

# Thunderbirds lose in exhibition opener



(PHOTO BY ROMBERG)

## The goalie's got it

No penalties meted out here for piling on as Thornhill Thunderbirds and Etobicoke Selects unlock arms and legs to find the puck tucked safely under leg pads of Etobicoke goalie, five feet out of his net to make the

save. The Birds held their own until the end of the second period but dropped a 7-4 decision in the first exhibition game of the season.

THORNHILL — The Thornhill Thunderbirds held their own until the end of the second period in the opening hockey exhibition game last Wednesday night, but their defence fell to pieces in the third period as they dropped the game 7-4 to Etobicoke Selects.

The Birds will play a total of eight exhibition games against teams from their own Ontario Junior B league and from the Metro Junior B league while they test players from their red and white squads before league action begins.

"We've got a few rough edges to smooth out," said coach Ralph Beer, who coached a successful midget double A team last year.

"It is our plan to win more than our share of games, this year, and that's a lot of games," he added.

The Birds scored the only goal of the first period when Rocky Pantalone, assisted by

Mike Johns, blasted a shot into the net at 17:25. Wally Stankov, unassisted, slipped the puck past the Etobicoke goalie at 7:16 of the second period to tie the score.

The final period of play saw the Etobicoke team score five goals in a row before Greg Chappell, unassisted, fired a shot in the last minute to catch the net of the net at 19:17.

The Birds scored again 28 seconds later when a passing play clicked and

Al Berryman found his mark assisted by Greg Chappell and Mike Johns. The shots on goal were 29 for Etobicoke and 28 for Thornhill.

The next home game is tonight (Wednesday) at Thornhill Community Centre when the Birds meet the Toronto Red Wings.

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# Hill Tykes make comeback

THORNHILL — If anyone wants a lesson in how to move from the basement to the penthouse suite in the period of a day, all he has to do is watch representatives of the Tyke League of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association in action.

On Aug. 25, in a series of four games, these 14 boys succeeded in capturing the Consolation Series Championship of the Thornhill Minor Ball Association's Invitational Softball tournament.

Sponsored jointly by the Thornhill Softball League and the Thornhill Lodge of B'Nai Brith, the tournament brought together Tyke teams from 16 municipalities, with teams from as far away as Grimsby.

The day was a cold and windy one and spirits weren't too high at the end of the first game, which saw the Richmond Hill boys defeated by the Glenfield Boys Club of Scarborough by a score of 6 to 1.

From this point on, however, the adrenalin started to flow.

Despite the defeat in the Glenfield game, the team play was outstanding, with an especially good showing from Robbie Bell, who scored the Hill's only run,

and Tim Lawlor who copped a fly at just the right time to hold Glenfield at bay.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. defeat for the Tykes was a thing of the past. In three exhausting games that saw little time off between rounds, the boys went on to defeat the Willowdale Boys Club (9-4), West Ellesmere (6-3) and the Unionville Minor Ball Association, (25-5). It was a cold but happy group, which lined up at 6:30 p.m. to receive individual crests and trophies from the tournament sponsors.

In the game against the Willowdale Boys Club, Robbie Bell pitched a no hitter and Tim Lawlor, short stop, and Jim Hughes, first base, combined well on a goodly number of put-outs.

In facing West Ellesmere, David Repath and Joe Apps shared pitching duties, Cesidio Negri played an outstanding game behind the plate.

Throughout the series, Todd Robinson, Sean McKenna, Donald Dupont, Bobby Davis, Mike Nelson and Steve Hall, the team's outfielders played outstandingly both in the field and at plate. Each of the boys hit well and at the right time, with Todd Robinson and Sean McKenna scoring home runs.

Pitching duties were shared by Apps, Bell and David Repath, with Apps dazzling the Unionville team with 12 strike-outs in the series' final game.

Richmond Hill has reason to be proud of these 14 boys and of the three men who coached them. Phil Trenton, Al Hughes and Fred Bell have volunteered two evenings a week since early spring to support

youngsters in this community.

## Gold medal winner

THORNHILL — Jane Kirkpatrick of Lambton Golf and Country Club, was the gold medal winner for the low gross at the 1975 Ada Mackenzie Golf Tournament at the Ladies Club of Toronto at Thornhill.

Low net winner was Mrs. J.H. Kessler of Oshawa.

Mrs. John D. Hamilton is chairman of the tournament, which was put on by the Ada Mackenzie Memorial Foundation to provide money for a deserving sport of a charitable foundation.

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