenson lurking in the area while I was there.

AL SIMS

The obvious present day "star" of the entourage was Boston Bruins' big defenceman Al Sims. Al, of course, is helping out at the hockey as Marshall hit one over the

I grabbed a few seconds with Al who will soon be starting his second season with the Boston Bruins following a brilliant rookie year as defensive partner for Bobby Orr.

Al, of course, played for the Richmond Hill the bases. Steve Foster Junior "B" Rams back in 1970-71. I must confess I couldn't even remember him being there. This didn't bother Al at all.

"I was just out of midget hockey with Ted Reeve," said Al. "I had a lot to learn."

He learned it quickly as he moved from the Rams to Cornwall in the Quebec Junior League, was something like 47th in the draft, and presto! — is now a star in the NHL at the age of 21.

CALL IT CONFIDENCE

"I guess you could say it was confidence, I believed in myself," said Sims. "When I went to the Boston camp last season they had seven defencemen. The next thing I knew I was with Orr and I stayed there."

Playing with Orr is certainly impressive credentials but it has its problems.

"I've picked up a lot from Bobby of course," said Sims. "It does have its drawbacks in that he's a rushing defenceman which means I have to hang back and play defensively. I don't mind it a bit." He shouldn't. He had the second best plus-minus record of anyone in the NHL last season. Behind Orr. Not bad for a rookie. Is the NHL rough?

"It's certainly not as rough as Junior "A" hockey," said Sims. "When I played with Cornwall it was something of a wood-choppers ball. Everyone's a working man in the NHL. It's a little rough at times but we're all just trying to do a job.

"If someone roughs you up you wait for your chance to rough him up. I've had a few fights, lost a few. They test you but it's not really that bad."

WORK HARD, LISTEN

Sims' main advice to aspiring youngsters is really very simple: "Get out there and work your tail off. Pay attention. When you make a mistake and you're told about it you have to

"It's surprising how many times you see young players just go on making the same mistakes. They just don't seem to care."

You can't be a playboy either although there are a few in the NHL.

"You have to be able to discipline yourself," said Al. "You can do what you want in the NHL but you won't last long if you don't watch yourself. They don't care. There's always someone ready to take your place."

Rams' Coach Karl Brimblecombe remembers Sims because it was he who spotted him as a midket at Ted Reeve.

"The thing that impressed me," said Karl, "was his willingness to work. He was hustling all the time. I feel that was his big plus. He

worked hard, listened hard, played his position." Sounds simple. It isn't but unless you intend to be at least all of the above you might just as well hang your blades up. You just won't get there.

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LET GEORGE DO IT! ERIC GEORGE for Regional Councillor

3-Run Oshawa Homer Knocks Out Dynes

A 12-hit attack by Oshawa with a sacrifice fly. Falcons including a threerun homer bludgeoned the The Jewellers moved out sailed along in fine style Richmond Hill Dynes Jew- in front by 2-1 in the sixth until the fourth inning bigellers out of the 1974 OASA as Danny Boyne walked. A gie. He tossed a total of "A" playoffs Thursday night subsequent sacrifice attempt three and a third innings of last week at the Town by Larry Rodger saw the allowed three runs on four

second straight loss in the coming around to score. best-of-three series.

able to hold it for them. it 4-2 for Oshawa.

runs, and that three-run hit a ground-rule triple. homerun chiller in the eighth | Exit Dynes. by Oshawa's Alvin Tilk that changed the score from a Dynes 2-1 lead to a 4-2 deficit. Marshall walked three and struck out one.

ROOKIE PITCHER Big Rookie Martin Cook came in for the ninth inning Hill House League

and he was treated shoddily as he was touched for three hits and the final two Oshawa runs. Oshawa's Don Calder went the full nine innings and was

walked four and struck out Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the third inning

The Falcons got that one back in the fourth inning as Calder singled and Tilk was safe on an error and Bill Melnychuk walked to load

The Richmond Hill W Softball Union against Waterloo Wednesday of this week in Waterslated for Crosby Park toat 8:30 pm.

in the playoffs this season. portation. Enroute to the finals

By FRED SIMPSON then drove Calder home then singled home the fifth

DYNES TAKE LEAD

It was something of a fam- until the eighth inning when went the final three and iliar story this season as the a single by Brian Myers and two third innings and was Jewellers took an early lead a walk to Calder set the charged with three runs and but their pitching was un- stage for Tilk's blast to make three hits. He struck out

Absorbing the loss in his The Falcons put the icing eight-inning stint was Vet- on against Cook in the eran Frank Marshall who ninth as Tom Edridge and surrendered eight hits, four Myers singled and Calder

Alliance Winners In **Ball Tournament**

Chris Nichealo smashed a three-run homer for Alliance Sports as his team downed Richvale Rose Trailer 6-4 in grand championship tagged for eight hits. He game of a Richmond Hill House League Bantam Tournament on the weekend.

> Enroute to the win Alliance Sports edged the same team 4-3 in the game opener. The second game saw Commercial Credit tieing Rose Trailers 3-3 with the win going to the latter squad who had the most runners reaching first base.

Then came the "B" championship with Rose Trailers edging Maple 8-7 to clear Beetles In Finals the way for the grand championship.

Rob Haenel and Paul & P Beetle girls launch Gregoire went all four games their Provincial Women's for Alliance. Nichaelo and finals Tony Roman played great

The participating teams loo with the second game would like to thank the RHMBA and Alliance Sports morrow night (Thursday) for the day and Paul Black, coach of Alliance. An added This is the only Rich- thanks to the parents for be picked. Canada has mond Hill girl's team left their support and trans-

Everyone received their beaten in the first three the girls eliminated Apple- crests and following this games. Richmond Hill socwood (Mississauga) 10-3, gathered at the coaches cer officials hope that a 15-8; Bay Ridges (French- home for pizza and coke to large contingent of local man's Bay) 11-7, 16-8; help settle after a very excit- fans will be on hand to Stouffville 7-11, 12-4, 9-3. ing day.

fourth inning spelled finis Kemp was safe on an error, passes. for the Richmond Hill went to second on an in- Coming up with a fine Dynes Jewellers Saturday field out, to third on a pas- performance was Dynes' night as they went down to sed ball, and scored on Andy Gionette who set the a 6-2 defeat at the hands Daw's single. of Burlington Ancaster Pro-

Burlington's Hal Kemp started it off with a lead- Global teammates 2-1 and in the fourth as Danny Gionette got the next bat-

CAME THE CHILLER Then came the chiller as Mariutti sent a high drive to right field which fell for a double as rightfield Dave Russell stumbled on the incline and it dropped behind him with two runs scoring. That same play saw Mariutti caught in a run-down with another run scoring from third as the resultant throw home hit the latter on the back. Mariutti ended up on third. He scored as a ground ball to short was bobbled by Larry Rodger. Ex-Dynesman Joe O'Neill

Daw to load the bases.

By FRED SIMPSON

Watch Tournament.

run of the inning. Losing pitcher Gionette Oshawa third baseman throw hits, walking three and It was Richmond Hill's the ball away with Boyne striking out as many. He was replaced in the fourth Marshall held Oshawa off by Frank Marshall who three and walked one.

Going the full seven innings and winning for Burlington was Al Few who was tagged for eight hits while walking one and striking out

Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the first innings as Rodger reached first on a fielder's choice, went to second on a passed ball, and then scored on Bob Smith's single.

12 Hill Kickers Lifetime Thrill

Twelve Richmond Hill youngsters will have the soccer thrill of their lives to date when they attend the International Youth Tournament final game Varsity Stadium. They have been selected to be the "ball boys" for that final which pits the best players from 12 different countries in the under-19 age group. The boys will be picked by their teammates from the six Richmond Hill Pee-

wee teams. An official said the boys from the house league were decided upon because "they don't usually have the opportunity to participate in out-of-town functions as is the case with town representative

They will hold a ballot on each team and two members from each will ment to date and are uncheer the "ball boys" on.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Safe By An Ear!

Occops! Pardon my elbow. Taking it on the ear, so to speak is Richmond Hill Mister Transmission player Dave Berseth in a close play at first base in the recent Midget softball tournament at the Town Park. In the batter's circle in the background is Richmond Hill's Mike Gallaugher. Dave was safe at first but, alas, Mister Transmission went on to lose a 5-0 game to Willowdale Ponderosa. They won their second game by 14-4 over North Bendale but went on to lose to Alderwood who then went on to win the tournament.

Dynes Get "Ticked" Off In Bulova Final

Burlington increased its five hits while striking out A disastrous five - run | lead to 6-1 in the fifth as five and issuing no free

Dynes added their final Major Fastball League down visioners in the CNE Bulova run in the seventh on a on seven hits. He struck out homerun by Mickel Han- four and also walked none. That inning saw the Pro- cock.

visioners jump on starter Andy Gionette for three The Jewellers didn't beat of the second inning as hits and two walks includ- famed Lefty Pete Landers in Catcher Bob Shelton singled ing a double by Gino the CNE Bullova Watch and went to third on a Mariutti. The Jewellers Tournament Wednesday double by Larry Rodgers. He were leading 1-0 going into night of last week but they then came home on a passed did the next best thing. They edged his Toronto The Jewellers made it 2-0

off walk followed by a ousted them from the tour- Boyne tripled and also single by Vern Agnew. nament. Landers didn't pitch, rambled home as a high fly Taking the loss was Bill by Rodgers was dropped by ter out but walked Keith Mohun who went all the Centrefielder Bob "Boo" seven-inning way allowing Burke.

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