



Fred Simpson

By the old Mill Pond

I don't know how significant this is but Lynton H. Friedberg may be the only recreation superintendent who has a whole house for an office. At least temporarily, anyway. This impresses me because I don't even have one to live in.

Lynton is the Superintendent of Recreation for the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Department and his office actually takes up one room (I forget whether its the kitchen or bedroom) of a spectacularly empty house down by the old Mill Pond. Empty with the exception of two or three desks and some echoes.

In fact, Lynton is interesting for other reasons including the fact he started out talking to machines instead of people. He was a computer programmer in Montreal back in the early '60's.

"The money was good but it got to be boring and, in the meanwhile I had always been interested in recreation."



Lynton H. Friedberg

So Lynton decided to "get involved" with people via recreation and a stint at the University of Guelph in that type of course.

"I've always been interested in athletics," he said, "so it was only natural that I drifted into such things as basketball, volleyball, softball, and such, although I was never a great athlete."

This naturally took him to Sault Ste. Marie and a position with the recreation department there in the late 1960's and most recently to Richmond Hill. Presto.

What's his philosophy about recreation?

With a small 'r'

"Recreation is no longer something you do after you're finished work. It used to be spelled with a small 'r'. Now its become a way of life."

Hardly a revolutionary remark but certainly one that is only too true these days when people of all ages throw up their arms in despair when they suddenly discover they have five free moments on their hands without something to do.

Three-day week

States Friedberg. "The time is probably not far away when we'll be down to a three-day work week which means more leisure time. The thing is to provide the means whereby people can make use of that increased leisure time in a constructive way."

Enter the recreation man.

"My purpose in Richmond Hill is to provide the incentive for the people to get out and organize their own recreation activities. Advance their own ideas. Hopefully, our department will be available to offer ideas, expertise, and, to our ability, financial assistance."

"I don't want to run the programs because that defeats our purpose. By letting the people themselves do it you tend to create an atmosphere whereby it becomes a community spirited operation."

Slow pitch

One of Lynton's more-or-less personal "loves" is the game of "slow pitch" softball. He'd like to be the inspiration behind the forming this summer of a league in Richmond Hill.

At this point I should correct a wrong impression I set loose last week by inviting "interested youngsters (maybe adults too?) to get in touch with Lynton at 884-8101 or 889-4928."

The above is all right except for the youngsters part of it. Lynton likes youngsters but he doesn't want anything to do with them re "slow pitch" ball.

"It's the adults from 25 years up," he told me, "that I want to hear from. I don't want to interfere with other organizations such as minor ball."

Finally, if you've got any ideas for things pertaining to recreation and such, give Lynton a call. Or drop in. He'll be down at the house. If you want me, I'll be in my room.

Hurler Pete Landers suspended

Lefty Pete Landers acknowledged by almost everyone as the best softball hurler in Canada, has had more offers this season than the average beauty queen.

The same Landers has also been suspended by the Ontario Fastball League because he apparently accepted a lot of them at one time or another, but changed his mind.

Landers, who tossed for the Toronto Globals last season, dropped a bombshell in OFL circles on his return recently from a tour of New Zealand with the Canadian Champion Oshawa Tony's and announced he had signed an OFL and OASA card with that team.

The confusion gathered momentum when a few days later the OFL executive declared the 6-foot 3-inch chucker's playing rights were held by the Hamilton Waxmen Scrappers and not The Tony's.

He was subsequently suspended for signing an Ontario Amateur Association card with the OFL Oshawa club.

Enter Currie
Where did it all begin?
Explains Toronto Global Manager Greg Currie.

"When Landers decided not to return to us we attempted to get him to settle with some other OFL club to keep him in the league."

"We agreed to let him confer with Newmarket and, at one point, were willing to have him go to Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers in a deal whereby my club would join forces with Dynes. This also fizzled."

Currie stated the next development saw Landers determined to play with the Niagara Falls McRaes who he had signed a Canadian Amateur Softball Association card with in December.

This signing came about without the agreement of The Globals and resulted in Niagara Falls being dropped from the OFL. Continues Currie:

"As a result of his determination to go to Niagara Falls, I had agreed to let the Hamilton Waxers try to deal with him, again, to keep him in the OFL."

"It was my understanding he had committed himself to Hamilton. But when he returned from New Zealand it all blew up. The next thing I knew he had moved back to Oshawa and indicated his intentions to play there this season. That's when the league intervened."

Currie noted that "Landers was a resident of Oshawa when he signed his OASA card which means he is eligible to play in the Ontario and Canadian finals even though he's suspended from the OFL."

Confusing? Yes

Confusing? Naturally. Anyway, Landers has the right of appeal for a league hearing on the matter but, until then, is suspended. Anyone want an ace left-hander?



Pete Landers

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sports

Fraser, Candy face pressure ... at World's

The Canadian Figure Skating Team is now into its fourth week of training in Aspen, Colorado. The team manager is Col. Coughtry of Ottawa and assistant manager is Dr. Suzanne (Morrow) Francis of King City. Dr. Francis is a former world champion and international judge.

Because of the team standings at last year's world championships, Canada was able to send 16 skaters — four men's singles, two ladies' singles, two dance pair and three free skating pair — to skate in the world championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 5 to 8.

The team left February 2, so that they could become accustomed to the high altitude. They looked really sharp in their red and navy team outfits designed by Mrs. Francis Dafoe, a former pairs champion.

Don Fraser, a member of the team, and his partner, Candy Jones, report having no problems in completing

their five minute program in the high altitude. They are enjoying three hours of on ice training and then swimming in an outdoor pool which is kept at 90 degrees. Their instructor, Louis Stong (a former Richmond Hill boy) joined them a week ago and will remain with them until the competition is finished next Saturday.

The lure of the ski hills is certainly a difficult temptation to resist but the team members are not allowed to ski until after their competitions. They will return to Canada Monday evening. Skating from Colorado will be seen on Channel 9 at 10:30 March 5, 6 and 7.

Don would like to thank his friends and neighbors for their cards of congratulations, best wishes and support. He would like to send a special thank you and congratulations to his fellow members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club for bringing home the inter-club trophy.



(Photo by Hoag)

A near miss around Owen Sound Goalie Terry Penner last night as the Richmond Hill Alliance Juveniles swarm to the attack. In the

foreground is Bob McCullough. Richmond Hill went on to win 4-2 and take a three-point lead in the best-of-five series.

Alliance wins by 4-2

A second period goal by John Oakley proved to be more than enough to win last night as the Richmond Hill Alliance Juveniles skated to a 4-2 win over Owen Sound in the second game of their OMHA quarter finals at the local arena.

Oakley's goal came at 5:27 of the second and was the highlight of a Richmond Hill come-from-behind scramble.

Alliance had led 1-0 early in the first only to have the persistent visitors come from behind to take a 2-1 lead.

They tied it at 2-2 on Scott Davey's goal and then moved in front by 3-2 as Oakley coasted in from the blueline and fired a shot

which caught Owen Sound goalie Terry Penner moving the wrong way. Donnie MacPhee assisted on the play.

That was the winner.

Davey chills them
Owen Sound attempted to press the locals in the third and final period but their hopes were chilled with a little over five minutes remaining when Scott Davey took passes from Jeff Switzer and Tony Robinson as he broke over the Owen Sound blueline. His low shot from a wide angle caught the far corner of the net behind Penner.

Shot blocked
Owen Sound's best chance came with less than 53 seconds remaining when Bill

Corbett got loose in front of Goalie Mark Edwards but the latter blocked the shot effortlessly.

The win gave the Alliance Sports team a three points to

nothing lead over the Owen Sounders in their best-of-five series.

Richmond Hill was hurt in the third when winger Richard Hopson received a

match misconduct penalty for butt-ending ... the locals carried the play against Owen Sound in the early minutes of the first period.

It paid off when MacPhee took a breaking pass from Tom Lamb at the blueline after the latter had blocked a clearing pass. MacPhee found himself all alone in front of Penner and just slid the puck under his pads as he made his move.

This lead lasted until there was just 6:53 seconds left in the second when Bob Holtom of Owen Sound got clear on a break and fired a backhand past Edwards. Assist went to Al Taylor.

It was the same twosome who gave Owen Sound a short-lived 2-1 lead with Taylor pulling the trigger this time as Holtom won the faceoff and got the puck over to him. It was in the net before Edwards could move.

Atoms dominate Barrie by 6-0

Richmond Hill A&W Atoms visited Barrie last Thursday night and completely dominated the game to win 6-0. Centre Gary Sutherland scored the only goal of the first period on a pass from Defenseman Wayne Langdon. At 6:39 of the second Left Winger Jackie Woods scored with assists going to Brian Hull and Duane Aubie. In the third period A&W put the game away with four goals in less than 15 minutes.

Scoring were Don Head unassisted and Jackie Woods with his second of the game aided by Sutherland. Then with 2:13 left Sutherland picked up his third point of the game when he broke in all alone and beat the Barrie goalie easily. Head closed out the scoring with his second goal unassisted. Don Fawcett played a steady game in the net and earned the shutout. February 28 to play a re-

scheduled game and turned in a repeat performance of the night before, shutting out Barrie 5-0. The defense of Alan Jones, Mark Ellison, Bruce Strain and Wayne Langdon came up with one of their best games of the year giving fine support to ever-steady Steve Ritchie who recorded his second shutout in a row.

Centre Barry Munro turned in his best game of the season as his line opened the scoring when he jammed the puck in from Right Winger Head and Defenseman Ellison. Munro his second in the second period, again from Head and got his third in the third period from Billy Easton and Ellison.

Left Winger Jimmy Flett put the Hillers up 4-0 on help from Brian Hull and Steve Moritsugu who played his usual steady two-way game. Hull closed out the scoring assisted by Flett.



(Photo by Hoag)

How's this for a generation gap?

The "ancient" meets the "future" here as NHL Oldtimer Jackie Hamilton (left) faces off with eight-year-old Billy Hopcraft at Monday last week's benefit game at the arena with the York Police. Billy is sponsored by the Big Brothers of York. The fellow

in the middle is "Blind Dusty" Graham, naturally the referee. The NHL'ers won by 10-9. Proceeds amounted to \$2,000 and went to the Knights of Columbus and Shriner charities.

Bond Steelers edge Thornhill

The Richmond Hill Bond Steel Minor Midget A's opened their best-of-five playoff series with Thornhill Sunday by edging that team 4-3.

Leading the way was Chris DeGeer with three goals with the other one going to David Forester. Assists to Ray Russell, Dave Baker, Danny McVeigh, and Doug Lewis.

Scott Cowie got two goals for Thornhill with Matt Nichols picking up the other one.

Enroute to the present series the Steelers took Newmarket in straight

games winning by 8-4 at Richmond Hill Monday of last week with Dave Baker scoring two goals and singles to DeGeer, Forester and Lewis. The same Forester chipped in with three assists, Russell had two, Danny McVeigh 3, and singles to Dave Baker, Ron Abernathy and Doug Lewis.

They bounced Newmarket 6-2 in the final game Thursday of last week with Baker coming through with three this time and singles going to Ray Russell, David Forester and Mike Neilson. Credited with assists were Ray Russell, McVeigh, Lewis and Ron Abernathy.

Bayview wrestlers place 13 in Ontario

You would have thought Bayview Secondary Wrestling Coach Larry Johnson had won a big victory at the 16th annual Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association championships at London on the weekend.

Well, in a way, he had. "We picked up a total of 14 points," said Johnson, "which was good enough to finish 11th in Ontario against competition that was out of this world. It was by far our best showing yet."

Another plus for the Bayview boys was the fact that seven of their members qualified to make the big trip which "was quite an accomplishment when you consider that only two other athletes in York were good enough to go."

Dunford stars

Almost the individual hero of the match, but not quite, was 19-year-old Gary Dunford who got all the way to the finals in the 106 pound class before losing to Jim Langford of Grey Highlands by 9-4. It was the third time Gary has been a runner-up.

"I thought he was going to win it," stated Johnson, "but he got off to a slow start and the other fellow built up too big of a point-spread. Gary dominated the second

half of the match but he just ran out of clock."

Wins first four

Dunford won his first four matches before losing the final one.

Bayview had some other pluses going for it with Rick Kinzett pulling down a ninth in the 148 pound class and 14-year-old Dick Charge winning his first fight in the 98 pound class but losing the second one.

"The competition was really stiff and it's getting better every year," continued Johnson, "and that's why I was elated by our showing. There were only 30 competitors in every class," he said.

"Last year, Gary Dunford was our only guy to even win a fight."

Georgetown won the meet with 66 points, Lambton Central was second with 45½, Winston Churchill of Scarboro third with 44½; Lakeport had 39½, Thorold 37.

Bayview won the right to have seven athletes competing at London by compiling first and second at the previous week's Georgian Bay competitions which they dominated finishing in first place with 95 points against 17 other schools.