

# Hill minor hockey school underway

By Bob Reeves

Well, that's it, the end of summer and after two weeks of fishing it's time to catch up on hockey happenings.

Of course hockey is well underway with the Rams busy with tryouts, the Richmond Hill Hockey School in operation and of course, power skating is scheduled to begin next week.

You know, I can't stress the importance of the roles played in support of minor hockey through the years by Ed Sackfield, Bill Woloski and Harold Forster. Their operation of these training programs have been an invaluable help to the RHHA both financially and by way of training hockey players in fundamentals. Really all that we can say is thanks.

I was happy to learn that during my fishing trip Ken Ham had held two sessions with the coaches, which were most successful and rewarding.

These meetings stressed treatment of injured players and were conducted by Jack Williams and Bill Chatwell. Bill, of course, has a fine background and is currently trainer of Dynes Jewellers.

Jack needs no introduction to hockey fans, being a highly qualified, experienced trainer. He, I have learned, has turned down other offers this year in order to assist us in establishing a training program in the RHHA. NOW by way of thanking these men we need young men to come out and help us by being trainers on our town teams. Under

Jack's leadership, they will learn a lot and be of great help to the teams. Call me at 884-8865 or you can find us at the arena all next week. Come on out and get involved.

This year there will be some major changes equipment-wise in our OMHA teams. The board of directors for both economic and uniformity

reasons have made the following decisions:

Helmets this year will have to be purchased by the players. These will be CCM and black in color. The choice of black is for uniformity as is the choice of CCM, one of two approved helmets. A helmet is a very personal piece of equipment and must be perfectly fitted.

We feel that this will be insured by having the players purchase their own.

Sweaters this year will be green, as in the past, and second teams will be wearing green as well in cases where new equipment is purchased. Herb Walton has already placed his equipment order and four second

teams will be in green this year.

A new jacket has been designed and approved for use of OMHA teams this year. The jacket is mandatory and can be seen at Baymar Sports. They are green with a newly designed crest. Our thanks go to Claude Henderson and his son who were responsible

for the new design. Kent Clothes will continue selling the standard Richmond Hill Hockey jacket for house league use. Marv has a good supply on hand so when jacket time comes around, remember Kent Clothes.

We are short of second team coaches. If you can help, please get in touch.

There is every possibility a second team will not be operated if coaches are unavailable.

Don't forget registration next week — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and the RHHA equipment exchange on Saturday.

I'll end this column with an apology to all boys in

the 15 and 16 year group and their parents. Last week a "skate" was privately organized for a select group in this age group. This was NOT sponsored by the RHHA and was NOT an official tryout. Steps have been taken to make certain it will never happen again. Once again, boys, we are sorry.

## Baif girls rally to tie series

The Richmond Hill Baif Midget girls came up with a seven run fourth inning against Port Colbourne to win 8-6 and even their series at one game apiece.

Richmond Hill lost the opener 5-3.

Thursday's game at the town park saw the Richmond Hill Swingers finally arrive after a big fourth inning and those seven runs.

The girls also came up with a better fielding effort especially from some of the key players.

This game saw Vicky Robinson start things with a single followed by Sue O'Connell with another single. Barnett also singled.

Les McCleave, the Swingers' catcher, then belted the first pitch into deep centre for a standup double.

Lauren MacInnis kept it going with a single and Darlene Nelson then hit a long triple.

This was the Swingers' big inning which clinched the game. Darlene, as well as hitting, pitched a steady game.

The opening game in Port Colbourne saw a combination of errors and light bats bring about the

Richmond Hill downfall. Richmond Hill left 17 girls on base, could manage only three hits, while committing eight errors.

Getting the only hits were Stephanie Clarke, Vicky Robinson and Kelly MacInnis.

## Thornhill minor soccer

In the games played August 19 the Rangers defeated Celtics 3-2 with Lindsay Gaughan contributing two goals and Bruce Cameron one for the winners. Andrew Gaughan and Joseph Stenta scored in a losing cause.

The game between the Hearts and Thistles was cancelled.

Atom The Hawks defeated the Vikings 1-0 with Jason DeBoer being the only scorer.

The Rovers defeated the Hotsups 1-0 with Richard Mazzobel netting the ball.

Squirt Flyers downed the Wanderers 2-0 on goals by Mitchell Winemaker and Jeffrey Parisi and Albion handed United a 4-0 defeat as Joseph Lyman connected for three counters and Mark Radcliffe for one.

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