

Elevator going 'up' for Rams



RICHMONT HILL — The Richmond Hill Rams are still riding that elevator in the Provincial Junior A hockey league.

But last week the arrow pointed up instead of down.

Coach Carl Brimblecombe's Rams, bolstered by the addition of two new players, won two of three games via a 5-1 win over Aurora Tigers Tuesday of last week and a 6-3 win over Wexford Saturday night.

The loss came Thursday night in Newmarket by 6-2.

New arrivals
Brimblecombe finally got one of his wishes answered by the arrival of Ed Saffrey from the Major A Peterboro Petes camp and hopes to add at least one or two more.

"Saffrey gives us the experience we need on left wing," said Brimblecombe. "He's been up with the Marlies and has played with the Peters for the last two years."

"He's a good one but has only one year left of junior and wants to concentrate on his education. He'll help us."

The other new addition is 175-pound Dave Robson who started out the season with the Markham Waxers, but was dissatisfied due to lack of action. "He just wasn't getting the ice time with the Waxers because of their affiliation with the Major Marlies," said Brimblecombe. "He's still of midget age and he'll help us too."

3 for Robson
Robson has already started to "help" the Rams as he pumped home three goals in their victory over Wexford to go along with Saffrey's one goal.

The Rams, battling injuries and suspensions from previous games, broke quickly to take a 3-1 lead in the first period on goals by John Olds, Robson and Blair Lewis who was up from the Richmond Hill Middets.

Goals by Saffrey and Robson in the second carried them to a 5-2 lead going into the final period where they exchanged single goals with Robson getting his third one.

Stephenson returns
Defenceman Bill Stephenson, returning from an injury which caused him to miss two games, played well and demonstrated the leadership qualities that his role as team captain requires.

Missing regulars were Larry Kimble, Mike Walker, Ken Paraskevin, and Mike Gallagher. Kimble and Paraskevin are serving suspensions as a result of the Aurora embroglio which saw a total of 194 minutes in penalties.

This game started as a close checking, well played contest Tuesday night of last week at the Richmond Hill Arena.

Nobody home here

They don't come prettier than this. Anywhere. Richmond Hill Rams' Danny Jones has a yawning net in front of him as he fires the puck home after teammate John Olds (sprawled to the left) carried in and drew goalie Mike Kanetis out of house and home. This was the Rams' first goal Tuesday night of last week and they went on to whip Aurora by 5-1.

(Photo by Hogg)

Birds clip Dynes' wings

THORNHILL — "They shut the doors. The birds not only outthusted and on us all the way round," was the outplayed the front-running Jeweller comment of Oak Ridges Dynes thereby shutting the door on them.

Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk after Some wag also applied Crazy Glue to his team had been bounced 6-3 by the lock of their dressing room door Thornhill Thunderbirds last Friday between periods.

"We had to take our breaks sitting in the corridor," said Artemchuk. "It wasn't our night."

Hungry
Thornhill, hungry for their first win of the season over their neighborhood rivals, came out flying to take a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Rocky Pantalone and Bud Shirley.

Shirley's goal came while his team was shorthanded and was assisted by Wally Stankov who, incidentally, played his best game of the season. He was rocking Jeweller players all night.

Explosive
The explosive Dynes team struck 19 seconds into the second period on a power play goal by Neal Crockford from Steve Sherman.

Thornhill erased that one just 18 seconds later as Scotty Howson scored from Ernie Takeuchi and Rob Young.

Oak Ridges' Cam Reston made it 3-2 going into the final 20 minutes but Thornhill took over after that scoring goals at 10:07 and 11:18.

Shorthanded goal
Takeuchi got the first one from Stankov and Shirley. The breaker came on Kerry Pimm's unassisted and shorthanded goal. That was the end of Oak Ridges.

Boyd Young managed to score at 19:34 from Neal Crockford and Mike Carnevale but it was too late.

Thornhill outshot Dynes by 37-28 with Ed Takamatsu coming up with a great game in the nets for the birds. . . also starring was Pantalone with two goals.

Beat us good
"They beat us good," said Artemchuk, "They came out hungry and that usually means trouble. It was trouble for us. I give them full credit. They out hit and outthusted us. What else can you say? Except they have a good hockey club."

It was complimentary night as Birds' coach Ralph Beer also acknowledged that "you have to be at your best to beat Oak Ridges. They have a very explosive club."

"We did it simply by checking them closely all night. It paid off."

Key goal
Beer thought the key goal was the shorthanded one by Shirley "who is really dangerous out there on those occasions. We also got great penalty killing from the rest of the guys."

Also coming in for high praise was Al Del Fabbro, a Richmond Hill product, and Bob Hunter.

Goalie Takamatsu, who has seen a lot of action with Dean Dorsey on the injured list, also had to be sharp to contain the Dynes' snipers.

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Spring is coming

You're going to have to forgive me this week. I get rattled this time of the year. Christmas. All those Christmas cards, presents, and stuff like that.

Not that I buy any presents or cards, mind you. I just think I should do it and, as anyone knows, this type of mental stress is worse than physical labor. Guilt just wells up in me.

There was a time when I used to try to be all things to all people. I'd dutifully go through all the stores Christmas Eve and try to pick up little "forget-me-nots" for my loved ones.

Well, yes
It never worked. I once had a friend who thought she was a budding artist. So I thoughtfully purchased her a painting set for Christmas. One of those paint-by-number deals, you know. She never spoke to me again. Ingratitude, I say.

Then there was the time I bought a pair of panty hose for another friend. Just a friendly gesture. This person always thought I had a sense of humor. Didn't want to disappoint her. So I cut off one leg.

No smile
She didn't smile at all. In fact, she never brought the subject up. You can never tell about people.

But that's the way it goes. Try to be sincere and there's always someone out there who misunderstands you. It's the price you have to pay at Christmas.

Trial separation
Getting back to Christmas cards. I've seen more homes break up over the rather simple thing of sitting down around the kitchen table and making them out.

In fact, my mother and father used to have trial separations every Christmas card-signing time. When my father had finished signing the cards she'd return home and everything was all right. Until next Christmas.

So it goes. As for this Christmas? I've called another moratorium. That's nine in a row. Soon as I get my Christmas list figured out for 1967 I'm going to get back in the race.

As for sports?
Well, a lot of things are happening.

Excited
I'm getting all excited (and that's bad for someone my age) about this forthcoming Ontario Winter Games involving the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers of the Mid Ontario Junior B loop.

Pet peeve
Finally, a pet peeve. The next time someone says "that's super" to me I'm going to send him a bound (in asbestos) book of all my complaints in the last 10 years.

That should stop all that nonsense.

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR A						Junior B								
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North York	23	19	3	1	156	89	39	21	16	3	2	133	71	34
Markham	26	16	5	5	148	102	37	23	13	9	1	123	107	27
Wexford	25	13	9	3	123	124	29	24	11	11	2	104	105	24
North Bay	24	15	8	1	158	112	31	21	8	11	2	96	101	18
Royal York	25	9	10	6	123	112	24	18	6	11	1	70	97	13
Aurora	24	9	10	5	103	101	23	19	3	12	4	69	107	10
Newmarket	21	9	7	5	126	116	23							
Richmond Hill	23	10	12	1	107	114	21							
Weston	24	9	12	3	100	129	21							
Nationals	24	8	15	1	114	153	17							
Ajax	24	7	15	2	112	135	16							
Dixie	23	1	19	3	79	162	5							

Future Games
Wednesday — Nationals at Royal York. Royal York 25 9 10 5 103 101 24
Thursday — North Bay at Ajax; Aurora at Newmarket. Newmarket 21 9 7 5 126 116 23

Tie Orillia 6-6

Jewellers win 9-2 over Owen Sound

OAK RIDGES — The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers sharpened their shooting eye Monday night as they waltzed to a 9-2 win over Owen Sound in Mid Ontario Junior B hockey action here.

Was coach Pete Artemchuk satisfied. Not really.

"We're still not sharp as we should be," he said. "We're in something of a slump and it concerns me what with the Ontario Winter Games round robin coming up."

He was referring to the shootout against North York and Pickering of the Metro loop Dec. 25 and 26 to decide who will represent the area in the 'Games' at North Bay Feb. 11 to 14.

Slight slump
"Then maybe now is the time to have a slight slump," he said. "Just so the guys won't think they're invincible. It's up to them. If they want it, it's there for the taking."

Slump or no slump, the Jeweller's had little trouble scoring against the Owen Sounders with Tony Robinson leading the parade with three goals.

The Jeweller's led 2-1 in the first and increased it to 7-1 going into the third.

Outburst
During that outburst they score four, count 'em, shorthanded goals via the sticks of Cam Reston, Mike Carnevale, Boyd Young, and Reston again.

Not so easy
Things weren't so easy in their 6-6 tie in Orillia with the score seesawing back and forth with the Jeweller's always one step behind.

Dynes led 4-3 at the end of the first on goals by Carnevale, two, Ian Crockford and Cam Reston.

They were then outscored three goals to two the rest of the way with Reston getting his second goal in the second from Greg Bogaert and Dale Roffey, and then Neil Crockford getting the final one.

Short notes
Larry Guerans has joined the team and should add added strength in the corners. Guerans played for the Dynes team last season. . . Dynes play Friday night in Midland, and are at home Monday to Orillia, are in Barrie Tuesday, and back home to Owen Sound on Wednesday. Busy, busy. That night, incidentally, will be Oak Ridges Minor Hockey night with all coaches, managers, players, etc., admitted free.



(Photo by Hogg)

He stopped this one....

Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' goalie Doug Brumwell stopped Thornhill Thunderbirds' Mike Johns cold here (puck is circled). But it was all down hill the rest of the night as the Birds finally got off the ground to win their first game of the season against the high-flying Jewellers.

Colts lassoed by Thornhill

THORNHILL — The Thornhill Mid Ontario Junior B Thunderbirds evened an earlier 7-3 loss to Barrie Colts by downing them 4-3 Monday night and maintaining their three point lead in second place over the same team with a game in hand.

"I was happy the way they bounced back from that 7-3 loss," said coach Ralph Beer. "That's the sign of a good team when you can come back after a loss."

Beer figures his team suffered a letdown in Barrie Sunday night.

Too high
"We were rather high after beating Oak Ridges for the first time Friday night and we were riding for a letdown and we got it."

Not so Monday night as Thornhill outshot the visitors 38-29 and were in control of the game most of the way after a 1-1 first period.

Bud Shirley opened the scoring for the birds at 14:41 of the first period from Glen Daurio only to have Barrie tie it at 17:30 on a power play goal by Jim Horvath.

The second period was all Thornhill as they pumped home two goals courtesy of Rocky Pantalone and Bob Hunter to lead 3-1.

Barrie scored just after 21 seconds of the final 20 minutes courtesy of Larry Dunn but then it happened again.

Shirley again
What happened? The ever-dangerous Shirley stole the puck at his own blueline while his team was one-man short, naturally, went all the way down and put it home unassisted.

Killed them
"That killed Barrie right there," said Beer. "They never pressed us too much after that even when they removed their goalie in the final 45 seconds. We

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