

Thornhill loses championship game



Thornhill Junior Tigers ran into a fired-up squad from Barrie Central Thursday and failed in their bid for the Georgian Bay Championship, losing 24-14 in a rousing match.

Rob Smith scored both Thornhill touchdowns, one on a 20-yard reverse, the other on a fake field goal and 23 yard pass-and-run play from quarterback Bob Hunter.

Both TDs were converted by Don Gould.

Barrie Central scoring was by: Paul Laking (2TDs and a 2 point conversion), QB Paul Finkbeiner (1TD) and Barry Norton (a five yard field goal and two converts).

Strike quickly

Barrie struck quickly with an 80 yard pass-and-run play from QB Paul Finkbeiner to Paul Laking for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. The Tigers blocked the convert.

The Tigers came right back with a touchdown of their own on a 20 yard reverse by Rob Smith. Don Gould converted and Thornhill led by one, 7-6.

Fake field goal

In the second quarter Thornhill added to their lead on a fake field goal and pass from QB Bob Hunter to fleet-footed Rob Smith. The play covered 23 yards for the touchdown. Don Gould converted to give the Tigers a 14-6 halftime lead.

Thornhill received the kickoff to open the third quarter, but stalled offensively and punted.

Following a clipping penalty on the return, the Central Redskins started from deep in their own end on the 10 yard line. After three successive first downs, Paul Laking swept around left end for a 52 yard run to paydirt. Laking then hauled in a pass for a two point conversion and a tie score, 14 all.

Thornhill tightened defensively for the remainder of the third quarter.

Barrie on march

Barrie began the fourth quarter with a march down field from their own 41-yard line, but the Thornhill defense, led by defensive tackle Andy Jackson, brought the drive up short on the five yard line. Barry Norton kicked a field goal to give Barrie the go-ahead points, 17-14, a lead they never relinquished.

Intercept pass

With time running out and Thornhill pressing, QB Paul Finkbeiner, playing in the defensive secondary, picked off a stray pass to set up another drive.

After a dump pass over the middle to Barry Norton covered 30 yards to the five yard line, QB Finkbeiner crashed over the goal line two plays later. Norton converted to give Barrie Central a commanding 24 to 14 lead. Time ran out for the Tigers.

Came up flat

Tigers' coach, Bob Renwick, in assessing the game, said, "they came to play and we didn't. We did our best, but we were flat. I'm not ashamed." He shouldn't be ashamed, having piloted the Thornhill Junior Tigers to 15 consecutive victories over two seasons.

Coaches John Montgomery and Ed Curry of Barrie concurred, "defensive tackle Andy Jackson, QB Bob Hunter and David Howson gave the Barrie team fits all game."

Coach Montgomery also said, "Thornhill has a good team, but we've (Barrie Central) been behind at half time in all but two of our games and came on to win. The experience paid off."

Barrie Central was presented with the Georgian Bay Championship trophy in a short ceremony following the game.

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Rams win three games in row

Rams on 'hot' streak?

The Richmond Hill Rams fired home four unanswered goals in the third period Monday night to down Royal York Royals 5-1 in a Provincial Junior A hockey game at Royal York.

It was the third straight win in the past four days for the suddenly resurgent Rams and was enough to put a slight smile on the face of coach Karl Brimblecombe who hasn't been smiling too much this season.

"We're starting to play a solid checking game," he said. "Our defence has been excellent in the past few games. I've been particularly happy with the play of defencemen Bill Belzun and Joe Greentree."

3 game streak

The Rams started their three game streak Tuesday night of last week with a 3-1 win over the same Royals at Richmond Hill before startling the league-leading North York Rangers with a 7-3 triumph right in North York.

Monday night's game at Royal York was a close-checking one in the first two periods with a minimum of good chances for either team.

Osborne lot

The only goal came at the 7:12 mark of the first period when the Rams' Bob Osborne dropped a pass to John Nickleson in the deep slot and he blasted a hard shot between two North

York defencemen which eluded goalkeeper Wally Charko.

The Yorkers tied the game at 3:00 of the final 20 minutes on a goal by Al McCrae but it was simply the beginning of the end.

Febbo gets winner

Royal York was a man short when the Rams counted the winning goal at 8:58 as Rick Febbo finally managed to lift a shot over Charko from a scramble. Osborne and Greentree drew assists on the play.

The game at this point was still undecided but in the 13th minute Charko, in attempting to clear a long shot to one of his wingers, put the puck directly on the stick of Richmond Hill's Myles McCauley who promptly blasted it into the net.

Another goal by Febbo at 17:44 from Ken Paraskevin and Belzun; and one by Jim Clement at 19:23 from McCauley and Mike Gallagher rounded out the scoring. The Rams outshot Royal York 37-36.

Pour in 3 goals

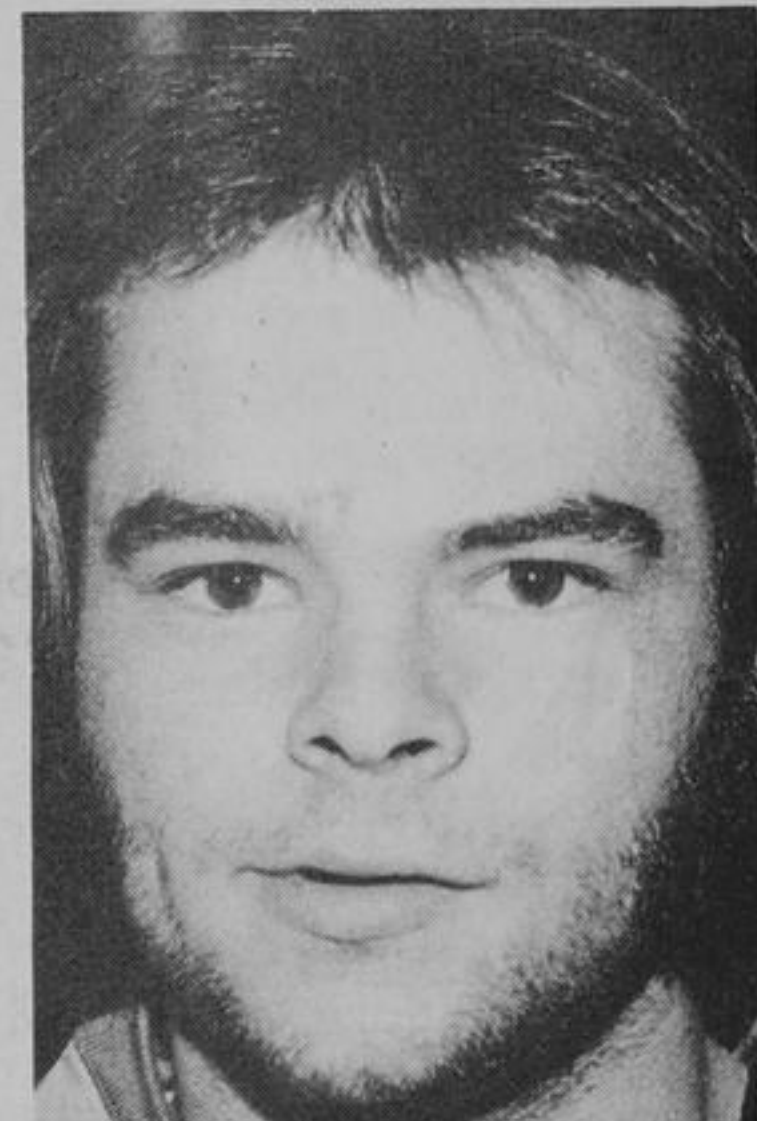
Friday night's game in North York saw the Rams break a 2-2 tie in the second period with three straight goals to win going away.

Richmond Hill's Rick Febbo opened the scoring at 2:59 of the first period on a power play assisted by Osborne and

Frank Nigro.

North York's Bob Crawford tied the game at 1-1 at 14:49 but it was Ken Paraskevin putting the Rams ahead again at 17:23 as his quick shot found

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Bob Osborne
..... leading scorer

Curses! Almost got it

This unidentified Barrie Tech player can't hang onto the football on this one but his

teammates hung onto it long enough during the day to defeat Thornhill Juniors by 24-14 in the

annual Georgian Bay football championships Friday afternoon.

(Photo by Hogg)



Fred Simpson

Ides of November

It's difficult to be buoyant all the time. Especially in November. November? It reminds me of a bag of dirty laundry lying in the corner of the basement and coughing asthmatically every once in awhile.

Sure I know you get the good days but deep down you aren't fooled. Old Dame November gives you some sunshine here and there, the odd caress, but what she's really doing is setting you up for the knockout punch. Zap. You're gone.

So that's why just getting up gets me down these days. December, January and February. What a rotten war it's going to be.

Yes, I realize we haven't had much snow for the past few winters but I'm still insecure. I even left my snow tires on all summer. Just a precaution.

Got a letter

To make matters more scary I received a bad omen the other day. I got a letter in the mail. That can be unsettling. Especially during a postal strike.

So that's why you'll have to excuse me if I tend to wander a trifle. Blame it on November. I'll be okay again next Spring. I'll just mess around with a few notes here and there the rest of the way to keep my mind off it all.

Hockey talk

I trundled over to Bond Lake Arena in Oak Ridges Monday night to watch the Dynes Jewellers and Thornhill Thunderbirds tangle in Junior B hockey action. The Thunderbirds, incidentally, won by 5-4.

I thought it was quite an interesting game although it depended, I presume, on whose side you were on. I was neutral, honest, and I can prove it.

I talked to one of the goal judges throughout most of the game. We missed a couple of goals but we had a fascinating conversation. If you're the serious type I should hasten to add I was only kidding. He didn't

miss any.

Art Ross nets

I found out that the nets they use at Bond Lake are of the "Art Ross" type which set me back on my heels. Filed the information away for some future party when the conversation lags.

People is

It's always a curiosity to me at hockey games that some spectators pay their way but don't even bother to watch the game.

They stand in the corridors talking about trips to Mexico, the weather, what's on television that night, and whatever. Just chalk it up to human nature, I guess.

Conversely, you have the other fellow that never takes his eyes off the ice. Even during the intermission he watches the ice-cleaning machine's every move as if it was a breakaway in the last second. The game was over and this one chap was still sitting there watching the empty ice. I don't know.

Happy note

Speaking of hockey, the only happy note about this November is the way the local teams are going. I mean the Rams, the Jewellers, and the Thunderbirds.

The Rams have just finished winning three in a row (after I announce it they'll be lucky to win another one, I'm a jinx) and both the other two teams are making a fine showing in the tough Mid-Ontario Junior B league.

Am impressed with the number of good local hockey players on all three teams such as Frank Nigro, Jim Clement and Mike McCullough, Brian Stankiewicz, etc., of the Rams; and Jim and Dale Roffey, Steve Sherman, etc., of the Jewellers; and such fellows as Mario DePiero, Rocky Pantalone, etc. of the Thunderbirds.

I've left a host of other names out

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Penalties hurt Jewellers

Thunderbirds edge Dynes 5-4

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers tried to do the impossible against the Thornhill Thunderbirds in Mid-Ontario Junior 'B' hockey action Monday night at Bond Lake Arena.

They tried to score goals from the penalty box.

Impossible. This plus a persistent and pestiferous display by the Thunderbirds was all that was needed as they edged the Jewellers by 5-4.

The Jewellers, who blew a 4-2 lead in the first two periods, went into the final 20 minutes trailing by just 5-4 but it didn't really matter.

Penalty parade

Dynes kept walking into penalties most of the period and particularly in the dying minutes which wiped out any hope they had of tying the game.

It was a big win for the Thunderbirds who have been struggling lately and a disappointing loss to the Jewellers who were fresh off an impressive 7-4 win over Orillia Tigers Saturday night right in Orillia.

Big comeback

Monday night's game saw the Thunderbirds stage a comeback after falling behind 4-2 with less than 13 minutes left in the second period with the Jewellers looking capable of skating away with the game at this point.

Then. Pow. Thornhill's Gary Langfield slipped the puck past Doug Brumwell to make it 4-3 assisted by Rocky Pantalone and Mike Johns.

The Jewellers were really chilled with 4:56 remaining in the second when Kim Mabley darted in to put the tying goal home from Ross Gordon and Wally Stankov.

Zap

They were still brooding about it 37 seconds later when Thornhill's Mark Steele latched onto a pass at the Jewellers' blueline. His high, blooper of a screen shot found its way behind Brumwell to make it 5-4.

As mentioned, the third period saw no scoring but a series of penalties meted out to the Jewellers which killed any hopes of comeback.

This and the key stops of Thornhill's Mario DePiero was all that was needed.

Stuart gets 3

Top offensive star for the Jewellers

was veteran Dave Stuart who popped home three goals and played an aggressive game all the way. His aggressiveness may have accounted for his being "elbowed" by Thornhill's equally rugged Wally Stankov in the final minutes. The clash knocked Stuart hors de combat for the remainder of the game.

Stankov, incidentally, who has been shuttling between the Junior A Rams

and Thornhill, played a solid, hard-hitting game. Equally effective was Thornhill's Rocky Pantalone who picked up a goal and a couple of assists and was a thorn on the nerves of Oak Ridges defenders all night.

Oak Ridges goals were by the aforementioned Stuart with three, Larry Greenslade (assisted by Stuart) with one. For Thornhill it was Pantalone, Mike Johns (also three assists)

Gary Langfield, Kim Mabley and Mark Steele.

Other assists for Thornhill went to Stankov, two, Pat Bertrand, Langfield. For Oak Ridges it was Tom Tidman two, Greg Bogaerts, Scott Davey, Ross Gordon.

Dump Orillia 7-4
Saturday night saw the Jewellers coming up with one of their better

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(Photo by Hogg)

Uhhh, wrong door buddy!

Thornhill Thunderbirds' Pat Bertrand (18) isn't very polite here as he puts the big shove to an Oak

Ridges Dynes player in Mid-Ontario OHA Junior B hockey action Monday night.