

York Region Police fight, play hockey

Gallup poll

According to a recently published Gallup Poll, 77 percent of Canadians approve "the growing tendency of governments to protect people from themselves through such things as the use of seat belts, compulsory warning signals on cars, life jackets and other things of that nature". Of those polled in Ontario, 72 percent voiced approval. Government claims to the contrary, the Ontario Safety League is encouraged by the poll and concludes that Queen's Park decisions on such matters as safety belt usage must have been governed by a loud vocal minority.



Hey, it's a fight. Call the police. No, wait. It's the police fighting. That's the case here in a Southern Ontario Police Hockey League game Thursday of last week between York Regional Police and the

Two goals in the last four minutes to break a scoreless tie and a swinging-from-the-heels fight between two policemen highlighted a hockey game Thursday night of last week. The game was between York Regional Police and OPP District 5 at Bond Lake Arena.

The fight was robust but brief and fairly even but the goals were a different story. York Region got both of them and skated off with a 2-0 victory, their fourth straight of the early Southern Ontario Police Hockey League season.

Their undefeated string started with an opening game 6-0 win over Peel Regional Police, an 8-3 conquest of the same OPP team and a 6-3 verdict over Metro 52 Division.

"That was easily our toughest game of the season to date," commented Regional Coach Mel Vail.

That it was as the OPP squad battled York Regional to a scoreless tie first two periods and 16 minutes into the final one.

That's when things started to happen. In every way including the fight.

The bell tolled

Regional Police's burly defenceman Gord Mason started the bell tolling for the provincial police as he carried up ice, flipped the puck to Earl Hook as he crossed the blueline. Hook then relayed it back to Paul Coghill who drifted a low shot which found the mark behind Goalie Roger Wilson.

Take that, Take this

It was the same Mr. Coghill who indulged in fisticuffs with OPP's Jim Fairfield a few minutes later and the air was full of sound and fury as the two policemen battled it out. A lot of punches were thrown but no one appeared to be damaged on being pried apart.

The York Regional team

put the game on ice with just under two minutes remaining when John Moorhead carried over the blueline and then backhanded a pass to Ron Tweedy who put it away.

The OPP boys gave it a good try in the final few minutes but couldn't get the puck by York Regional Goalie Don Clark.

Except for that one mild flare-up, the game was tranquil most of the way featuring mainly close checking.

"This was one of the more milder games," commented a wounded member of the OPP team who was watching from the sidelines.

Injured thumb

He'd picked up an injured thumb in a previous game courtesy of an opponent's stick being whacked down on it.

The line-up of the York Regional Police consists of Defencemen Ted Horton, Tony Caven, Gord Mason, and forwards Ron Tweedy, Earl Hook, Wes Bonner, Dave Ground, John Moorhead, John Hope, Dino Tsinonis, Paul Coghill and

Goalie Don Clark.

They play all their home games Thursday morning at Bond Lake.

The the OPP: Roger Wilson, Chris Clark, Bob Schnare, Len Hassberger, Carmen Spizziri, Earl Bishop, Chalky White, Norm MacAnnally, Gary Bruder, Denny Summers, Jim Fairfield, Dave McMenemy, Bob Leinster, Dick Wright, Dennis Pearce, Dale Wagar. Manager is Jim Corringham.

OPP District 5. Battlers on the ice are the OPP's Jim Fairfield and Regional's Paul Coghill. There were no damages. Looked pretty real, though.

Don Fraser, Candy Jones skate way to the world's

"It was a surprise all right, a real pleasant one," were the first few words uttered 19-year-old Donald Fraser Monday as he savored what had just happened at the Canadian figure skating championships in Quebec City Saturday.

He and his 19-year-old partner Candy Jones had just achieved a dream by winning the senior pairs competition in an "upset" win over favored Kathy Hutchins and Jamie McGrigor of Cambridge who were last year's runners-up behind Sandra and Val Bezic. The Bezics received an automatic berth on the Canadian team due to being unable to compete because of injuries.

Big Day
It was a big day all around for area skaters as Marie-Ellen and Bernard Souche of Thornhill won the junior competitions; and Keith Swindlehurst of Richmond Hill and Judie Jeffcott of Scarborough the victory in the dancing competition.

Fraser, of 380 Bent Crescent, Richmond Hill, and partner Candy literally "put it all together" Saturday.

"You could just say it was a really good day for us," said Fraser. "It was close after the compulsory event, really close. We knew we had to skate a perfect following program if we were going to have a chance to beat Kathy and Jamie."

"We did skate a perfect one but so did they." **Astonished**
Both Donald and Candy were astonished when their coach, Louis Stong, now of Toronto but formerly of Richmond Hill, told them they had won on the basis of unofficial votes. He was right. They had.

In the pairs competition, Fraser stunned the crowd of close to 5,000, with a one-hand, overhead lift of Jones, Fraser, who is 5'6" and 145 pounds, had engaged in a strenuous weight program to enable him to raise his 97-pound partner above his head with ease.

His opponent, McGrigor, conceded that Fraser "is naturally strong."

For Donald and Candy it was the culmination of a drive to get there this time around after finishing in third last year.

"We wanted to make that team in the worst way," said Donald. "I just hope Bezic can maintain his fifth place standing in the world so the three of us will qualify for the Olympics in 1976. We want to be in that one."

World Championships
The world championships will be held in Denver this year and Donald and Candy head for there to "get acclimatized" starting next Sunday.

They'll be there 32 days. Donald and Candy have been skating together for about a year.

One final comment from Donald: "Experience certainly helped us. Also it's a fact that you have to be seen a lot by the judges. Then they remember you. That helps a lot."



Candy Jones, Donald Fraser win senior pairs Quebec

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