

'Liberal Summer Games': Where the people are

Have you won an egg throwing contest lately? Lost it and ended up with yolk on your face? Have you tossed horseshoes, participated in a tug-of-war, or even watched a track meet? You're chance is coming and all in one big gulp when the first "Liberal Summer Games" extravaganza is held next summer in Richmond Hill.

No, it's not a political clambake or such. The one-day event is being sponsored by "The Liberal" and is designed to revive what used to be a regular custom in all communities: A sort of fun-day, picnic, races, and you-name-it-day for the very young, in-between, and the very old.

Early stages
"We're still in the early phase of planning this particular day," said Bob Thompson who will co-ordinate the effort along with a committee of some 11

others who are interested in all phases of sports and/or entertainment.

Thompson, who is also head of the Richmond Hill Athletic Club, stressed that "we don't want people to think this is just a track and field day with competition being the key thing."

Fun day
"It's not that at all. We want to treat it as a valid excuse to get each and everyone in the town and area to come out and enjoy the fun no matter what their age."

"Competition, while it will be there for the youngsters, will be a low key proposition. We want the young and old to get out and enjoy themselves."

Thompson hopes to have a wide variety of games including the aforementioned egg throwing contests, horseshoe competitions, "and any other type of event you don't see much of anymore."

In other words:

Want suggestions
"We're open for suggestions from anyone and we're hoping to get them. Already we have a cross-section of varied interests on our committee but there's surely a lot more people around with a lot more ideas. We want to hear from them."

Initial meeting of the "Liberal Summer Games" committee was held Tuesday of last week and will reconvene Dec. 3 with a time and place to be announced.

Comprising the committee are: Fred Robbins, a local athlete from Oak Ridges; Richmond Hill Superintendent of Recreation Lynton H. Friedberg; Bill Alexander, of the Richmond Hill Athletic Club who will arrange for competitors from the club; Jim Muir, phys-ed teacher at Richmond Hill High who will get the schools

involved; Mrs. Rhelda Stockall, a local parent "just interested in seeing the day work and available for all sorts of duties."

Others include Doug Hinchcliffe who will explore the possibility of setting up events for the retarded children; Saul Berger, an interested parent from Thornhill; Chris Foot, another Richmond Hill resident; Richmond Hill Liberal Publisher J. G. Van Kampen; and Liberal Sports Editor Fred Simpson.

Plans are to ask the local town council to declare the summer games on an official basis to have the event open to communities of Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Markham-Vaughan.

The day will start at 10 a.m. and go through until 4 p.m. or even later. Tentative date is the last Saturday in June with a likely locale being Crosby Park.

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Play Barrie Tech for championship

Thornhill juniors dump Markham

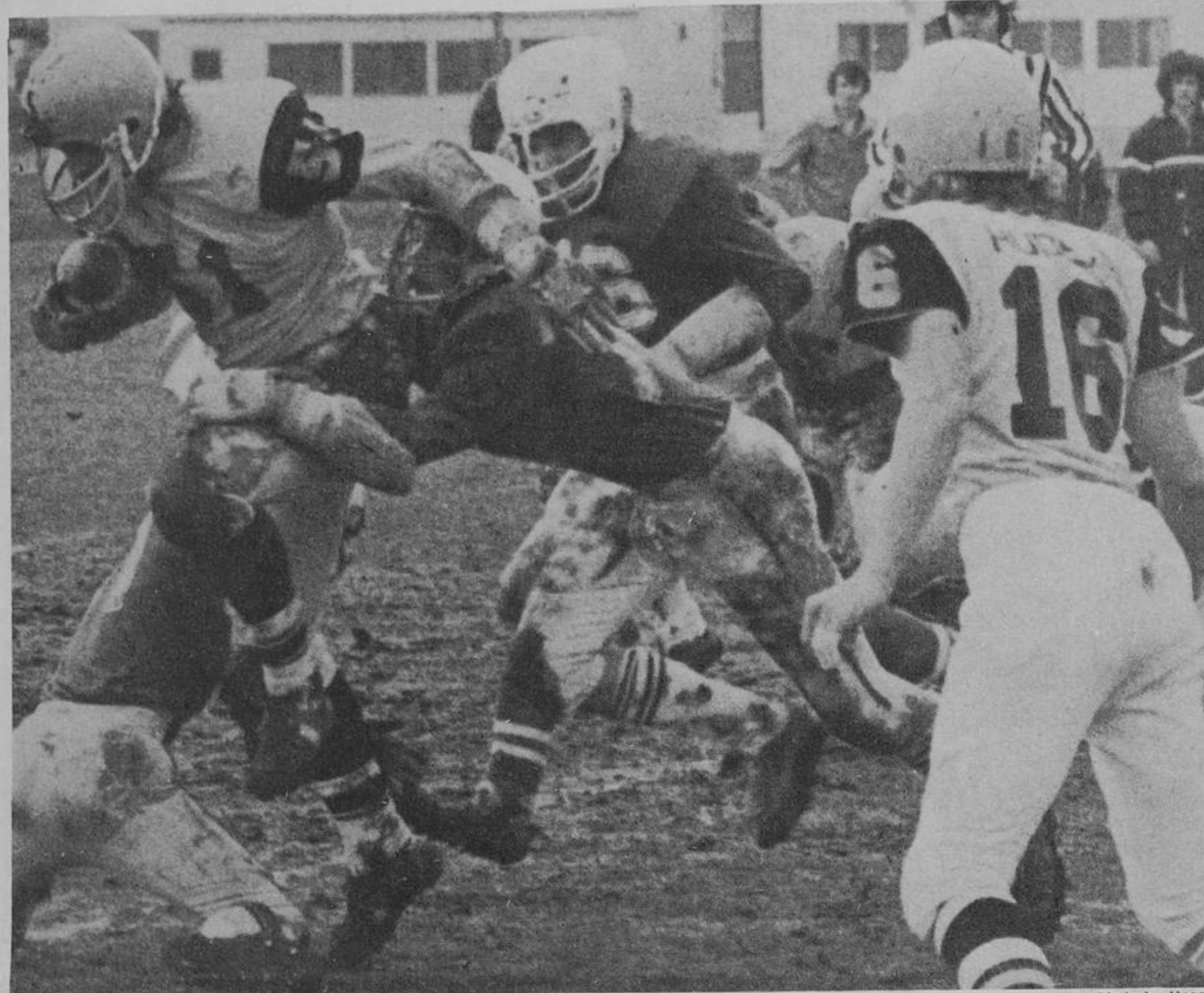


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Hey, give me some elbow room

Thornhill Juniors' Scott Cowie (51) hasn't got any daylight here

as he gets gift-wrapped by a swarm of Markham tacklers in

Saturdays sudden death game won 8-0 by Thornhill.

A stone-wall defensive squad and a good-enough offense propelled the Thornhill Junior football team into the Georgian Bay championships last Saturday when they blanked Markham High 8-0.

The juniors now meet Barrie Tech in a sudden-death, winner-take-all match at Thornhill tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m.

Saturday's win was the 15th in a row for the Thornhill team (that includes last year's undefeated crew) and marked the fourth time they've blanked the opposition this year. Last year they did it five times.

Tough defensively
"There's no doubt we're tough defensively," acknowledged coach Bob Renwick. "This time out all of our defensive squad boys played well. I couldn't really pick out a particular player."

Renwick observed that his team, despite the relatively low score, was in "control most of the way and they didn't threaten us to any great extent. It

was by far our best total effort this year."

Concerted drive
Thornhill scored what turned out to be its winning touchdown in the first quarter when a concerted drive carried the ball to the goal line.

It was left up to half Bob Hunter to blast over from the three yard line on a roll-out and end sweep.

The convert was made by Don Gould. It was the same Hunter punting for a single point in the second quarter from

about the 30 yard line. The Markham squad did muster a last minute drive which saw them complete a long pass on the 25 yard line but they were shut out from there.

Big one ahead
As for the Barrie game? "I hear they have a pretty solid team," said Renwick, "but we'll just go out and play our game. I'm sure we'll be able to adjust to any situation that may come up. It should be quite a game."

Markham Seniors in finals

Markham High Seniors gave up a single point in the first quarter Saturday then roared back to down Dr. G. W. Williams of Aurora 10-1 and qualify for the Georgian Bay finals against Barrie Tech.

But it wasn't easy. The score was 2-1 going into the final half after Williams had opened the scoring in the first quarter via a punt from the 40-yard line which went for a single.

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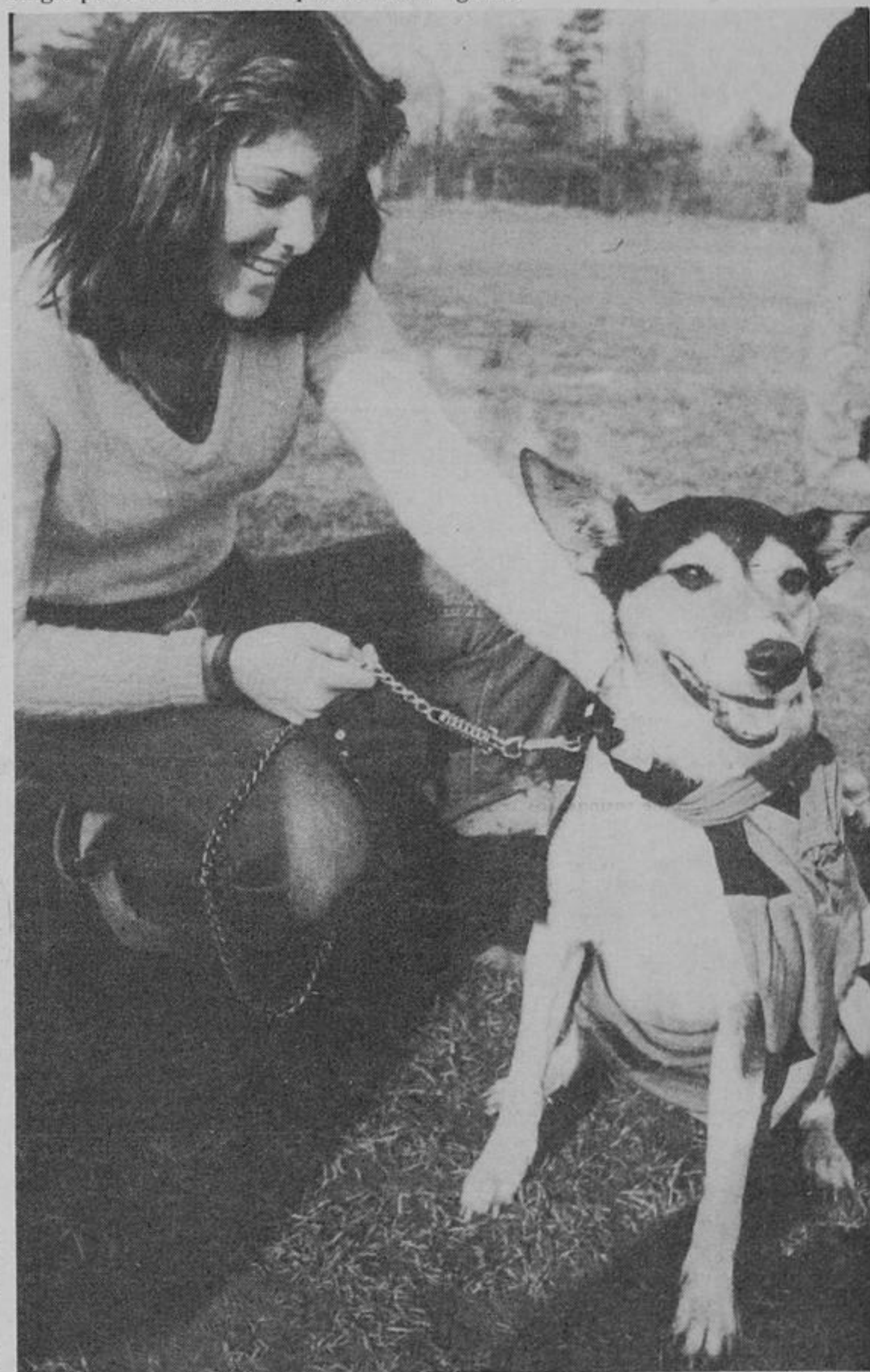


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Lucky dog!

The smiling dog is "Scamp" and he's doing it because he's a Thornhill Junior football fan and they won. That's a Thornhill

sweater he's wearing too as Hedy McDermid of Thornhill is petting him. Lucky dog.

King Seniors ousted ... by Markham 12-8

King City High senior football coach Ed Searjeantson summed up last week's sudden-death York County playoff semi-final against Markham High in three pithy words:

"Awful, awful, awful." Which, translated, means that the season for the King footballers ended abruptly last Wednesday in Markham by a 12-8 score.

"Fumbles killed us, just killed us," continued Searjeantson in dirge-like fashion. "We couldn't generate an offence all day."

King's lack of offence and-or fumbles

plus six pass interceptions was an unmistakable indication of the defensive brigade they faced in the Markham lineup.

"Our defensive squad played extremely well," said George Krause, one of Markham's three coaches. "They were hitting hard all day and they accounted for six of total points which is a pretty good effort."

3 safety touches
Those six points were accumulated by three safety touches, two of them conceded by King in an effort to gain

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Dynes blow big lead, lose 8-6

You couldn't blame Oak Ridges Dynes Coach Pete Artemchuk for chewing on his shaving cream after Monday night's 8-6 loss to Collingwood Shipbuilders in a Mid-Ontario Junior 'B' OHA game at Bond Lake Arena. So near, so far.

The Jewellers built up a 5-1 lead over the league-leaders only to see it disappear into thin air in the final period as the powerful visitors blistered home five unanswered goals in the final 13 minutes. Ugg.

Lost poise
"We just lost our poise and started

running all over the place," said Artemchuk. "It's got to be frustrating when you build up a 5-1 lead and watch it go in the final 20 minutes."

Artemchuk observed that "the entire team played as a unit for a period and a half and then we forgot all about the basics. Our defence failed to take their time in their own end and, in some cases, the forwards stopped coming back."

Despite the last period blues, the Jewellers came up with a fine performance in the earlier going against the classy Collingwood crew.

Lead 4-1
They built up a 4-1 lead in the first period on goals by Ian Crockford, two, Dave Robinson, and Greg Bogaerts. Collingwood got one back courtesy of Bill Abercrombie with less than three minutes to go.

Oak Ridges' Steve Sherman scored unassisted midway through the second period but things started to fall apart after that as the visitors rattled home a power play goal by Del Watson and then Dave Tabb scored with 3 minutes to go.

Oak Ridges scored first again in the third with six minutes gone but then the avalanche came tumbling down as Del

Watson, Abercrombie, Garth Beer, Dwight Beer, and Brian Boyce put pucks behind goalie Doug Brumwell.

Short notes
The game was a quiet one, penalty-wise, with the visitors drawing two and Oak Ridges eight. . . the game was the scene of "bench cages" courtesy of Powell Fencing. The cages were constructed so as to separate the player's benches from the spectators. . . some said to cage Collingwood coach Eddie Bush in. The Jewellers play in Orillia Saturday and are at home to Thornhill next Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Rams win 4-1 but lose by 7-3

The Richmond Hill Rams continued to stutter along with a win and a loss in Provincial Junior 'A' action last week losing a Friday night home encounter by 7-3 to the revitalized Newmarket Flyers.

This followed a 4-1 triumph Tuesday night of last week against Markham at the local arena.

"We're not pushing any panic button," was the comment of Rams' coach Karl Brimblecombe following Friday night's rather decisive loss.

Got the horses
"We've got the horses to carry us," he maintained. "Don't forget we were missing four players the last two games due to suspensions. And they're not just average players, they're key ones."

He was right. The Rams were without Bill Belzun, Larry Kimble, Mike Rowley, and Jim Clement, all finishing out two-game

suspensions resulting from a fracas in North Bay.

"We brought up some players for both games," said Brimblecombe, "and we got away with it in the first game. They played very well."

Horrible start
"But you can't expect to change your line-up that much and come out with a win every time. Especially against the Flyers. They got off to a horrible start this season but they have a good club."

Players elevated last Tuesday included Wally Stankov and Gary Langfield, Thornhill Junior B's, Robbie Dynes of the Richmond Hill Juveniles, and Randy Martin of the Legion Midgets. Dynes and Martin also played in Friday's contest.

Uninspired
That one saw the Rams come up with a less than inspired effort although they were in the match until the final 20

minutes when Newmarket blasted home three unanswered goals after the Rams had pulled to within one goal of them.

The Flyers opened the scoring in the first on a goal by Scott Rombough but John Nickleson tied it from a scramble. Newmarket moved into a 4-1 lead in the second on goals by Rombough, Rick Bince and Steve Novis before Richmond Hill's Bob Osbourne got one back on a breakaway. He almost mis-fired on the shot but the resultant bloop caught Newmarket's Jim Weatherall off balance and it was a 4-2 game.

Fast start
Richmond Hill started off fast in the third on Mike Gallagher's quick one and looked set for a rally. That hope soon dissipated as Newmarket took over on goals by Rick Uttley, Novis, and Steve Payne.

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Rick Febbo ..2 goals



Fred Simpson

Minor hockey chitchat

I haven't been personally involved with minor hockey since I played in it as a non-budding athlete years ago and broke every record by failing to score a goal or pick up an assist in something like four or five straight seasons. I'm not even sure I had a shot on goal.

So it's with considerable non-involvement that I'm going to dwell for a while this week on minor hockey as it pertains to the Richmond Hill set-up. Nothing heavy, mind you, just a few observations.

New deal
Apparently something relatively new has been happening on the local scene this season and I got a look-in on this last Sunday when I attended a coaches' session at the arena under the guidance of one Ken Ham.

These meetings are being held on a regular basis this season for the express purpose of stressing "togetherness" (lovely word, right?) as regards the various coaches in the system. Especially the town rep teams.

It's a "bull session" where the coaches get the chance to air their feelings on what's happening good or bad.

Ham isn't new on the local scene as far as coaching goes (having been with the minor systems through the years) but he is "new" in this way.

Co-ordinator Ham
He's been appointed to act as a co-ordinator for the town rep teams which means he sets out some guidelines, basic guidelines as to how the game of hockey should be played.

Put simply, he believes there are only a few main basics to follow in skating, getting a puck out of your own end, jumping it across the blueline, passing, etc.

He's endeavouring to get the coaches of all the teams to stress these basics on a systematic basis no matter whether they win or lose at the beginning.

Lose in November
"I'd rather lose games in November and start winning them in January and February instead of the other way around," states Ham. The system has apparently been

tried in other centres and has been a proven success as well as a proven failure.

Ham admits that "it all depends on the co-operation of those involved right from the coaches to the parents out there."

"Our system might not work even with co-operation," he states, "but it surely won't work without it. Let's try it and see what happens."

My opinion? From what I saw Sunday I think it's an excellent idea and it appears to be getting co-operation, at least on the surface. Some 50 coaches and-or managers turned out and the whole session was stimulating.

First aid
The meeting also featured the presence of phys-ed training expert Jack Williams (who is concentrating on first aid in the local hockey ranks this season) who explained what to do in the case of the inevitable hockey injury.

Holds clinics
Jack holds regular clinics for hockey coaches on first aid which, to my knowledge, is another innovation and a welcome one in The Hill.

His idea is to train each and every coach and manager enough about first aid to enable him to apply at least the basics in case of an emergency. And you know the importance of this.

I was somewhat surprised to find out from Ham that "almost 85 percent of the injuries in hockey occur during practices."

Ken's philosophy behind this "new deal" for Hill Hockey is simple: "There's no holds barred at these meetings as far as I'm concerned. If someone's unhappy let him blast away."

"I'd much rather hear him criticize me or anyone else to our face rather than having him grumble behind our backs. If we're doing it wrong, let's hear about it. Will it work?"

Sounds like an admirable attack to me. Will it work? Is it working? I don't know. I've found that the only thing more impossible than the other way around, is three, people working together is three.

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