

Hey buddy, let's talk it over



Something to do while waiting for bus

Just a brief interlude in the Richmond Hill Rams-Wexford Raider Provincial Junior 'A' hockey game Tuesday night of last

week at the local arena. Among those "talking the situation over" among the Rams are (left to right) Bill Mason (8),

Frank Nigro (9), and Dave Campbell (6). In no position to talk is unidentified Ram who is just trying to breathe in headlock.



Ever see a yawning net?

Richmond Hill Rams' Bill Colville, a Thornhill product, has acres and acres of room here as he waits for pass as Wexford's goalie Rory Gillard makes his

move too late. Colville latched onto the puck and easily put it home. Alas, the Rams went on to lose a 6-5 game in their

home opener of the 1976-77 Provincial Junior 'A' season after winning their opener in Aurora.

Mike Doherty wins judo

THORNHILL — Mike Doherty of the best Budokai Judo Club won his division in the first East Region Youth Trials here Sunday.

Doherty, the only local competitor, was tops in the under 165 pound category.

Other results from competing clubs from Kiai Judo, East York, Judo Education Centre, were:

Dave Muira won the 127 pound class with Dave Birsh, second, and Peter Aichtermeier and Paul McCann, third and fourth respectively.

Mike Frator won the under 143 pounds with Scott Mackendrick finishing second.

Peter Stiel won in the under 187 class category.

Convenor Chris Toule, who heads the Budokai Club, was happy with the

initial meet pointing out that "it was the first time we've separated the youths from the juniors."

He noted that the turn-out was rather light but wasn't disappointed because it takes awhile to get these things going.

Toule expects a much greater turnout at the next trials Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.

"All the clubs will be out in force

from now on," he said, "because you have to compete to get points to participate in the Ontario championships. They've only got two more opportunities."

In other judo action, Ian Reynolds of the Budokai club placed first in the under 165 pounds category Saturday at the Am-Can tournament in Windsor. Ditto Passi Holko in the open weight class (over 187 pounds).

Schools in soccer tournament

NEWMARKET — The best high school soccer teams in the province will be here next Saturday to compete in the 11th annual Ontario Invitational Soccer Tournament.

At least 52 teams —

including Thornlea, Langstaff and Bayview Secondary of the Richmond Hill-Thornhill area — will be competing for six individual championships.

Teams are seeded

according to their abilities.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

Huron Heights, Pickering College, Fairgrounds, Dennis

Park, Newmarket High School, St. Andrew's College, Aurora High School, and Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School.

Schedules of all the games will be picked up

in the cafeteria of Huron Heights Secondary School any time after 8 a.m.

Other teams

Other teams competing are Huron Heights, Pickering College, St. Andrew's College,

Woodbridge, and G.W. Williams.

Huron Heights of Newmarket won the 'B' division championship last year with St. Andrews taking the consolation. Aurora High won the other division.

Cheerleaders

An added attraction will be the fifth annual Invitational Cheerleading competition.

This will take place in the Huron Heights gymnasium beginning at 1 p.m. In this competition trophies are presented to the outstanding team and the best individual cheerleader.

Richvale needs players

RICHMOND HILL — A fund-raising bake sale for the Richvale Minor Hockey Association will be held Oct. 31 at the old Richmond Hill Arena.

Sponsoring the sale will be the Richvale Women's

Auxiliary who are inviting parents to help do the baking and to bring same to the arena between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on the day.

The auxiliary women do the fund raising

projects for the Richvale hockey body and they need your assistance.

The auxiliary also requires a few more ladies to help out this year. Phone Claudel

McKinley at 884-7764 or Mrs. Butler at 889-4508.

The regular season starts next Sunday.

Officials report registration is "much better at this point" but a

few more boys are still required.

Registration will be taken for four more weeks.

Come out and support your team.

Peewee Lions lose opener to Claremont

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Peewee Lions opened their York-Simcoe championship finals by losing 3-1 to Claremont in a pitcher's duel.

Claremont's Daryl Norton gave up only two hits while striking out 17

The lone Richmond Hill run came on a homerun shot by Wes Whitaker in the fourth inning.

The Lions' Paul Harrietha was equally impressive on the mound as he surrendered only three hits while striking out 12 men.

An error, followed by a

Norton homerun to left field, proved to be enough for a Claremont victory. Lawrence Millard got the only other Lion hit with a double.

Whitaker caught a good game behind the plate while Jon Hunsdale made a great throw from centrefield to cut down a runner at homeplate.

Coho 'Circus'

By now, most of you must have noticed the absence of articles on the Coho from Lake Ontario in my Trailblazer column.

I spoke with my editor some time ago about this and told him that I was unable to support this circus under the cover of sports fishing or even as outdoor news. I'd like to take a look now on how I feel about it.

What happened?

At one time Lake Ontario was in its prime with Lake trout as the stable fish. Salmon had stopped running some years ago so commercial fishermen concentrated on the Trout.

We blame the lamprey and pollution for the decline of the lakers but I have talked to commercial fishermen who have told me proudly that, at one time, there were so many Lake trout in the lake that the boat was filled with fish and the fishermen were standing knee-deep in spawn.

I don't know if this is true, but if it is, I know now where the fish have gone.

Lamprey

Lamprey invaded the lake through the St. Lawrence Canal. The fish which were left had no chance of survival with their slow growth rate, so they quickly went the way of the salmon. Small garbage fish, the Alewives and the Smelt, and to an extent White Perch, took over the lake.

Industrial poison

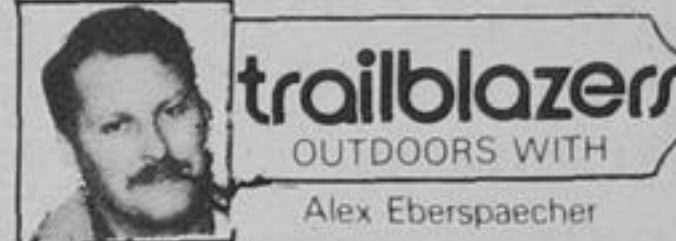
Our US counterparts were, and still are, discharging human and industrial waste into the lake. A program to clean up the lake was quickly killed when the funds were withdrawn by the US federal government. We, in Ontario, cleaned up our pollution and poisoned the lamprey. The US did not. This made no sense at all.

Then the US spent millions of dollars in rearing Coho and Chinook Salmon and released them into the lake. The fishing began to improve so much that some enterprising individuals jumped on the bandwagon in Ontario.

"We need fish as well," they screamed. The field day for the US manufacturers of downriggers began!

Coho program

Our officials gave it a try. The Coho program went underway with millions of dollars taken away from other projects.



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'Fishing is big business', they screamed again. 'What is a few million dollars if we provide all those anglers with fish!'

True, it is big business, but who gets all the money?

Thousands of anglers concentrated on such spots as the Credit and the Humber. The scene was snagging to any true sportsman. Snagging, netting, spearing were common. The streams had to be cut off to be controlled. Hundreds of boats ran over each other's lines out on the lake.

Drunks

I saw three anglers in one canoe half mile from shore, so drunk they would have been unable to walk. I saw large boats outfitted with the latest gear almost ram smaller craft in their competition for Salmon.

New poison

I also have eaten Salmon from out there, and you can have them. Then the problem with PCB began and it still with us. We were banned not to eat the fish.

Now there is a new poison in the fish, Mirex, which has been proven to be a cancer-causing agent.

This poison is still being released into the lake from a fire extinguisher company in New York State, and the last I heard, the government has no way of stopping this from happening.

Water circus

So, besides creating the biggest water circus on Lake Ontario, we have fish we cannot eat... fish that costs millions of dollars each year to the taxpayer.

Game wardens

We are short of game wardens all over Ontario because of the money cutbacks. We cut down on stocking programs for lakes and rivers with naturally reproducing fish due to a shortage of money. How can you justify catering to a few who have found heaven on Lake Ontario? Ontario has about one million anglers but only about two percent fish for Salmon.

Do you still wonder why I don't want to be a part of Coho fishing?

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