

'Ridges tackles The Bay in Ontario Winter Games



Pete Artemchuk
...play each game

OAK RIDGES — They're moving Oak Ridges to North Bay next week for the Ontario Winter Games.

At least it seems that way. The community of Oak Ridges will be well represented at the games in the bodies of members of the Oak Ridges Hockey Jewellers Mid-Ontario Junior hockey team and a pair of figure skaters.

Herbert, Carla

Carla Holdsworth of King City and Herbert Deady Jr. of Oak Ridges will be among the locals making the trek for

gold next weekend. The two 14-year-olds won the right to the Games by placing fifth in the novice dance competition at the Central Ontario sectionals held in Aurora.

Dynes

As for the Jewellers? Coach Pete Artemchuk states "you take every game as it comes in a tournament. There are too many unknown quantities."

"But we feel we've got the firepower to handle any of the teams and goalie Doug Brumwell can stop any team on a

given night. We'll do all right."

Open Saturday

Artemchuk said the team will open the six-team round robin tournament against Stratford Saturday at 3 p.m.

"We've had scouting reports on Stratford," said Artemchuk, "and they've got a powerful club. They have three or four Major A cuts and they're fast. The forwards aren't big but the defence is a good size."

The Jeweller's will be in the A division against Stratford and Ottawa with Levack, Streetsville and Ounaping

Falls in the B one.

Final Monday

Each team will play one game with one another with the top two teams in each division meeting for the grand finale Monday afternoon.

Up for grabs is a Gold Medal.

"I've got three good scoring lines," said Artemchuk, "so our strategy will probably be to just go out and try to outscore the opposition."

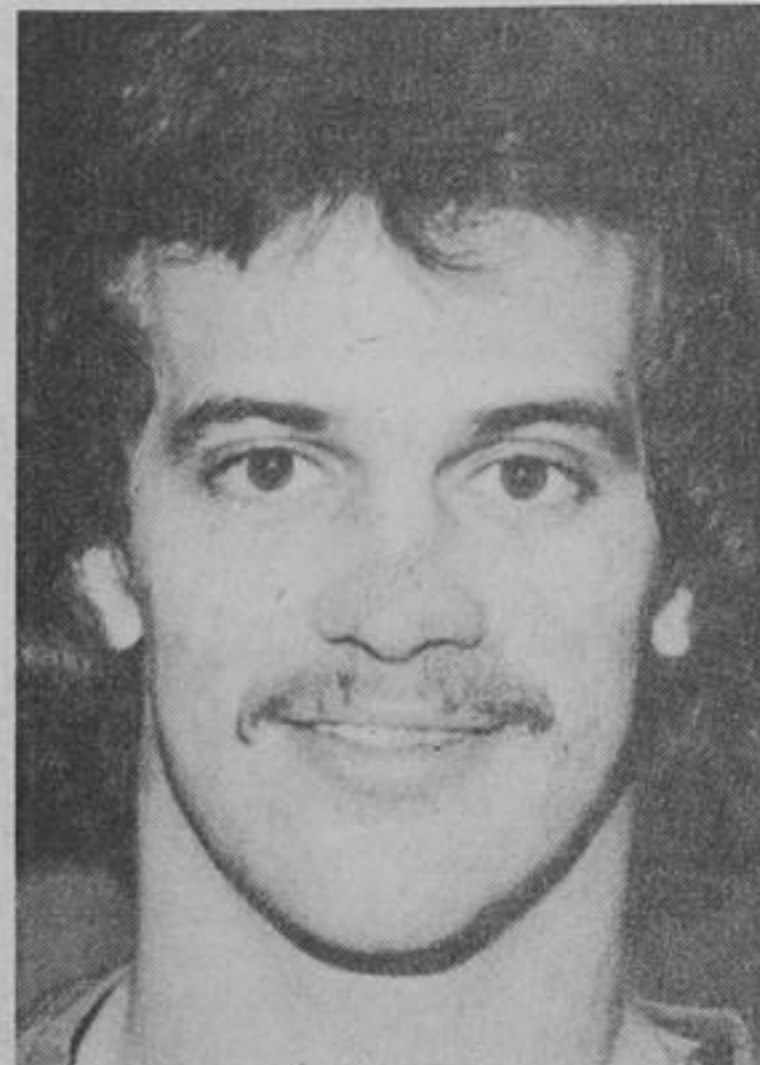
"Our defence is solidifying now but fire power is our game and we'll play it that way."

Artemchuk's only worry at the moment is goalie Brumwell who is down with the flu.

"I hope he's ready by the weekend," said Artemchuk with hopes crossed. "I hope it doesn't leave him too weak."

Artemchuk will go with his big line of Steve Sherman, Steve Roffey and Cam Reston; followed by Mike Carnevale, Boyd Young and Ian Crockford; Tony Robinson, Dave Stuart, and Jim Clements with Larry Guerans and Rusty Cochrane rounding them out.

Greg Bogaerts will likely see duty on both forward and defence. Next stop: North Bay.



Doug Brumwell
...sick with flu

Beer simmering

'Birds rock Midland Flyers 9-4

THORNHILL — Thornhill Thunderbirds won two out of their three games recently which pleased coach Ralph Beer and helped cool his simmering thoughts over recent statements by coach Pete Artemchuk of the league-leading Dynes Jewellers.

Firstly, the Thunderbirds solidified second place in the Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey league by walloping Midland 9-4 last Monday night at Thornhill Community Centre.

The win followed a 4-3 verdict over Owen Sound Wednesday night of last week here which had followed a 7-4 loss to the same team the previous Friday in Owen Sound.

As for the simmer?

Coach Beer was reacting to last week's somewhat critical comments by Dynes' coach Artemchuk after the game between Oak Ridges and Thornhill.

Artemchuk had decried what he termed the "cheap shot" tactics of the Thunderbirds.

Beer said he was surprised at "Pete's reaction. These aren't small kids, they're young men playing junior hockey and it's a rough game. A tough one."

He maintained his team was just playing "tough, hard hockey and we're going to keep on playing it that way. As far as bruises go, we had some marks ourselves after the Dynes game that weren't caused by getting hit by pucks or the boards.

"We got the lumber laid on us pretty good, too."

As for future games between the two teams?

Play tough

"We'll play the same game we always play. Tough, hard hockey," maintains Beer. "We're not worried about any threats. We're ready for anything."

Meanwhile back at Monday night, Beer paid credit to the "Midland club which never gives up even though they're behind. They're a good club, I like them."

Not good enough for the Birds Monday night who are returning to strength after several suspensions.

Thornhill built up a 3-1 lead in the first period on two goals by Mike Johns and one by Al Cook.

They scored four in the second courtesy of Bruce Clatworthy, Cook, Bob Hunter, Bud Shirley before Midland's Rene Peletier got one back.

Midland Andy Lacrois and Gary Walters scored early in the third but it was all over on goals by Wally Stankov and Jamie Kennedy.

Midland outshot Thornhill 47-39 on the

game with Dean Dorsey playing very well in the Thunderbird twines.

Nip Sound

Shirley paced the 4-3 win over Owen Sound with two goals with singles to Wally Stankov and Mike Johns. Tim Dean, Doug Taylor and Jeff Nichols scored for Owen Sound.

The same Taylor whipped home three

goals to lead the Sounders to victory with singles going to Scott McKelvie, Bill Slumskie, Brian O'Leary, and Larry Dum.

Thornhill plays at home to Orillia next Monday night and the following Friday host the league-leading Jewellers in their closing home game of the regular schedule.

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Jeweller's tie 2-2

OAK RIDGES — The high-riding Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers warmed up for their trek to the Winter Games in North Bay by tying 2-2 with a persistent Barrie Colts' team here Monday night.

Oh well. You can't win them all. The same Jewellers had earlier breezed to 11-5 triumph over Midland last Friday night scoring seven goals in the final 20 minutes without a reply.

Their efforts were really a tune-up for the all-important Winter Games which open Saturday at North Bay with the Jewellers playing Stratford at 3 p.m.

But Barrie was unimpressed Monday night at Bond Lake Arena.

Goalie hot

Especially goalie Hal Halhake who came up with horse shoes to go with horse shoes.

"He played a great game," conceded Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk. "But he also had some luck going with him."

Guess so.

Hit post 6 times

The Jeweller's hit the goalposts six times and the cross-bar once.

Culprits were Steve Sherman, Dale Roffey, Cam Reston, Boyd Young, Dave Stuart, and Tony Robinson.

Playing a solid game also was Dynes' Joey Hall who took over from a flustered Doug Brumwell in the two games.

Lead 1-0

Barrie led 1-0 at the end of the first period on a power play goal by Eric Cummings only to have the Jeweller's bounce back for two in the second.

It was Greg Bogaerts scoring from Jim Clement and Roffey; and Randy Irwin with 46 seconds remaining with help from Cam Reston and Roffey.

Another power play by Bob Coulson came in the final period and that was the way the game ended.

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fred simpson

This N' That

I've seen worse winters than this. I saw one just the other night on television. That old "Dr. Zhivago" movie. With all the snow.

Which reminds me. I wouldn't be surprised to see a Russian film crew arriving on the scene any day to shoot background footage for a remake of the "Siege of Stalingrad" or something.

They don't get snow like this in Russia any more.

In any case it's February and I've got a laundry list of this and that's to forage through before I go out and buy a new box of "Kleenex" tissues, dig my car out again, and stay away from high bridges.

Apology

To start off with: Apologies to Ed Banks of the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival and, of course, to last year's Carnival Queen, 16-year-old Karin Steiner. Simply because I had planned to do my traditional "interview" of previous year "Carnival Queens" in last week's column.

Touch of flu

But my column came down with a touch of flu at the last moment (I was all right) and the doctor recommended it take a week's rest. Now it's all right and I'm in intensive care.

Is that going to stop me now? No sir. I'm going to run it this week. Right now:

Karin Steiner
...a dentist?

Last year's Queen, Karin Steiner, has now reached the advanced age of 16 and is still attending Richmond Hill High. She's had a great year with all her public appearances but she doesn't intend to take up modelling or any thing like that.

Karin's a romantic. She's going through for a dentist.

The interview with Karin this year was a rather precedent-setting one. My previous two interviews saw the girls in question rushing out and getting married shortly after. Or engaged anyway. I forget.

Karin assured me that she had no such immediate plans or, at least, "not for awhile yet." On that happy note we close. Hope you had a Happy Carnival.

Let's see now. What day is it?

Don Mills Flyers

Here comes the notes: Hockey fans in the area will have an opportunity to see at first hand this Sunday the Don Mills Flyers who are just fresh from winning the Wrigley's Midget tournament.

Gametime is 1 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Arena with proceeds split between the minor hockey association and the Flyers who are trying to raise money to go to Russia.

Field hockey

Also, got a call from Ann Frickeleton who is organizing an indoor field hockey league for women (high school age or over). The sessions are at Bayview Secondary School every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

The idea is to get physically fit while having fun. For further info call Ann at 964-8655, extension 229.

Minor soccer

Yet another note: The King City Minor Soccer Association will hold a general meeting at the King City Community Arena Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Interested parents and their children are asked to attend.

And another:

Boxing

Al Moss of the St. Gabriel's Boxing Club in Richmond Hill reports that two of his members fared very well in recent matches at the Alexander Park Boxing Club in TO.

Bruce Terry won a three-round technical knockout and Mike Bell a second round knockout in their matches.

Finally: If I've forgotten anyone, just tack your message on the old bulletin board at one of your friendly laundromat outlets. Probably more effective anyway.

Carl Brimblecomb
...we can do it



We did it, again!

You can sure tell it's a goal as Thornhill Thunderbirds' Bob Hunter raises his stick in the traditional cry of victory as the puck slides sweetly into the Midland net courtesy of Jamie Kennedy (unseen)

as the Birds skate away with a 9-4 victory Monday night at Thornhill Community Centre. The win almost assured the Birds of a second place finish.

Playoff battle

Rams lose 2 big games

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Rams have been getting into the Provincial A playoffs the hard way lately.

Backing in. The Rams, as of writing, have two games remaining (not including Tuesday's one with the North Bay Trappers) and need but two points to clinch a playoff spot.

It's a tough two points. The Rams dropped 5-4 and 4-2 games to the Aurora Tigers and league-leading

North York Rangers respectively Tuesday night of last week and on Sunday.

Their two remaining games are with the powerful Markham Waxers and the un-powerful last-place Dixie Beehives. But, hopefully, there's no way Weston, Newmarket, or Ajax seem likely to put on a drive.

Confusing?

Well, yes. Look at the standings. Rams' coach Carl Brimblecombe continued to say what he's been saying all year.

"This club can beat anyone in the league if they can just put three periods of hockey together. We've been playing good enough hockey to beat anyone lately but it's the relapses that have been killing us."

Lose Sunday

Brimblecombe was talking in the wake of Sunday's 4-2 loss to North York despite looking anything but out-classed.

"We played well against North York," said Brimblecombe, "and that's got to be one of the top clubs around. And I think we can beat them, or North Bay or any of them. About the guys know it."

The Rams started out in the right direction against North York Sunday by getting the first goal with Frank Nigro doing the job from Ed Saffrey early in the second period at the local arena.

Zap

That lead held up until 10:05 when Phill Evans whacked it by Ed

Stankiewicz and at 11:10 when Tom McCarthy picked the corner.

The Rams looked slightly bedraggled at 16:34 when the methodical North Yorker capitalized on a penalty and Evans put his second goal home on a pass-out from the corner.

Richmond Hill could have collapsed then but kept coming back and it was Bill Leaman picking up a loose puck at the North York blueline, dippy-doodling past two defenders, and then lifting a high one past Kevin Walton.

Good saves

Stankiewicz came up with some early saves in the third period and Nigro almost tied it when he broke in alone only to have Walton come up with a great glove save on his sizzler.

Then it was Leaman making a hard shot with 10 minutes left. Another good Walton save.

Rams pressing

The Rams were pressing at this point but then came a tripping penalty at 11:53 and, whack, whack, the fourth North York goal was in courtesy of Joe Kovacs and it was all over.

The Aurora game again saw the Rams leading by 4-3 until the 15:43 mark of the final 20 minutes. Whack, whack. Two Aurora goals by Scott Hunter and Peter Vandermark and it was all over.

Seesaw game

This had been a seesaw game with Rams' Nigro giving his team a 4-3 lead at 13:32 of the final 20 minutes and it looked good.

The Rams led 2-1 at the end of the second goals from Ken Paraskevini and Ed Saffrey with Brian Dillon replying for Aurora. There was no scoring in the second.

Aurora outshot Richmond Hill 45-43. The magic number for Richmond Hill, as of writing, is two points.

Their remaining games see them in Markham Friday and Dixie Sunday. Then it's playoff time? Probably but not for sure.



Frank Nigro
...top scorer