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sports

Weston shows up, Rams win



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The late Maple Leafs?

I know this will come as a serious, nay, even mortal blow to Harold Ballard of the late Maple Leafs. Or is it the late Harold Ballard of the Maple Leafs? I get confused.

In any case, you may have heard the Leafs are in trouble. A few empty seats were spotted at a recent game and Mr. Ballard panicked. I heard he went around telling everyone that it was just one of those rare nights when there was a heavy run on the washrooms. They went in but they didn't come out.

I didn't go in but I'm out. I've had it as a Leafs' fan. They've gone the way of the extinct Dodo bird and the Argos as far as I'm concerned. I'm not bitter. Just tired. It's like a marriage that never broke down, just wore out with the buffeting of the seasons.



Frank Tate
Maple Leaf forever?

You take it, Frank

I took my sorrows to probably one of the all-time supporters of the Leafian cause. Namely, 87-year-old Frank Tate of 90 Church Street South in Richmond Hill.

"Oh my God, didn't they look terrible the other night," was Frank's initial gasp. For a minute or two I thought Happy Harold had lost Frank also.

Frank, in case you haven't heard, has been a Leaf fan for some 60 years and it was a rare occasion he missed a game. He certainly never missed a play-off. Frank was honored at the start of this season when he was the featured player in a CBC special. "That was a surprise to me," he said. "I never thought they'd do a thing like that. It was very nice of them."

Back to the Leafs. There was just no where else to go.

"Yes, they did look terrible last night," he continued. "They're not doing too well. There is just no words to express how they're doing."

"And did you see the arena the other night? It was just half full at the end. I haven't seen it so empty in years." It was obvious that Frank was referring to a Leaf loss although I forget which loss he was referring to. They've had quite a string of them.

Do not forsake me

Frank doesn't get to that many Leaf games at the Gardens anymore but it's not because he has forsaken them.

"I haven't been back since the opening game of the season," he said. "I guess it's my age, I'm wearing down. I find that I get dizzy when I rush around."

"I don't have my tickets anymore. Turned them over to some other people but I can still go down there whenever I feel up to it."

Not that Frank has become that incapacitated. There's a lot of life moving in him as you could readily ascertain if you saw his determined strides down Church Street every day. Usually carrying groceries.

Just tired

"But he's just like me. Getting a little tired. "No, I'm not giving up on the Leafs," he finally decided. "They've got some good fellows. They'll come out of it."

Arena deficit is \$11,337 not unusual

The Richmond Hill Arena Association operated at a loss of \$11,337.97 for its fiscal year which ended April 30. This and other business will be discussed tonight (Wednesday) at the association's annual meeting at 7:30 pm in the Richmond Hill Arena banquet room.

Association President Bill McVean told "The Liberal" that the 1974 operation loss as well as one recorded in 1972 "reflects normal operations for the arena. Cash funds to cover operating loss and cash required for reduction of debt and capital improvements are provided mainly from the non-cash assessment of depreciation expense."

The 1974 \$30,000 operating loss presents a dramatic but logical change from 1973 when a profit of \$37,753.95 was realized.

McVean said operating profit in 1973 was "due entirely to timing of revenue and expense. Revenue was realized from new facilities, whereas capital costs and related expense of debentures and depreciation were not completed during the fiscal period."

This especially applied to the operations of the new Bond Lake Arena at Oak Ridges which saw its operating for six months but no debentures paid on it until 1974.

Mr. McVean pointed out that "in 1974, increased costs for debenture interest, depreciation and labor rates were mainly offset by increased revenue."

Ice Rentals
He pointed out that rate increases for ice rental "have been held to a minimum with most of the added revenue coming from increased use of the facilities."

"Rental rates continue to be set at a competitive rate for outside users. Local organized groups receive a 25 percent to 30 percent discount from the established competitive rates," he said.

Sorry Frank. I just can't take it any more. I'm getting out, out, out, out. Or is it in?

Chanced to find my way into the Aurora Community Centre Sunday night and, quite frankly, was startled. Occasion was a Provincial Junior A hockey game between Richmond Hill Rams and the Aurora Tigers.

Startled? Being from Richmond Hill, I'm not used to crowds at hockey games. Particularly Richmond Hill Rams' games. Made me gunshy.

A fellow told me there were some 1,000 spectators, a sea of faces. I don't know whether the crowd affected the players but the game was a wide-open, exciting one (isn't that how they say it?) most of the way. It seemed only fitting that it should end up tied 5-5.

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Discounts to local organized groups approximated \$28,000 for the season ended April 30, 1973 and \$32,000 for the season ended April 30 this year.

The 1974 operating figures with the 1973 ones in brackets are as follows:

Revenue-Arena profits \$184,979.38 (\$173,988.03); canteen operating profit \$37,106.35 (\$33,845.23); investment income, \$2,288.30 (\$1,970.53) for a total income of \$224,374.03 (\$209,803.79).

Operating expenses totalled \$235,712 including the following main items:

Debenture interest, \$41,836.35 (\$24,629.50); salaries and wages, \$96,031.06 (\$96,031.06); light and power, \$22,888.34 (\$21,509.21); heating fuel, \$4,654.64 (4,037.89); maintenance, buildings, \$9,355.55 (\$12,132.57); maintenance, equipment, \$7,499.24 (\$4,815.95); supplies, \$8,134.83 (\$7,488.45); depreciation on buildings and equipment, \$36,067 (\$20,867).

The arena association comprises 230 members and is a non-profit corporation operating as an independent body. Membership fees are available for \$15. The members elect the executive body which is currently made up of President McVean; Secretary Elgin Barrow; and three directors, Eric Charney, Jack Blyth, and Al Cromb. Two Richmond Hill councillors are also sitting members of the board.

Bond Steel loses by 6-2

Minor Midget "A" Bond Steel travelled to Whitby November 23 and lost an exhibition game 6-2.

Bond Steel goals were by Dave Forester assisted on the first by Chris DeGeer and Ron Abernathy. The second goal was unassisted.

Bond Steel hosted Orillia November 24 and suffered an 8-0 defeat at the hands of the invaders.

It was an exciting game to win and a dull one to lose. If you know what is meant.

The game was Richmond Hill Rams' all the way last night as they chalked up their fifth win in the last seven games via a 7-1 drubbing of lowly Weston. Enroute the Rams outshot the visitors 42-23 and also out-dramatized them courtesy of Rick Febbo. He made more threatening gestures at Weston's Dave

Mather than the average emotional housewife does at her husband when he comes home late for supper.

Febbo's anger came near the end of the somewhat tame game and injected probably the most life into it. He received a two-minute roughing penalty along with Mather initially. But then he insisted on venting his verbal spleen on the latter and finally got a 10-minute misconduct for his efforts.

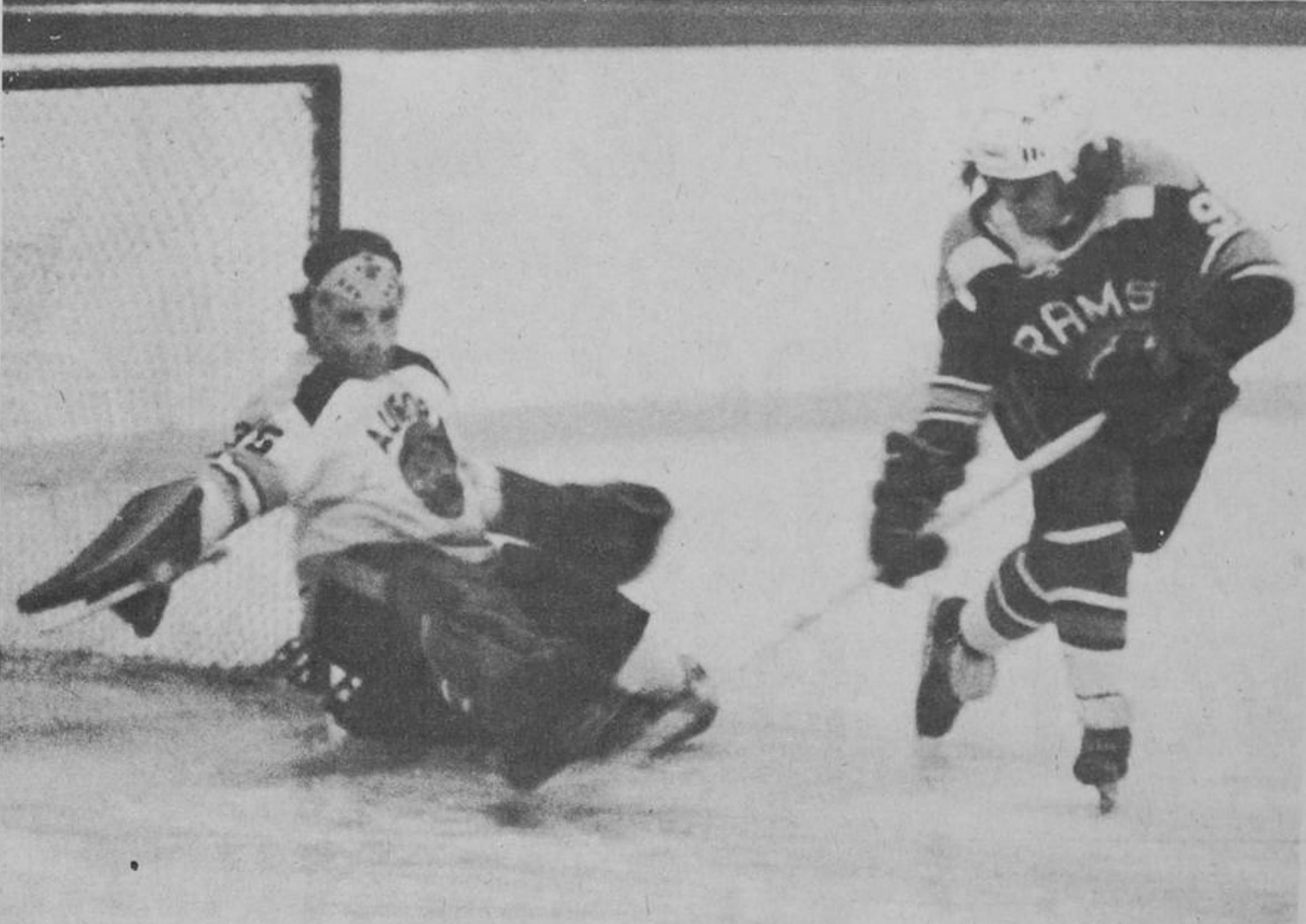
Febbo was last seen heading for the dressing room and inviting Mather to follow him. Mather was inviting Febbo to come back into the penalty box. Back to hockey.

Paltry lead
The Rams took two periods to find the range as indicated by their paltry 1-0 lead at the end of the first 20 minutes despite outshooting Weston 16-5. They could only manage

one more in the second, but got rolling in the third with five goals to the visitor's one.

That one Weston goal by Bruce Anderson came at 12:38 and was a real dampener for Rams' goalie Doug Brumwell who was attempting to pick up his team's initial shutout of the season.

It came off a face-off and was a blazer from the blueline that gave him no chance at all.



Richmond Hill Rams' Dave Stuart executes a neat backhand scoring play here to put his teammates in front by 4-3 in Sunday's game against Aurora Tigers. Attempting to save is the

Tigers' Bob Clement, a Tigers comeback boy, but it's all in vain. But the Rams came back later. Final score, 5-5.

Rams tie Tigers 5-5

It was the type of weekend where the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior 'A' Rams could have easily picked up four points.

They settled for one point out of four and got that one in a wide-open, interesting Sunday 5-5 tie with Aurora Tigers before over 1,000 spectators.

One thousand spectators? Naturally, the game was in Aurora and not Richmond Hill where 500 fans are enough to make the Rams' management giddy with happiness.

Friday night was one of those Richmond Hill Ram contests whereby they outshoot the opposition but lose the game.

This one by 4-1 to Markham Waxers in Markham despite outshooting the opposition by 51-33.

Goalie star
Sunday's game in Aurora was a goalies' battle as well as a shooters' as Doug Brumwell of the Rams and Bob Clement of the Tigers came up with brilliant efforts despite the 10 goals scored. Clement, incidentally, is a Richmond Hill boy and former Ramsman.

Richmond Hill led most of the game with the Tigers in hot pursuit but still had to come from behind to tie it on Keven Street's second goal of the game at the 12 minute mark.

Other Richmond Hill marksmen were newcomer Glen Balfour, Dave Stuart, and Dave "Digger" Dunkley. For the Tigers it was Brian Marrett scoring twice with singles going to Greg Hotham, George Berger, and Terry Macmillan.

Led 2-1
The Rams led 2-1 at the end of the first on goals by Balfour and Dunkley. Dunkley's came at the 19:17 mark and was started by Defenceman Jack Guest who broke in alone and blasted the puck wide. It bounced around for awhile, came out to Jim Roffey and he fired to Dunkley in front of Clement and he wheeled around to backhand a dribbler into the twines.

Both teams exchanged goals in the second with the Rams' Keven Street putting

his team in front 3-1 at 13:22 on a breakaway as he blocked the puck at the Aurora blueline and was homefree rifling the puck high into the net. Time was 13:22.

The Tigers' Marrett got that one back at 15:01 and came out flying in the third to tie the game at 2:52 on Berger's goal.

Stuart put Rams in front again on a backhand at 5:02 but it was tied at 4-4 as the Richmond Hill team

relaxed its checking and Marrett scored at 10:11 on a pass-out from behind the Richmond Hill net.

Street then scored his 19th goal of the season at the 12 minute mark to tie it assisted by Dunkley and Roffey.

Stuart almost won it for Richmond Hill with less than two minutes left when he charged in alone only to fire the puck wide of an unprotected Clement.

Outshoot Aurora 47-44
Richmond Hill outshot Aurora 47 to 44.

Friday's loss in Markham saw the Rams failing to take advantage of their territorial advantage with Goalie Jim Baxter thwarting them with some brilliant saves. Richmond Hill also helped him with some erratic blasts and others that were directed right at him.

Baxter covered his angles well and as a result some of the best Rams' opportunities missed the net. The game was a rugged affair and appeared to get out of hand in the third as Referee Ed Leeds let

everything go in the early part of the game leading to player frustration in the latter stages.

Kevin Street scored Richmond Hill's only goal at 16:00 of the first from Dave Stuart. For Markham it was Kip Churchill, Jim Gibson, Mike Cote, and Bruce Randle.

The Rams play Seneca Flyers at Seneca Monday night and are at home Tuesday to Markham.

The come-from-behind win was accomplished with a solid team effort. Goals were scored by Ray Roberts from Steve Bowers; Greg MacMillan unassisted after Stroud had tied the score in the first period.

The second period saw Stroud go ahead 3-2 but Richmond Hill came back to take the lead with tallies off the sticks of McLaughlin from MacMillan; and a beautiful unassisted goal by Mark Gosman in the penalty-plagued third.

MacMillan scored the winner McLaughlin and Steve Bowers ended the night for Stroud as he got one on a solo effort to wrap up the win for our local boys.

Over confidence was the team's downfall Friday night as Thornhill drubbed Richmond Hill 8-3 in an exhibition game at Thornhill. Goals were scored by Mark Gosman with two and "Lefty" Madden with one.

Keswick came to town Saturday night and went home 8-5 winners as the Royal Bank turned on too little, too late. Keswick had a 7-1 lead going into the third only to have Richmond Hill wake up to put four goals in the space of four minutes but time ran out.

Keswick scored its eighth goal into an empty net as Coach Ross DeGeer pulled Goalie Sewchuk in an effort to tie the score.

Richmond Hill goals were scored by Madden, Roberts, Scott, Taylor, McGregor and Gosman.

The Bankers play Oak Ridges at home Saturday night.

Having his most productive game of the season was Rams' Defenceman Bennie Pedersen who fired home two goals. The rest were equally divided between Febbo, Scott Mabley, Larry Kimble, Jimmy Clement and newcomer Glen Balfour.

Opening goal
Balfour, fresh from North York Rangers, opened the scoring for the Rams at 15:41 of a lack-lustre first period which saw Richmond Hill dominate play while unable to take advantage of their opportunities.

It didn't seem to matter though. The Weston team played as though they had first place wrapped up with 40 games to go.

Rams get hot
The Rams broke the game wide open when they were leading 2-0 and only seven seconds into the third period.

Richmond Hill's big defenceman Mabley took a pass from Kevin Street from the opening face-off, lumbered over the blueline, and rifled it home.

Weston started to die after that one and really bit the dust on Pedersen's first goal at 1:13. The Rams' defenceman blasted one wide on his first shot. But the puck courteously rebounded off the back boards out in front of the Weston net and he, just as courteously, tapped it home.

Young Street didn't get any goals this time out — he has 19 — but he did pick up an assist to continue to set the pace.

Richmond Hill Coach Karl Brimblecombe is happy with another win but notes "the league this year is such that you don't move up even when you're winning."

Injuries?
"We're starting to hurt but we're basically still okay. A win makes an injury easier to bear."

Bowmen, gals have shoot-out

York Pioneer Bowmen held their third annual trophy shoot at Thornlea Secondary School Saturday night with a record 81 archers turning out in the packed gym.

With archers coming from as far as North Bay the standard of competition was high.

Host York Pioneer Bowmen had 15 members shooting and the University of Toronto sent a strong contingent.

Shooting at an 18 inch diameter target from 20 yards the maximum possible score was 600.

Top score

Top score of the night was shot by Bill Fordham from Galt Bowmen who won the professional division with a score of 561 while the top amateur was Harold Grieger of Toronto Anglers and Hunters who shot a 539.

Jack Chapman of York Pioneer shot a 549 to win the recently formed amateur unlimited division which allows the archer to use any type of equipment from telescopic sites to "compound" bows which use a system of cams and pulleys to increase their efficiency.

Top junior also came from the local club. He was John Gieruszczak from Don Mills with a score of 284.

In the bare bow hunters class William Jackson, who lives in Ancaster and shoots with the Hamilton club, scored 447 to take first place.



Helen Alston: She got her man

She's no Robin Hood but she's sharp-shooting Helen Alston of the University of Toronto Archery Club. An instructor at the club, Helen is shown shooting free-style at the third annual trophy shoot of the York Pioneer Bowmen held Saturday at Thornlea Secondary School.

Hill double A Peeeweewees winners three big ones

The Richmond Hill Double A Peeeweewees handled Barrie 4-1 Saturday at Richmond Hill despite a flying start which saw Barrie scoring in the first 10 seconds.

Richmond Hill tied the score just two minutes later as Dave Allen put Danny Henderson in the control play after the go-ahead goal by Doug Jones and yet another one by the same Mr. Jones. Assists went to Henderson and Allen. Allen got the final goal assisted by Jamie Tuck, and Joe Thurston.

Sunday's game saw the Lions upend Etobicoke 4-1 scoring three goals in the first period and then content to play defensive hockey the remainder of the game with Goalie Eddy McCleave turning aside any Etobicoke attempts to get back in the game. Goalscorers were Henderson with two, Allen and Delfabro with one each. Assists went to Main, Halliday, Tuck, Jones and Allen.

A November 20 game saw the Lions skating to a narrow 2-1 win over Orillia in a hard-skating, close-checking game.

Richmond Hill's Goalie Dave Jordan stopped 17 of the 18 shots directed at them, nine in the first period.

The Lions led 1-0 at the end of the first on a solo effort by Greg Halliday. The second period saw Ken Main sending Danny Henderson in all alone on a perfect pass to make it 2-0.

Orillia finally scored in the third on a power play with the Lions two men short.

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Bone Fence wins

A hard hitting contest saw Richmond Hill Bone Fencing Atom A's edging by Aurora 2-1. Richmond Hill scored twice in the first period with Mark Joslin and Ken Jensen pulling the trigger. Assists to Mark Stevens and James Kennedy.

It was Richmond Hill's turn to lose by 7-0 to Barrie but the game was closer than the score would indicate. Richmond Hill controlled play in the final period but couldn't put the puck in the net. All the boys deserve credit for playing a good, hard checking game. As the season progresses the Barrie club will have its hands full when they play Richmond Hill.

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PROVINCIAL JUNIOR A				
	G	W	L	T
Seneca	19	11	5	3
Whitby	19	11	6	2
North Bay	21	10	8	1
North York	21	10	8	1
Aurora	18	9	5	4
Westford	18	9	6	3
Markham	18	7	5	6
Tor. Nats	18	6	6	2
Richmond Hill	18	7	9	2
Dixie	17	5	6	6
Royal York	20	4	14	2
Weston	19	1	14	4

METRO JUNIOR B				
	G	W	L	T
Bramalea	16	13	2	1
Westford	15	10	4	1
St. Michael's	19	9	10	0
Red Wings	16	7	5	4
North York	16	5	9	2
Etobicoke	15	4	9	2
Nationalis	16	3	12	1

EASTERN DIVISION				
	G	W	L	T
Pickering	16	12	3	1
Markham	18	9	5	2
Kingston	15	8	5	2
Peterborough	15	7	6	2
Bellefleur	16	6	9	1
Whitby	15	3	8	4
Oshawa	16	2	11	3

Richmond Hill Athletic Club's Jane Toporowski holds town citation she received for winning a provincial award in javelin at council's annual awards night Thursday night.



Jane's a javelin thrower