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### Hockey chit chat

I don't know about you but I spent Christmas and New Years at the Richmond Hill Arena. Nothing wrong with that. It kept me off the road. Besides, we can't all be romantics.

Don't forget. I got to meet a lot of sweet little children. There they were. The latest students of the gentle art of Kung Fu. Kicking down walls, punching out adults, and running around destroying one another. Don't take me seriously.

Enjoyed myself at the fourth annual Richmond Hill Lions Rosetown Peeewe hockey tournament, despite the fact no local teams won the grand championship or even the consolation. Winning isn't everything, it's nothing.

#### Pass the mustard

Speaking of winning. I did some kid dirt as he muscled his way past me. Got my arm in front of his hot dog. Took the mustard right off it. Boy, was he mad. I thought he was going to give me a judo chop. He looked disdainfully in my direction, decided I wasn't worth it, and went back to the counter for some more mustard. Some of these 12-year-olds are tough.

Yes, I'm sorry the Richmond Hill Lions didn't do better. Sorry they got walloped by Thunder Bay who eventually won it all. But certainly not devastated. The kids had a ball and emerged none the worse for their horrific experience. Some of the adults probably suffered more than the kids.

#### Sour note

I thought there was one slightly sour note on the whole weekend proceedings. Kind of saddened me for some strange reason.

I'm referring to the actions of some of the players of the Amherst team that were defeated by Thornhill 8-0 in the semi-finals.

In case you don't know, Thornhill went on from this game to lose by 4-1 to Thunder Bay in the grand championship game.

It probably wasn't all that tragic but I do get uncomfortable when 12-year-olds throw temper tantrums over losing a hockey game.

#### Hey, now

This particular incident saw Amherst's goalie whacking his stick against the goal post, throwing his gloves, chasing the referee (old enough to be his father), and in general acting like a demented adult.

I'm not blaming the kid. Not blaming anyone, really. Just wondering how his coach must have felt, how I would have felt in his place, wondered how his parents would have or did feel?

As for me, I think if I were a coach I would have felt pretty bad about it. Pretty awful if I was the parent. Good heavens, a 12-year-old kid chasing a man? Even a referee? No, no.

Time for discipline before it's too late, if it isn't too late.

Anyhow, just a thought.

#### Wonder of it all

I stayed around for the Richmond Hill Alliance Juveniles-Swedish exhibition game Sunday night of last week and it was an interesting contest despite the fact our local boys won rather handily by 8-2.

I was bemused by the presence of 1,500 fans which is tantamount to sensational for attendance at one local hockey game. The Alliance Juveniles, who usually play to the mice in the arena, must have thought they were in the wrong place.

I'm amazed at the magical drawing power of all and any European teams. You could bring in a polar bear club from Murmansk and people would automatically line up. Yet, they just won't go see local clubs play. Often the hockey is much superior.

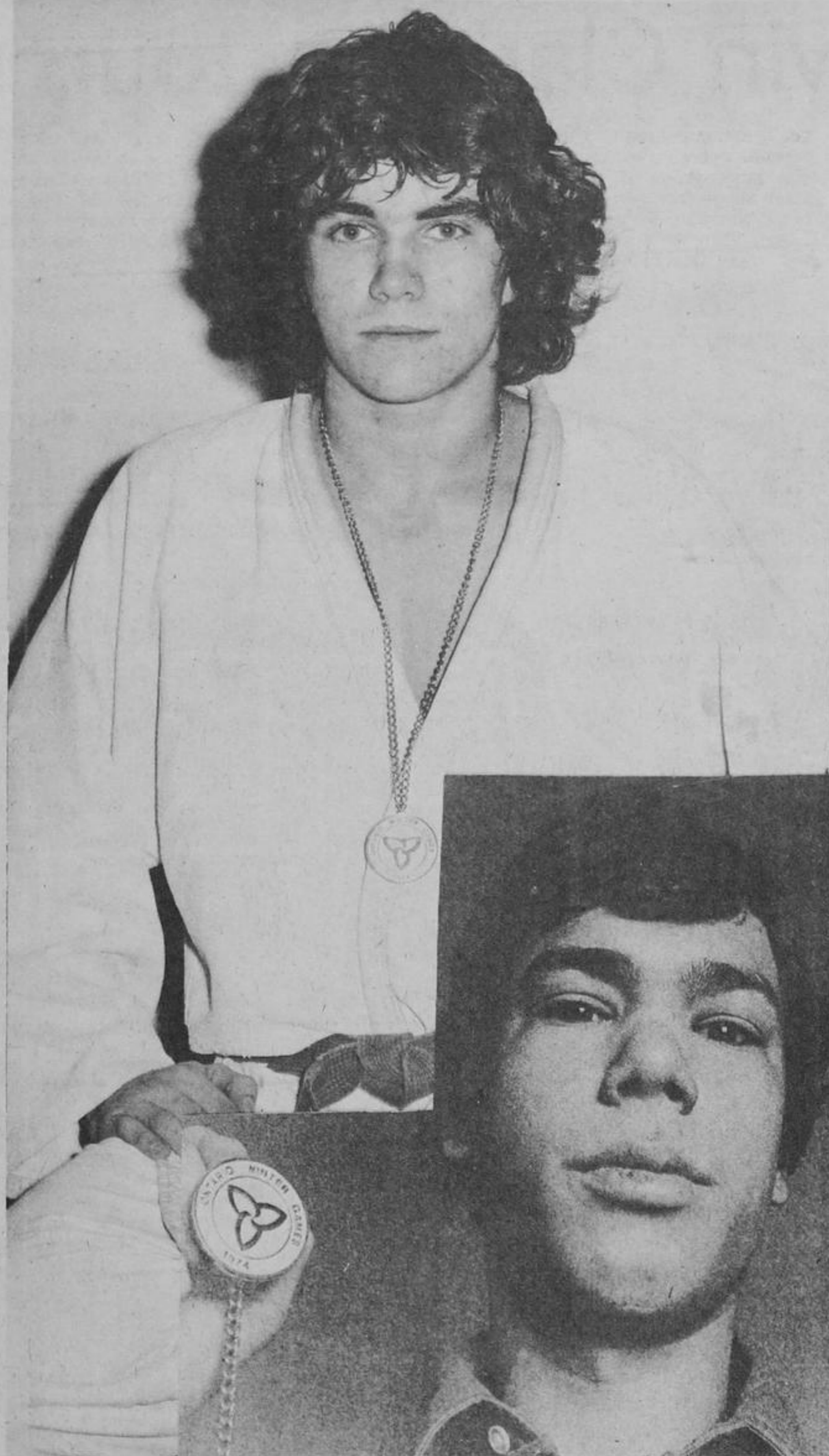
Not that I'm taking anything away from this game. It had its moments and the Swedes did show some good speed and find passing. Pass? They're pass crazy. If they made that many passes in real life they'd spend most of their time behind bars, or something?

On one rush, a Swedish line passed itself right out onto the parking lot next to the arena. Some attendant had left a side door open and they headed right for it.

Oh, well. Lots of fun.

So much for the holidays. Time to get back to normal. As someone said to me as I walked into the office door after the holidays. "I heard you survived, now I know you didn't." Thought that was a rather cutting remark.

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### Win judo medals winter games

John Hobbs, a 17-year-old Bayview High School student, was a gold medalist in the under 143 pound judo class at the Ontario Winter Games recently. A five year member of the Richmond Hill Judo Club, he will compete at the Canada Winter Games February 10-23 in Lethbridge, Alberta. A bronze medal went to Joe Toule, 17, a Thornhill Secondary School student and a member of the Budokai Judo Club. Gerald Larabie and Steven Penyige, of the same club, placed fourth.

## Alliance Juves bomb visitors from Sweden

"We didn't know what to expect so we just went out and played our own game which is skate, check and shoot. It worked."

The words are from Richmond Hill Alliance Sports Juveniles' Coach Len Campbell in a post-game assessment of his team's smashing 8-2 win over a plucky but outclassed Umea team from Sweden December 29 before 1500 spectators at the local arena.

Richmond Hill had little trouble with the Swedes after a 2-2 first period as they skated the visitors into the ice while building a 7-2 lead. They outshot Umea 37-25 on the game and 12-5 in that decisive middle session.

"I must say I was disappointed that they didn't give us a bigger run," continued Coach Campbell. "We came out skating, passing and bumping a bit which is our usual game and grabbed an early 2-0 lead. Then we relaxed a little and they came back to tie us. Then we started all over again in the second."

Coach Campbell stated that "we expected a wide passing game from them and we got it. But I was surprised at their seeming inability to get rid of the puck at the right time when they were in on our net."

**Poor shooters**  
"My goaltender Gerry Tipold said he didn't have a real hard shot to handle all night. They didn't shoot very often and when they did they didn't shoot really very well."

Campbell thought perhaps the fact the Swedes used unusually short sticks might have been the reason their shooting lacked authority. "They didn't get too much leverage with the short sticks," he commented. "They seem to think they have more mobility with the shorter weapons."

It was an interesting game for the packed house despite the score as the visitors displayed flashes of ability, speed, and a lot of grit.

One incident marred proceedings midway through the opening period when Umea's goalie Bertil Ogren had to be taken to the hospital after receiving a badly gashed glove-hand finger in a scramble around his net. He received six stitches.

Sweden rallied on goals by Ulf Zackerud at 14:18 and Ulf Berggren. It was obvious from that point on that the absence of regular goalie Ogren (he was replaced by Anders Forsberg following his injury) hurt his team. Ogren had made several spectacular stops to foil the Alliance boys prior to his departure.

Sweden walked into a penalty near the 10 minute mark and that started its downfall as Tony Robinson whistled home a slap shot from just inside the blueline. Time was 10:40. Bob McCullough received an assist on the play.

It was 4-2 at 10:47 as McCullough passed out quickly from the Swedish corner and Hopson swooped in to backhand in his third goal of the night.

They're off  
Then it was a question of how many after that. Rick Sackfield was all alone to casually flip in a rebound at 11:24 from Tom

Lamb and Dave Berseth; it was Sackfield again at 16:40 from a face-off while the Swedes were shorthanded again; and then it was Mike Wood and Jeff Miller at 18:33.

MacPhee scored the final goal at 19:34 as he came out from behind the net and pushed the puck home. Tom Lamb assisted.

In between period entertainment was provided by figure skating Donald Fraser of Richmond Hill and Candy Jones who were 1974 Silver medalists.

That win brought the Juveniles streak to 23 wins, one tie, and no losses in regular league play. They dropped two earlier exhibition games to Markham and Oak Ridges but later avenged both those defeats.

**Markham Waxer has jugular cut**  
The condition of 18-year-old Markham Waxer player Kim Crouch was reported as "continuing stable" after the goalie suffered a severed jugular vein during a Provincial Junior "A" game against Royal York Sunday.

Crouch came out of his net during the second period to stop a shot by a Royal York Royals player. He made the save, but the other player skated into him cutting his neck with a skate.

He was taken from Chesswood Arena to Branson Hospital.

The new ice which forms in early winter can be deceptively thin and is weaker toward the centre. Red Cross reminds parents of young children to warn them of the dangers of neighbourhood ponds, lakes or streams.

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Rowley, and Ben Pedersen. Whitby's goals were scored by Bruce Newton, Larry Wagner, Tom McLeish, Menichan, Rich Evans.

The score was 6-2 going into the final period when Whitby's McLeish scored on a quick slap shot after intercepting a pass. Time was 3:53.

It looked like the Rams might be faltering at this point but it was a goal at 6:07 by Rowley that put the game away.

Making it all possible was Richmond Hill Juveniles' Tony Robinson who was brought up for the game. Robinson, who picked up three assists, carried the puck over the blueline and passed to Rowley as he fell to

his knees. Rowley carried in alone, gave the famous deke to the goalie, and slipped the puck home.

The game was a rugged contest but there was never any real outbreak as the players took their lumps and kept going.

The Rams lost starry winger Dave Stuart when he was thrown out of the game for spearing. Ken Clarke of Whitby received two minutes for slashing on the same play.

Goalie Doug Brumwell played well in the nets for the Rams but received ample protection most of the time from his firedup mates.

He was lucky on one occasion when Newton poked the puck away from a Rams' player at the blueline and flew in alone on a breakaway only to blast the puck wide of the net seconds before the buzzer went in the second period.

Coach Karl Brimblecombe came up with a new face in the line-up on defence which was really an old one. Namely, Al Potts. Potts was with the Rams a few seasons ago and has played his recent hockey with the University of Toronto.

Still out with an injury and expected to be out indefinitely is Rick Febbo who received cracked injuries in a motor vehicle accident a few days ago. Febbo is one of the top scorers with the Rams and his loss is a big one.

**Rams in trouble - losers 3 of 4**

That rosy cloud the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior "A" Rams were riding a few days ago has gotten a little dark around the edges.

The injury-wrecked Rams are winless in their last four games and have managed only a point in that span of time.

Sunday night the Rams bowed by 5-3 to a much-improved Dixie Beehives team after struggling to tie cellar-dwelling Royal York Saturday night. This tie followed on the heels of a 7-5 loss to Whitby in a December 29 game.

The encounter with Dixie was a fairly even game territory wise as the shots would indicate. The Rams fired 36, Dixie 34.

Dixie had the edge in the first period when the Rams played very loosely in their own end allowing the enemy forwards plenty of freedom to take pot shots at goaltender Brian Stankiewicz. It also turned out to be the period they won the game as they outscored Richmond Hill three goals to one.

The Royal York game saw the Rams leading by 3-2 until 16:59 of the last period when a former Ram, Ernie Takeuchi, tied the game.

Royal York had taken a 1-0 lead in the first on a goal by Cal Herd. Richmond Hill tied the game on Dave Stuart's goal at 8:36 of the second from Street. Royal York moved in front on Wayne Spinney's goal but Street tied it from Stuart at 19:59.

Then came the third as Dunkley put Richmond Hill in front at 1:58 from Jim Clement followed by the tying goal. Richmond Hill outshot Royal York 43-40.

The Whitby game saw Richmond Hill go down courtesy of two goal performances by Don Nicholson and Tom Brown.

**Peewee Lions winners of Silver Stick**

Richmond Hill Lion Peewees won the zone Silver Stick Tournament in Owen Sound last weekend and the right to represent this zone in Port Huron the weekend of January 29 to February 2.

On the first day in Owen Sound they defeated Barrie 4-1 and Newmarket 6-1 to meet Owen Sound Sunday in the finals.

Regulation time in the final game ended with the score tied 2-2 and the game

**Scotia Bank 'B' dump Unionville**

The Richmond Hill Scotia Bank Minor Peewee B's edged Unionville 4-3 last week in hockey action.

Scotia scorers were: Doug Walton from Mike Smith; John Paul Farrell unassisted; Peter Mills from Adam Cox and James Gwillam; Paul Ohlis from J. P. Farrell and Cleve Jones.

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## Dump Thornhill

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Coach Gary Smith tried to rally his team by removing Goalie Dave Jordon on four occasions after his team fell behind 5-0 and couldn't get anything working for it.

It worked on the first occasion as Dave Allen carried down ice and scored unassisted. Not so the rest of the times as Thunder Bay scored their final four goals into the yawning void.

"They just came out flat," said Coach Gary Smith. "When they're that way you

try everything to bring them out of it. It didn't work against Thunder Bay. They're a fine hockey club.

Terry Goodman scored Richmond Hill's second goal while Goalie Jordon was still out. Assist went to Maurice Del Fabbro.

Final comment as to success of tournament came from Thunder Bay Coach Max Mikelah: "We haven't been coming 2,000 miles for the last four years because it's a bad one. It's great."

**Minor Bantam lose to Stroud**  
The Richmond Hill Victoria and Grey Minor Bantam B's were outskated and outscored 5-1 by Stroud Saturday.

Tom Bly led the winners with two goals and two assists. Clendinning scored Richmond Hill's lone goal on a fine effort from Zurich. This game featured heavy hitting and chippy play on both sides.

at Schomberg December 29 as they dropped a 2-0 game to that team who came out skating fast and checking doggedly.

Better news the next night as Victoria shut out the Bolton opposition 2-0 with a solid defensive effort. The Richmond Hill scoring was handled by Vennard and Zurich. The defence, consisting of O'Sullivan, Graham, Strain, Lynden and Vennard.

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