

Hill juniors win 5th in a row!



(Photo by Glenn Doyle)

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill High Juniors defeated Langstaff 59-57 in overtime in league basketball action last week.

Langstaff had led the Hillers by 17-6 at the quarter and 30-18 at half time but fell behind 54-46 in the fourth quarter before staging a last minute comeback to tie the game at 55-55.

Langstaff's Jim Poore and RHHS's Kevin Bryan each scored 24 points. This narrow win was RHHS's fifth in a row in league play.

This should have been a banner year for the Richmond Hill High School junior basketball team with seven boys back for a second year plus a transfer from the United States.

The Hill boys have been door mats since a first place finish six years ago.

However, their season started with three straight losses, two close

ones to Bayview and Thornlea, followed by a 68-34 drubbing by first place Markham, has left them all but out of the playoffs in the six team southern York County league.

Though it is likely too late, the RHHS fortunes took a turn for the better two weeks ago with a one-point overtime squeaker over Thornhill followed by an easy 72-42 win over Langstaff.

Got hot
Tuesday of last week, RHHS got hot in the first quarter of their home court rematch against Thornhill, took a 27-4 lead and went on to win 92-47. Mark Girdler led with 33 points followed by Jim Croke with 26.

On Thursday, Thornlea came to RHHS tied for first place but went home in second place at the short end of a 49-53 score.

Even terms
The teams battled on even terms with the first half ending 24-24.

Pull ahead
In the third quarter Thornlea pulled ahead by 34-25 for the biggest lead of the game but then got cold. Effective second half shooting, especially 11 of 16 from the foul-line, helped Richmond Hill pull out a victory in the very last minute.

Girdler, the game's most effective ball

handler, was also the top scorer with 24 points. Thornlea's captain J. Willis was the top rebounder and led his team with 19 points.

Badmintoners lose

The Richmond Hill Badminton Club lost heavily to a strong Thorncliffe team by 13-3 last week in Interchurch Badminton League action at Langstaff Secondary School.

The loss followed on the heels of an impressive 13-3 win over Ryerson previously.

The individual results

were as follows:
Ladies doubles, Jill Dalton and Joan Freeman losing 15-3, 15-7; Hilda Baxter and Joyce Collier winning 15-6, 15-18.
Mens doubles, Jim Dilworth and Orville Wong losing 9-15, 11-15; Derek Smith and Ahmed losing 7-15 and 1-15.
Mixed doubles, Jill Dalton and Jim Dilworth

losing 9-15, 4-15; Joan Freeman and Ahmed losing 7-15, 9-15; Hilda Baxter and Derek Smith losing 16-18, 7-15; Joyce Collier and Orville Wong splitting 9-15, 14-18.
Richmond Hill is away to Ryerson in the next league match. Club play continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Langstaff at 8 p.m.

Trying for rebound

Richmond Hill High's Jim Croke (41) goes high for the rebound on this shot in this hectic action last week against Langstaff

Juniors. The Hillers went on to win the game by 59-57 in overtime for their fifth straight victory.

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