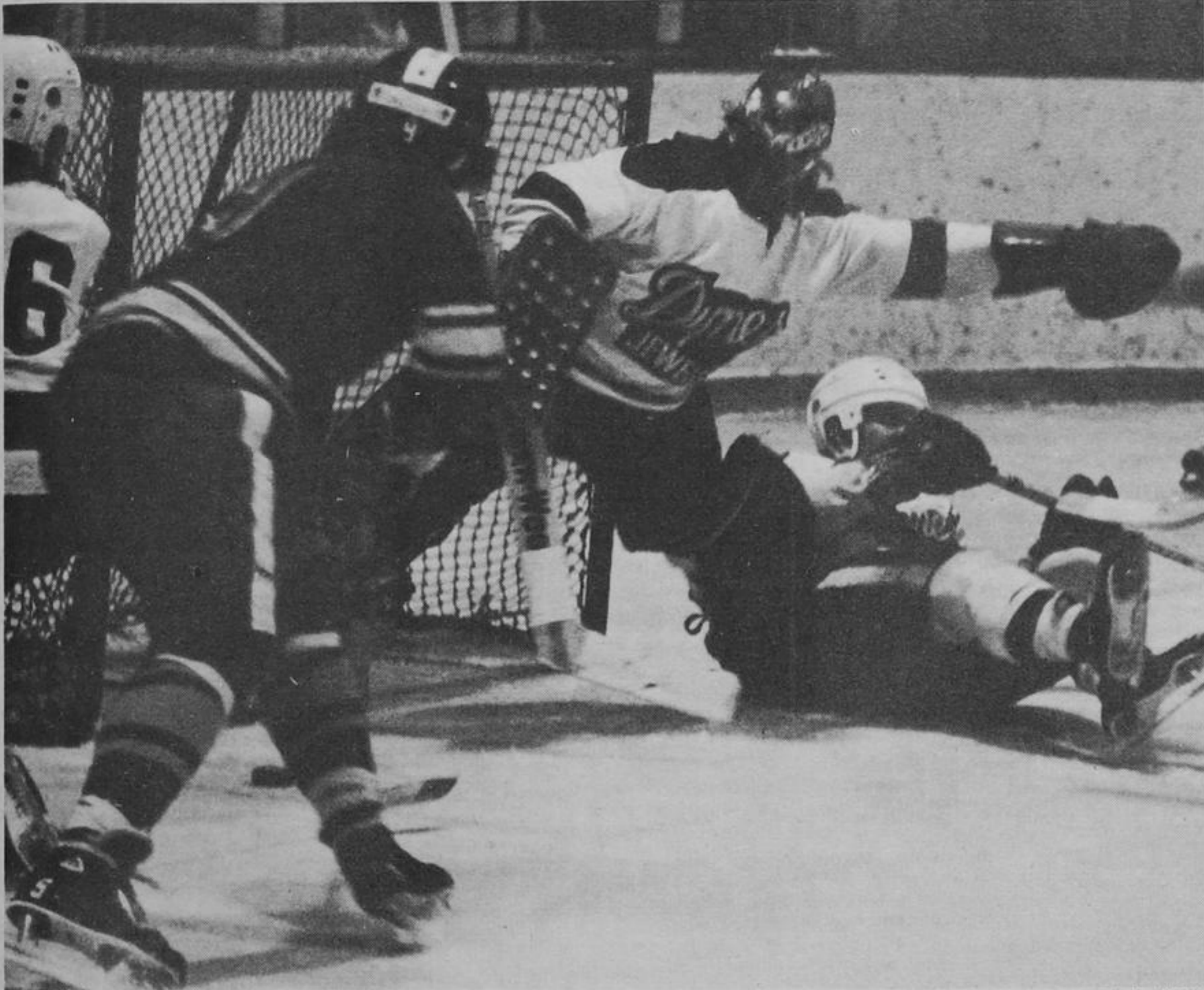


Jewellers win 2, blitz Thornhill



The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers exploded for two wins to move up the ladder in the Mid-Ontario Junior B race with 10-2 and 6-4 victories over Thornhill Thunderbirds and Orillia respectively.

It was a great beginning but a rather shaky ending against Orillia as the now fourth place Jewellers moved into a 4-0 lead at the end of the first period and saw it closed to 5-4 at one point in the last period.

Power play goal

A power play goal by Dave Stuart with a little over two minutes remaining assured the Jewellers' second straight victory.

That opening period saw the Jewellers dominating play with the following marksmen being:

Dale Roffey from Steve Sherman and Bill Cromb; Scott Davey from Ian Crookford and Jim Roffey; Dale Roffey from Cromb; and Cam Reston from Dave Robinson and Tom Tidman.

Orillia came back on a goal by Ernie Jewel (the first of three) but Oak Ridges' Tidman made it 5-1 from Randy Humphries and Robinson.

Two more goals by Jewel and one by Ritter brought it to 5-4 to set the scene for Stuart's goal.

Quiet game

The game was a quiet affair, sur-

prisingly, with the Jewellers being nailed for only seven minors and Orillia six.

Dynes' goalie Doug Brumwell was a standout in the game particularly in the final 20 minutes.

"We couldn't do anything wrong and they couldn't do anything right," was the charitable way Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk summed up his team's overwhelming victory over Thornhill Thursday night of last week at the

Thornhill Community Centre.

Oak Ridges outshot the homesters 56-19 on the game and could have piled in more except for the fine saving of Thornhill's Mario DePiero.

Dynes led 2-0 at the end of the first and 6-1 going into the third.

Leading the Ridges' offensive was Steve Sherman and Cam Reston with two goals apiece with the others going to Jim Roffey, Bill Cromb, Scott Davey,

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Tie Orillia, Midland

'Birds bouncing back

The struggling Thornhill Thunderbirds experienced a shaft of blue sky Monday night when they rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the final 20 minutes to tie Midland 4-4 in a Mid-Ontario OHA Junior B hockey game at Thornhill.

This tie along with Saturday's 7-7 one against Orillia in Orillia was sufficient

balm for coach Brian Anderson in the wake of the 10-2 lashing his team took from the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers Thursday night right in Thornhill.

That final 20-minute revival in Thornhill against Bradford started at 2:30 when Ivo Lanni made the score 4-2 from Wally Stankov and Pete Poulis.

Hopes really were high at 8:37 as Mike Johns put the puck home from Mitch Edwards.

Stankov the hero

But it was up to defenseman Stankov to add the ultimate dash at 15:14 as he brought the puck in alone; evaded three Midland defenders draped around him,

and flipped the puck high into the netting. Bravo.

Also receiving his share of praise was goalie Mario DePiero who made the tie possible by stopping two breakaways with the score 4-3 for Midland.

Thornhill's other goal was scored by Johns from Bill Coville and Rocky Pantalone at 1:26 of the second period.

4 goals in row

This triggered four goals in a row for Midland within five minutes with the marksmen being Ron Morrison, Pat Robillard, Guy Ormiston, and John Beauchamp.

Top players injured

Another reason for optimism at (Continued on B-2)

Some heated action here

A tense moment around Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' goalie Doug Brumwell here as the Orillia squad pours to the offensive in Junior B

hockey at Bond Lake Arena. The pressure paid off as Orillia scored seconds after. But Dynes won 6-4.

(Photo by Hogg)



Fred Simpson

Who's afraid of fires?

If you're a fireman like Blair Robson you lead a very dangerous life. But not from fighting fires.

You see, Blair is a goaltender with the newly-formed Richmond Hill-Vaughan Firefighters' hockey team. That can be dangerous.

It's so bad that the only time he feels secure is when he's fighting a fire.

"It's been a bit rough," conceded Blair. "We're a new team and the guys aren't used to playing together."

Than, hopefully: "But we're getting better with every game."

A case in point is the fact that Blair only had to stop 45 shots in a game recently which was an all-time seasonal low for him to date.

"I almost went to sleep," he said. That's a far cry from an earlier game against Kitchener which saw

centres, you realize the boys are doing quite well.

Fun thing

"We go out there to win," said Blair, "but it's also a fun thing. We have a social get-together after the game."

Each home team supplies the beer. You get to know the fellows that way."

But back to Blair who has just stopped 14 breakaways.

"I'm getting to be quite an expert on breakaways," he acknowledges. "It's the experience I guess."

Astute advice

There's another reason. "A few seasons ago I was working out at a rink where the then Leaf goalie Dunc Wilson was practising. He was watching me from the stands and after he gave me some advice on how to handle breakaways.

"He told me to skate out to cut off the angle but to also start drifting back as the player comes in. That way you prevent him from deking around you. It paid off."

Indeed.

Blair, who is a member of the Richmond Hill Fire Department and lives in the town, played most of his early hockey in the area on defense.

Fate stepped in

Shortly after this season started he replaced goalie Terry Haviland after the latter injured his shoulder and has been maltreated by the opposition ever since.

"I guess I would average about seven shots on me at a time," he said. Yeah? "I've only been beaten (as of writing) "about five times on direct shots."

But Blair is the first to pay credit to his teammates "who have really come up with some fine hockey in the last few games."

Some of his teammates include fellows such as Jim Lawson (he's about their tops), Jerry Caume, Ray Boisclaire, Bill Ash, Barry Pollard, Bruce Buchanan, Dave Bice, Dave Sephton, Fred Howes and, yes, 60-some-year-old Vaughan Fire Chief Jim Davidson.

Watch out!

Fire Chief Davidson is something of an amazing fellow, according to Blair.

"The chief is one of our hardest hitting defenseman and he plays it for keeps out there. You'd never know he was the age he is. He's good."

Age (or maybe just luck) caught up with Jim in a recent game when he launched a savage check at an incoming opposing player.

He connected all right. The player went flying. Trouble was Jim ended up with two cracked ribs.

Did that slow him down? You're kidding. He was back out on defense last week.

Hey, a tie

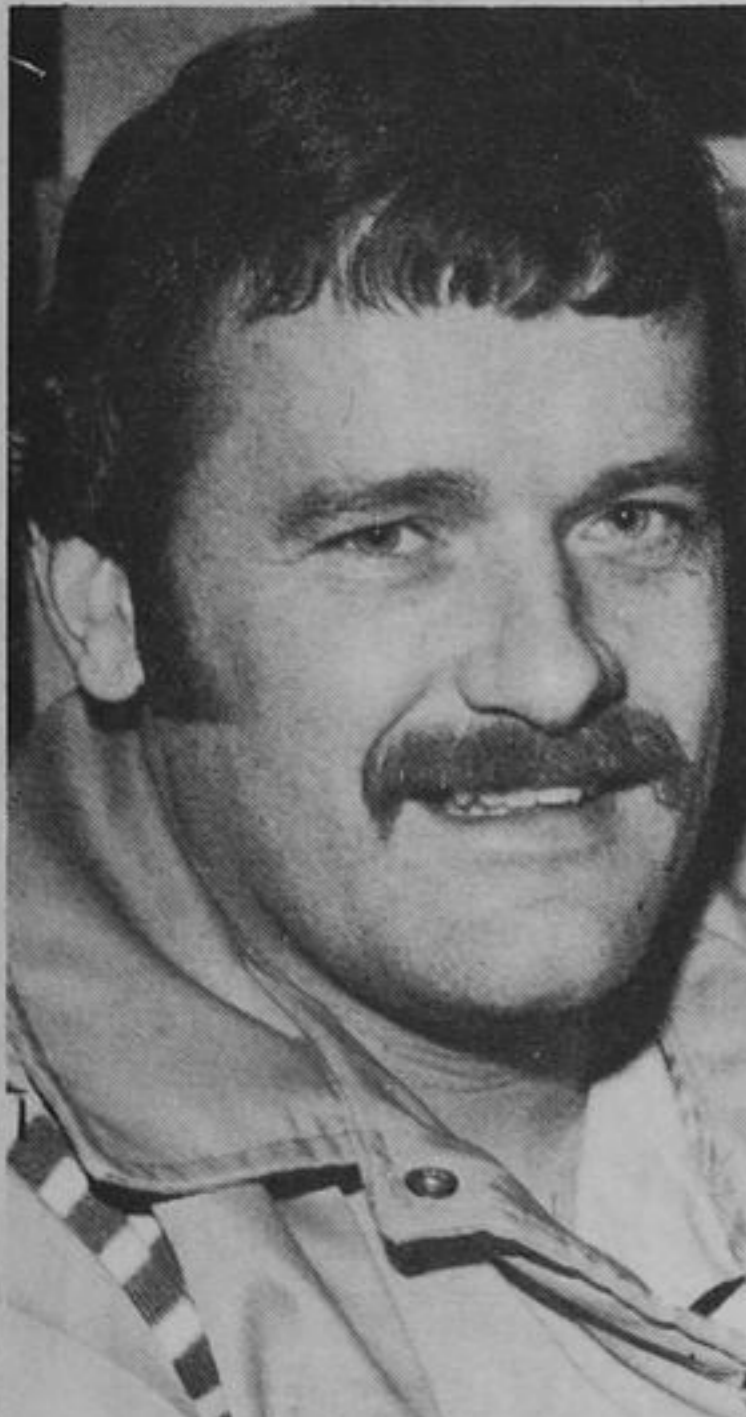
The Firefighters came up with a tie the other day. Their first point ever.

"You'd thought we'd won the Stanley Cup," observed Blair.

In closing I'd have to say that the Firefighters are having a ball out there.

True, they haven't won any hockey games but they're tops when it comes to fighting fires.

What more can a fella ask for?



Blair Robson
..... time to duck

the opposition level 85 shots at him while his teammates could only manage 3.

"That was probably our low point," he said, "but we were going against a top-flight team."

21 breakaways

This particular game saw Robson stopping 14 of 21 breakaways which, come to think of it, is probably more than the average NHL goalie has to stop in a lifetime.

I should say at this point I'm not trying to make light of the efforts of the area firefighters.

They are participating in a southern-Ontario-wide established hockey league which features some top players. All firemen.

This league includes teams from Windsor, London, Kitchener, Dundas, Hamilton, Mississauga, Etobicoke, and on and on.

Top players

"The calibre of players is really high. There are nine or so who have had experience in the Central Pro league as well as others who've played junior hockey."

When you add to this that the Richmond Hill and Vaughan Firefighters have a more limited manpower supply than the bigger

Rams rolling as nip Dixie

Fifteen-year-old rookie Frank Nigro made it eight games in a row without a defeat for the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams Sunday night when he fired home the winning goal against Dixie at 18:23 of the final period.

That score carried the Rams, currently tied for first place with North York Rangers and North Bay Trappers, to a 6-5 win over cellar-dwelling Dixie.

Tuesday of last week they defeated Weston Dogers 6-4 at Richmond Hill.

Clement set it up

Nigro's heroics Sunday night were made possible by winger Jim Clement who controlled the puck at the Dixie blueline until he popped it over to Nigro who put it home.

It was Nigro's second goal of the night to go along with an assist.

"We played as well as we had to," said Rams' coach Karl Brimblecombe following the game. "It's always tough to win in the small Dixie rink."

Not surprised

Brimblecombe maintains he's "not surprised by the way the team is going. I've known all along we had a powerful club if we could only get all the players in the line-up at the same time."

He added that "we're still having trouble with icing a complete team." He was referring to the three-game suspension of recalcitrant winger Rick

Febbo — about to come off a three game suspension for butt-ending — and defenseman Mike Gallagher who is still out with an injury.

"What I'm really happy about," continued Brimblecombe, "is our balance. We're getting the scoring from all our three lines."

Hectic in third

Sunday night's game saw the score tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and 3-2 for the Rams going into a final 20 minutes which was dominated by Dixie everywhere except on the scoreboard.

Other Richmond Hill goals were scored by Ken Paraskevich from Larry Kimble and Bennie Pedersen; Pedersen from Paraskevich; Kimble from Paraskevich and Tony Robinson; Myles McCauley from Joe Greentree and Nigro. McCauley and Clement assisted on Nigro's first goal.

Scoring for Dixie was even divided between Dan Mortimer, Glenn McClelland, Jim Baker, Shane Payette, and Paul Richard.

The Rams-Weston clash in Richmond Hill saw the Rams wrap the game up in the second period with four straight goals after trailing 2-1 at the end of the first period. Weston came back with two in the same period but the Rams got the final one in the third despite being outshot 19-6 by the visitors.

Stankiewicz stars

Rams' goalie Brian Stankiewicz was his usual brilliant self in this period.

For the Rams the goal scorers were: Myles McCauley from Jim Clement; Bob Osborne from Mike Rowley and John Nickleson; McCauley again from Jim Clement; Osborne from Rowley and Nickleson; Clement from McCauley; and Nigro unassisted.

Weston's marksmen were Greg Ahoe, Brad Hall, Ken Taylor, and Paul Mancini.

Net troubles

One incident developed at the start of the third period when Weston asked for a measurement of the nets. They measured only 47 inches in height and Weston asked to have the nets changed and continued the game under protest.

Despite, this the Dodgers failed to put a goal in the larger twines.

The Rams are in Newmarket tomorrow night (Thursday) at 8:15 p.m. and visit Dixie Sunday at 7:15 p.m. Next Tuesday they play host to Ajax.



Frank Nigro
... winning goal

Oak Ridges Kings consolation champs

The Oak Ridges Bantam Kings dropped a narrow 7-6 decision to Bradford in the Bradford Blue and Gold hockey tournament and had to settle for the consolation laurels.

It was something of a heartbreaking loss for the Kings who opened the tournament with a 6-2 win over Schomberg and went on to down Keswick 5-1, Alliston 6-2.

That final game saw the contest go into overtime tied at 4-4. That time elapsed with the teams even at shots on goal with a final best of five penalty shots with both teams scoring twice to leave it still at 6-6. For Oak Ridges it was Millard and Vanderploeg scoring.

Then came a further best of two with Kevin Wobshal scoring the winning goal in a thriller for Bradford.

Lalonde gets 3

John Lalonde led the Ridges boys with three goals with Carl Koteff also getting one. Assists went to Mark Millard and Michel Vanderploeg. Goalie was Billy MacArthur.

Other game scorers: Against Schomberg it was Neil Wilson with

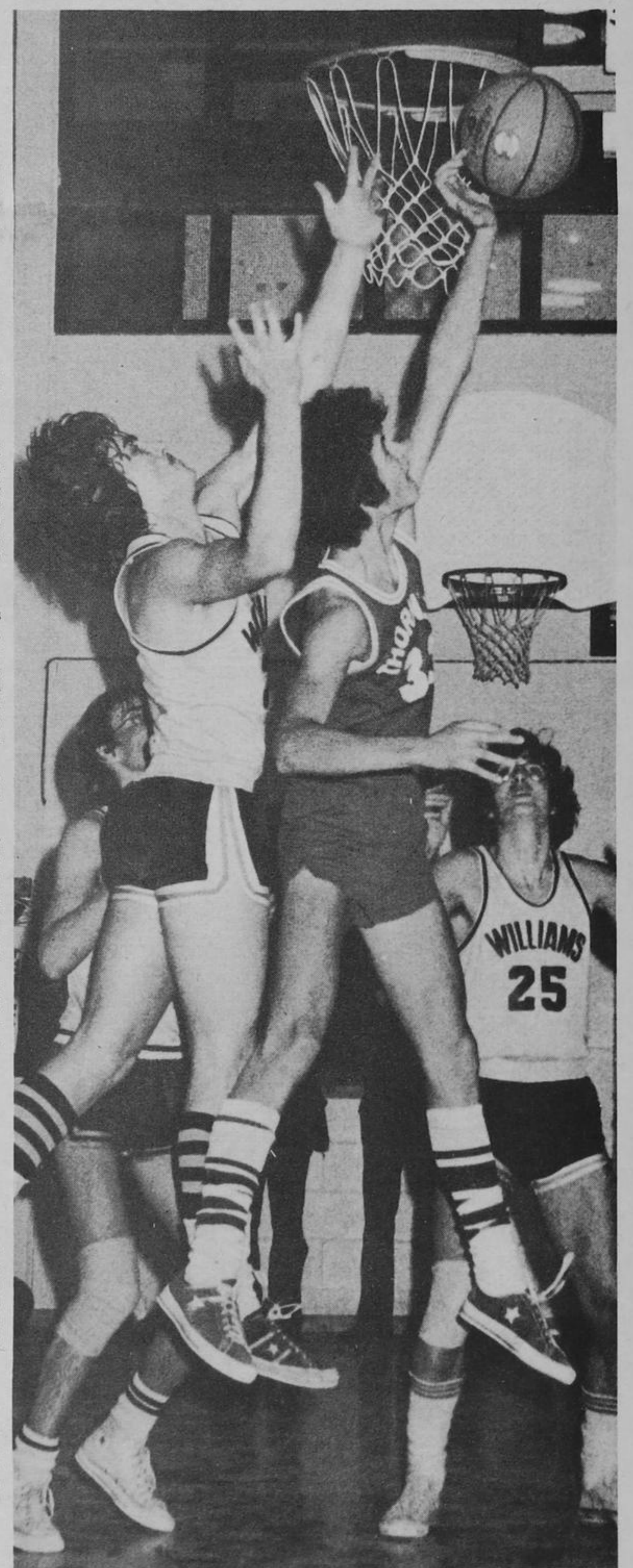
three goals and one assist and single goals to George Margerum, Robert Sanders and Steven Arnold. Arnold also picked up two assists with singles to Damien O'Flaherty, Frank Rossi, John Lalonde, Mike Millard. Sharing the nets were Glenn McKenzie and Billy MacArthur.

Another 4 goals

Against Keswick: Scoring were Lalonde with four goals and an assist (Lalonde was adjudged the most valuable player for the consolation side); Mark Millard, one goal and an assist to Michel Vanderploeg. MacArthur was in net.

Koteff gets 2

It was Carl Koteff leading the scoring assault against Alliston with two goals and an assist along with an equal number by Neil Wilson. George Margerum had a goal as did Frank Rossi who also drew an assist. Other assists went to Garner Colliester, Mike Millard, John Lalonde, and Robert Sanders Glen McKenzie was in the net.



(Photo by Hogg)

Aiming high in life

You have to aim high in life and that's especially so here as Thornlea Seniors' Rob Morrow fights for rebound in referee's

tournament Saturday. Thornlea lost to champion G.W. Williams 34-31.