

It's basketball time

Are you an eight-year-old world weary youngster who is tired of the pressure that comes with playing organized hockey?
You are?
Take courage.
There's a way out.
That way is being provided by the York Region Family YMCA in Richmond Hill where a new basketball league for 8 to 10-year-olds will be getting underway in mid-January.
"Our purpose," said YMCA Regional Director Jim Ferguson, "is to provide an alternative to highly competitive organized sports such as hockey where the stress is on winning more than just having fun."

NOT CRITICIZING
Ferguson emphasized he wasn't "criticizing the competitive aspect of these sports but not every youngster wishes to go that route."
That's where Ferguson figures the Y basketball program should prove to be very popular.
"Our league will strictly be a fun outing for the youngsters," he said. "There will be no try-outs, no cuts, and players on every team will get equal time on the courts."

Other pluses include special instructions on passing, dribbling, shooting, rebounding, defense and offense.
The players will be provided with Youth Basketball Association uniforms, Player's Manual with pages of tips from National Basketball Association superstars, plus a YBA Player certificate.
"But most of all," states Ferguson "you'll play in every game and have a lot of fun without any high pressure."

SIGN FRIDAY
Richmond Hill youngsters may sign up for the 1977-78 YBA basketball season at the Family YMCA next Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Y is located at 83 Dunlop Street in Richmond Hill.

Girls and boys ages 8 to 10 will be accepted for YBA competition at the Y on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Cut-off mark for player registration is 54 with a maximum of six teams planned with nine players on each team.

Prior to registration Friday night parents will have an opportunity to watch an introductory film on YBA and

ask any questions about the league and its philosophy on competition and fair play.

"Following the registration, players will be assigned to teams and leagues," said Ferguson. "Every boy and girl who signs up will be on a team and will play."
Practice will start in about two weeks

with league play to begin in mid-January.

YBA is sponsored jointly by the YMCA and the National Basketball Association Players and is the first youth sports program open equally to boys and girls.

For further information call the York Region Family YMCA at 884-4811.

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Rams dump Hamilton 6-2

It looks like no one is going to deprive Hamilton of last place in the Provincial Junior A hockey league this season.

This was established Sunday night by the Richmond Hill Rams, who are just one rung above Hamilton, as they rather easily carved out a 6-2 win at the local arena.

The win was a much-needed boost for the sagging Rams' morale especially after they took it on the chin Tuesday night of last week from North York Rangers by 12-5. They lost 3-2 in Markham Friday night.

Sunday night's rather leisurely game saw the Rams' Keith Yorke, recently returned from injuries, start to show his style as he scored both Richmond Hill goals in the opening period. Assist on the first one went to Dave Campbell; and to Danny Jones on the second one.

An indication of Hamilton's inability to generate an offensive in that first period came with the Rams playing two

men short on one occasion.
Hamilton didn't get a shot on goalie Dan Gunning.

GUNNING SHARP
Gunning, however, was tested several times in the middle session as the visitor's roused out of their lethargy and came up with several fine saves.

In the meanwhile the Rams were adding to their total with two more goals.

Bill Coville made it 3-0 at 2:27 when he carried out from the corner and neatly lifted a backhand high into the corner.

Paul Gallagher got the other goal from John Dewar and Coville.

JONES GETS 2
It was left up to Danny Jones to round out the Rams' goals in the final period with his 17th and 18th goals of the season.

Gunning lost his shutout on goals by Len Jankowski and Chris Abbott as the

Hamiltonians outshot, believe it or not, the Rams by 14 to 5. Shot for the total game were, believe it or not, even at 33-33 (not counting the goals).

UGGH
Tuesday night's game against North York saw the Rangers lead 3-0 at the end of the first period and 7-3 going into the third.

Just not the Rams' night.

Roman Dziatkowicz led the assault troops with three goals along with John Foresi with singles to Larry Lythgoe, Bob Elson, Scott Howson, Peter Dunkley, Brad Wismer.

For the Rams it was Bob Elson, Danny Jones, Bill Coville, Keith Yorke and Mike Walker pulling the trigger.

LOSE 3-2
The Markham game saw the Rams take an early lead on a goal at 2:58 of the first period from Paul Gallagher only to have Markham tie it.

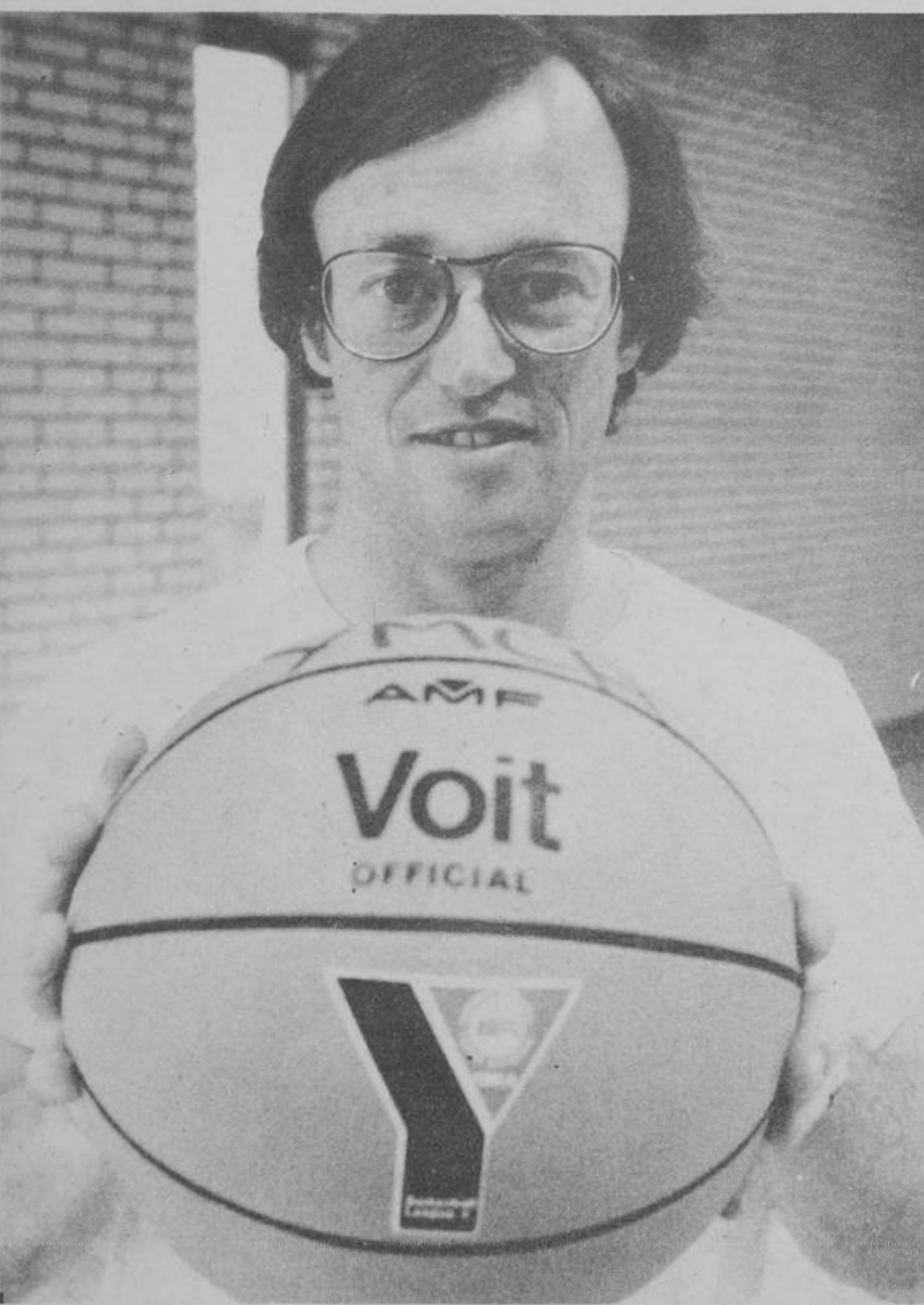
A goal by Mike Walker at the 30 second mark of the second period put

the Rams in front again but two subsequent scores by Mark Raithby and Chris DeGeer sunk them.

Chris DeGeer, incidentally, is a Richmond Hill boy, as is cousin Harold DeGeer who minded the twines for Markham and who stopped 40 Richmond Hill drives compared with 27 levelled at Gunning in the Richmond Hill end.

The Rams are still missing Larry Kimble who is out with a five-game suspension as a result of a difference of opinion with a game official in the 10-1 loss to Newmarket; John Hogarth, also suspended for a game, was back Sunday and helped shore up a defence still missing injured Greg Hampton . . . gone from the scene is defenceman Gary Kruse who was sold to another team.

The Rams are in North Bay Sunday and at North York the following Friday. They are at home to Markham Tuesday of next week.



(Photo by Hogg)

Get set

Richmond Hill York Region, Family YMCA Regional Director Jim Ferguson gets

ready for a "fun set shot" on the eve of a brand new basketball league for youngsters.

Carpenters defeat Newmarket by 4-0

The Richmond Hill Carpenters' Union Peewee II's defeated Newmarket 4-0 at home last Saturday night and then travelled in the snow to Barrie where they were out-scored 6-3.

The Saturday game saw a vastly improved Newmarket club turn in a hard-hitting effort and the

game was scoreless until late in the second period. The Carpenters' Geoff Johnson scored from Balistreri and Thorsell.

Richmond Hill broke the game open in the third with John Tyndall knocking in two goals and Jim Madden one. Tyndall also had an assist as did Todd Sears.

Rob Johnson earned the shutout.

Sunday first Richmond Hill scoring saw only to have Barrie roar back to take the game. Scoring for Richmond Hill were Thorsell, Veitch and Madden, with assists to Bunker, Veitch and Thorsell.



fred simpson

Don't be serious

On my travels through the washrooms of the world I've occasionally come across some little gems of enlightenment. Among other things, I might add.

One such occasion occurred just recently. A sign in this particular washroom said:

"Think. But don't take it seriously."

That just about sums up my philosophy on things in general. It doesn't always work but I think I'm headed in the right direction.

At least I was until the snow arrived on Monday. It not only wiped out the sign but it probably took care of the washroom too. I refuse to dwell on it any further.

YEA, CARL
Except to say that sign which, for some reason, came to my mind when I heard that Carl Brimblecombe, ex-coach of the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams, is now ex-coach of the Aurora Tigers of the same league.

Carl and Tiger owner John Sikura parted company last week. There wasn't a lot of information coming from Carl on the matter but it doesn't take a Psychic-Sam to figure the parting wasn't exactly amicable.

JUST KNEW IT
I sensed the end was near when I read in a neighbouring paper that owner Sikura had instructed coach Brimblecombe to sit in the stands while he (Sikura) coached the team.

I didn't think Brimblecombe would like that. Obviously he didn't. The end came shortly after.

I also recalled Brimblecombe stating when he joined the Tigers that he had been promised no interference from the front office. I didn't believe that.

And I would have to think that when an owner tells you to sit in the stands while he coaches the team it could constitute interference.

COACHING WOES
It's no secret that the Tigers have had considerable coaching problems in the last few seasons with a succession of them coming and then going.

Were they all wrong?
Far be it from me to criticize owner Sikura's decisions as far as running a club he owns is concerned. To each his own. Some people collect stamps or play chess.

Still it does make you think. But not too seriously.
As for Carl, I imagine he'll be glad to see the end of 1977.

After seven fulltime seasons, very successful ones, with the Rams he's been left without a coaching

assignment twice in one season. The birds, by the way, tell me it was a case of quit-or-be-quitted with the Tigers but I don't know).

Oh well. I hope that sign is some sort of consolation to you, Carl.

BY THE PHONE
In the meanwhile, he plans on sitting by the phone. After all, once a coach always a coach.

On to other things.

SOFTBALL, YET
The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' softball team held a banquet Saturday night at the local Legion courtesy of sponsor Vern Dynes. It was the first of what is planned as an annual occasion.

Dropped in briefly and saw some of the action which included presentation of club trophies to individual standouts with the team in the past two seasons.

Two wit: Bob Baird received a trophy for being the top hitter for 1976; ditto Derek Kinnersly for 1977. Doug Webster was adjudged the most valuable player for 1976; and Bob Domik for 1977.

Masters-of-ceremonies were Manager Russ "Casey" Cripps and Bob McLaughlin, publicity man for the team.

Familiar faces on hand included veterans Mickey Hancock and George Dickey.

What?
Softball talk. Can Spring be far behind?

Judging from Monday, yass.

What else have we here now?

FINAL NOTE

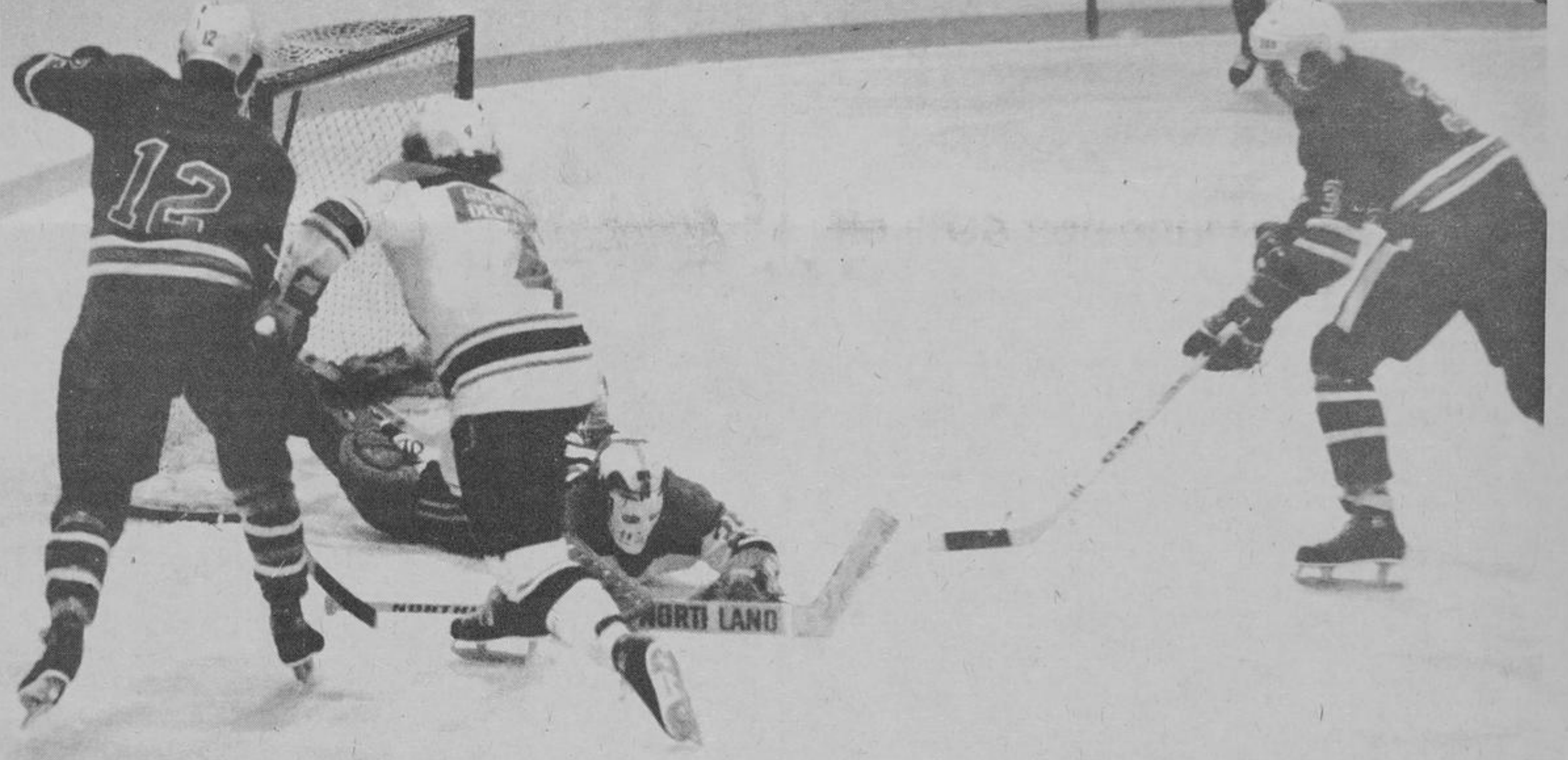
A final note from the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club.

The club will be holding its annual "Craft and Bake Sale" in the lobby of the old arena next Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Skaters will be in session at this time.

Merry Christmas.



CARL BRIMBLECOMBE
Out in the cold



(Photo by Hogg)

Smother the puck

This wasn't the situation too often in Tuesday night of last week's game between the Richmond Hill Rams and the

North York Rangers. North York goalie Bruce Nikkel dives on the loose puck as Rams' Billy Stephenson (4) attempts to

latch onto paydirt. Rushing to Nikkel's assistance are Darren Lowe (12) and Bart Wilson (3). Yes, North York won 12-5.

Beat Barrie 5-2

Dynes prevail in storm

Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' goalie Doug Brumwell proved his versatility Monday night against the Barrie Colts in Mid-Ontario Junior B action at Bond Lake Arena.

Brumwell not only starred in the nets as the Jewellers downed Barrie 5-2 but he also proved to be quite adept at fisticuffs.

It all began, as they say, with four seconds left in the game when Barrie's substitute goalie Duncan Brownell suddenly left the bench and raced to Brumwell's side. The rest of his bench left with him.

The battle was on as Brumwell and Brownell exchanged blows. Brownell came out of the embroglio with a cut or two.

BLEW OVER
"I managed to keep eight players on the bench," said Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk, "and it all blew over. Other than that incident, it was a pretty good game considering the conditions. I guess the Barrie fellow was frustrated."

Artemchuk figured the Barrie goalie was "upset by all the stops Brumwell was making. He was heckling him all night. When the game was almost over he decided to make restitution with his fists. It didn't work."

OUCH
Both Brumwell and Brownell received five minutes for fighting but that's where resemblance ends. Brownell also received a double minor for leaving the bench and a game misconduct. Not bad for a player who didn't even get in the game.

Hockey-wise, it was the Jewellers

moving into a 3-0 first period lead on goals by Fred Rodo from Tony Robinson; Dale Roffey from Steve Sherman and Randy Irwin; and Sherman unassisted.

Roffey's counter was a power play effort while Sherman's was the reverse, a shorthanded one.

Oak Ridges' Paul Westcott capitalized on another power play opportunity in the second before Barrie finally got on the scoreboard with three minutes left in the period. Twice.

Both goals by Scott Robertson and Kevin Guest came off deflections with Brumwell having no chance on them.

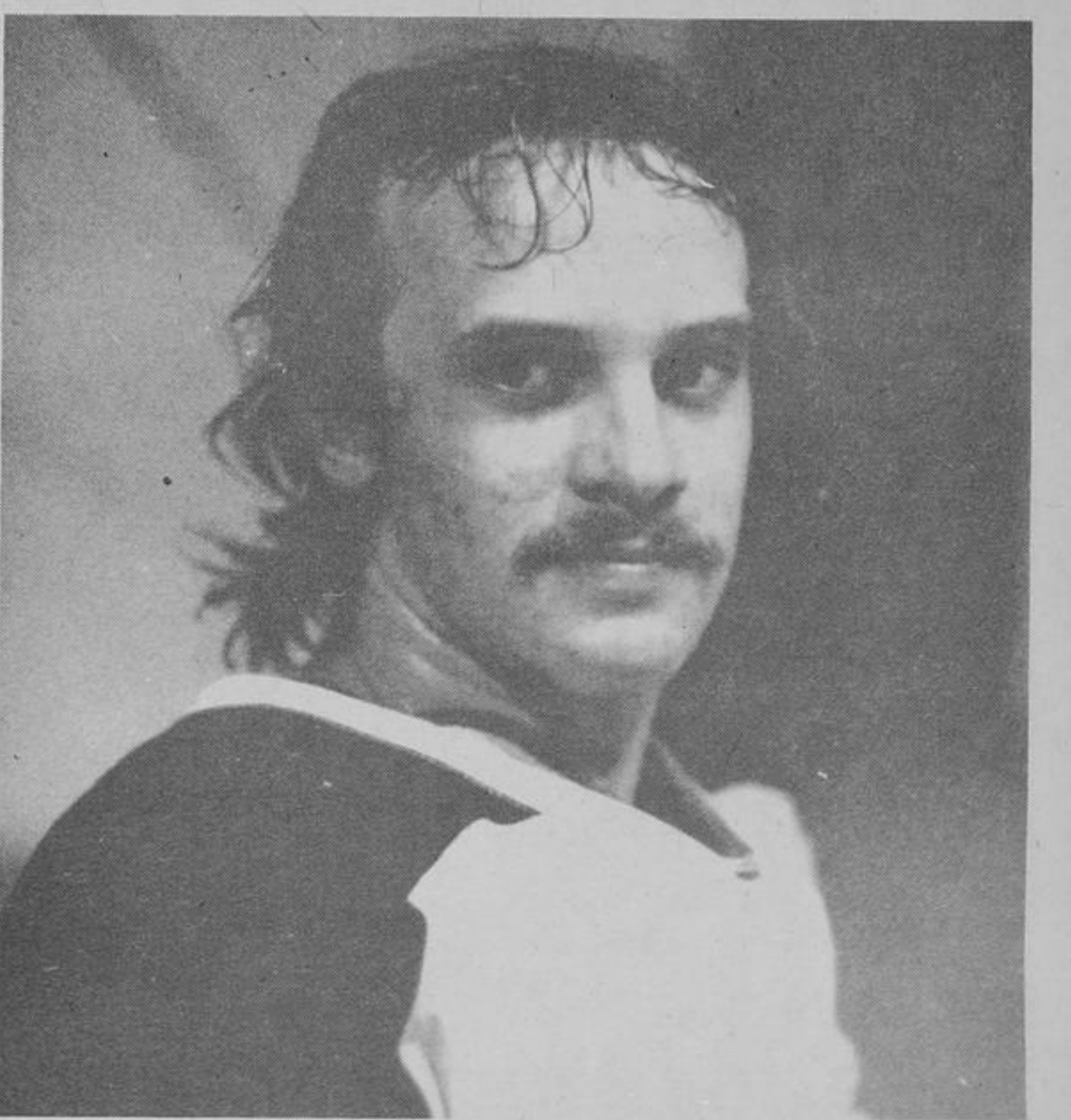
BRUMWELL STARS
"Brumwell played an excellent game," said Artemchuk, "and really deserved a shutout."

A goal by Dynes' Randy Irwin, another power play, in the final period wrapped up the game. Assists went to Sherman and Roffey.

SURPRISES
The game provided at least two surprises: One was the fact Barrie even showed considering the storm-swept wintry conditions; the other was the arrival of Dynes' Brent Dobson who drove 75 miles (from Badjeros, near Flesherton) to make the game.

In fact, the game's referee was so sure the game was off he didn't show himself. . . the two linesmen did yeoman service. Two other Dynes players, Dennis Limoges and Shane Harvey, were traffic-bound in ye old City of Toronto.

The Jewellers play host to Orillia next Monday night for a 7:30 p.m. game at Bond Lake Arena.



Doug Brumwell

...man to be reckoned with