



Fred Simpson

### Shades of Thoreau who?

I know that out there in that big world there are a lot of you people who can hardly wait to reach the time of your life when you retire and go build yourself a log cabin in the woods. Get away from it all.

Wouldn't mind it myself. In the meanwhile I'll get ready for that day by continuing to take lessons on how to replace washers in leaky kitchen taps. You have to start small you know.

What brought all this drivel up? That's what a couple of well-known former Richmond Hill Rams' hockey playing brothers, twin brothers yet, have done recently by the name of Bill and Dick Weber of 31 Wright Street.

That's right. Both are currently in their third season with the Cornell University hockey team and are doing just swell thank you.

But the thing that got me was their decision to build a log cabin in the woods just outside Ithaca, New York, about five miles from the campus. According to my information it was brother Bill (or was it Dick) who decided to build the cabin.

It all began with the boys becoming acquainted with the owner of a farm containing a great tract of woods. Presto. Bill has always been the builder-type while Dick prefers the artistic side of life such as music and thumping the opposition on the ice-lanes.

Grab the Axes The owner went along with the idea, the boys grabbed some axes, hewed down some trees and started to work. What resulted is what you would see right now in those woods in Ithaca.

That's a 600-foot split-level log cabin replete with authentic fireplace and a sleeping loft which, of course, you reach by a rickety old ladder. Man, that's living.



Bill Weber as a Ram



Dick Weber as a Ram

Don't worry The boys had something of a fire prevention problem because their "palace" was located right in the middle of the woods. This was solved at Christmas time when their team mates and friends presented them with fire extinguishers as presents. Now they've got enough to put out a major fire in Ithaca and still have an extinguisher left over for the cabin.

Both Bill and Dick were one of the more popular members of the old Richmond Hill Rams some four seasons ago when they played along with such fellows as Daryl Rice, John Barnett (now of Colgate) and Wayne Stokes who is still a team mate of theirs at Cornell. They're taking an administration course in hotel management at Cornell and are playing their hockey careers strictly by ear. The boys and their Cornell team mates will be at Varsity Stadium for an exhibition hockey game with the U of T January 22.

What a race Speaking of the Rams: Now isn't that a something of a flap-doodle playoff race going on in the Provincial Junior "A" hockey League?

The Rams accomplished all kinds of goodies for themselves by winning two games on the weekend against Markham Waxers and Aurora Tigers to tie for second spot with Whitby.

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# Rams 'sleepwalk' 2-2 tie

By Fred Simpson The Richmond Hill Rams were scoring goals in their sleep last night, two of them. And it was good enough to tie an equally sleepy Dixie Beehive team 2-2 in a Provincial Junior 'A' game at the local arena.

It was just one of those types of contests where the Rams never really got untracked. But still could have been last-second winners when Steve Morrison's blazer from just inside the Dixie blue line missed the top corner by an inch, or maybe two.

Richmond Hill didn't get really going until the dying seconds of the middle period, even though at one point in the early going they led 2-0.

Paul Richard roamed in from the blue line. He laced him a zizzer that caught the net just off the post.

and the score remained at 2-2 going into the third. The Rams outshot Dixie 11-7 this time out.

subsequent sliding shot kissed itself off the far post with Stankiewicz cleanly beaten.

Charlie Conacher Cancer Foundation gets the rest. Aurora Tiger Goaltender Peter Heintzman was top votegetter in balloting for positions on the two all star teams as chosen by coaches and managers of the OHA Junior 'A' league.



(Photo by Wynne)

This is the way the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior 'A' Rams were doing it on the weekend as Mike Rowley fires home his club's second goal Friday night enroute to a 6-3 win over Markham Waxers at Markham. The puck (circled) is shown catching the net just inside the post behind Markham's Jim Baxter.

## Alliance Juvies lose first game

In losing their first game of the season January 6 the entire Alliance Sports Juvenile club came up with a poor defensive effort. Also adding to their woes was a new addition to the Thornhill club, Dave Courtemanche, who skated through the entire Hill team several times, scored three goals, set up three and was seldom off the ice.

second period with three goals in a row, all scored when the Hill had a man advantage. Before the second period ended Alliance got two back as Jeff Miller connected on a long shot and Rick Sackfield lifted one home from Arnold Vanderweyde.

assisted by Scott Davey and Mike Wood. Before the close of the first period, Tom Lamb put Alliance Sport in front by two on a neat passing play from Berseth and MacPhee.

## Name 32 teams Midget tourney

Working sessions are already underway in preparation for the eighth annual Richmond Hill International Midget Hockey Tournament which will see 32 teams competing.

Michigan; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Kentville, Nova Scotia; Hull, Quebec; Chateauguay, Quebec; Levack, Sudbury, Hamilton, Oshawa, Ottawa, Sarnia, Niagara Falls, Kitchener, London, Burlington, Cornwall, Etobicoke, Guelph, St. Catharines, Georgetown, Barrie, Dixie, Peterboro, Mississauga, Oakville, Whitby, Toronto Butterbeeps, Newmarket, Thornhill, Richmond Hill.

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## Hill Rams bounce back with key wins over Markham, Aurora

When Richmond Hill Rams hockey coach Karl Brimblecombe went to bed Sunday night he had every reason to be deliriously happy.

Richmond Hill got something of a break five minutes into the second when Dave "Digger" Dunkley took a pass from Kevin Street and his subsequent high bloop shot from near centre eluded Goalie Peter Heintzman.

tremendous hockey since being elevated to replace the injured Rick Febbo. Aurora bounced into a 3-2 lead at 1:01 of the third on Dave Poole's tally but Richmond Hill's Jim Graham tied it at 3:09 from Jim Roffey and Kevin Street.

Friday's game at Markham saw Richmond Hill managing to keep the game under control most of the way but having some anxious moments during a five minute span in the third.

But that's the way it is in the topsy turvy league this season which sees only four games separating ninth place Dixie Beehives from second place Richmond Hill and Whitby. And those two are only five points from front-running Seneca Flyers.

And this is the reception you get when you do score an important goal in an important game. Naturally, it's Richmond Hill Rams' Mike Rowley being surrounded (left to right) by teammates Jim Clement, Bennie Pedersen and Scott Mabley for getting that goal in Friday's Markham game, one of two.

Following Ron Wilson's goal for the Waxers which narrowed the margin to 4-3, Markham came on strong and peppered Doug Brumwell with a number of shots but the Ram goaltender, who played brilliantly throughout, held his ground until Mike Rowley restored the Rams' two goal margin at 9:09 with the second of his two goals of the game. Assists went to Robinson.

The relief was very brief however as 11 seconds later the Rams ran into a pair of simultaneous minor penalties which caused them to play two men short for two minutes.

## 'Old Nemesis' Barrie outscores Legion 4-2

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and a goodly number of supporters journeyed to Eastview Arena in Barrie January 8 and came away in a very disgruntled mood after winning on the ice by their play but losing where it counts — on the scoreboard — by a 4-2 score.

minutes of penalties to Richmond Hill in the 15 minute period. One occasion two Legion players had a clear two on none breakaway when the play was whistled down because a Barrie player "took a dive" in the Legion end zone, and feigned injury. He recovered quickly enough to take the faceoff and resume play.

At the seven minute mark Barrie got the big fourth score. To ensure the victory and with the Legion coming on really strong the Hillers were assessed 14 minutes in penalties in the last seven minutes of play. They found it pretty hard to battle such odds, but it was a downright shame to have an excellent game spoiled by the asinine calls of the referees in the last 20 minutes of play.

Hill badminton lose by 18-6 The Richmond Hill Badminton Club lost its second home game of the season by 18-6 to a very strong A. Y. Jackson team in the Toronto Interchurch Badminton League last week.

At 4:08 of the second Mike Gallagher scored for the Legion on a pass from Danny Jones. Barrie tied it at the eight minute mark. At 8:14 Randy Martin went down in front of the Legion net after receiving a stick in the face. He came out of it with an elbowing penalty — nothing to Barrie. Sixteen seconds later Barrie got the go-ahead goal. At 11:57 Mike Ham tied the game on a nice setup by Gallagher and Robbie Dynes. With 1:33 remaining in the period and Martin in the sin bin, Barrie players advised the referee they had scored — he didn't see the play as he was busy picking up his whistle in the corner. Mike Doyle in the Legion net still maintains no goal was scored, but after the referee checked around with the Barrie players he decided to award the goal.

Pillrollers defeat Barrie Richmond Hill Lazenby Pill Rollers came home Sunday with their third win away against Orillia. Scott White led the attack with two goals assisted by Roy Hayward on one and Stephan Quigg on the other. Eric Mabley scored the first goal unassisted and set up the second goal scored by Derrick Baker with help from Ronnie Grimmer.

Some "heavy" deciding here Sunday as members of the Tournaments Incorporated executive pick the 32 teams who will be competing in the eighth annual tournament starting March 24. Clock-wise are: Harold Barnett, Rene Fournier, Bob Reeves, Walt Donkin, Erick Chapman, Rita Hopson, Stan Thornton, Russ Andrews, Doug Hopson, Marha Amos (President), Jack Sanders, John Clephan, Don Bromley, Harold O'Rourke, George Wood, Sterling Reid, Ken Addley, Paul Ducharme, Al Webster.

Richmond Hill plays Deer Park Friday night.



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