

Dynes put run on Owen Sound

Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk must have had a difficult time convincing people his hockey team was in a slump the past week or so.

Despite the fact they could only manage three ties in a row and all on late-game comebacks.

Especially when they're in first place in the Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey league and 12 flights up from the nearest club.

After Monday night's 12-3 haranguing of Owen Sound, coach Artemchuk was moved to comment that "we might be slipping out of our slump a bit."

That was definitely the case at Oak Ridges as the Jewellers flew out of the starting gate to lead the Owen Sounders 4-1 at the end of the first period and 8-3 going into the third.

HUSTLING

"The guys were hustling out there more than they have in the last five games, the power play was working, and they looked like they might be coming to life," said Artemchuk.

Leading the Dynes offensive once more was the rejuvenated line of Steve

Sherman, Dale Roffey, and Brent Dobson who accounted for 14 points in the game.

Roffey collected six of them on three power play goals and three assists; Sherman had a goal and three assists; Dobson, two goals and two assists.

"In the past three or four games that line couldn't seem to do anything right," said Artemchuk. "But they came back with a vengeance Monday night."

Other goals went to Dennis Limoges, Mike Carnevale, Neal Crockford, two, Glen Wright and Mike Fitzgibbon.

CLEAN GAME

It was a relatively clean game with only six penalties call on each side, all minors. Goalie Doug Brumwell went all the way in the Oak Ridges nets.

The Jewellers had earlier pulled off one of their recently patented comeback efforts against the Barrie Colts.

TRAIL 5-2

They were trailing 5-2 going into the final minutes of the game when Glen Wright scored a power play goal from Fred Rodo.

That started the onslaught and it was

Rodo coming right back to score a shorthanded goal followed by Sherman's clinching goal at 13:05 for the 5-5 tie. This was a power play effort with

assists to Irwin and Carnevale.

"Again we were lucky to pull this one out," said Artemchuk. "One of these days our luck's going to end."

"These long layoffs between games bother me," said Artemchuk, "but you have to ride with it. The good thing is that come January you pack a lot of

games in to make up for it." The Jewellers are idle the rest of the week.

Thornhill will be at Oak Ridges next Monday night.

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Dynes keep it hot

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers show the style here that brought them from behind a 5-2 deficit in the last few minutes and to a 5-

5 tie with the Thornhill Thunderbirds in Mid-Ontario Junior B action at Thornhill. Dynes' Brent Dobson (7) has just blazed a

shot at Thornhill's Dean Dorsey with Steve Sherman sailing in on the right.

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Think Snow

Have you ever been hit with a sense of foreboding? That happened to me last Thursday when a letter floated down on my desk from Bonnie Sheppard.

I should hasten to explain it was nice to get a letter from Bonnie. The foreboding part was that Bonnie's the ski school director at Honey Pot Tavern & Ski Valley over on Major Mackenzie Drive.

Sure enough, she signed off her missive with the words: "Think Snow." I knew we were doomed. You know what happened on Grey Cup Weekend. Thanks heaps, Bonnie.

I'm only kidding (aren't I?). I love snow. I think every Christmas Card should have some on it; and old movies like "Dr. Zhivago" just look great with all that snow in them. I just don't think it should be allowed in real life.

The total value of this gear is about \$150. But the skier has the use of it for eight hours at a cost of 82 cents per hour.

A skier can rent the entire area and five lifts for \$7.25 for adults and \$5.75 for children under 15 for the whole day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They also throw in a one-hour group lesson at no extra charge. That works out to 90 cents an hour including professional instruction. It's even cheaper for children, 72 cents an hour.

"To promote the sport to youngsters who might not have an opportunity to ski with their families, we have afternoon school groups and the kids can ski and take lessons and use the lifts for 69 cents per hour."

"Expensive? I just can't think of any other sport which can provide children with the use of a million dollars worth of facility and equipment and professional instruction for 69 cents an hour."

Bonnie admits she's a fanatic about skiing.

GREAT OUTDOORS

"This sport has given millions of people in Canada the joy of being outdoors in the winter and the pleasure and accomplishment of learning an exhilarating skill."

She adds she's not trying to "do a selling job on Honey Pot, but a selling job on the sport. And I'd really like to see you and 'The Liberal' encourage us skiers and potential skiers by giving skiing a little bit of coverage in the paper this winter."

Winter, alright Bonnie. I give up. Here it is.

Skiers in the Richmond Hill, Thornhill, you name it areas have lots of places to pick and choose from. Places such as the aforementioned Honey Pot, Upland Ski Hole in Thornhill, Ski King, Seneca King, Wildwoods and the Town of Richmond Hill-operated Golf and Country Club cross-country service.

PARADISE

It's a skier's paradise around here.

Bonnie ends her letter on an alarming note.

"I'd like to invite you to be my guest for a private lesson before the new year at Honey Pot." That was enough to make my glass of hot, buttered rum curdle.

HURT MYSELF

The last time I was at a ski area I hurt myself. Wrenched my knee. And I wasn't even on skis. You see, Bonnie, it was after a couple of those giant martinis and I, well, slipped getting back into my chair. But that's neither here nor there. You expect moments of adversity in this life.

But if I do show up, just keep the hot buttered rum handy. And the same chair. I'm going to sit in that chair right, even if it kills me.

I'll conclude that Bonnie has all the credentials to talk about skiing. She was Ontario Jr. Downhill and Cross country champion in 1961, 62, 63 and 64. She's a certified professional of the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance; the national Alpine Instruction editor and illustrator for Ski Canada and the Canadian Crosscountry Annual; she illustrated Skiing Cross Country by Ned Baldwin for McGraw Hill.

I guess I'll be in safe hands?



BONNIE SHEPPARD
Snow warning

Jewellers rally to tie

You couldn't blame the Thornhill Thunderbirds for thinking that somebody up there likes the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers.

Especially after Friday night's Mid-Ontario Junior B encounter between the Birds and Jewellers at Thornhill.

The Thunderbirds led the Jewellers 5-2 with slightly more than 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Then they got hit with lightning. The Jewellers rapped in three unanswered goals and in the words of Thornhill coach Ralph Beer:

"We handed them one point."

BIG POINT

That was an important point as far as the Birds were concerned in their second place race to gain ground on the front-running Jewellers who have lost only one game this season.

"It amounted to a four-point game for

us," said Beer, "but it was a good hockey game. We played well enough to win until that letdown when we started to run around a little bit.

"But they're a tough hockey club and you can't afford to let them roam."

It was a typical close start for a Birds-Jewellers game with both teams splitting goals in the opening period. Dynes' Shane Harvey opened the scoring at 7:03 from Paul Westcott but Thornhill's Kerry Pimm got that one back at 13:43.

The similarity to other games ended in the second as the Thunderbirds came on strong to outscore the Jewellers two goals to one.

It was Glen Daurio from Bud Shirley at 4:43. Oak Ridges got that one back at 12:57 with Steve Sherman pulling the trigger from Dennis Limoges and Mike Fitzgibbon.

Captain Bud Shirley, returning from an injury, scored to give Thornhill a 3-2 edge going into the final 20 minutes. Assists went to Daurio and Mike McCluskey.

OPEN FAST

That third period saw Thornhill open fast and appear to zap the Dynes' energy with a shorthanded goal from Shirley again with Pimm and Daurio on the scene to assist.

Oak Ridges was really in trouble when Mike Steele made it 5-2 from Bruce Clatworthy and Pimm.

BIG COMEBACK

Then came the final 10 minutes starting with Brent Dobson's goal at 10:55 from Sherman and Mike Irwin.

The Birds ran into a penalty at this juncture and it was Limoges making it 5-4 on a power play goal from Doug Pollock and Blair Sutherland.

Then came the coup de grace at 13:10 as the Jewellers put together a three-way passing attack which saw Dobson pulling the trigger from Roffey and Sherman.

Artemchuk said the most glaring fault with the Jewellers is "our lack of shooting. We have some tremendous shots on our team and they just haven't been shooting.

"We've also had some defensive lapses. You might say our total system has had a slight breakdown. But if we're in a slump, I'd rather have it now than later on."

PENALTY PROBLEMS

The Thunderbirds had their own problems in Owen Sound last week as they ran into a bevy of penalties and ended up on the wrong side of a 11-6 defeat.

Thornhill was less than elated with the refereeing decisions they received as they took 78 minutes in penalties to 26 for the home club.

"You just can't walk into penalties when you play Owen Sound in Owen Sound," said coach Beer. "You get enough ones called on you as a matter of course let alone walking into dumb ones."

Magnas lose by 7-6

The Richmond Hill Magnas were on the losing end of a 7-6 score to Barrie here Friday night.

Barrie jumped into an early 2-0 lead only to have Magna come back to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the same first period.

The Barrie team ran up a 5-3 lead in the second

only to have Richmond Hill come back and score three quick goals and take a 6-5 lead.

However, they couldn't stand success and Barrie took advantage of defensive lapses to score two goals in the final four minutes and come away with the win.

Leading Magna of-

ensively was Rick Gerber with two goals and an assist followed by Jeff Brookes with two goals.

Other goals went to Marty Green and Gerry Lawlor. Assists to Tom Stubbs, Shawn McKenzie, Craig Peterkin, two, and Gerry Lawlor.

DAURIO SHINES

The brightest performer in this game for Thornhill was Glen Daurio who scored three goals and added an assist. The other goals went to Tim Rinnard, Kerry Pimm, and Mike McCluskey.

Owen Sound scored no fewer than six power play goals.

The same team will be in Thornhill next Friday for an 8 p.m. game at Thornhill Community Centre. The Birds are in Orillia Saturday night.

Late goal salvages tie...

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams continued to flirt with last place in the league last week managing to pick up only one point out of a possible six.

Despite this, the Rams came up with their most impressive effort of the last three games Sunday night when they scored three last period goals to tie the third place Dixie Beehives 5-5 at Dixie.

The Rams had earlier lost an 8-7 game to first place Royal York Tuesday night of last week and then, ugh, were blitzed 10-1 by Newmarket in Newmarket the following Thursday night.

But back to Dixie. Much more pleasant.

The Rams fell behind 5-2 going into that final 20 minutes but goals by Mike Walker (his sixth of the season), and Mike Ham (his 11th) at 18:21 brought them within striking distance with time running out.

LAST SECONDS

Richmond Hill removed its goalie for a sixth attacker and the gamble paid off

at 19:56 as captain Billy Stephenson popped the puck home from Paul Gallagher for the tie.

It was much-needed solace for a beleaguered Rams' coach Ken Brookes who must have considered gas after Thursday night's debacle in Newmarket against the lowly Flyers.

BLOOP

The Rams trailed 3-0 at the end of the first 20 minutes and 6-0 going into the last period.

Their one goal came from the stick of Walker at 4:29 of the third period from Stephenson and Bob Else.

To pile irony on irony, the Rams outshot Newmarket 37-30 on the game. You figure it out.

Tuesday night of last week's encounter against front-running Royal York in Richmond Hill saw the unfortunate Rams move into a 6-4 lead in the third period only to suffer the sags later on.

Royal York led 2-1 at the end of the first period on two goals by Steve Burns with newcomer Greg Quattrin getting one back.

Richmond Hill's Phil Wood tied the game in the second and the Rams popped in two successive goals courtesy of Bob Else and Larry Kimble to lead 4-2 before Warren Giovannini got one back for Royal York.

Stephenson's goal at 13:23 made it 5-3 for the Rams going into the final 20 minutes.

trick at 17:40, all by himself, as he tipped the puck in from the side of the net.

The Rams are in Markham next

Friday and are at home to Hamilton for a Sunday game starting at 7:30 p.m. They host North Bay the following Tuesday night.



Pow!

Richmond Hill Rams' John Dewar (left) exchanges pleasantries with Royal York's Dave Blue during a quiet

moment in Tuesday night of last week's junior hockey game. Looking on is Billy Stephenson.



BILLY STEPHENSON
Gets tying goal

KIMBLE STARS

It was 5-4 when John Gibb scored at 3:50 but Larry Kimble, the top Rams' offensive threat of the night, made it 6-4 as he carried right down ice before depositing the puck in front of the net and Wood slapped it home.

The Richmond Hill defence started to lapse into a coma after this and Robb made it 6-5 on a deflected shot at 10:19. Then it was the same Robb tying it.

Richmond Hill fans revived at 14:09 when Kimble geared up again, carried down ice, and fired home the hoped for winner.

Not to be.

TYING GOAL

Royal York's Dave Phillips tied the game at 16:05 on a gift goal as he was left standing all alone in front of a helpless Dan Gunning.

Finally, it was Robb getting his hat-