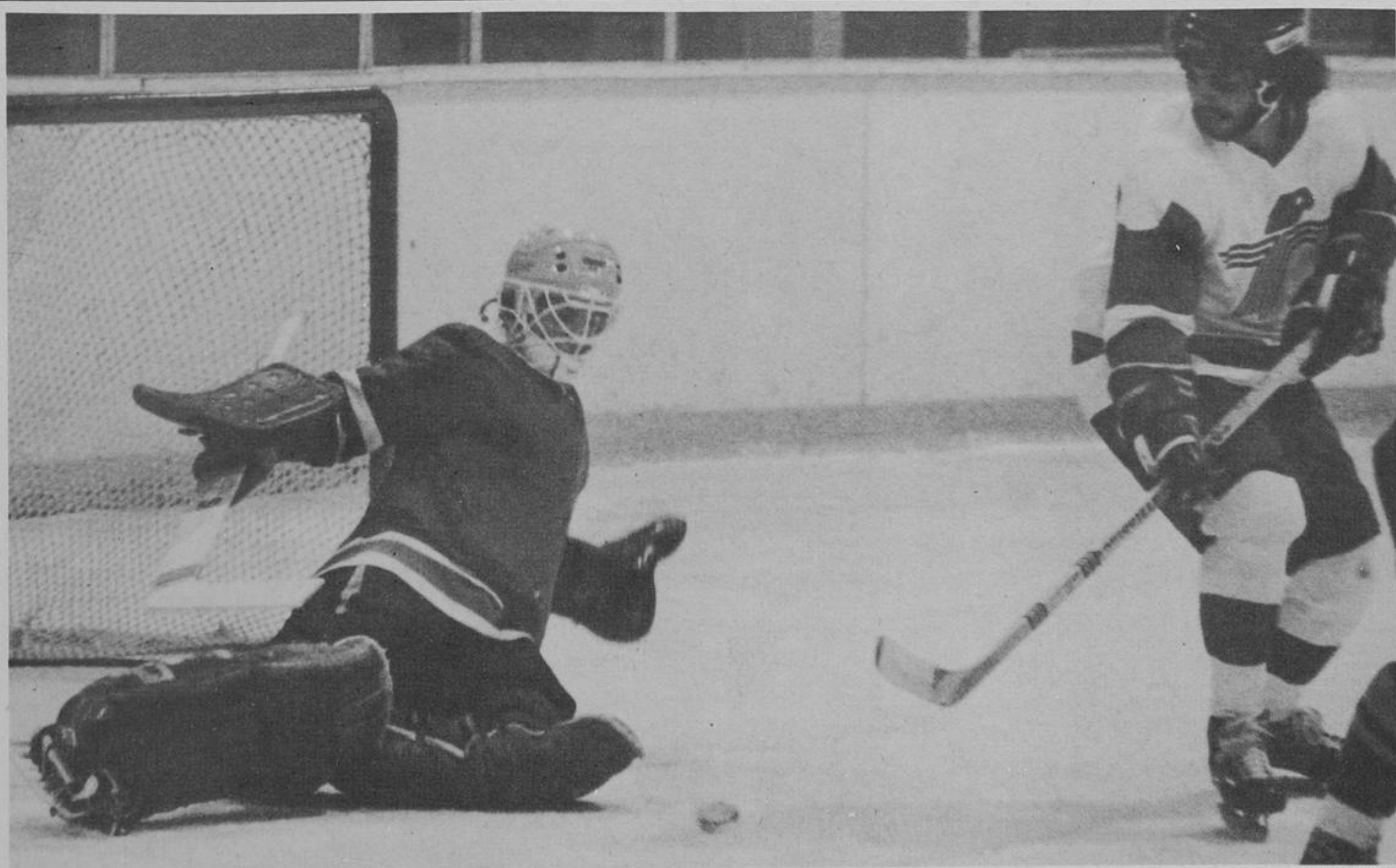


Rams' engine is still knocking



Pantalone pounces

Thornhill Thunderbirds' Rocky Pantalone (the beard) swings around to pounce on this rebound left by the sprawling Orillia goalie

in Monday night's encounter between the two Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey teams. The Thunderbirds took this game 7-5 and,

coupled with a 5-3 win over the same team on Saturday, moved into undisputed possession of first place.

(Photo by Hogg)

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Rams are continuing to experience engine trouble in the Provincial Junior A hockey wars but coach Carl Brimblecombe feels he still has a good motor going for him.

Despite the early season spluttering, "We're maybe one or two players away from making ourselves hear," he said following Sunday night's loss at the hands of the third place North Bay Trappers in North Bay.

This loss followed Tuesday night of last week's 8-2 win over the cellar-dwelling Dixie Beehives.

Rough game
"It was a rough one in North Bay," acknowledged Brimblecombe "But it's always rough there with that crowd behind them. We got off to a bad start and that was it."

The Trappers pulled into a 3-0 lead with the already shorthanded Rams playing with one or two men in the penalty box most of the first period.

All three goals by Louis Boudreau, Jim Fox, and Bryan Maille came off power plays.

Rams unhappy
The Rams were unhappy with the penalty calls against them and, especially, the ones not called against North Bay.

Their third goal was scored with Rams' goalkeeper Brian Stankiewicz being held by a Trapper outside his crease while Maille lofted the puck into the wide open net.

Bounce back
The Rams bounced back with two goals in six minutes in the second period on goals by Frank Nigro and Danny Jones and threatened to tie the game.

However, the Trappers held on while playing shorthanded and eventually went ahead by 4-2 on Jean LeBouex's goal.

Roof topples
That's when the roof toppled on the Rams. The Trapper's rapped up the game with three goals in 47 seconds courtesy of Chris Milne, Tom Diggles, and Jim Fox.

The Rams had the edge in the third period but could only score once with Jones scoring his second goal of the game from Mitch Edwards and Greg Hampton.

But it was North Bay's Jim Fox closing out the scoring at 15:10.

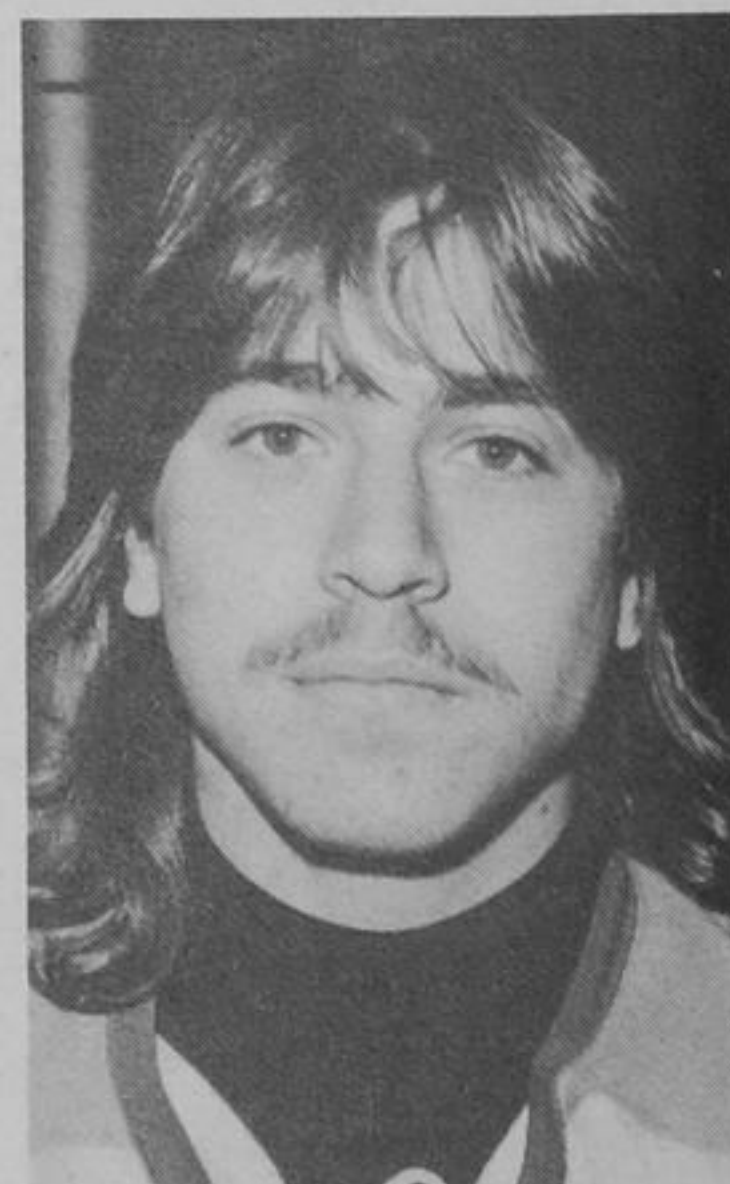
Penalties galore
A total of 190 minutes in penalties were including six game misconducts, three to each team plus a match penalty to North Bay's Ron Fortier who molested the referee by throwing an elbow pad at him. The Rams drew 97 minutes, the Trappers 93.

Coach Brimblecombe noted that "we've only got 17 players signed and one didn't show up Sunday so we were handicapped to start with."

Sign Kimble
One bright note was the signing of Larry Kimble, who played with the Rams, who "should add some muscle to our forwards."

Trouble was Sunday that Larry was one of the Rams bounced from the game for indulging in two fights.

Help coming?
Brimblecombe added that "we still have an affiliation with the Major A Peterboro Petes and we're still waiting for a couple of players. But they've



Brian Stankiewicz stars in North Bay



Carl Brimblecombe ...we're all right

been hit by injuries and they haven't been forthcoming."

Brimblecombe still feels that "we're young and we come. We've got the talent and we'll be in the playoffs. Don't worry about it."

Stanky stars
Most outstanding player for the Rams Sunday night was goalie Stankiewicz who faced 62 shots in all and was picked as one of the stars.

Tuesday night of last week's game saw the Rams dominate most of the way with homebrew Jones leading the way with two goals followed by singles by Tom Peden, Frank Nigro, Dave Baker, Mitch Edwards, Bill Colville and John Olds.

Jim Baker and Blaine Thurston scored for Dixie.

The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the first and led 4-2 going into the third.

The Rams take on the Toronto Nats next Friday at Toronto and are at home Tuesday to Weston in a 7:45 game. The following Wednesday they play at Royal York.

'Birds move into second with 2 wins over Orillia

THORNHILL — For awhile Monday night it looked like the referee and linesmen were "really" going to miss a good game between the Thornhill Thunderbirds and Orillia here.

Not necessarily because they called the game with their eyes shut.

They weren't even there for the start. The original officials failed to show and the game was delayed for over an hour while a frantic Thunderbird management searched for some replacements.

Happy ending
It all turned out all right as the Thunderbirds went on to whip Orillia 6-4 for the second successive time and move into undisputed possession of second place in the Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey league.

They had earlier decided the same team by 5-3 in Orillia Saturday night.

Meet Dynes
This set up a natural head-to-head confrontation with the front-running Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers next Monday night at Thornhill Community Centre at 8 p.m.

Monday night's game with Orillia saw Thornhill jump into an early 2-0 lead on power play goals by Steve Crompt and Bruce Clatworthy only to have Orillia roar back to tie the contest before the period ended on goals by Dave Nicholson and Powell Dixon.

Thornhill wrapped up the game in the second outscoring the visitors three goals to one.

Power play
It was Wally Stankov capitalizing on another power play at 1:25 from Greg Chappell and Dave Courtemanche followed by Bud Shirley at 4:05 from Rocky Pantalone and Mike Johns.

Orillia's George Lockhard got one back but then it was Glen Daurio scoring at 16:30 from Courtemanche and Rob Young.

The final session saw both teams exchange goals with Orillia's Rocky Clark scoring at 4:49 and Thornhill's Mike Johns rounding it out at 12:18 from Kerry Pim and Stankov.

Thornhill outshot Orillia 37-25 on the game with Ed Takamatsu in the twines for the locals.

Rough period
The final period was a rough one with Thornhill's Ernie Takeuchi indulging in fisticuffs with Gord Chamberlain; and Greg Chappell with John Waters.

Coach Beer was elated with the play of the Stankov, Courtemanche and Glen Daurio line as well as with Bud Shirley and Scott Howson "who keeps picking up those assists."

Down Orillia 5-3
The game in Orillia saw Thornhill goals by Stankov, Courtemanche, Bud Shirley, two, and Bruce Clatworthy. Thornhill outshot the opposition by 36-31 with Ed Takamatsu in the twines in a clean, end to end type of game.

The Birds, as mentioned, play host to Oak Ridges next Monday. Next Friday night they are in Midland and the following Sunday at Barrie.

Dynes still in first as split with Colts

OAK RIDGES — Rusty Cochrane fired home two goals as the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers avenged an earlier defeat by downing Barrie Colts 7-5 Monday night.

The Jewellers — playing without five regulars — came with an ace of tying the same team in Barrie last Friday but ended up the short end of a 4-3 score.

The Colts' Bob Coulson got the winner with two minutes and 15 seconds remaining on a shot that bounced off the cross bar and behind goalie Doug Brumwell.

There was no such happenings Monday night as the Jewellers were in control of the fast-skating game most of the way.

Regulars back
"We had all our regulars back except for Jim Clement," said coach Pete

Artemchuk who was in high praise of the Oak Ridges juveniles' who had replaced the suspended players for the previous two games.

Monday's encounter saw the Jewellers come from behind an early 1-0 deficit to lead 2-0 in the first on goals by Cam Reston and Cochrane. Barrie tied the game before the period ended.

Oak Ridges' Steve Sherman made it 3-2 in the second but Barrie's Brad McDonald tied it on a power play goal.

Quick goals
The Jewellers' decided the contest then on two quick goals — within nine seconds of one another — courtesy of Tony Robinson and Greg Bogaerts.

Power play
Dynes finished their scoring in the third on a power play goal by Rob Webb and another goal by Reston with Barrie also scoring two.

But it was the game in Barrie that gladdened the heart of coach Artemchuk even though it was a losing effort.

Almost a tie
"We almost had a tie," said Artemchuk. "Those replacements played great hockey."

"Those" were Oak Ridges' Juveniles Shawn Parker, Glen Wright and Bruce Wilton.

Smith also got one of the goals with the others going to Steve Sherman on a breakaway while his team was two players short; and yet another by Sherman.

Brumwell sharp
Coach Artemchuk said that goalie "Brumwell came up with a fantastic game despite the fact we lost."

He added that Barrie has "strengthened by way of four additional players and they'll be tough the rest of the way. They'll all be tough from here on in."

The Jewellers are at Thornhill next Monday and are at home to Orillia the following Monday at 7:30.

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fred simpson

Hey, got a match?

Hey, has anyone got a match out there? How can I light this obscene pipe without one and get on with the job? I'm always running out of matches.

I've either got 180 of them lying around or none. One of those bothersome things in life which slowly but surely breaks down your defences.

Have been known to actually clean my room, make my bed, polish my shoes, defrost the refrigerator and, on one occasion, even move out of town. All in the ceaseless search for a match.

Just last year I cleaned out my desk drawer. A pretty extreme measure just for a match. And I actually came up with one. Sometimes these long shots pay off.

Grey Cup binge
In any case, it's "Grey Cup Week" in Toronto and don't say I didn't warn you, Keep the family pets indoors because they won't be safe otherwise.

I'm talking about the scene that always hits the Royal York during Grey Cup Weekend. People just aren't normal for these occasions. It's been four or five years since I drove down to the Royal York to catch the excitement. It won't happen again.

Forget football
There are more orderly happenings in wars or prison riots than at the Royal York. Never mind the football game itself.

Flying mattress
The last time I was there I almost got hit by a flying mattress thrown from an upper storey window at the York, had to dodge a couple of bottles from the same area, and almost got punched out by a Midget.

That happened in the lobby of the Royal York. He got incensed because I stepped on him in the congestion and swung a roundhouse right at me. He connected too, and my knee-cap was ringing for hours.

Chaos
It's chaos, believe me. I've got an

acquaintance from Peterboro who has rented a room every Grey Cup at the Royal York. And he never goes to the game? Watches it on television in his room. Just likes to soak up the atmosphere.

He soaked up so much atmosphere the last time he couldn't get out of bed to turn on the set. Mind you, he's a nice, quiet guy. Except on Grey Cup Weekend.

The winner
As for the game itself? I'll be watching it on television. A long ways from the Royal York. I might even go all the way to Woodstock. Just to be extra safe.

Who's going to win? Easy. — The Toronto Police Department. By five touchdowns.

Bits, pieces
Onto other bits and pieces while I still look around for a cursed match.

Been planning to mention there's a new bowling alley opening up in Richmond Hill at 70Newkirk Drive. It's going to be called "Hilltop Bowling and Billiards Ltd."

Proprietor Tom Young, who used to run the now defunct Richmond Hill Rangers soccer team, plans to open in early December.

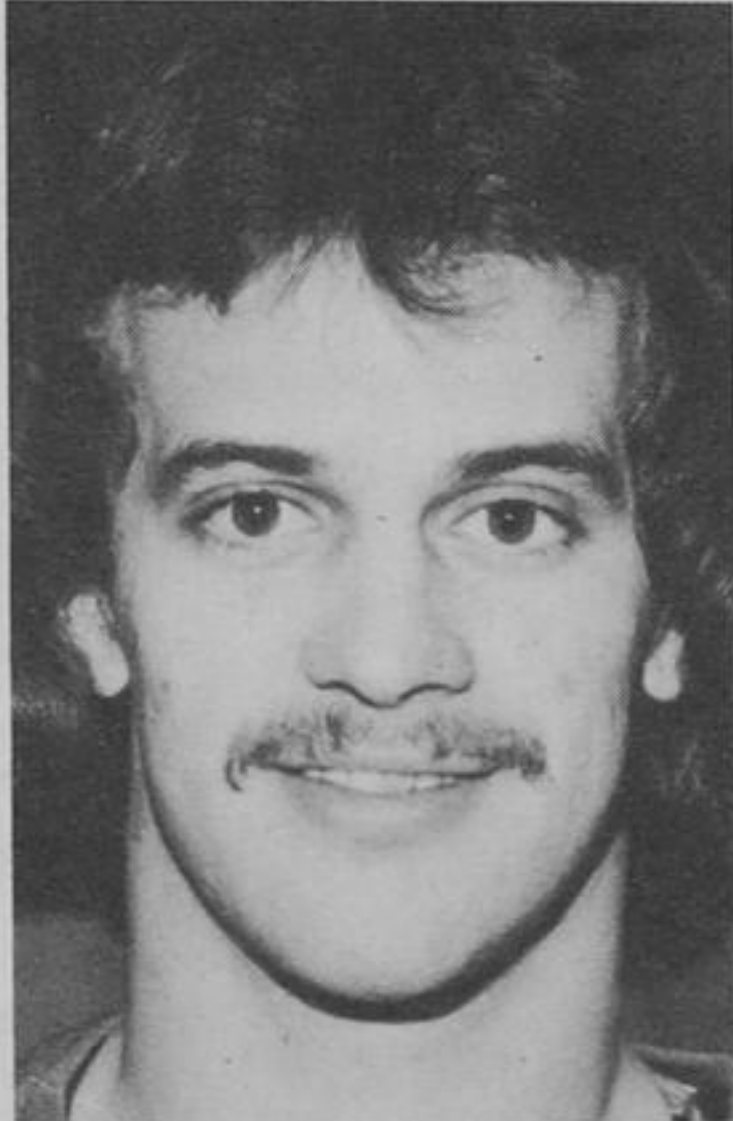
More on this later. Except to say congrats Tom. As of writing, Tom is still waiting for the alleys to arrive, he'll have 14 of them for five-pin bowling.

The 18,600 sq. ft. area will also contain a pool table area, snack bar, be air-conditioned, and you name it.

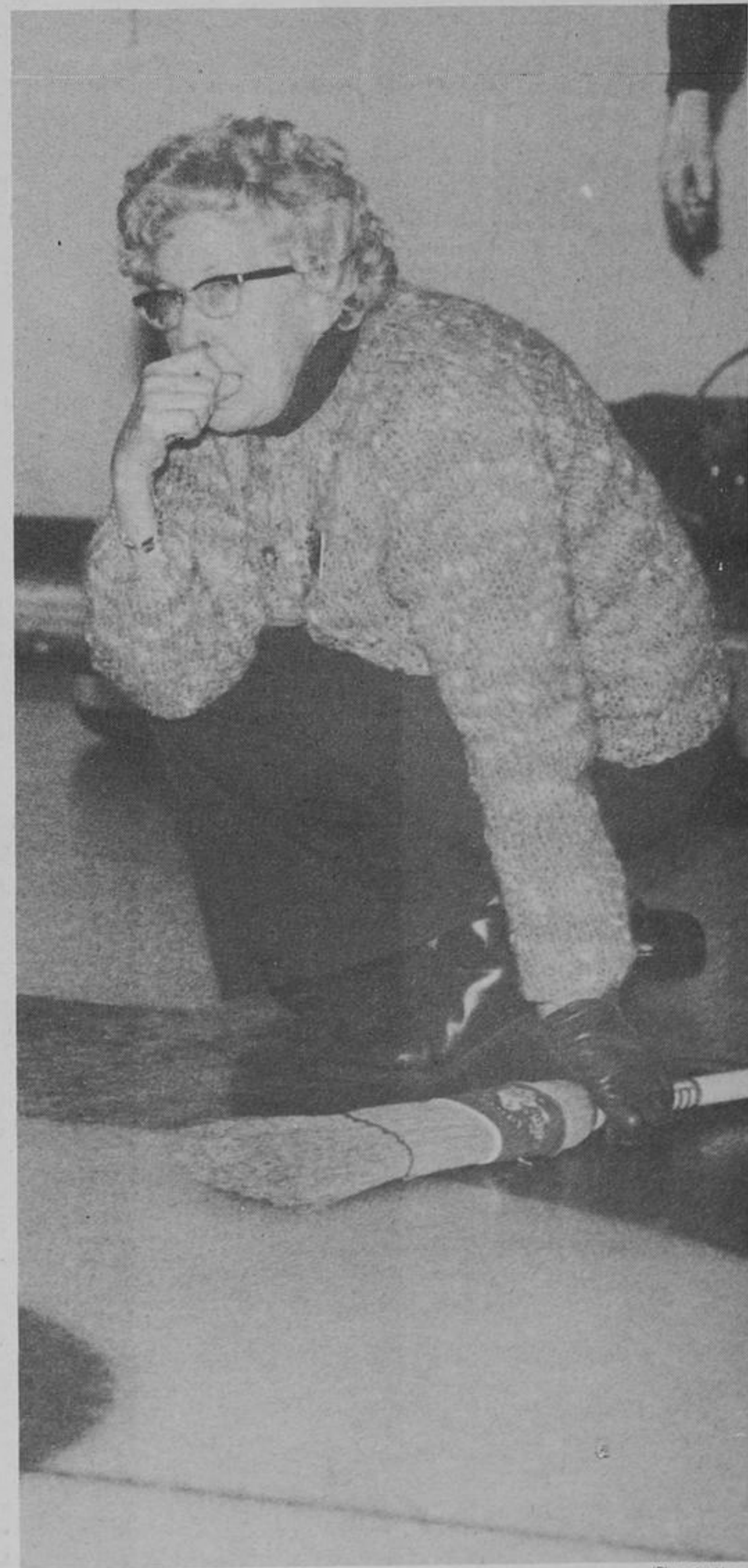
Also: The Steve Reynolds Richmond Hill Jiu-Jitsu Kai Club will be presenting its "First Martial Arts Open" next Saturday at Bayview Secondary School from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$2. Drop around.

Sorry
Note to John Drummond of the North York Hockey League. Sorry for ignoring you John. Will get to you yet so hang cool. Just too much to do, too little time.

Goodbye now while I light up. Just found a match.



Doug Brumwell ...hot night



Mmmmmh, close

Vice Keitha Matheson looks anything but relaxed as she watches her rock head for pay-dirt at the Stephenson Spiel at the Richmond Hill Curling Club last week. See story B-2.

(Photo by Hogg)