

Coneybear wins Stephenson trophy

This year's Stephenson Trophy winners were Jean Coneybear's rink of Ruth Taylor vice, Betty Schwan second, and Pat Peden lead in first place with 38 points, the Ruth Ellison rink of Coleen Alexson, Glen Hamilton, and Joanna Bloxam running a close second with 37½ and placing third Fay Weiss with Joan Byers, Sue Supra, and Joan Bosworth with 35.

The Richmond Hill Curling Club's opening women's event, has been an annual in-club affair since 1968. The teams have always been rated; each entrant given points according to the position she has played recently, first to prevent teams from being stacked and second to encourage beginner's to participate. In the Stephenson the teams cannot exceed 10 points; the skip receiving 4, vice

3, second 2, and lead 1. However, four of the six games played on Nov. 18 had either poorly mismatched rinks or some just couldn't get it together for scores of 17 to 4 and 14 to 5 were in evidence. A squeaker The match of Fay Weiss and Peg MacPherson was an exciting squeaker from the first to the extra end. Never divided by more than two rocks the lead kept switching

throughout as both skips threw expertly and competently, seldom missing. Peg's rink seemed slightly more confident but in this battle of nerves Fay's smile never wavered and she kept her cool to triumph. Good ending June Bush, bonspiel committee chairman, described the refreshments that were laid on. "They haven't stopped eating since they arrived

this morning," she laughed, when they began with coffee and hot muffins. Lunch was Chicken A La King with homemade desserts, and when they come off the ice meat spreads and crackers are hanging planters, jewelry and perfume. Bag of prizes In addition to miniature trophies taken home by the Coneybear rink the winners selected from a variety of prizes consisting of cosmetic kits,

Flappers, they expect improve the club's already excellent facilities. Says June, "This is how we were able to build the dining room addition and put in a \$40,000 ice surface and still keep our membership costs down".

Upcoming spiel In the next Spiel, an invitational on Feb. 24, called the Mods and

Herbert, "but they should become positive contributors later on in the season. I'm counting on them." Making sure the boys are duly informed of their playing statistics will be third year student Steven Saltzman who will be doing the game charts.

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(Photo by Hogg)

These curlers were the best

Some very happy gals here as they receive the W.A. Stephenson Construction curling trophy for winning all the honors last week. Left to right are: Ruth Taylor, Jim

Stephenson, presenting the trophy, Jean Coneybear, skip, Pat Peden, lead, and Betty Schwan, second.

'Mighty big boots' to fill by '75 Thornlea junior Thors discover

The Thornlea Junior boys basketball team has mighty big shoes to fill this year.

In fact it may take a season to do it. At least that's the feeling of coach Dennis Herbert for the 1975-76 Thors. "Coming off a 30-2 season leaves the present team quite a challenge," said Herbert. "This year's roster, while quite balanced, certainly doesn't have the depth of last year's Georgian Bay champions. "However, the desire to be as competitive as last year's 'ringers' would

become evident to any spectator should he watch our squad in practice and pre-season games."

Few Familiar Faces There are a few familiar faces on the returnee list including Steven Drew in the pivot slot while John Willis, having grown to 6'3" will replace the chief "rebound" role of now senior Thor Mark McMillan. Two other Thor veterans, Ian Craig, a 6'2" forward and Paul Wyers, a much-improved guard, hope to provide the leadership for the new members of the team. Paul, a year 4 student at Thornlea, makes his debut as a starting "quarterback" guard for the junior Thors. Good Ball Handler Commented coach Herbert: Paul has the ball handling and driving ability to do the job. Now all we await is the opportunity.

Two other fourth year students of Thornlea, Jason Horner, a

newcomer to the game and Joseph Frate look forward to complementing the starters in regular league balance. Jason has the height while Joe has the speed which are both important elements to the game. Also making their debut with the junior Thors are guards Sergio Migretto, Mike Mandel and Steven Eise.

Eager players "All three are eager ball players who work hard, learn quick and play well," said Herbert. "At this point any one of them could become the starting guard working with Wyers." The Thorsmen are developing big men for the cause with players who have height, jumping power and rebounding potential. Forwards Alvin Migolto, Marty Chinnery and Tim Willis saw playing action as midgets in York County play while Dennis Harrison is the rookie. "It's all learning right now for these youngsters," states coach

Herbert, "but they should become positive contributors later on in the season. I'm counting on them."

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Carpenters lose 3-1, tie

Richmond Hill Carpenters Local 3233 Peevee B's dropped a 3-1 game to Bolton in Bolton Saturday with Scott Pipher scoring the lone goal from Mark Lockerbie. Dave Kenny and Jim Barton played a strong game with goalie Stephen Harris playing well between the pipes. He was selected as the star of the game by Jerry Thornhill. Friday night saw the Hillers lying Barrie 3-3 at Richmond Hill with Greg Anderson playing a steady game in goal as he was outshot 17-10. Mark Lockerbie scored from Dave Kenny on the first goal with the second coming from Adam Cox assisted by James Gwillam. The third goal was by Paul Olis from Robin Russell.



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Rams win two, tie one game

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 Doug Dombroski also got a game and Al Cameron a double fighting major and an automatic game. Tuesday night of last week's game in Richmond Hill saw the Rams leading the Trappers by 4-1 at one point and then having to hang on to win 5-4. 2 goals to Febbo Febbo led the Richmond Hill scorers with two goals with singles to Osborne, Myles McAuley and Larry Kimble. For North Bay it was Jim Fox with three biggies and Louis Boudreau.

This game was probably the most entertaining of the season — featuring wide open end to end rushes, breakaways and near misses at both ends. The largest crowd of the season was also in attendance. Difference in the game was the brilliant goaltending of Rams' Brian Stankiewicz. The Rams play at Dixie Sunday and are at home next Tuesday night to Markham Waxers.

Provide grant to Hill arena

To help the Richmond Hill Arena Board avoid further deficits and to help local non-profit groups using the arenas keep their fees at as low a rate as possible, Richmond Hill Council adopted a formula of assistance at its Nov. 17 meeting. The assistance in the 1975-76 season will consist of a grant to any local non-profit group which books ice time at the arena and receives the arena board's 25 percent discount on the basis of \$3 per participant. Beginning with the 1976-77 season, an ice time subsidy will replace this grant. Similar \$3 per participant grants are paid to other recreation groups in the municipality.

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