

Thunderbirds nip Collingwood



Thunderbirds on the attack

Collingwood Shipbuilder goalie Wayne Belanger makes a stop of a blistering shot while Thor-

nhill's Steve Cromb lurks on the scene in Monday Night's Junior B game won by Thornhill 5-4.

Photo by Hogg

It may not be the greatest thing that'll ever happen to the Thornhill Thunderbirds but it'll do for the time being.

The Birds came on like giant killers Monday night to edge the league-leading Collingwood Shipbuilders 5-4 in an ulcer-tickling Mid Ontario Junior B hockey game at Thornhill Community Centre.

It wasn't easy though as the Thunderbirds had to play two men short in the final three minutes to skate off with the win.

Close

The powerful visitors did manage to sneak within one goal of Thornhill on a power play goal at 18:29 by Duncan Steer.

Newly acquired Richmond Hill goalie Danny Hildebrand was outstanding throughout the game as the visitors outshot the home side by 40-31.

Penalty shot

Things even started out rosy for the Thunderbirds in the first 2 minutes as they opened the scoring at 8:30 on a penalty shot by Ross Gordon who was hauled down on a breakaway as he crossed the Collingwood blueline.

Gordon made no mistake as he deked the Collingwood goalie and pushed the puck home.

The suddenly inspired Thunderbirds made it 2-0 at 10:39 as Danny Jones

whipped the puck home on a power play assisted by Barry Howson and Steve Cromb.

The Collingwood team got back in the game at 6:20 on Del Watson's goal but the determined Thornhillers kept pecking away and Kim Mabley hit home at 8:11 from Gordon and Bob Hunter.

Howson made it 4-1 at 12:48 from Jones and Cromb and the Thunderbirds looked home free.

Collingwood's Peter Crawford got one back at 4:54 but it was Cromb making it 5-2 at 6:35.

Come back

Then the visitors started their comeback surge on goals by Peter Crawford at 8:04 and one by Steer at 18:29.

One of the numerous outstanding players for Thornhill was Danny Somers who played with last year's juvenile team and is a recent returnee.

Outstanding

Also outstanding were Mable and Gordon and defenseman Wally Stankov.

It was Thornhill's first-ever win over Collingwood.

The Thunderbirds were slated to play in Barrie last night (Tuesday) and in Midland Friday night before coming home next Monday against Orillia.

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Lose to Midland 5-4

Dynes rally to tie Owen Sound

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers scored 12 goals in two games but could only salvage one point out of it all in Mid-Ontario Junior B action.

And it took some last minute heroics Monday night to get even that one point as the Jewellers tied Owen Sound 8-8 after 6-4 going into the final 20 minutes.

Scoring hero this time out was Davey Stuart as he scored the tying goal with two minutes and 12 seconds remaining from Tony Robinson and Jim Roffey. It was his second goal of the game. The Jewellers looked impressive taking a 3-1 lead in the first period but

the defence simply collapsed in the middle session.

That first 20 minutes saw Dynes' goals by Stuart from D. Roffey and Ian Crockford; Greg Bogaerts from Steve Sherman; and Kirk Stover from Brian Carruthers.

Owen Sound got one goal back from Mark Kazarian (he scored three on the night) and then poured home three straight goals in the second, two of them by Tim Abbott and the other by Kazarian.

Befuddled

The befuddled Jewellers recovered

long enough to tie the game on Ian Crockford's counter from Stuart and Dale Roffey but fell behind 6-4 as Kazarian and Juniper closed out the period with goals.

Then came the final period with Bogaert making it 6-5 from Cam Reston on a power play and the same Reston tying the game from Stuart and Kirk Stover.

Owen Sound moved in front on Mark Aiken's goal but the Jewellers tied the game on Steve Sherman's goal from Carruthers.

The visitors scored again with 6:18

left on Aitken's counter to set the scene for the tying goal by Stuart.

Lose to Midland

The Midland game saw goals by Dale Roffey from Steve Sherman and Randy Humphries; Stuart from Neil Crockford and Brian Carruthers; Dale Roffey unassisted.

The Jewellers were trailing 5-3 when they pulled their goalie and managed to score courtesy of Stuart from Dale Roffey and Sherman.

The Jewellers are idle until next Monday when they meet Collingwood at Bond Lake Arena.

Fred Simpson

'Tis the season

Mercy, mercy, here Christmas is racing in on me and I sit here with a glazed look in my middle eye. What to do, what to do.

My mother didn't send me a Christmas card this year but that's all right. Just as long as she comes through with the present.

I'm a little worried about her lately. Her moods, I mean.

She's been treating me rather shabbily. Hasn't bought me a car for I don't know how long.

I distinctly remember thanking her for the last one.

Karl Brimblecombe
... the good life?

Win streak

Anyway, the sports scene is certainly bright as of the moment in the Hill, particularly as it concerns the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams who are on something of a win streak.

Like 13 games in a row without a defeat (as of writing, remember) and perched jauntily up in first place.

Thought it was an ideal time to parse a few phrases with Coach Karl Brimblecombe as regards his seemingly adrenalin-inspired club this year.

My, how time flies. It's hard to believe Mr. Brimblecombe is in his sixth year with the club.

To think of it, I was young when he joined the club away back when.

Spell right

I hadn't even heard of him even though he was officially listed as assistant coach to Bill "Scotty" Wilson when the Rams were busy struggling in the old 'B' loop.

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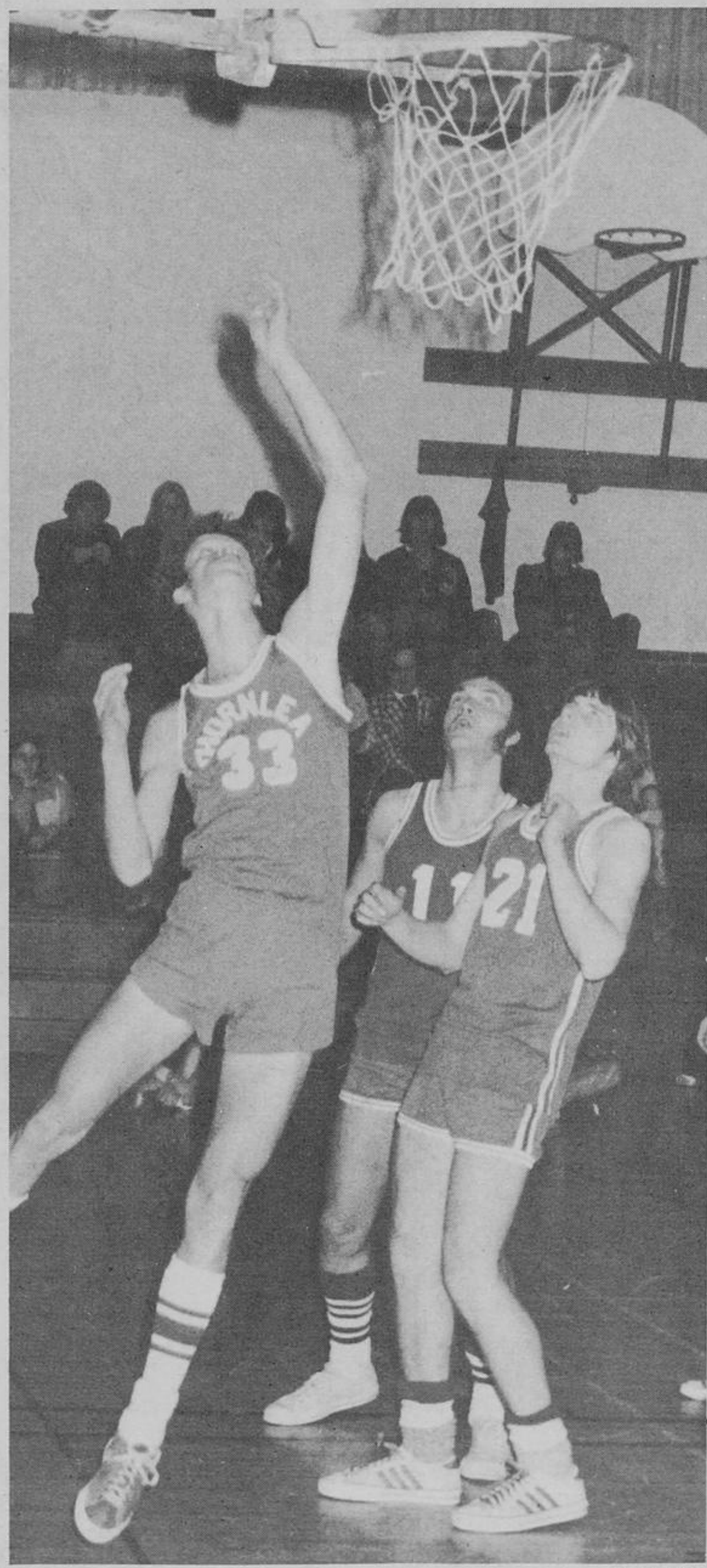


Photo by Hogg

It's a bird? Plane?

There must be something strange in the sky from the looks of Thornlea's Rob Morrow 33 and De La Salle's Lee Hardy and Jim Neundorf. It was only the basketball. De La Salle went on to whip Thornlea and take the "Court of Kings" tournament at King City. For story turn to B-3.

Hill rams on prowl as edge Weston 3-2; extend streak to 13

The Richmond Hill Rams staved off a third period rally by Weston Dodgers Sunday night to win 3-2 and extend their unbeaten streak to 13 games in the red-hot race for first place in the Provincial Junior A hockey league.

It was the same Rams using the final 20 minutes to overcome a 4-1 deficit against Ajax Tuesday night of last week in Richmond Hill and end up with a 5-5 tie.

Sunday's game at Weston saw the Rams take a 1-0 lead in a fairly even first period. The goal was the result of the pesky forechecking by diminutive Ken Paraskevin.

Knocks in rebound

Paraskevin relieved a Weston defenseman of the puck behind the net and pushed it in front to Rick Febbo who had a whack at it. Handyman Mitch Edwards promptly cashed the rebound.

The Rams had a wide territorial and shot edge in the second period and lengthened their lead to 3-0 when Myles McCauley fired in a Frank Nigro rebound at 4:55 and Jack Guest scored his first goal of the season on a power play at 15:47.

Paraskevin and Febbo handled the puck before Guest hit the twine.

Big rally

Weston counted two third period power play goals to make it close.

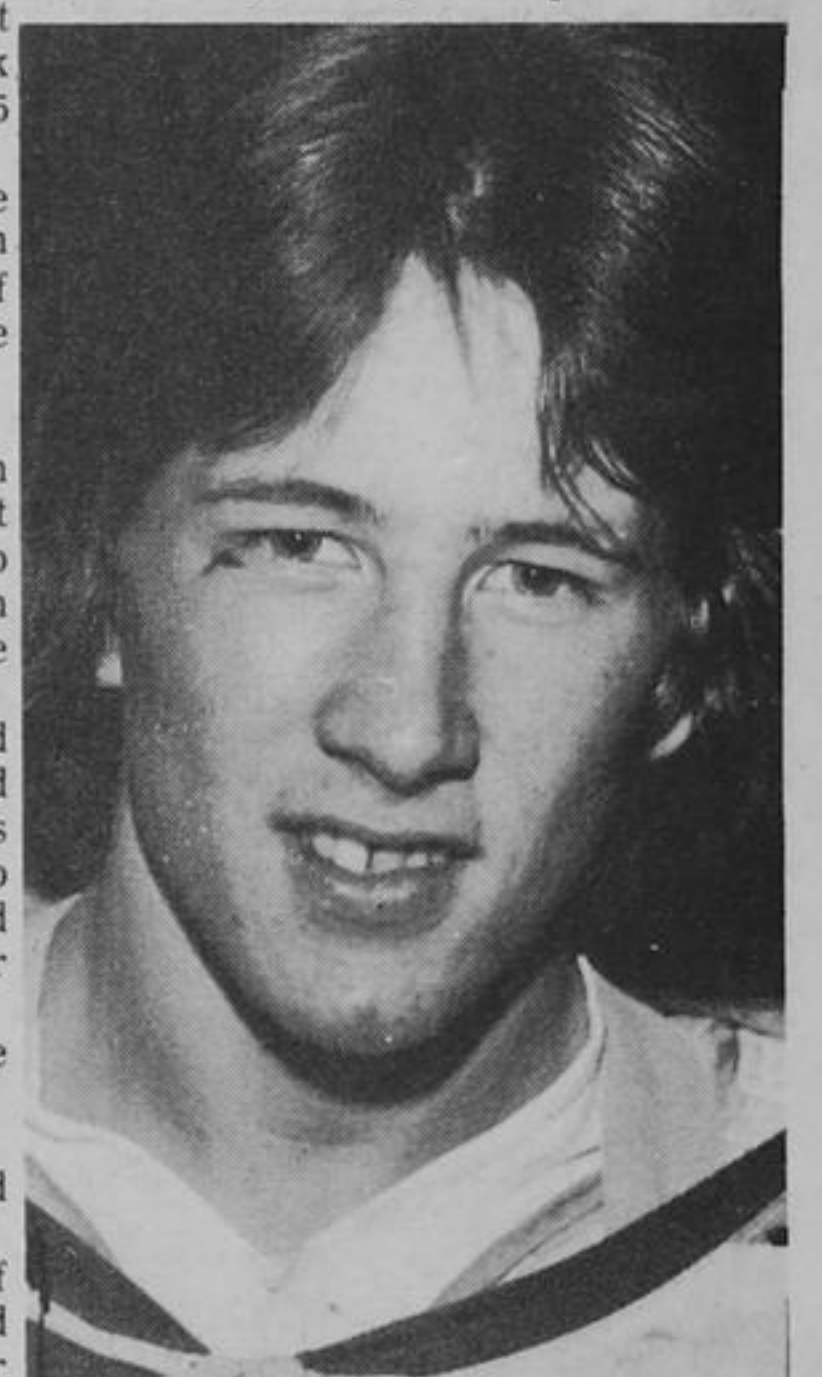
The period started off as a repeat of the first two and the Rams had managed to hold off the Dodgers for most of the two minutes of a Guest penalty.

Then came the 7:32 mark and the Weston team got onto the scoreboard with only one second remaining in Guest's sentence.

Rams' netminder Brian Stankiewicz made a couple of saves before Andy Clark drilled one through a maze of

players in front of the net.

This goal seemed to spur on the Dodgers and they narrowed the margin to one at 18:10 with Febbo serving an elbowing penalty. Stankiewicz again made two difficult stops before Brad Hall managed to get the puck behind



Mike Rowley gets tying goal

him. The Rams held on through the remaining minutes and 50 seconds to carry off the two points.

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It's all hogwash!

By Bob Reeves

I have no intention of dignifying the charges laid by one Mr. Al Harrietha against our association by writing a long argumentative reply.

Libelous hogwash

Those of you who read this column know, without my telling you, that his allegations are nothing but a lot of libelous hogwash.

I might add that at no time did our association communicate with the MTHL either by letter or by telephone or by any other means; and to the best of my knowledge neither did the OMHA.

However, rules are rules, and the OMHA does govern where a boy can play.

Whether this is right or wrong is not the point, but as long as they exist we will live by the rules.

I feel sad for the young lad who has been suspended from MTHL play on a decision made by them and them alone.

All I can add is he is as welcome to play here as any one of our other 700 boys.

And, I guess, that's all I will say for now and let's go on to happier things. Las Vegas ho!

The Las Vegas draw is 10 days in the past now but the good memories linger on.

It was really a fun night, but both Bill Majury and I are somewhat disappointed to see that Johnny Carson is

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still working. Oh Well that's life! I must thank all the people who came over to Channel 10 that evening for their interviews.

Each and everyone of them made a delightful experience out of the whole evening.

Special thanks

Special thanks must go to Jack Sanders and Bill MacPherson who recounted some very interesting experiences from their old friendships dating back to World War 1.

They were a great pair to interview. I can't say enough about all the Legion members from Branch 375 who bought so many tickets from us. Thank you, it's much appreciated.

And thanks to everyone else who helped minor hockey by buying tickets for Las Vegas. You have made our financial road a lot easier to travel.

Triumph for the ladies
The whole operation of this draw from start to finish was a real triumph for the Ladies' Auxiliary. A simple thank you just doesn't seem to be enough.

I might add that the co-operation we

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