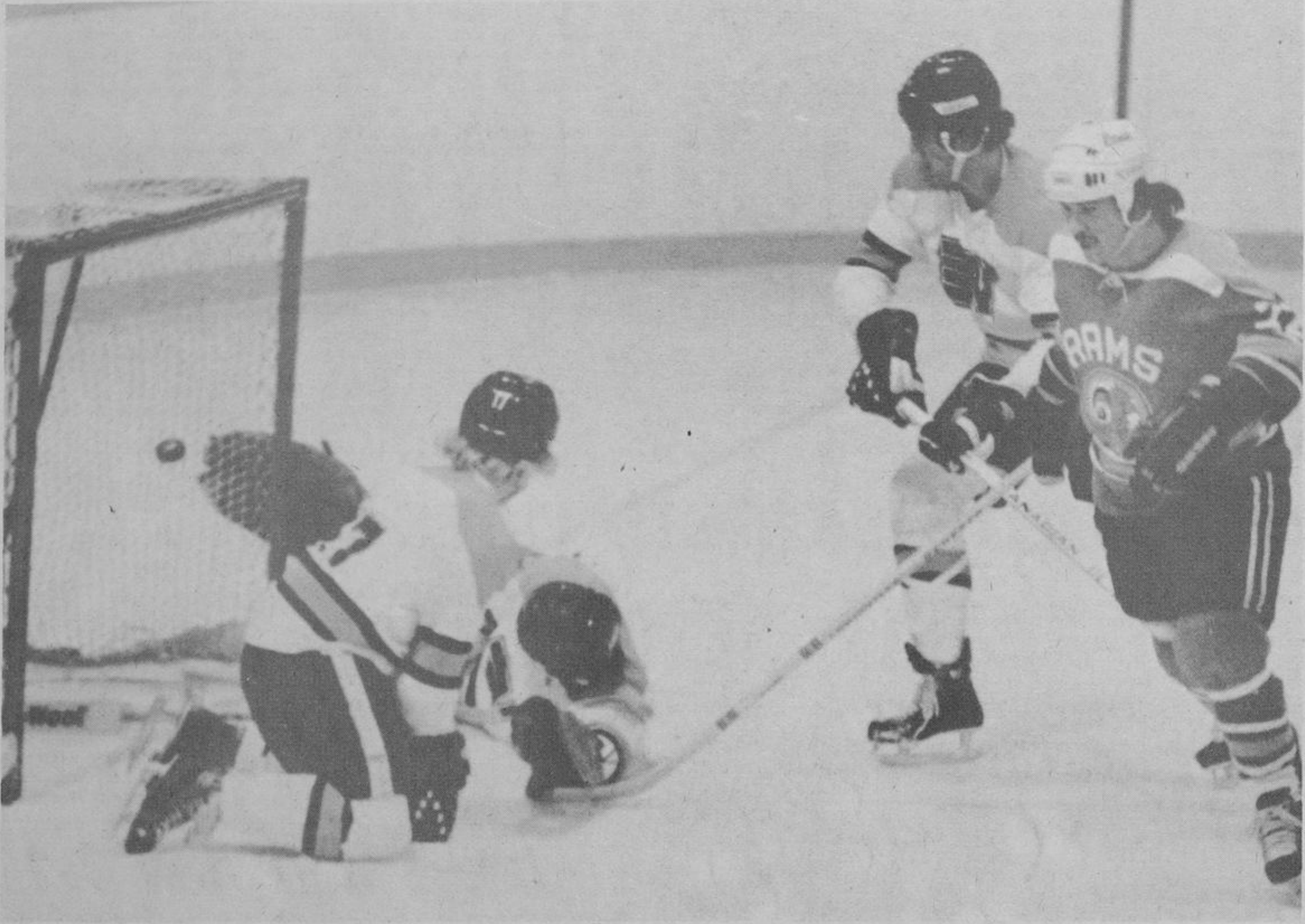


Rams don't mind wins and ties



And in it goes

Once the Rams got rolling against the Newmarket Flyers they kept right on rolling Tuesday night of last week at Richmond Hill. In the process of scoring

here is Ed Saffrey (right) of the Rams who went on to pop in seven straight goals in the third period to win going away by 9-2.

Sunday night saw the Rams tackling the Markham Waxers in the Hill and tying them 5-5.

By Fred Simpson

RICHMOND HILL — Richmond Hill Rams' coach Carl Brimblecombe is easy to please these closing days of the Provincial Junior A hockey race.

He'll take a win or a tie everytime. It doesn't matter.

That's what coach Brimblecombe was saying after Sunday night's 5-5 tie with the Markham Waxers at the local arena which followed a come-from-behind 9-3 win over Newmarket Tuesday night of last week.

His comments came shortly after the irrepressible Waxers had snatched victory from the Rams by scoring a short-handed goal with just a little over two minutes remaining in the game.

Big ouch

A big ouch. It started all so innocently. Rams' defenceman Bill Stephenson chased a cleared puck into his own end followed by Markham's Dan McAleer.

McAleer managed to get his stick on the puck to the side of goalie Brian Stankiewicz and suddenly the puck was homeward bound between the legs of said goalie.

But three points out of a possible four looked pretty good to the Rams who are tangled up in a three or four club race for a playoff spot.

Magic number

"I'd say the magic number is three," continued coach Brimblecombe, "but you don't worry about it. You just keep playing to win. Actually, we're aiming for fourth place, not eighth."

Eighth is the final cut-off mark for a playoff berth with the Rams currently holding down sixth spot with some other clubs, seven points ahead of ninth place Weston.

Kimble hot

Sunday's game saw Larry Kimble coming up with a three-goal performance for the Rams as he opened the scoring in the first period only to have the Waxers rap in two quick ones courtesy of Laurie Nisker.

The same Nisker made it 3-1 at 6:21 of the second and the Rams looked like they might be in trouble.

Then came a quick shot from the point by Dave Robson on a power play

and the Rams were back in the match. The tying goal was a neat effort as John Olds carried up-ice, cut to the side of the Markham net, and sent a goalmouth pass to Danny Jones who ticked it in.

Tie, then lead

Mark Reeds made it 4-3 for Markham but Kimble was there at 15:12 to deflect a shot past goalie Gary Kingshott.

The Rams were celebrating at 18:59 when Kimble got his third goal of the night on a power play from Jones and Stephenson.

The final 20 minutes saw the Rams holding the Markham boys off the scoresheet for the greater proportion of the period.

Prospects for a win looked great when the Waxers walked into a penalty with three minutes and 28 seconds remaining.

Didn't work out that way.

Stanky sharp

Markham outshot Richmond Hill 41-38 on the game with Stankiewicz looking sharp.

The Newmarket encounter saw the Rams start slowly and trail 2-0 at the end of the first. They tied the game in the second on goals by Jones and Ed Saffrey but Newmarket's Craig Chapman put his team in front 3-2 going into the third.

The avalanche came in the final 20 minutes as the Rams poured seven straight goals home without a reply.

In order of scoring it was Robson, Bill Leaman, Ken Paraskevin, Bill Colville, Saffrey, Kimble, Saffrey. The Rams outshot Newmarket 47-42.

Short shots

Short shots: The Rams' Leaman received an ankle injury when he stopped a blast late in the third period. . . goalie Stankiewicz's average is 3.65 which is close to being the top average in the league on an individual basis. . . top three Rams' pointmen are Frank Nigro with 28 goals and 29 assists; Ken Paraskevin 23 and 33; and Jones with 23 and 28 (that's before Sunday's game).

The Rams are at home to North York next Sunday for a 7:30 game and host North Bay the following Tuesday.

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Next time...

Artemchuk blasts Birds

By Fred Simpson

OAK RIDGES — Dynes Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk took off the gloves when he discussed Monday night's Mid-Ontario Junior B game with Thornhill Thunderbirds.

The front-running Jeweller's won it by 6-4 over the second place 'Birds at Bond Lake Arena.

It was a sour victory for Artemchuk.

"Thornhill played the same game they always play," said Artemchuk as he warmed up. "A game of intimidation. They don't know how to play hockey without it. They can't win without it."

He's had it

Artemchuk has had it. "We are no longer going to sit back and take it from Thornhill. All future games between us will be played on the basis of tit for tat, x times x. If they give it to us we'll give it right back to them. I'm sick of their nonsense." Artemchuk emphasized he wasn't talking about "rough, rugged, hard-hitting hockey. I like that type of hockey. It's the cheap shots, the stick-work that infuriates me."

Next time

"And that's the only way Thornhill knows how to play. The last three games between us has been the same. We'll see what happens the next time we meet." Intimidation, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

Beer liked it

Thornhill coach Ralph Beer described the game as "a very good, physical one with lots of action and hitting" although he added that "Oak Ridges might not have been too impressed with it all."

Beer thought his team played exceptionally well "considering we had five or six of our regulars still out through injuries or suspensions." Missing were people such as Rocky Pantalone, Ernie Takeuchi, Steve Cromb, Gary Langfield, and captain

Greg Chappell. They were replaced by players from the minor system who "performed very ably."

Penalty parade

The cause of coach Artemchuk's particular dissatisfaction probably resulted from the final few minutes of the game.

That was when Jamie Kennedy, up recently from the juveniles, ran into the referee's thumb as he drew 16 minutes in penalties including boarding, roughing, a major for slashing, major for fighting, and a game misconduct.

Nothing wrong

Beer didn't see anything wrong with Kennedy's play. In fact, he praised Kennedy for "coming to play. He's a big, rugged kid and he likes to hit. He doesn't go out there to fight but he goes out there to hit."

"Kennedy's up from the juveniles and he doesn't want to go back."

The game

Oh yes, the game. Thornhill's Mike Johns opened the scoring early in the first 20 minutes with Dynes' Jim Clement tying it near the end unassisted.

The Jewellers two quick goals in the second, one on a power play by Tony Robinson and the other by Dave Stuart who celebrated his return from a nose injury with two over the night.

Johns got his second goal but Mike Carnevale got that one back (he scored twice also) and then it was Thornhill's Kennedy scoring. Stuart's goal made it

5-3 going into the third period. Both teams exchanged tallies in the final 20 minutes with Carnevale scoring for Oak Ridges and Wally Stankov for Thornhill.

Bomb Orillia

A Saturday night game saw Dynes bombing Orillia 8-2 in Orillia. Goals went to Boyd Young with two blistering shots, Neil Crockford, Jim Clement, Cam Reston, Mike Carnevale, Steve Sherman, Tony Robinson.

The Jewellers play tonight (Wednesday) at Bond Lake Arena against Midland at 7:30. They return to Midland Friday and host Barrie next Monday night.

The Thunderbirds are at Owen Sound next Friday night and at home to Midland Monday night at Thornhill Community Centre. Tuesday they are in Owen Sound.

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| Royal York | 40 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 196 | 177 | 45 |
| Aurora | 40 | 16 | 17 | 7 | 175 | 175 | 39 |
| Richmond Hill | 39 | 18 | 18 | 3 | 183 | 175 | 39 |
| Wexford | 39 | 18 | 18 | 3 | 180 | 189 | 39 |
| Toronto Nats | 40 | 18 | 20 | 2 | 205 | 228 | 38 |
| Weston | 38 | 14 | 20 | 4 | 165 | 193 | 32 |
| Ajax | 40 | 14 | 22 | 4 | 194 | 215 | 32 |
| Newmarket | 38 | 12 | 19 | 7 | 188 | 213 | 31 |
| Dixie | 38 | 3 | 31 | 4 | 145 | 269 | 10 |

Future Games
Wednesday — Weston at Royal York; Wexford at Markham.
Thursday — Dixie at Ajax; North Bay at Newmarket.

Thornlea Thors strike down Richmond Hill

By Dennis Herbert

THORNHILL — Red hot Thornlea Secondary School basketball teams chalked up three more victories Thursday of last week against Richmond Hill.

They downed all three Richmond Hill High midget, junior and senior teams in York County Secondary School league action.

First on the courts were the midget entries with both teams running a "nip and tuck" battle throughout the first half of the game which ended in a 39-23 win for Thornlea. Thornlea led 16-13 at halftime.

The third quarter was just as close with Henderson of the Hillers maintaining the green and white thrust. The sluice gates opened in the final quarter

as Thornlea's Scott Mann went to work and pumped in 12 points alone in eight minutes of play.

Mann gets 18. Top scorers for Thornlea were Mann (18) and Dickson (8) while Henderson's 17 points kept Richmond Hill's hopes alive. Thornlea now has five wins and a loss.

The second tilt of the afternoon saw the Thornlea Thor juniors avenge a previous defeat to Richmond Hill as they dominated the game winning 50-18 after leading 24-11 at the end of the second quarter.

The first quarter saw the Thors shutting out the visitors 10-0.

Downhill. Richmond Hill managed 11 points in the second quarter but it was all

downhill after that.

Martin Wildberger with 10 points played consistently good ball for Richmond Hill while Thornlea's dynamic duo — guards Dave Lothrop and Sergio Migotto dumped 15 and 10 points respectively. Thornlea now has five wins and two losses.

Strong finish

The closest Richmond Hill came to victory was in the final senior game but it wasn't to be as the senior Thors came on strong in the final quarter to win 67-50.

Leading the Thors' victory was D. Lothrop with 23 points and A. Migotto looping nine for Thornlea while M. Girdler and K. Bryan had 14 and 11 each for Richmond Hill.

Snow may be snowing ..but tennis is on way

By Ian Griffin

RICHMOND HILL — We all know that the weather has gone crazy. It rained all summer here in Southern Ontario while Europe had a raging heat-wave.

Now there's snow and frost in Miami. For we in the Hill who enjoy hitting a tennis ball, well, let's hope the weather remains consistent in its inconsistency, and who's to say we won't be out on the courts in the near future.

If Bill Lawrence can get snow to Miami, I'm sure he can get some warm weather for Richmond Hill. So let's

start thinking and talking tennis.

Busy, busy. The executive of your club has had a busy off-season with frequent meetings to prepare a program for the 1977 season ahead; it is now in the final stages of preparation and will be outlined to the members in the usual state-of-the-club message from club president, this year Hans Bruhn.

The fee schedule was by far the major problem facing this year's executive; it is no secret that the club did not meet its expenses last year and incurred a sizable deficit.

The red ink notwithstanding, it was decided that the club would attempt to hold the line in the matter of fees and that last year's structure would again apply.

However, the late renewal penalty will be strictly enforced this year; so save yourself money and help your club pay its way by sending in your fees as soon as possible.

Social evening

Responding to a great many requests, the club is holding a social evening March 5 at the Turtle Creek Country Club. There will be dinner, dancing, tennis on four indoor courts, and squash. The cost will be \$10 per head, everything included.

The number of members and guests that can be accommodated is strictly limited and anyone wishing to attend should contact club secretary Sharon Mencil at 773-5136 right away and have names placed on the list.

Payment will be required before acceptance of the booking is confirmed so that all those wishing to attend can be processed in a fair and equitable way.

Fun evening

It should be a real fun evening so plan to be part of it, and, more important, part of your club. So why not phone Sharon now.

As a matter of interest, this function is not intended to make a profit; it is designed to be no more than a break-even proposition and is organized only to provide entertainment for the membership of our club. So join us. Become involved. Participate.

Paul Rimstead in 'Bowlerama'

TORONTO — Toronto Sun columnist Paul Rimstead and Mayor David Crombie will get together for their annual grudge match Feb. 19 at Thorncliffe Bowlerama in the 5th Annual Bowl for Millions of the Big Brothers of Metro Toronto.

The two will headline Celebrity Day at the Bowlerama on the final day of the event, which hopes to raise \$150,000.

Among other celebrities on hand that day will be Toronto Argonaut general manager, Dick Shatto; Al Waxman, CBC's King of Kensington; musician Moe Koffman; writer Sylvia Train, and

various other personalities from all areas.

The Bowl for Millions' event, which runs from Feb. 14 to 19, is for people of all ages, bowlers and non-bowlers, with all bowling centres in Metro participating.

Each participant picks up a sponsor sheet in their bowling centre, or at Big Brother House.

Anyone earning more than \$1,000, becomes a member of the \$1,000 celebrity club and get to dine with the stars of Bowl for Millions.

For more information, call 925-8981.



Nice save here

Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' goalie Doug Brumwell goes down on his knees as Mike Johns of the Thornhill Thunderbirds sweeps in for

rebound in Monday night's 6-4 win for the Jewellers.

Photo by Hogg