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Billy hopes to make hockey his profession. Right now he attends high school in The Soo and practices two hours every afternoon. Which means he's a busy boy.

His main objective right now is growing hair. He wants to be recognized.

Let's see now. Where do we go from here? Yes, I'm going to do a quick switch-over to softball and particularly a chap I've neglected somewhat. So excuse me, November.

Doug's a chucker

I'm talking about 20-year-old Doug Webster of 422 Fernleigh Circle North, Richmond Hill, who helped chuck Scarboro Lindal Homes to the Toronto and District Senior Fastball League championship in his first year in fast company, so to speak.

Enroute to the title Doug helped deflate the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers in the playoffs before doing the same to Winston Park knocking them off 3-1 in the first game. Scarboro won the series when Winston Park defaulted.

He capped his first season by being selected the league's all star pitcher behind Welland's star Ken Rhora which ain't bad at all. He won nine games and lot two.

"I was very happy with my first season," said Webster. "I lost a lot of 1-0 and 2-0 games."

Doug doesn't profess to be a power pitcher and concentrates on "keeping the ball low. Control is my main aim and I guess my best pitch is a drop ball."

For the future he'd like "to get a shot at the Ontario Fastball League which is the best around. You can't keep improving unless you play the best."

He also wouldn't mind hooking up with the Jewellers although "I'm interested in tossing a lot. You can't improve if you don't play."

In Dartmouth

Doug's background ball saw him toss for a number of years (along with brother Dave) in the Richmond Hill Industrial loop before going into junior with Scarboro.

He put his travelling shoes on in 1973 and journeyed to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, to play for that team and had a win-loss record of 22-2.

His team got into the All Canadian at Hull that year but Doug didn't keep to "beat" the Jewellers. He was ineligible because of a residents rule. Richmond Hill won the title incidentally.

I would be remiss in not mentioning that stint in the industrial loop was with Joe's Garage which won the title two years in a row. So you might say where Doug goes, so go winners.



Doug Webster All-star hurler

Shafted

What a dastardly trick. If that's what happened. Am referring to the article about Burlington accusing Oshawa of getting the All-Canadian by "buying" the Canadian Amateur Softball Association out.

Burlington manager George Bedford claims Oshawa guaranteed the CASA additional financial benefits beyond the 25 percent of the gross gate required in a contract submitted by the bidding centres.

I don't mind getting beat, I hate to get shafted. In any case, Richmond Hill should have had the tournament. The Jewellers earned it umpteen times over by winning the World Softball



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Wins give Rams 'afterglow'

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior 'A' hockey Rams were in a three-way tie for ninth place last week but the afterglow of a three-game winning streak more than made up for it.

"We're only eight points out of first place which means we're right in the middle of it all," Coach Karl Brimblecombe was saying as he watched his squad playing an exhibition game with York Regional Police Thursday afternoon of last week.

"All we've been lacking is some luck around the net and our confidence. Now we're starting to get both."

The Rams' confidence barometer had to rise after 5-4 and 6-4 wins over front-running Seneca Flyers and second place North Bay Trappers respectively. Then came the 10-6 pasting of Royal York Tuesday night and it was happiness, happiness.

Well-balanced
"I've said right from the beginning that this is the best-balanced club I've ever had," continued Coach Brimblecombe. "It's the best one all around but you have to remember that it is the toughest league we've had going for us in a number of years. The teams have all strengthened and you have to take this into consideration."

A & W Atoms losers by 3-2
Richmond Hill's A&W Atom Team visited Oak Ridges and suffered their first defeat in league play with a 3-2 score November 12. Ricky Murphy opened the scoring for A&W in the first period assisted by Gary Sutherland. A second period goal by Duane Aube from Jimmy Flett had the teams in a tie game going into the third period. Oak Ridges netted a third goal in the last period to win the game.

In an exhibition game on home ice, November 15, the A&W Atoms defeated the North York Selects 4-1. After a scoreless first period, the Hillers put the

Brimblecombe is actually happy that his team if off to a slow start in contrast to other years when they literally flew out of the starting gate only to waiver late in the season.

"I'm afraid that we tended to peak too soon in other seasons. Then again we've always had a lot of injury problems." Which makes this season different.

Team is healthy
"We're a healthy team to date with only the usual minor aches and pains. If we can stay this way we'll be challenging for the first division by Christmas."

Brimblecombe's hottest line at the moment is the Kevin Street centred one of Dave Stuart and Dave "Digger" Dunkley. The latter two are home products and Street is a refugee from the Major Marlies who has rapped in 13 goals for the Rams in 15 games.

"Kevin was certainly a plus for us when he arrived from the Marlies camp. He has excellent hockey sense and fits in perfectly with Stuart and Dunkley who have also been centre-men."

Stuart, an Oak Ridges boy, is probably off to his best start in his brief two-year career with the Rams with 11 goals in 13 games, four them in the last game with Royal York.

pressure on and scored three goals — Sutherland aided by Billy Easton, Brian Hull unassisted and Sutherland unassisted. The Selects countered with one. The third period saw Hull get the final goal on a pass from Murphy.

Injury free
The reason is simple. He's injury free.

"Stuart has been injury prone because of his aggressive style of play," said Brimblecombe. "I don't think there were five games last season when he was really healthy."

A hockey player that Brimblecombe is high on is newcomer Mike Rowley who is playing his first season of junior hockey. He was with the Whitby Midgets last year.

"Watch out for Rowley. He's just finding his way around but he's going to start scoring a lot of goals one of these games. He looks a little small but he's tough and aggressive."

You also have to mention Rick Febbo who has forsaken his pugilistic endeavors (at least to some extent) this season in favor of scoring goals. He has 11 of them in 13 games.

"Rick probably has the hardest shot in the league so we told him to start shooting and lay off the rough stuff a little. You see what's happened."

Defensively Brimblecombe is well-set with people like Jack Guest, Scott Mabley, Randy Herrington, Jim Roffey and Steve Morrison.

"They were having troubles earlier but it wasn't their fault," said Brimblecombe. "The wingers weren't coming back and you just can't have that."

He's happy with the play of Morrison who "is really coming on and the kid's

going to be a big plus for us. He's doing very well offensively."

Morrison, of course, is a Richmond Hill product and a team is only as good as the homebrews and the Rams are fortunate this season with no less than eight of them.

Both Stankiewicz and Doug Brumwell are sold in the nets. So there's no way we're going to be near the bottom of the league for long."

Rams win 7-3
Oh yes, the Rams downed York Region Police 7-3 in an

interesting game which saw Stankiewicz playing forward and Dunkley taking a short turn in the nets. Not recommended for regular league play.

The Rams are at Markham Friday night and go against Aurora Tigers Sunday night in Aurora. They play host to Weston in an 8:30 game Tuesday night.

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