



Heading for payday

And he's off! Stephen Davey of the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club shows the style that won him a bronze medal Sunday at the Hall of Fame meet at York

University Sunday. Davey finished the 200 metre breast stroke in a time of 2:48.2.

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"They just flew, the ground shook and everyone was amazed. Someone suggested I should enter the Masters. That's how it happened."

It's strictly serious business for Ticmanis from here on in. "I'll be leaving for St. Petersburg, Florida, shortly to get into shape. There's no place around here to train."

"I tried to work out at the Langstaff Farm but some guy saw me with the javelin and chased me away. I'll get some swimming in and all that."

Too heavy

"Got to lose 45 pounds," he said. "Too heavy."

Ticmanis has his eye set on breaking some world records at Sweden but "I've got to improve my technique. You can be strong enough to throw a house but you have to have style to throw it further."

Style is something Ticmanis has in ample supply when it comes to social graces.

Latvia

On my arrival at his house on Morgan Avenue (he's lived in Thornhill for 14 years) he put me through a crash course in the history of Latvia which lies on the Baltic Sea and which has long been absorbed by Russia.

"It's our custom to explain these things," he explained gently to me.

"It's the way we do things in my country when a stranger visits us."

Ticmanis smoothed the trip by leafing through several books of history on Latvia which he had located at strategic positions on his living room table.

One of the books contained an opera written by his wife of many years. He explained that she was very talented and had also written a number of plays. Nearby was a portrait of a very young and attractive looking couple of long ago.

"My wife died four years ago," he said. "It was very sad. We were very happy."

Indoor track

I can't leave Ticmanis without mentioning that he is planning a drive to get an indoor track and field enclosure.

"It's too bad our young people have no place to train here in the winter. It's a shame. You can't build a nation of athletes without such facilities."

He plans on hammering on doors to get support and also to see Minister of Defence Barney Danson. "I have to explain this to him."

Prior to leaving, Ticmanis invited me out to dinner. It was a very nice gesture. They do things like that in Latvia.

Tournaments end big slump

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Tournaments Inc. Minor Bantams ended a brief mid season slump Sunday night as they shut out Thornhill 4-0.

The victory marked a recovery from league games 6-1 losses to Barrie and 7-3 to Newmarket. These losses were sandwiched around a 3-3 tie with Thornhill.

The bad luck continued this past week as the minor bantams lost an exhibition game to Whitby by 4-2. Only consolation from this was the fact that Richmond Hill hit the goalposts at least six times.

Sunday's victory against Thornhill was a fine way to end the first half of the regular schedule for the Hillers.

It was a penalty-filled game with the home towners picking up most of the infractions but Richmond Hill came up with some superlative penalty killing.

Richmond Hill plays in Newmarket next Friday, in Aurora Dec. 17, and at home to Orillia Dec. 19 to finish off the pre-Christmas schedule.

Victories in all three games would put Tournaments firmly in second place behind an undefeated Barrie and in a good position to make a run for the money in January.

Richmond Hill Tournaments are off to Whitby immediately following Christmas for a hockey tournament. They will open against Brampton at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 27.

Davey wins bronze Hall of Fame meet

RICHMOND HILL — Stephen Davey of the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club came up with a bronze medal at York University's 'Hall of Fame Meet' Sunday.

He finished with a time of 2:48.2 in the 200 metre breaststroke.

It was a busy day for Davey who earlier had participated and also won ribbons at Centennial Pool.

Otherwise, it was the final 1976 Pennant Sprint Meet for the RHAC club and their competitive times continue to improve.

Here's proof.

The 50 metre Butterfly 'D' category saw Richmond Hill capturing five of the six ribbons. Hats off to Jacqueline Crockford, Robin Howitt, Harold Mag, Helga Pape and Christine Bogie.

The younger members

of the green team did well in the 200 metre freestyle relay taking the second place ribbon.

Two of the club's senior members, Davey and David Justice, took the first and second place ribbons in the 100 metre freestyle B.

Niblett boys edge Thornhill

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett Minor Peewees came away with an exciting 3-2 win over Thornhill Sunday.

Wayne Cardwell played a strong game for the Hill setting up the first goal on a pretty pass to Derrick Baker. He then scored one himself unassisted. Carmen Morra scored the winner with 4:28

remaining in the game to give Richmond Hill the win.

The goaltending of Chris Austin and the strong play of the defence led by Eric Mabley contributed greatly to the Hill win.

Richmond Hill now has sole possession of second place with six wins, two losses and two ties for 14 points.

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Hill Rams get bombed 7-4, 12-4

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Rams who were coming off a two game winning streak.

The Rams hung in there for a 2-2 first period tie on goals by Jones and Paraskevini but suffered a severe let-down in the second as Weston outscored them four goals to one. Game over.

Olds got the lone goal in the second from Paraskevini and Mike Walker got the final one in the third from Dave Campbell and Baker.

Andy Clark got two goals for Weston with the others going to Brad Hall, Steve Penrose, B. Pratt, Brian Dudgeon, and Danny Strothers.

The Rams are at Newmarket tomorrow night (Thursday) for an 8 p.m. game, at Wexford Saturday night, and at home next Tuesday night to Dixie Beehives.

Standings Mid Ontario Standings

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Oak Ridges	18	15	2	1	115	57	31
Thornhill	20	11	8	1	110	94	23
Barrie	21	10	10	1	91	95	21
Orillia	20	8	11	1	90	95	17
Owen Sound	17	6	10	1	68	88	13
Midland	18	3	12	3	66	104	9

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