

Frustrated? Try being a Hill Ram



There are days like this....

Richmond Hill Rams' Brian Stankiewicz has a somewhat frustrating time as Doug Todd (14) puts the puck home in this

Saturday game at Markham which was won 6-5 by the waxers. The frustrations got even worse Sunday as the somewhat

beleagued Rams did everything but win a game which saw them leading at least four times before tying it 7-7 in overtime.

MARKHAM — The Richmond Hill Rams had more hang-ups going for them than a clothes-closet when they skated off the ice Sunday night shakily clutching a 7-7 tie with the Markham Waxers.

It was the fourth game of their best-of-seven Provincial A quarter final playoffs and the Rams were just two seconds away from a 5-4 win when the Waxers managed to score from a face-off.

Impossible?

Certainly! Richmond Hill Rams' coach Carl Brimblecombe thought so as evidenced by his raging along with all of the Rams and some of the Richmond Hill fans.

Rams' goalie Brian Stankiewicz was so incensed he walked into a game misconduct and his position was taken by young Tony Bak in the final equally bizarre 10-minute overtime.

Must game

The Rams, coming off a 6-5 loss Saturday night here, knew this one was a must game with Markham leading the series two games to one after taking the first one 5-4, losing the next one by a same 5-4 count.

Richmond Hill looked like winners

several times in the first three periods leading on three occasions on goals by Joe Greentree, Myles McCauley, two, Rick Febbo, and Jim Clement.

Fateful face-off

Then came that fateful half-way out the door, a resultant face-off with Markham's goalie out, and bang, bang, tie game.

No way

Richmond Hill supporters mainly vented vehemently there was no way you could score a goal in two seconds.

But it was a goal.

The overtime period saw the Rams appear to wrap up the game for sure as Clement scored his second counter of the night on a deflection with only 4:41 left.

Everyone was ready to go home, again, when Febbo chopped the puck past the Markham goalie with less than three minutes to go.

Did it again

That's what the fates threw mud at the Rams and goalie Bak once more in a Hollywood scenario-type ending.

Bak, who has been used sparingly, looked like a hero when he made a fantastic stop on a Markham sure-goal

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Whip Orillia 6-4

Dynes bounce back in overtime

By Bob Hughey

OAK RIDGES — The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers bounced back to down Orillia Travelways 6-4 in overtime on the strength of two goals by Dave Stuart Monday in Mid Ontario Junior B

playoff action at Bond Lake Arena.

The Dynes, after dropping the opening game 6-3 in Orillia Feb. 14, have deadlocked the best of five game series at one game apiece.

Orillia struck first with a shorthanded goal by Brian Clark at the 29

second mark of the first period. Ernie Jewel received an assist.

Jim Roffey replied for the Dynes less than four minutes later on passes from Dave Stuart and Vince Giles to even the count at 1-1.

Bo Schryer put Orillia in front with a power play marker at 5:24. Assists went to Brian Clarke and Jerry Cunningham.

Jim Roffey ties it

Jim Roffey evened it up at 2-2 as he took a pass from Larry Gueran and let a blistering slap shot go to score a shorthanded goal at 7:57.

Less than a minute later, Orillia went back in front on another power play goal by Bo Schryer. Assists went to Brian Clarke and Ernie Jewel.

The first period ended with Orillia leading 3-2.

Richmond Hill opened quickly in the second period with a marker by Dale Roffey at the 15 second mark to tie the game. Greg Bogaerts and Jim Roffey drew assists.

Go ahead

Dynes went ahead, for the first time, 4-3 on a Tony Robinson goal at 14:50. Brian Carruthers and Larry Gueran picked up assists.

The Richmond Hill lead didn't last long as Orillia's Brian Clarke scored, less than two minutes into the third period, to bring the teams even again at 4-4. Tim Lutes and John Buchowski received assists on the play.

There was no further scoring in the third period, although the hard, fast pace produced many opportunities.

Overtime

Just 22 seconds into the 10 minute

overtime (most goals scored) Dave Stuart swept in with a man on his back and lifted the puck over the Orillia goaltender's shoulder. Relays from John Lenneville and Jim Roffey sent Stuart in for the marker.

Dave Stuart tallied again with 1:50 on the clock. Greg Bogaerts drew an assist on the goal which gave Dynes a 6-4 lead and clinched the victory.

Santa Claus like

Dynes' coach Peter Artemchuk said, "we started out playing Santa Claus in the first period as we gave them three goals — a repeat of the last game when we gave them five goals."

"But the guys came back big," he said.

Stuart the hero

"Stuart came up with a big goal in the overtime," said Artemchuk.

"Jim Roffey played one of the most outstanding games he has played this season for us with two goals and two assists," said coach Artemchuk.

"We replaced Harold DeGeer with Doug Brumwell at the beginning of the second and even after being cut in the third played a steady game in goal," he said.

Artemchuk also praised the crowd for their tremendous support. "What a help that crowd!"

In Saturday's 6-3 loss, Orillia lead 2-0 on first period goals by Jerry Cunningham and Dave Nicholson.

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers came back with goals by Dave Stuart from John Lenneville and Ian Croxford and Larry Gueran assisted by Brian Carruthers and Tony Robinson to tie the score at 2-2.

Orillia went up by one on a goal by Ernie Jewel.

Steve Sherman knotted the score early in the second period. Assists went to Kirk Stover and Neil Croxford.

Two goals by Jerry Cunningham and one by Tim Lutes left the Dynes trailing 6-3 at the end of the second.

There was no scoring in the third period leaving a final score of 6-3 for Orillia Travelways.

A fan bus will be leaving from Bond Lake Arena at 6:45 for the Dynes game in Orillia on Sat., Feb. 21. Game time is 8 p.m.

For tickets phone 773-4119 or 773-5881. Monday, Feb. 23 will see the Dynes at home to Orillia at 7:30 p.m.



Fred Simpson

Happenings happening

There are so many things happening these days I don't know where to find them. That's not good. It worries me.

But you just can't avoid talking about such things as hockey playoffs which are currently thrilling us all to death in Richmond Hill, Thornhill and you just name it.

That's what happened to me Sunday night. I dug my old compass out, pointed it in the direction of the Rams-Markham game, and got lost.

Where to?

Just don't know how I do it. I pulled confidently into the parking lot of the arena that sits beside Highway 7 and 48 and headed into the building.

Very nice arena except the Rams and Waxers weren't playing there. Undaunted, I mounted my "Maverick" and wheeled out to Markham Centennial Arena where all the action was happening.

Sure was happening. I convinced the guy taking the tickets I was Pierre Burton (at first he thought I was a lowly sportswriter and wanted to charge me) and settled down to watch the game.

Black Rock

Talk about a bad day at Black Rock for the Rams? Here's the scene.

They headed into the game losing the best-of-seven Provincial Junior A series to games to one (having lost 6-5 Saturday night at the same place) desperately, as they say, needing a win.

They needed the game three times and looked like sure 5-4 winners with only two seconds to go. Two seconds, mind you. It's enough to make you take life seriously.

I was half-way out the door when the resulting face-off saw the Waxers put the puck home at almost the same time as they did.

Breaking up time

What a furore that followed. A psychiatrist should have been rushed to the side of Rams' coach Carl Brimblecombe. In fact, he's been able to treat all the Rams at this juncture.

History will record the Rams went into the 10-minute overtime frustrated and came out of it on the verge of collective breakdowns as they led once more 7-5 only to have the hyper Waxers tie it up at 7-7. That's the way it remained.

Quite a game and the Rams are definitely in trouble. Mark my words. There's so little difference between these two teams they might never be able to finish the series.

My advice to you is to get to the games and see the action.

Another thriller

That includes the Dynes-Orillia series which is (as of writing) now tied at one game apiece after Monday night's sensational 6-4 overtime win by the Jewellers at Bond Lake Arena.

Now let's see. What else shall we talk about now.

Well now

I suppose I should comment on that little upset over Glen Philip resigning as president of the Richmond Hill Ball Association and, at the same time, sort of lambasting the Rams Jewellers' Casey Cripps.

The eruption boiled over regarding the Jeweller's original desire to play Thursdays nights instead of Tuesdays. Briefly that started it all.

I'm not going to get too involved because such situations remind me of certain domestic disputes.

Interfere and you end up in the intensive care ward while the other couple end up holding hands, billing and cooing.

Something like that.

I can only say as an outsider that Glen has been president of the association for the past six years and I think he's done a fine job in a somewhat thankless position. I like him.

Casey Cripps? A volatile but essentially good-hearted little guy who has a bark much, much, worse than his bite.

I've had more fights with Casey over the years than some wives have had with their husbands.

The next day we can't even remember what it was all about. Life goes on.

Life goes on

And that's what the Richmond Hill Ball Association should do now. Get on with life.

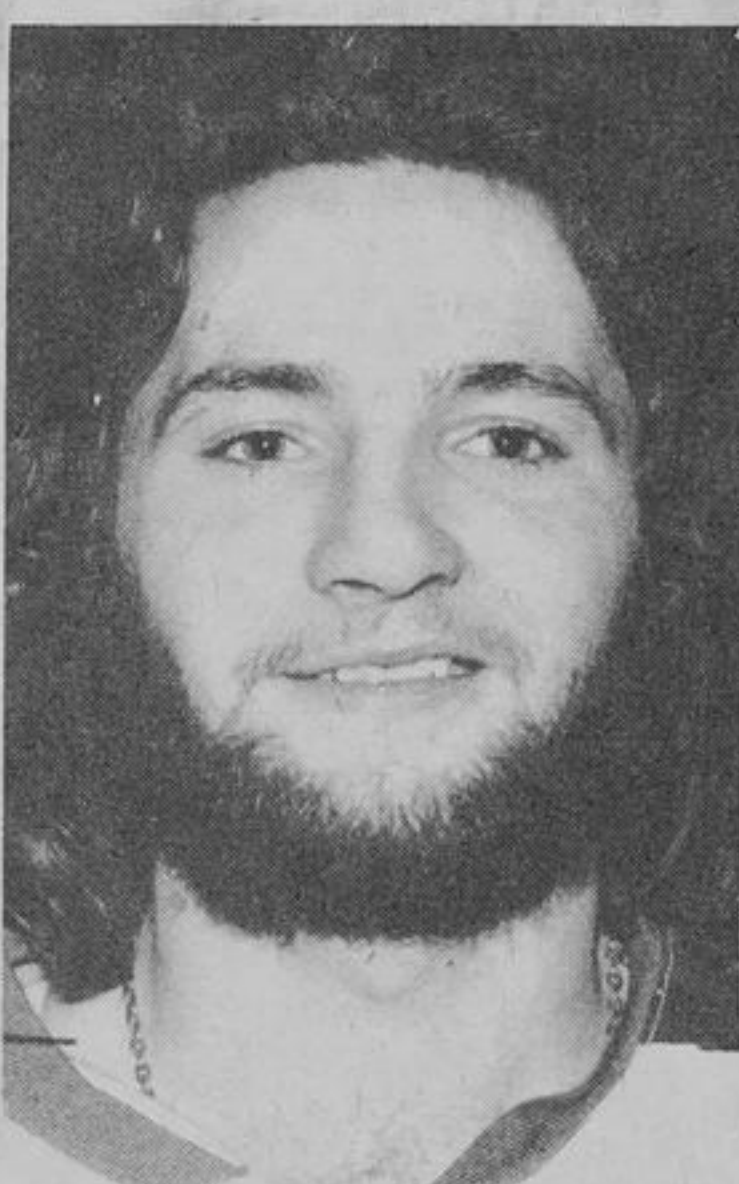
The name of the game is assuring the youngsters in town get a chance to play softball.

In my opinion both Glen and Casey, in their highly individual ways, have contributed much to softball in this town. We need them both.

So I'll end by saying it's my feeling Glen should once more take up the gavel and continue doing the job he has, in my opinion, been doing pretty well.

Wouldn't surprise me to find out Mr. Cripps agrees with me.

The next ball meeting, by the way, is Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Arena. You're welcome.



Dave Stuart he's a hero



(Photo by Hogg)

Steady on the turns, fellas

And here they come. Around the turn! Just imagine the noise that's happening here as these three racing snowmobiles roar to the

finish line in the annual Richmond Hill Kinsmen Heritage Snowmobile races Sunday that went on despite an earlier

downpour of rain which threatened to call off the proceedings. Inset is big winner Bill Moffatt of Agincourt.