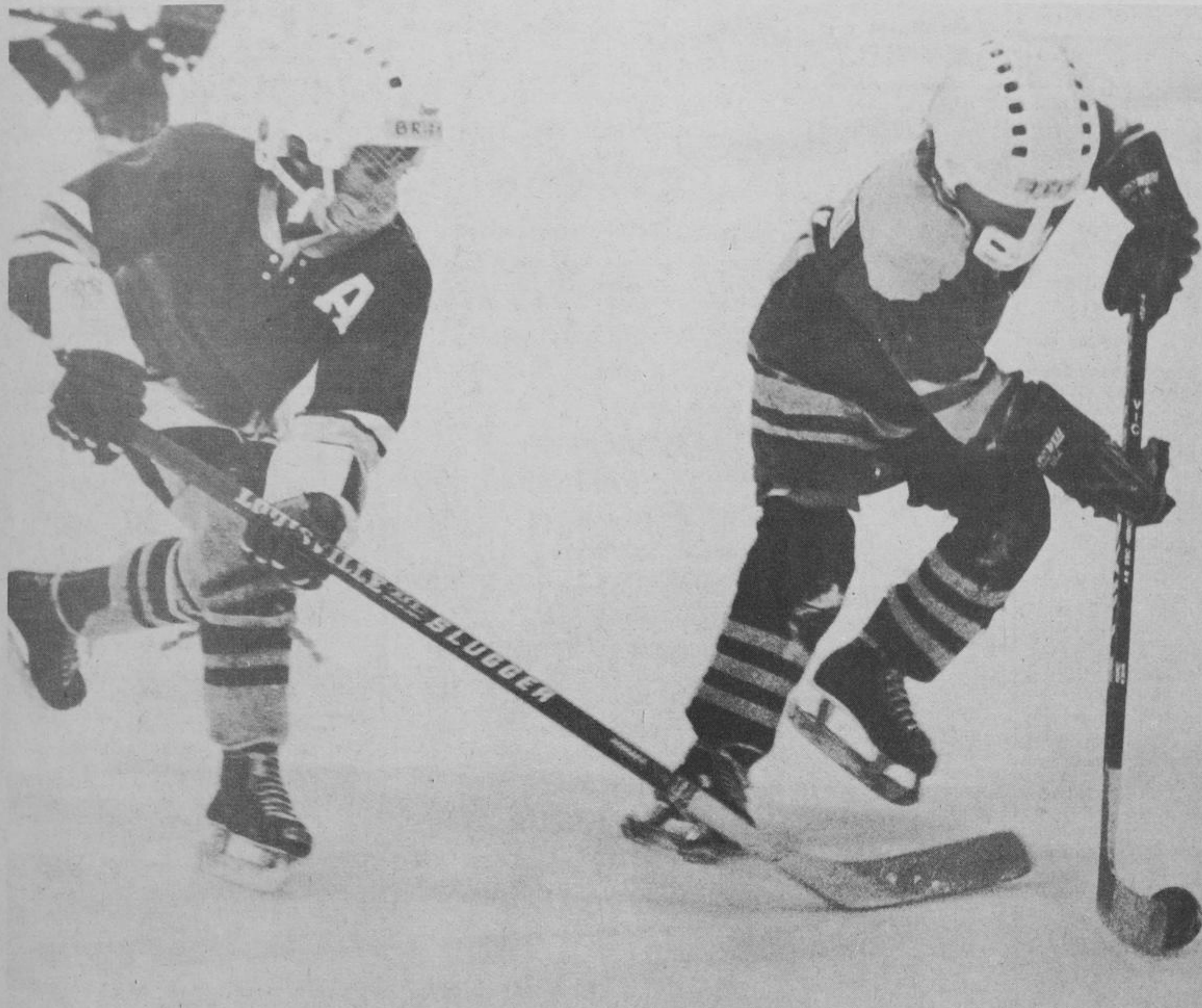


Legion midgets scramble to win



And they're off!

It's that time of year again. Hockey time and hundreds of Richmond Hill House League youngsters are out there

getting ready to do their thing all over again. You can tell it's going to be another exciting season. Just look at Jeff Rumble

for City Wide Rent-Alls about to breakaway for a clean shot on goal in Saturday's game at Hill Arena. Drop the pucks.

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Legion Branch 275 Midgets scrambled to a 6-4 win over Aurora Sunday in a typical pre-season game which saw little to choose from between the two teams.

The visitors scored first on a goal by Gary Thompson with Randy Jamieson and Don Smith drawing assists. Richmond Hill tied it a minute later with Phil Wood pulling the trigger from Steve Madden and Pete Halliday.

Aurora went ahead on a goal by Larry Gwilliam from Myles Riordan and Scott Chappell. They extended their lead midway through the second period with Doug Closs scoring assisted by Chappell and Gwilliam.

The second period saw the Legion

boys pick up four minor penalties to one for the visitors.

Richmond Hill came on early in the third to score three straight goals: Blair Lewis from Reiner Plushberger and Steve Bowers; Phil Wood from Tom Peden; Plushberger from Jamie Gropp, and Gerry Legere.

Aurora got one back when Gwilliam scored assisted by Don Smith and Myles Riordan. But the Legion put it out of reach with goals by Phil McLaughlin from Al Clark and Gary Legere and Al Clark.

The referee called a total of 11 minor penalties — seven of them on the Legion. The season opens for the Legion squad on Oct. 30 when they travel to Barrie.

Hill bantams losers by 4-1 to Thornhill

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Bantam A's met their old thorn-in-the-side Thornhill team for the first time this season in an exhibition game Saturday night and lost a 4-1 decision to the All-Ontario champs of the past two years.

Thornhill led 2-0 at the end of the first on goals by Kurt Pearson and Curley.

In the second the Hillers rallied as they outshot their opponents 7-3 with good efforts by Dunford, Henderson and Craig Halliday.

It was Halliday scoring on a great rush from near

his own blueline only to have Thornhill get the counter back less than a minute later on a goal by Pearson.

Dave Jordan played well in net for the Hill especially in the third period when he turned aside 10 of 11 good shots.

Hill minor midgets begin with big win

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Minor Midget II team entered its first year of competition with a 3-0 exhibition win over Thornhill.

Scoring was Matt Zurich from Norm Murphy on a forechecking steal in the Thornhill end. Then it was Scott Campbell from Pete Morley on the power play; and finally Tom

Stubbs from Matt Zurich on a picture pass that put Stubbs in the clear.

Special mention to Rob Vanderveide in goal who locked the door as he came up with several fine saves especially in the final period when Richmond Hill was two men short on back to back penalties.

Richmond Hill played well as a unit and if they can maintain the early

momentum should have a good year.

The team is still looking for a sponsor to put a name on the new sweaters. If you know of anyone interested be sure to let the management know.

Coming up is Newmarket next Friday at 8 p.m. at the local arena. This will be an exhibition if the league schedule doesn't start.

Vandalism has got to go

By Bob Reeves

RICHMOND HILL — I read Fred Simpson's column of last week with great interest. He related the problems of the arena board very concisely and accurately — and you know, the problems created by pure vandalism and misbehavior in general, are far greater than most of you realize.

During the course of last summer our new arena was really spruced up. Glass had been installed all around and brand new plastic boards. Aluminum doors have been erected between the playing area and the dressing room corridors.

The dressing rooms have been decorated and new floor coverings have

been installed. In short, the whole place has been spruced up to make life more comfortable for everyone who used the building. It is certainly appreciated by all members of the RHHA.

Keep it nice
Now we are going to do our level best to keep the arena in good shape. All of our coaches and managers have been instructed to remain in the dressing rooms until the last player has left.

Moreover they are also taking the responsibility of making certain that the dressing room of the visiting team is kept in good condition. In this respect we are doing our part.

Poor behavior
A matter of great concern is the poor

behavior of some youngsters when they are in the arena. Last Saturday, for example, I saw a little girl, three or four years of age, swinging a hockey stick with great abandon.

Her parents did nothing to stop her. In other cases, kids are playing hockey behind the seating area and no action is taken, other than by ourselves. For goodness sake why can't everyone pitch in and help stop this sort of thing?

Those of you who read this column probably use the arena quite often. Remember that it is your arena, and it is a beauty.

Helpful staff
So let's all pitch in and help take care of it. In years I have been in-

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involved in minor hockey I have always found the arena's staff under Ed Sackfield more than cooperative and helpful.

The least we can do is give them all our support. Let's do it.

Skatathon
This Saturday coming is set aside for our Skatathon. From what I have heard it's going to be quite a day.

Many of our younger kids have been very busy collecting pledges and I know that some have filled several sheets. Isn't it funny that it is so often this group that our older players will get as involved in the next few days. Anyway, Saturday

is the big day the best of luck to everyone.

Coaching session
Last Sunday all of our A and Second teams, coaches and managers held one of their sessions. We have a really fine group this year with both new and old faces.

The new coaching and training manual was distributed and from this time on all the teams will be following it. As you know, several of our coaches, along with Ken Ham, spent a lot of time compiling this last summer and we are all very proud of it.

From what I have heard it is the first time any minor hockey organization has done this and we are quite proud of that as well.

Clinic
The first of our coaches clinics will take place Nov. 6. This is the level one clinic and we hope it will be well attended.

All of our coaches in

both house league and OMHA are being asked to attend. Next January will see the level two clinic held here, so we are doing our best to encourage top coaching in Richmond Hill.

First dance
Nov. 6 is also the first dance of the year. This one is being held by the Pee wee A team. Tickets are available from any of the parents or myself so let's all turn out and make it a big success.

Also on Nov. 26 our midgets are holding their dance and once again tickets are available from the same sources. Both of these will be a lot of fun so let's give them all the support we can.

Season open
The OMHA season has opened this week with all teams involved in league play. These are good games to see so give the kids your support. Come on out and enjoy some real Happy Hockey.

Firefighters losers of real, close game

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Mutual Life Firefighters travelled to London last week and when the smoke had cleared they had chalked up another loss by 2-1 to the league leaders.

Ben Bourget in the Richmond Hill twines came up with a brilliant effort as he stopped the big shooters on the London club time and time again.

London jumped in front in the first period when a shot directed at the net hit a stick and bounced behind Bourget who had no chance.

The Mutual Life firefighters came out flying in the second period and with a little luck could have had five goals.

They hit the crossbar once and goal posts on four different occasions. Finally, Pat Goode took a pass from Terry Haviland and Dave Olson and scored the tying goal.

In the third period with the local boys pressing hard a shot hit a London defender and he was away on a breakaway. He scored and London was able to hang on for the victory.

Same old story

Magna midgets lose twice to Thornhill

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Magna Midgets took up where they left off last year losing two close games to Thornhill by 3-2 Saturday night and 4-3 Sunday.

The Saturday game was tight all the way with Magna taking an early lead but unable to hold it.

Scoring for Magna were Jim Wood and Jim Burnett with assists to Scott Taylor, Guenther Bauer and Brad O'Hara. Leading the team offensively was Jim Wood while Stan Norman and Scott Taylor played well defensively.

Danny Girard also played a steady game but injured his knee and was unable to play the Sunday game.

This return encounter saw Magna

running into a few penalties early in the game and it cost them.

They fell behind 4-1 after two periods but came back to play a strong final period to score two goals without a reply from Thornhill.

Leading Magna was Mark Gossman who scored two unassisted goals and earned an assist on the third. He also back checked well.

The other goal was scored by Andy Beckwith who also played a good game. Scott Taylor earned an assist on Beckwith's goal. Jim Wood and Guenther Bauer also played well for Magna.

The Magna Midget second team starts its regular season this weekend with all its home games at 7:50 Saturday nights in the old arena.

Meet the Whitetail

It may come as a surprise to you that the Whitetail Deer is not a native of Ontario. Many deer experts agree, and they feel that someday this species will disappear from this region.

There are many problems involved with deer management including distribution, food, predation, hunting, disease, and accidents.

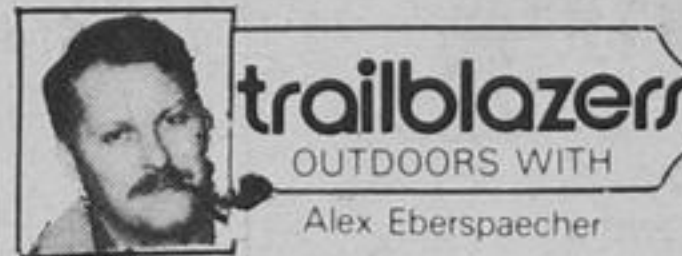
The last one alone killed about 900 deer in Ontario in 1975. Presently no one is able to tell me how many deer we have, but I feel that a short hunting forecast would be timely, considering that the season opens soon.

Good yet
Despite some other forecasts, deer management personnel at Queen's Park tell me that they expect a fairly good harvest this year. Listed as 'quite good' is the forecast for Rainy River, Kenora, and Dryden area, as they apparently had a mild winter last year.

If I may make my own prediction, I would say that it will become very good over the next few years, as much of the mature timber burned this year and the new growth creates the perfect habitat.

In our region, the Bruce Peninsula and Manitoulin Island get a 'good' rating. Mild winters again is the affecting factor. Algonquin and Haliburton regions are listed as poor despite a mild winter, as deer herds are down considerably.

Lumber operations are at a standstill and there is just no food for the deer. Thousands have starved in the past few years, the wolf has taken its toll, as have the beaver by flooding most of the low-



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lying feeding and bedding areas.

Muskoka poor
Moving further east into Frontenac and Lennox counties, the hunting should improve. Muskoka region is listed as 'fair', but from my past experiences there, I would rate this area as poor. Parry Sound and the Moon River area has improved over last year and should take the highest count of deer.

In the mid '20's we experienced a drying and warming trend which, combined with logging and fires, brought the deer to its peak by the 1940's. Since then we have had colder winters and more snow.

Areas are not being logged any more and forest fires are quickly brought under control.

Wolves
The wolf is not hunted much and actually takes over whole counties, and trapping beaver is not too economical now.

All these are factors detrimental to our deer population, and unless we change some of them, we will soon be able to forget about deer hunting.

No dogs
A personal forecast for the next few years? Well, I feel that deer hunting with dogs should and will be outlawed. We should have some 'controlled fires' to create habitat.

We must control the wolf and beaver in certain areas of the deer range. If these changes come about, I predict that by 1978 the deer hunting will be much better than I have been able to forecast for 1976.

Hill house leaguers starting new season

RICHMOND HILL — Richmond Hill House League teams rounded out their exhibition games last week with Richmond Heights blanking Braddock Optical 1-0 in Atom action.

Paul Chrisinson got the lone goal assisted by Kelly Thorpe.

Other action saw Risi and Co. tying Tom Hughes Excavating 3-3. Sean McKenna, Darrin Gradzinski and Ken Johnson scored for Risi. Gradzinski also drew an assist.

Glen Dimpfill scored twice for Hughes with Jim Bundschuk getting the other goal. Dimpfill drew an assist.

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Allencourt Pharmacy 6, Kinnear Pontiac 1. James Barry ripped home three goals for the winners with Brian Close getting two and Scott Masey one. Massey also drew an assist. Jim McCleave got the goal for Kinnear unassisted.

Hill peewees open, beating Whitby 4-2

RICHMOND HILL — It was a winning start for the Richmond Hill Peewees as they downed Whitby by 4-2 led by the two goal scoring efforts of Ken Jensen.

Whitby opened the scoring in the first period but Jensen tied the game from Wayne Moffatt and Mike Briggs.

Jensen struck again in the second period from Moffatt but the visitors evened the score for the final time.

It was Mark Joslin getting the winner from Mr. Jensen.

Richmond Hill's Mark Stevens scored the final goal with only five seconds to play. It was unassisted.

Coach Wolfson had high praise for his two goaltenders Don Fawcett and Ron Laird who faced a total of 20 shots, most of them dangerous.

Also up for special mention was Carl Boyle and his penalty killing unit who successfully killed off four penalties.

Rovers wallop Nats to end soccer year

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Rovers ran roughshod over the Richvale Nats by 7-0 Saturday in the final league match of the Newmarket and District Soccer League season. The Richvale squad was weakened due to being able to field only 10

players and were at a definite disadvantage throughout the contest.

The first half saw goals by Malcolm Sutherland, two, with singles to Frank McCloskey, Reggie McKnight, and Brian Smith.

In the second half it was McCloskey getting his

second of the match with Mickey Murphy finishing off the scoring.

Indoor training will commence for both Richmond United and Rovers two weeks time in preparation for the winter league in five aside indoor soccer now being arranged.

Nick Pocenko

Brand new manager for Crosby Arena

UNIONVILLE — Crosby Arena in Unionville has a new manager.

Nick Pocenko has been promoted from a position in the Thornhill Community Centre to fill the vacancy left by Charles Cuthbertson. He resigned two weeks ago.

Pocenko was raised in Unionville where he played Junior B hockey.

Cuthbertson had worked at Crosby for five years, three as manager. He said that after the Markham parks and recreation department took over the arena operation in January 1976 he received the help of one more full time man in May.

His part-time secretary and bookkeeper was not replaced and he said his

request for more part-time help and improved cleaning equipment have been denied.

Recreation Director Brian Wrigglesworth said, "We did not agree he needed more secretarial help."

Based on the first week, he felt Pocenko "was fitting into the job nicely" as the new arena manager.