

Rams chalk up 2 wins and a tie!



Fight to 3-3 draw in Aurora; edge Trappers, Waxers by 5-4

By Fred Simpson

'Up there where the air is so rarified' could be the lyrical line Richmond Hill Rams' coach Karl Brimblecombe is humming these days after his team picked up yet another point Sunday night in a 3-3 tie against Aurora Tigers in Aurora.

The point, their 11th out of a possible 12 and their sixth straight game without a defeat, lifted the Rams into a first place tie with the North York Rangers.

Other games last week saw the Rams pull out a 5-4 win over North Bay Trappers Tuesday night and then nip Markham Waxers by the same score Saturday night in Markham.

Despite this, coach Brimblecombe was far from whistling after the Aurora game.

Injuries, suspensions

"It's difficult to get too elated when you're missing four top players through injuries or suspensions," quoth Mr. Karl.

The injury list includes defenseman Mike Gallagher who will be out for at least three weeks with a broken elbow, and Jim Clement who is recovering from a concussion.

Both were picked up in Markham.

Greentree fighting

That game also saw Rams' rambunctious defenseman Joe Greentree fight his way into a two-game suspension.

Came Sunday night in Aurora and it was Rick Febbo's turn to walk into a revolving door when he received a match penalty for butt-ending.

"I don't know just how long Febbo will be out," said Brimblecombe. "We'll just have to wait and see. It might be two or three or more games for that."

Not Febbo night

It just wasn't Febbo's night as earlier in the game he stopped a shot on the snozzle and was generally pushed around most of the night by the ungracious Tigers.

The game itself saw the Rams move into a 2-0 lead on a first period goal by Mike Rowley at 15:49 from Bill Belzun and Bob Osborne; and one at 4:15 of the second by John Nickleson from Rowley and Steve Cromb.

Rams lead 2-0

The lead looked reasonably secure until 11:02 a Rams' defenseman was caught out of position and Aurora's Dan Atkinson's roamed in and blitzed one off the post.

Goalie Brian Stankiewicz had no chance to stop the rebound shot off the stick of Keith Jonathon.

A minute and 49 seconds later Gord Barclay scored a power play goal.

Aurora dominated the third period but only managed to exchange scores with the Rams.

After the Tigers took a 3-2 lead on Barclay's second goal it was Rowley tying the game when he picked up a

loose puck in front of the net and put it behind Bill Drewery.

Assist went to Jack Guest. Time was 5:27.

The Rams had to hang on in the final few minutes as they walked into two penalties.

Controversy

The second penalty was something of a controversial one as the Rams' management called on the game official to measure the size of an Aurora stick claiming it was illegal.

States Brimblecombe: "We knew it was illegal but the official didn't have his ruler with him. I know that because he asked us for one."

"Then we took the stick into the ref's room, locked the door.

The rule says you should measure the sticks at the penalty keeper's box.

When he came out he said the stick was okay, which meant we drew an automatic penalty. What can you do?"

Win in Markham

Saturday's game in Markham saw most of the scoring in the first period as the Rams skated off with a 3-2 lead on goals by Osborne, two, and Febbo.

Markham's marksmen were Mike Ready and Mike Anderson.

Osborne scored his third goal of the night in the second and Febbo his second in the third to wrap up the game.

Mark Sakaluk and Rob Garner scored for Markham.

This game saw a wild and woolly first period with the Rams' Joe Greentree getting into two fights.

The end result was Greentree getting two fighting majors and a game while

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Get out of my way you whippersnapper

Jimmy Tinkler, 95-year-old gentleman and bowler extraordinaire, was recently given a party by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, proprietors of ABC Bowling Alley.

Jimmy Tinkler has been bowling for over 10 years at the ABC Bowling Alley in Richmond Hill.

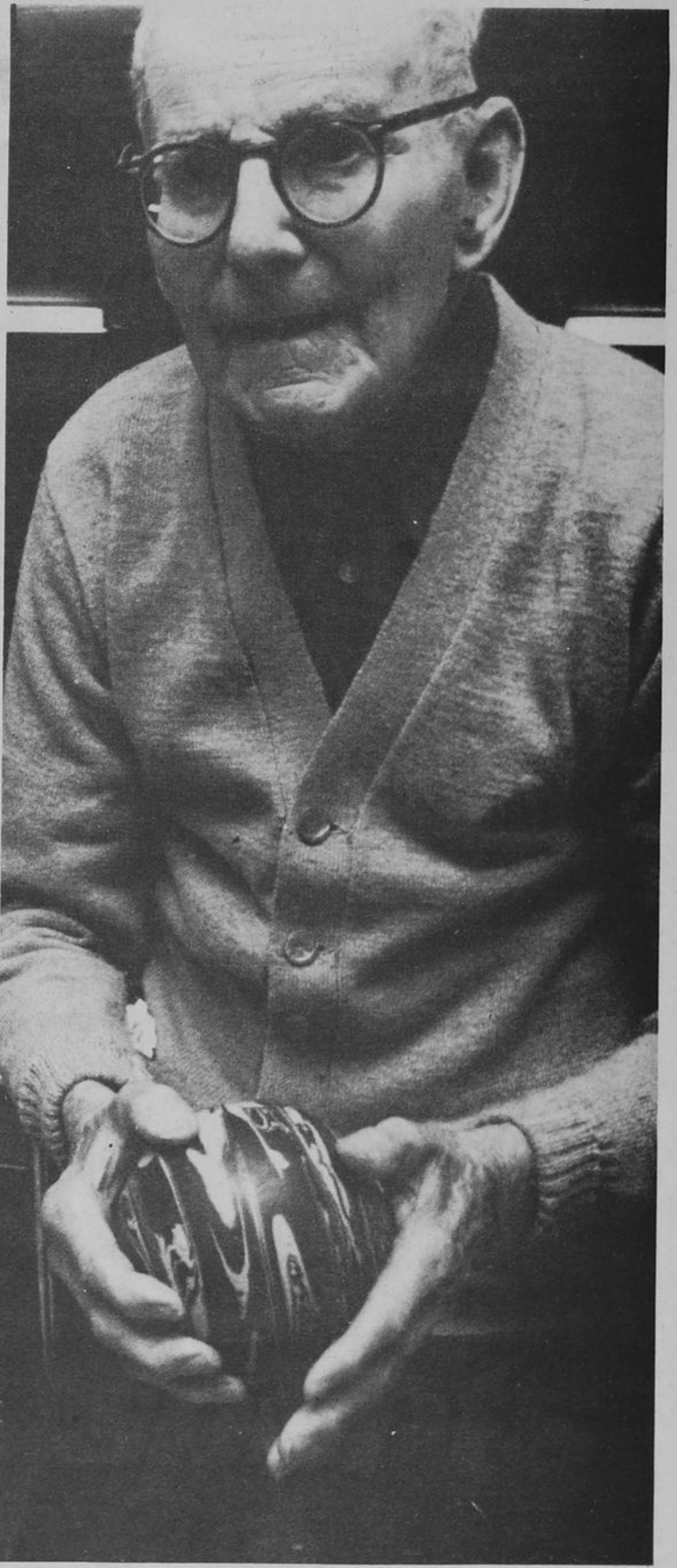
About 78 senior bowlers were in attendance for the gala celebrations.

The seniors ate birthday cake and were entertained by Mr. Price's rendition of Happy Birthday.

"I never met anyone like him," said Mrs. Price.

"He is so helpful. I wish there were more people like him."

Every Tuesday and Friday at 1:30 Jimmy Tinkler can be found at the alley adding to his 145 flat average.



(Photo by Hogg)

You got to stay young

Taking deadly aim here is 95-year-old Jimmy Tinkler as he readies to blast his way to a high

224 single Friday of last week which isn't bad for . . . well . . . for anyone.

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Just one of those nights

It was a bad night for Rams' Rick Febbo (14) shown getting attended to after stopping a puck. Rick also walked into a match penalty near the

end of Sunday's game against Aurora. Looking on is Tigers' Paul Cappuccio (18). Game was tied 3-3.

(Photo by Elbert)



Fred Simpson

It's a thorn

I won't dwell on it to the point where I become suicidal but I just have to say that Sunday's Grey Cup game was another rip-off to me.

They did it to me again. When I say "they" I mean the dark conspiracy out there that has decided that the name "Simpson" is swell for some people (like the catalogue folk) and strictly poison to me.

I've become fully convinced over the year that if my name was Smith or Trudeau or Rockefeller I'd be counted among the beautiful people whose days are blessed with the sun every step they take.

Instead, it's the other way around. I not only walk in the shadow, it also rains on me. I guess you have figured out by now that I bet on the Alouettes. Edmonton, of course, won. Drat.

Feet on table

There I was sitting contentedly with my feet on the kitchen table watching the early minutes of the game Sunday without a concern in the world. I was into my fourth glass of V-8 juice when someone offered to bet me.

I was about to say nay, nay (remembering my last fatal plunge into Grey Cup betting when the Argos blew it) when the Alouettes moved in front 3-0. Took the plunge.

Oh, ah

Bet on the Alouettes. It's history now. Needless to say I choked on the V-8 juice when that guy fumbled the snap with an Alouette victory seemingly wrapped up.

In a moment of frustration I threw my head underneath the kitchen water tap fully intending to drown myself. Luckily it was turned off.

Later that night I overcame my remorse to travel to Aurora and watch the beloved Rams take on the Tigers in a Provincial Junior A game.

I'm always impressed by the large turnout of fans the Tigers draw (approximately a thousand per) and the game ended in a 3-3 draw.

Stood in bed

My sympathy (being somewhat of a loser) went out to Rams' Rick

Febbo who had a really rough night. Should of stood in bed, as they say.

Rick, who is noted for his temperamental outbursts, was the epitome of angelic bliss most of the night. So what happened? The Tigers thumped him all over the place, he stopped a shot from his own team on the proboscis and later on some unruly Tiger smeared his already burting nose with an elbow.

Shortly before the game ended Rick, probably feeling unwanted, was nailed butt-ending a Tiger. Zot. Out of the game with a suspension. There just ain't no justice.

Yes, it's true

In the for what it's worth department:

A few thousand paragraphs ago I mentioned in passing that the Hill arenas (Bond Lake I specified) used "Art Ross type" nets.

I was correct as far as I went. Was informed by one Ed Sackfield that the nets used in the Hill are improvised Art Ross nets.

The original nets were about four feet deeper which meant that there wasn't enough room to skate behind them. Some enterprising locals by the name of Earl Methe and Doug Moore redesigned them to their present circumferences . . . etc. That's why they are "Art Ross-type" nets and not "Art Ross" nets. So there.

Don't forget

Don't forget that Oak Ridges Old Timer-CFTO hockey game tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. Some familiar old and young faces will be on hand and all benefits go to minor hockey in Oak Ridges. Be there.

Also be at the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association's big bazaar Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Arena. This is also to raise much-needed funds.

There will be lots of goodies including baked goods, plants and roses, free suckers and balloons. You can even catch your own goldfish, by golly. Be there.

Thunderbirds get rained on!

The Thornhill Thunderbirds ran into some stormy weather losing 7-3 to Barrie Colts Monday night at Thornhill after being thoroughly smashed 12-3 in Collingwood Friday.

In a word: Ugh!

Monday's night's game saw newcomer Danny Jones (via the rams) along with Mitch Edwards open the scoring at 3:45 from Kim Mabley only to see Barrie score the next five goals. Triggermen were Bob Coulson, Jim Angus, Eric Cumming, Terry Griffin and Keith Wice.

Thornhill got back into the contest at 17:33 of the second with Gary Langfield scoring from Rocky Pantalone.

Barrie's Garner scored in the third before Ross Gordon got the Thunderbirds' final goal at 5:58 from Jones and Wally Stankov.

Garner made it two for the night to round out the scoring at 7:00 of the final 20 minutes.

Fairly even

It was a fairly even game throughout with the shots on goal tied at 36 a piece. The Thunderbirds outshot Barrie in the final period 19-11 but couldn't figure out Barrie goalie Doug Caine. Ben Bourget was in goal for Thornhill.

The night was declared "Thornhill

Minor Hockey Night" with some 400 youngsters turning out with their parents. Total attendance was 750.

Ugh!

Friday night's debacle in Collingwood saw the shipbuilders blast home seven goals in the final 20 minutes and that, sir, was the whole story.

Peter Crawford and Brian Boyce led the assault troops for the league-leaders with three goals apiece with Dave Tabb and Bill Switzer chipping in with two apiece. Other goals went to Jim Coombs, Brian Boyce, and Jim Dance.

Mabley gets 3

For Thornhill it was Kim Mabley scoring all three goals assisted on the first by Jones and Steve Cromb; the second by Barry Howson and Ross Gordon; and the third by Jones.

Collingwood only outshot Thornhill 41-37 on the game but goalie Braden Goodfellow was outstanding. Ben Bourget tended the twines for Thornhill.

The Thunderbirds meet Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers tomorrow night in an 8 p.m. game at Thornhill Community Centre. Next Saturday they are at Orillia and are at home Monday night to Midland.

Dynes lose 2

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers ran into some hot goaltending and that spelled the story of 5-3 and 3-1 defeats at the hands of Midland and Barrie Colts in Mid-Ontario Junior B action.

Saturday night at Oak Ridges the Jewellers were tied 3-3 with Midland going into the final 20 minutes but couldn't get by goalie Mike Crawford while the visitors were sneaking two past Harold DeGeer in the 'Ridges twines.

Scoring for Midland were Cliff Jordan, Al Stoneman, Andy Lacroix, Bill Presgraves, and John Beauchamp. Randy Humphries opened the scoring

for Oak Ridges in the first period from Jim Roffey and Kirk Stover.

In the second it was Ian Crockford from Scott Davey and Dave Stuart; and Humphries again from Vince Gyles.

It was much the same story Friday night in Barrie as the Jewellers couldn't buy a goal despite numerous near misses.

Their only goal came from the stick of Stuart assisted by Scott Davey.

Tomorrow night the Jewellers are in Thornhill in what amounts to a battle to stay or get out of cellar-spot. Next Monday they are at home to Orillia at Bond Lake Arena.

Nats win 7-6

Three goal performances by Bob Dupuis and Neil McKay propelled the Vaughan Nationals' Junior B hockey club to a 7-6 win over Etobicoke Selects Sunday night at Maple.

The other goal went to 14-year-old Wayne Bretzky who has been seeking

asylum from the Metro Toronto Hockey League who have suspended him for joining the Nats' organization.

Firing the Etobicoke goals were Doug Morton, Dave Heath, Alf Colquhoun, Joe Ross, Paul Ogden, Jack Phillips.