



Watch out, goalie

Carmen Notaro shows the "trigger style" that resulted in two big goals for his Georgian Bay champion Langstaff

Secondary School soccer champs. They nipped Bracebridge.

Meet the 'Soccer Kings' for Langstaff Secondary

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BRACEBRIDGE — It was a day more fitting for snowball fights but that didn't stop the Langstaff Senior Soccer team from snowing Bracebridge 3-2 to win the Georgian Bay championship. It was the first ever championship for a soccer team at Langstaff and was coach Jim Frame delighted? Certainly was.

Team effort
 "It was a team effort all the way," he said. "That may sound corny but it was true. Everyone backed everyone else up and you can't lose when that happens."

Langstaff will now compete for the Ontario championship in the Spring with details to follow.

As for the snow?
 "It was pretty bad out there for soccer," said Frame. "They had to plow the field before the game started."

As for the game?
Lead early
 Langstaff took control of the game from the start with Carmello Notaro scoring after five minutes of play as he headed a corner kick from teammate Al Reame.

After 10 minutes of play it was Reame passing the ball to the front line with the Bracebridge goalie coming out to play it. The ball bounced over his head and into the net.

Five minutes later Langstaff made it 3-0.

Penalty shot
 There was only 10 minutes left in the first half when Steve Polsinelli tripped an opposing player in the penalty area. A subsequent penalty kick against goalie Paul Denzel resulted in Bracebridge's first goal.

Bracebridge began to threaten in the second half with the wind in its favor and, with 10 minutes left in the game, scored on a clean shot.

They continued to press Langstaff until the final whistle.



Paul Denzel ...4 shutouts

All in all a great year with Langstaff winning the York County, the Southern Georgian, and all the rest.

Big year
 Regular season play saw them winning seven out of eight league games, tying two. Their only losses were in the All Ontario Invitational Tournament, and even then the scores were close.

Outstanding players were goalie Paul Denzel with four shutouts and an average of 1.3 goals per game; John Bordignon who averaged at least one

goal per game; Al Ream and captain Ron Guidolin, together, for being the "heart" of the team.

Coach of the team is Frame, captain Guidolin, Manager, Paul Coneybear. Comprising the team are Bordignon, Tony Caranci, Joe Delgobbo, Paul Denzel, Marco Delplaviagano, Ken Kidd, John MacLean, Carmello Notaro, Steve Polsinelli, Rod Potter, Al Ream, Dino Teofilo, Ray Toivianen and Gilles Tomasso.

The Ontario playoffs will be held in Windsor in May.

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Hard luck Rams lose two

MARKHAM — The Richmond Hill Rams were banging their sticks in frustration Sunday night as they skated off the ice.

Good reason, too. The beleaguered Provincial A Rams had just lost a tough 4-3 game to the third place Markham Waxers after coming from behind a 3-2 deficit going into the third and final period.

Just one of those weeks for Coach Carl Brimblecombe.

Tuesday night the same Rams had dropped a 5-2 game to the second place North Bay Trappers after giving that team a tough go of it.

Wrong way
 Sunday's game was an interesting, end-to-end type of offensive hockey which could have gone either way but,

for the Rams, went the wrong way. Hopes were high when Frankie Nigro, who came up with some beauty plays during the game, grabbed the puck at 11:42 of the third and sifted his way over the Markham blueline.

Nigro sharp
 He almost lost the puck, grabbed it back, and fired in the same motion and it was a 3-3 tie for the Rams. Billy Stephenson and Dave Baker received assists on the play.

The Rams threatened to take the lead after that but couldn't find the target.

Relapse
 Then a brief relapse in their own end at 17:07 and it was Markham's Charlie Huddy getting a pass back at the blueline. He moved in and rang a drive off the post and into the nets behind

goalie Brian Stankiewicz. Stankiewicz was returning to the nets after a four game suspension and came up with a fine effort as did his counterpart, Brian Hayward, in the Markham nets.

Early lead
 The Rams jumped into a 1-0 lead at 4:43 of the first period on a goal by Mike Walker from Nigro and Stephenson. Markham's Lawrence Nisker tied it at 13:24.

Richmond Hill took a 2-1 lead at 11:21 on another fine Nigro move. Nigro hauled the puck over the Markham blueline, came up with several neat shifts before drawing the defence over and then flipping the puck to newcomer Rob West who was all alone. Nothing to it.

Sag again
 The Rams sagged slightly after that and goals by Rob McGinnigle and Ed Olsen put the home team in front 3-2.

Richmond Hill came out skating in the final period and had their chances before that final whistle.

Coach Brimblecombe removed Stankiewicz for the final 20 seconds but the Rams, despite controlling play, couldn't get that big play set up.

Even shots
 The North Bay encounter saw the Rams keeping pace with North Bay in the shooting department — 33 shots apiece.

Richmond Hill trailed 2-1 going into the third period but had appeared to tie the game at 2-2 on a goal by Ken

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Dynes rap Thunderbirds by 9-6

Thunderbirds
OAK RIDGES — Four third period goals in the final 11 minutes gave the

front-running Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers a 9-6 win over Thornhill Thunderbirds Monday night but don't

go home yet. It looks like it could be an interesting season between these two solid clubs before it's all over.

"I'd like to play them again tomorrow night and see what happens," commented 'Birds coach Ralph Beer. "That's how ready we are for them."

Beer thought it was a "good, tough interesting game" but was slightly jaundiced about three or four of the Oak Ridges goals scored against Ed Takamatsu.

Not sharp
 "Ed admits himself that he wasn't too sharp on some of them," said Beer. "He'd had some wisdom teeth pulled and he wasn't up to par."

The Birds' other goalie, Dean Dorsey, was out with an injury.

4 Dynes out
 The other side of the coin, however, was the fact the Jeweller's were also playing without four of their top regulars in the persons of Neil Crockford and Greg Bogaerts, defencemen, and Dale Roffey and Jim Clement.

All four were serving two-game suspensions after a love-in against Midland last Friday night which the Jeweller's won by 6-1.

Hair pulling
 Artemchuk was delighted with the win considering the absences and "the fact we lost Davey Stuart in the game due to a hair-pulling incident."

"Despite this we came back and rapped home four goals to win it. It was a hell of an effort from the whole team."

Coach Beer also had his injury problems in that fatal final 10 minutes.

One of his steadiest defencemen, Kerry Pimms, was injured along with Dave Courtemanche.

"I felt Pimms had been our key man out there all through the game. When he left they scored the goals."

It was a close game most of the way with Thornhill jumping into a 2-0 lead on goals by Wally Stankov and Courtemanche before Dynes' Mike Fitzgibbons got one back unassisted.

Early lead
 Thornhill's Bud Shirley made it 3-1 on the first of his three goals and followed it with another one to make it 4-1.

Oak Ridges bounced back on Boyd Young's goal followed by Smith's counter just before the period ended to make it 4-3.

Smith, incidentally, was a recruit from the juveniles and he came up with two big ones and drew high praise from Artemchuk.

Gutsy player
 "He's a gutsy little player, what else can you say?," said Artemchuk. "The other replacements were Shawn Parker and Glen Wright."

Thornhill's Greg Chappell put his team up 5-3 in the second but Dynes' Stuart came back to narrow the score on one of his patented solo rushes which finished as he deked the goalie and put the puck home.

Shirley's third goal of the game made it 6-4 for the visitors and the Jeweller's were in trouble.

Big 4
 Enter the four goals: Cam Reston from Steve Sherman; Mike Carnevale from Wright; Smith from Tony Robinson and Mike Fitzgibbons; Young from Robinson; and Sherman from Ian Crockford.

Artemchuk was pleased with "the full house we had at the arena. They were really enthusiastic and that's good for at least two goals. I hope they keep coming."

Beat Midland
 The Midland game saw the "suspensions" come in the final few minutes when the 'Ridges foursome rushed to protect goalie Brumwell who was rushed by the enemy.

Scoring for the Jeweller's were: Mike Carnevale with two; Boyd Young, Steve Sherman, Cam Reston, and Dave Stuart. All five Oak Ridges goals came in the third period.

The Jeweller's play back-to-back games with Barrie next Friday and at home Monday night for a 7:30 game.



fred simpson

Slowing down

The last time I talked to Frank Tate was two years ago. At the age of 87 he was planning on "slowing down a little".

I talked to him again last week at the age of 89 and he was more concerned about how much I had slowed down.

"Did you drive?" he asked as he helped me to my chair.

A not unusual question except since the distance from "The Liberal" office to Frank's place at 90 Church Street South in Richmond Hill is not very far. Like a brisk walk from your kitchen into the living room.

As soon as I stopped puffing, he thrust a home-made birthday card into my hand which depicted an old Toronto St. Pats hockey player vintage 1916 along with a 1976 version Maple Leaf.

"That's from my son-in-law," he explained. "He sketched it and gave it to me for my birthday. Fine fellow."

Follows Leafs
 Frank, to the uninitiated, has been a St. Pats — Maple Leaf follower since 1916 when he drove to old Mutual Street Arena in Toronto in his brand new McLaughlin Buick car. Well, almost new.



Frank Tate ...still slowing down

"I had the first car in Sharon where I lived before moving to Richmond Hill," he said. "That was in 1914, I believe."

Feared horses
 "Had quite a time with it. Whenever I drove down the main street I'd have to stop and move the horses out of the way. One fellow saw me coming and took to the ditch along with the wagon. Had a terrible time of it then."

From 1916 on through the building of the Maple Leaf Gardens and until a few seasons ago, Frank never missed a Leaf game at home.

There is just no way I can relate all the memories Frank can reach back for in this space so I won't even try. Figure it out for yourself. Some 58 seasons without missing a game.

The bug
 Except to say that Frank got the Leaf bug when former owner Conn Smythe, "had a summer cottage next to us. Got to know him pretty well and he told me to just come to him if I ever wanted tickets to the Leafs' games."

Frank's all-time Leaf favorite is Syl Apps. He remembers his last game at the Gardens when "he broke his ankle. It was the last game he played. Great hockey player, quite a gentleman."

Cheap seats
 Frank recalls a seat cost something like \$1.50 then and "times sure have changed". For all those seasons he had the same seats which, to the people who like details, were in section 23A of the reds in the south end in the front row.

"All those years I only came up with one puck," he recalls "Hurt my hand, too."

But those days are over now.

Too old?
 "I haven't been to the Gardens for over a year. Just too old. I got dizzy the last time I was there. The doctor says there's nothing wrong with me. Except my age."

Frank still catches the Leafs on the television set at home where he has done "my own housekeeping" for some 22 years since his wife died.

"The hockey is faster now," he says, "but it's not like it was. Too many teams. There's no fun in it

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(Photo by Hogg)

That letdown feeling

Thornhill Thunderbirds' goalie Ed Takamatsu shows good style here. But, alas, that little black

puck is already behind him. One of those rough nights as the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers

maintained their first place pace with a 9-6 win over the Thunderbirds in a Mid-Ontario

Junior 'B' game Monday night at Bond Lake Arena. 'Ridges got four big ones in the third.