

# Joe's bounced out of playoffs!

By Dave Barber

Joe's Garage Juniors have found out that youth isn't always served in the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League. They found out the hard way.

The young Joe's team, who finished first in the regular schedule were unceremoniously bounced from the playoffs by Richmond Hill Auto Body in two straight games.

The win left Hill Auto Body time to prepare for the championship final series which is a best of five.

That'll be against the winners of the series between Video Real Estate and Barrow's Insurance which, at press time, had Video leading one game to none in the best-of-three series.

Rob Forget, in the first game against Joe's, led the way with a pair of doubles and drove in a pair of runs for a 3-2 score. Chris Degeer was Joe's only bright spot. R.H. Auto's pitcher Jim Clement tossed a 4-hitter against the league champions. Glen Moreland took the loss.

In their final encounter Glen Greenslade's two home runs, one in-the-park, was enough to give the Hillers a 2-1, win and to snuff Joe's. Doug Lewis knocked in Bobby Viverette for Joe's lone run. On the rubber it was Clement coming up with a two-hitter. Moreland suffered the loss.

#### Barron's win

In the quarter-final series between Barrow's and Jack Blyth Real Estate, Barrow's edged the courageous Blyth

team, that had been dogged with controversies and adversities in their two seasons as a team, 5-4.

In the first, Roger Ball stole home. The next frame saw Dave Venturi tripled and sacrificed home. In the fourth, Doug Bell scored, and he and Rod Smith accounted for the other two runs in the sixth inning.

Losing Pitcher Don Walker was a one-man gang as he clouted two homers, one with a runner on. Glen Wright walked and was scored on a sacrifice fly for Blyth's other run. Billy Hamilton claimed the win as he tossed a four hitter.

#### Video tops

In semi-final action, Video nipped Barrow's 5-4 on the strength of homers by Steve Wood and Bobby Howard. Wood collected an other rbi as well.

For the losers, Dave Venturi got one run and Grant Rose homered with a man on. Bill Fox tossed the win. Al Underhill, with relief from Hamilton, took the loss.

#### Consolation Division.

#### Ronald's in

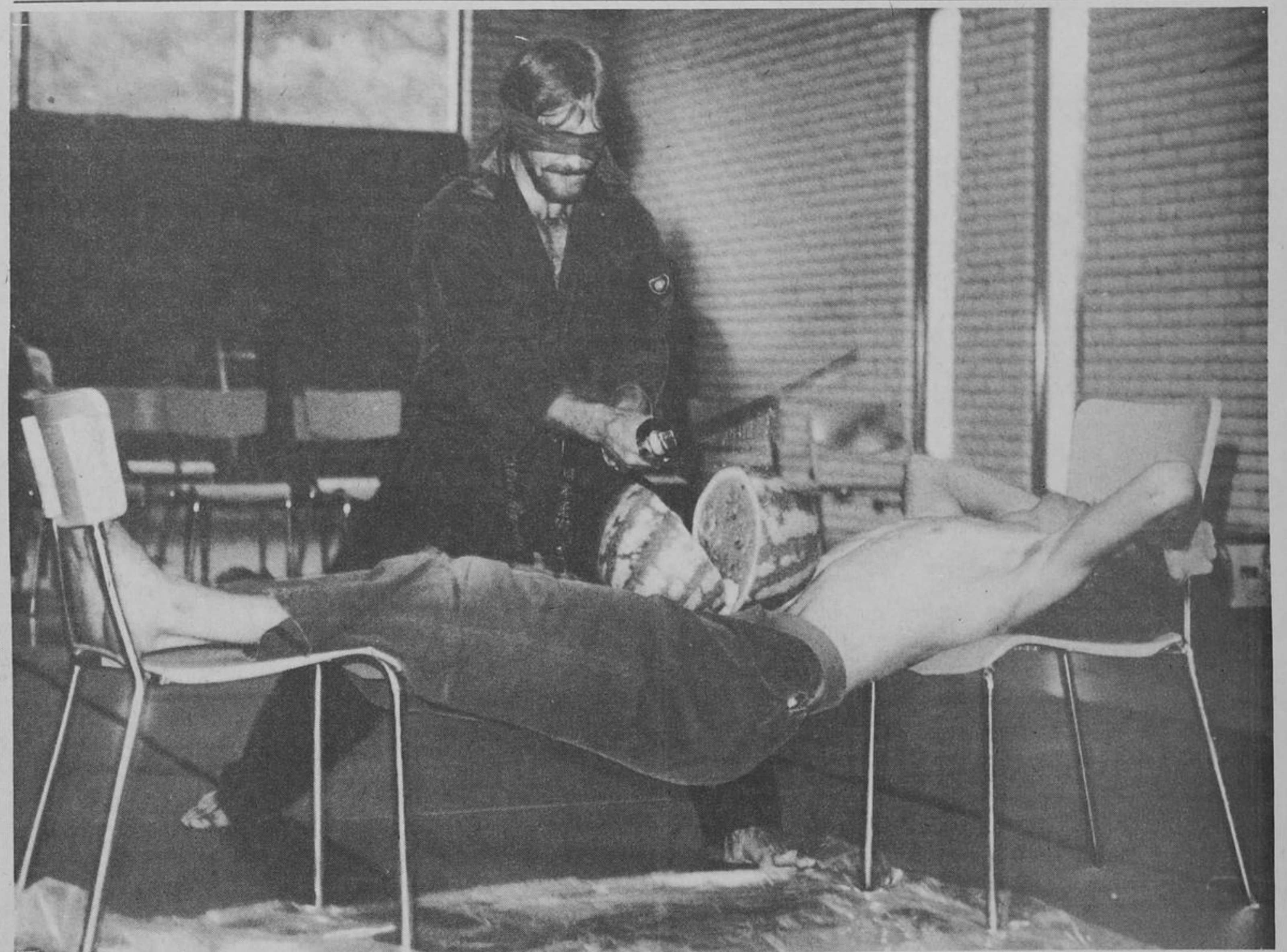
In semi-final action, Ronald's Federated bounced back from a one-game deficit to eliminate McKinlay Drywall in two straight, first 6-0.

Al Mounstevan and Reg Armstrong led the way offensively and Tom Drennan hurled the shutout for the winners. Barry Hartnett had two hits in a losing cause and Craig Shuttlesworth took the loss.

In the rubber match, the score 7-5, as winning chucker Drennan knocked in

three runs with a double, and a single by Bill Robson scored a pair. For the expired McKinlay team, Blair Robson batted out a double and a single and Bob Carton had two hits. Will Diceman was the losing hurler.

#### Jenkins prevail



(Bruyns photo)

## Gourd grief!

Different cuts for different water melons. Blindfolded Richmond Hill Jiu Jitsu Kai Club instructor Steve Reynolds shows a

subtle touch here as he slashes away during last Sunday's special demonstration. Willing victim, uh accomplice, is student

Steve Roy of Neal Drive, Richmond Hill. Reynolds claims Roy lived to enjoy a piece of the action. See B-2.

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## What season is it?

I thought I'd celebrate my first cold of the season by going to a hockey game. I guess it's the romantic time.

But don't get too excited. I didn't see all the game. Just the second period between the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers of the Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey loop and their Metro counterparts, Pickering. Oak Ridges won 4-3.

It strikes me as being rather incongruous going to a hockey game in September in the rain. Everyone standing around in summer dress and the like. Nice but incongruous.

I'm the type who likes to warm up to winter. That's why I only stayed for one period. Like to spread things out. Next month I'll take in the first period, the third one after that. Maybe.

Seriously though, I was a trifle surprised at the crowd turnout at Bond Lake Arena Monday night. It wasn't packed but there were a lot of hockey fans and they were right in mid-season form. Somehow I'd figured it would be too early in the season for serious hockey. Wrong again.

Either that or they're starved for affection in Oak Ridges. I don't know.

#### Look good

Anyway, it looks like Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk certainly has himself a representative team out there. Should be some fine battles again with rival Thornhill Thunderbirds who will also be heard from. More on that later.

In an earlier chat with Pete, he informed me he was going for a big team this time out. Big as in defence in particular. He informed me the defence averages a mere 190 pounds.

He readily acknowledged that last year's playoff loss to the huge Stratford Cullitons (who won it all) was a poignant lesson for him. Stratford made the Jeweller's look like midgets out there.

#### Got to be big

"You can't win games if you can't control the corners," opines Pete, "and last year Stratford just pushed us out of the way. It won't happen this year."

Being a little guy with fallen arches, I tend to root for same. Something really turns me on to see a small guy out there pushing a big guy around. Okay, okay, I got a complex. It hurts having a complex but I haven't got the money to get rid of it.

#### Nice to be little

What I really mean is there's always room on my team for the good, little guy. Lots of room. I still remember little Dave "Digger" Dunkley of the Richmond Hill Provincial Rams of a few seasons ago. Remember him?

The name "Digger" said it all. Knock him down and he'd bounce right back at you. There's an old anecdote kicking around to the effect that Dunkley turned up missing after one game.

No one could find him until the

coach of the opposition team brought him back. It seems "Digger" turned up in the jock strap of one of the players he'd been checking during the game. That's close checking.

Anyway, you know what I mean. Sure, you need the big guys but there's always room for the Digger Dunkleys.

#### Rams too

Speaking of size, the Richmond Hill Rams (under new coach Ken Brookes) also hope to add some of it in this year's addition. Also on defence.

The Jewellers, by the way, will be playing the CFGM Bullshooters in a benefit game tonight (Wednesday) at the Richmond Hill Arena. Game time is 7:45 p.m. Lots of fun and for a good cause: The United Way of York Region.

#### Sundry notes

Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association president Jim Cade informs us that two more registration dates will be held. They are next Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m., at the Richmond Hill Arena.

Anyone not registering at this time may still do so by going to the arena and picking up the forms from administrator Ed Sackfield.

#### Soccer finale

Finally, it's round-up weekend for soccer both Richmond Hill and Thornhill.

In the Hill, all the action will be concentrated at Crosby Park as "Cup Final Day" gets under way at 9 a.m. and runs through to 3:15 p.m. See schedule elsewhere.

In Thornhill, it's at Thornlea Secondary School with action starting about the same time.

So get out parents and watch the action.

Incidentally, the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club will have a display booth during "Discovery Days" celebrations.

Friday it'll be at the Richmond Hill Arena, Saturday at the Richvale Community Hall. Also on hand will be a minor soccer "fun" game for the youngsters.

Over and out.



PETE ARTEMCHUK  
Think big

## Open Tuesday

# Rams sport new faces

It'll be "New Faces of 1977-78" when the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams open their league schedule next Sunday at Dixie and the following Tuesday at home to North York Rangers.

That's the message carried by coach Ken "Satch" Brookes who will be spending his first year behind the Rams' bench as the team's main leader.

"We're starting to jell a bit," said Brookes adding that "right now we're probably two new faces away from the team that will start the season."

#### Need program

You'll certainly need a program to pick out the faces on the Rams' defence.

There are no less than three new faces lining up behind the blueline to go with returnee Dave Campbell.

They are John Hogarth who played with the Seneca Junior B's last season, Ken Elson of the Young Bruins Junior B's, and Gary Krueze who lined up with the Ajax Provincial Junior A entry last season.

Gone are last year's Greg Hampton (now in the Niagara Falls Major A camp) and Mike Gallagher, of Richmond Hill, who is attending Michigan Tech this season on a hockey scholarship.

Also likely missing will be veteran Billy Stephenson who will still be around. Only up front.

"We've been experimenting with Billy on the forward line with John Olds and Danny Jones and he's been looking like he belongs. There's a good possibility he'll stay with the forwards this season."

#### As for the new rearguards?

Coach Brookes is high on them.

"Elson is a big 195-pound player and will give us some muscle we need behind the blueline," said Brookes, "and Krueze will give us the experience we need. He's a very mobile player and he's been in our league three years which is a great advantage."

#### High on Hogarth

"I'm especially high on Hogarth who at 175 pounds is a throwback to your old hip checker you don't see that often anymore."

"He can hit, likes to hit, and he can do it at centre ice. We're also expecting big things this season from Campbell."

Also back this season will be the aforementioned forwards John Olds and Danny Jones, of Richmond Hill, along with rugged Larry Kimble, Mike Walker and Bill Coville.

New forwards will include Paul Gallagher of Brampton who is "a real good playmaker and should be a big asset to the team"; John Dewar, a 6'2" 190-pounder from Don Valley; Keith

York of Brampton and Bob Illse who hails from Edmonton.

The goalie remains something of a question mark with only last year's Mitch Lovelock set at that position.

"We're looking at some others," said Brookes, "and we're hopeful of being strong at that very important position."

"We're going to be a bigger team this season," said Brookes, "a more aggressive team than in recent seasons. We'll be physical and, I hope, see a return to other years when our top condition won us a lot of games in the third period."

"I've been working the fellows pretty hard," said Brookes. Like three hour practices for starters.

"I really feel confident this team can make a good stab for at least the first four spots this year."

Play hockey.



KEN BROOKES  
Shaping up

## Team Canada

# Grainger goes bowling for broke

Veteran Richmond Hill Lawn Bowler Jim Grainger is making a bid to be one of seven players from across the country who will compete for Canada in the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton next year.

Grainger, who has won many trophies over the years, has just returned from Vancouver where he and 14 other members of Team Canada underwent a series of trials.

"It was like a practice session," said Grainger. "All 14 of us played one another while Team Canada officials looked on and rated us." Grainger, who was one of seven others from Ontario at the sessions, stated the Commonwealth Canadian entry would be selected early next year.

"They just observe us and then the decision will be made and they'll get in touch with the lucky competitors."

How did Grainger do? "I figure I bowled fairly well," he said. "But only time will tell, of course."

Team Canada comprises two competitors from Nova Scotia, one from Montreal, one from Saskatchewan, three from British Columbia, and the aforementioned seven from Ontario.

"We're picked on the basis of our results during various tournaments over the years," said Grainger. Does he intend to rest on his laurels?

No way. Grainger and fellow bowlers Floyd Perkins and Larry Wales are off next Friday to compete in the American National Lawn Bowling Tournament in Los Angeles.

And don't be surprised that Grainger is hopeful of adding to his long list of tournament laurels.

He won the singles championship there two years ago.



JIM GRAINGER  
Bowling big

## Dynes down Oshawa 1-0 in 12 innings

It doesn't matter how you win just as long as you win.

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' fastball team sort of dusted off that hoary old saying in their game last week against Oshawa Merchants in Oshawa.

They scored three runs in the top of the 12th inning but only won 1-0.

Confused?

Stay awhile. The Jewellers' Bob Domik and Oshawa's Dave Leeming had battled their way through 11 innings of scoreless ball until the 12th when things started happening for Dynes.

Richmond Hill's Art Fowler doubled and then scored on Marty Tweyman's double with one out. Tweyman then proceeded to third on an infield out. Two out, fun begins.

Dynes' George Dickey walked to put runners on first and third.

Enter Mickey Hancock who lined a shot down the line which was good enough for extra bases supposedly scoring Tweyman and Dickey with the second and third runs of the inning.

Not so. When the dust had settled, the Merchants called for the ball, touched second and Dickey was called out.

He had failed to touch the bag. This was the third out and cancelled the two runs by Tweyman and Dickey.

It also took away Hancock's extra base blow and left him with a limpid fielder's choice.

As mentioned, it didn't matter.

#### Unbeatable

Domik was unbeatable as he retired the side in the bottom of the 12th to send the Dynesmen home happy.

The big Jeweller's pitcher allowed only four hits over the 12 innings while walking one and striking out 15.

His counterpart, Leeming, was doing pretty well also as he gave up only five hits while striking out 10 and walking four.

The Jewellers "doubled" themselves to death in the early going but couldn't score.

It was Brad Campbell doubling in the first inning, Brad Gaul in the fourth, and doubles each by Fowler and Tweyman in the 12th.

Oshawa's main threat came in the seventh inning with one out as Brian Myers and Phil Solomon each singled. Domik got the next two batters.

They mounted a mild threat in the eighth as Dan Logeman led off with a single, managed to get to third, but died there. Logeman was the only Oshawa runner to get as far as third.

The Jeweller's are host to the Toronto Hustlers tomorrow night (Thursday) at the Town Park at 8:30 p.m.

Beaches League playoffs are slated to commence next week.