

Don Mills parades to 'Rose Bowl'

Someone lost the script in last Wednesday night's championship wind-up between Don Mills and Bradford in the annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Peeewe Tournament.

Or, at the least, someone with a sense of drama forgot to write one.

The perfect touch would have had a gritty, gutsy little team from Bradford coming on to dump the favored Don Mills Double A club to win the hearts of everyone.

Hurrah. Except it didn't happen.

Enter reality.

UNDEFEATED
A powerful Don Mills crew made it five straight wins without a defeat as they downed Bradford 4-2 to win the Town of Richmond Hill championship trophy.

The score was rather deceiving as the well-drilled Don Mills team was in control of the game

most of the way as they led 3-1 after the first period, saw it dwindle to 3-2 and then scored the clincher in the third period.

Clarke Douglas paced the Don Mills offensive with two goals with the others going to Tim Raffle and Garrett Willoughby. Danny Gauthier got both goals for Bradford.

Don Mills had the edge on the tournament right from the beginning as they swept by Toronto Aeros 10-0 in the first game, Thornhill 5-0 in the second, and Pickering 6-2 in the third one.

Perhaps their biggest threat came in the A championship game against a strong Thunder Bay club which saw them prevailing 5-3 with the final goal coming with 2:16 left from the stick of Willoughby. It was Willoughby's second goal of the game. Other Don Mills goals went to Jeff Farkus and Darren Gruenig.

But it was still a great series for the B classification Bradford team which bounced back from an opening game defeat to Toronto Aeros to beat the Richmond Hill II's 3-1, Toronto Aeros 6-5 and, in the B championship, Oshawa 3-1.

This game saw Bradford's Chris Murelaar opening the scoring in the first period with Oshawa's Steve Astle coming back to tie it in same frame.

Bradford's Peter Woodhead got the only goal in the second period and Terry Eldridge put it away in the third period.

As for Richmond Hill and — or Thornhill?

Just wasn't their tournament. Giving it a good try but just not quite able to make it was the highly-rated Richmond Hill Cadillac-Baif team who did manage one win out of their three games and were losers by one goal in those games.

Their best showing came against Kingston Tuesday as they downed that team 4-0.

Richmond Hill goals were scored by Derek Baker from Bill Lazenby; Baker unassisted; and Robert Strang from David Floyd and Cardwell. They came up with another final but losing effort against

Oshawa who fashioned a 3-2 win which sent the Hill team right out of the tournament.

NEAR MISSES
"I didn't feel we played as well as we might have," said manager Ed Sackfield. "We had some sickness on the team and we just couldn't finish our plays and it was all over."

He added that "You still can't take anything away from Oshawa. They just kept coming at us."

That game saw Richmond Hill opening the scoring at 8:03 with Carmen Morra scoring from Brian Mason and Dave Wright. Then they fell back with

Oshawa scoring three in a row before Eric Mabley got one back from Gord Sherer with five minutes left in the game.

Richmond Hill kept pressing after that but they just couldn't finish their plays and it was all over.

OOPS
Also having their problems was the Carpenter B team who got bombed 12-0 by Pickering in the first game but came back to gain some respectability by losing 3-1 to the surprised Bradford boys.

Richmond Hill led 1-0 in this one at one point on a goal by Joe Balestieri from Jim Madden and Paul Grice.

Bradford came back to tie it in the same second period and

wrapped the game up with two goals in the third.

The Thornhill Tailorform I's lost two straight games — 6-3 to Thunder Bay in the first one and 5-4 to Oshawa in the second one.

That second game saw Thornhill goals by J. Oliver unassisted; David James from Paul Rame; Robert Young from McGregor and Chris McRae; and Steve Bird from Darren Burford.

It was much the same story with the Thornhill Richvale Block II's who — after winning the opener 4-3 against Whitby, ran into a powerful Don Mills team and fell 5-0.

The Dr. Cam Cowen Memorial Trophy went to B champion Bradford; and the Mills Trophy to A champions Don Mills.

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Quiet please

I thought I'd low-key this first column of the New Year.

So I padded the typewriter keys to get the proper effect and that's why the following might tend to be less than sharp. Like dull.

I should be all right within six months or so if the breaks come my way.

In the meanwhile, I'm trying to recover from a surfeit of hockey games last week both on the local front and from the great white wasteland of television, as they say.

Not to mention, of course, part of New Year's Eve which was spent in the middle of a lake. But first things first.

FINE TOURNAMENT

That certainly was a fine Richmond Hill Rosetown Peeewe Tournament last week with, unfortunately, no big surprises. Surprises?

I would have to say it would have been a pleasant surprise if one of our area teams, Richmond Hill and - or Thornhill, had come up with the big "Cinderella" win.

They didn't, of course, and the world kept right on going. Didn't end at all. The youngsters, all of them, gave it their best shot out there and what more can you ask of peewees? Or anyone for that matter.

JUST WAIT

Enter that old, plaintive cry. Wait till next year.

And all kinds of congratulations to a fine Don Mills team who won the big championship. And equal praise to a tough little Bradford club who proved just how far you can go on sheer desire.

Finally, congrats to all the executive of the tournament who pitched in and made it all work. And anyone else, too.

YEA, FIREFIGHTERS

I also took in that benefit game between two firefighter hockey teams at the Richmond Hill Arena Thursday noonhour of last week and was quite impressed. The boys put on a good show for some 400 people who wandered down there.

Especially encouraging was the \$300 raised for the Muscular Dystrophy fund. A warming gesture at this time of year or any time. Good going.

As for hockey on television? Or football? It was all there in platefuls.

UGH

I got to bed sharp at 5 a.m. New Year's Day so I was in perfect shape to watch that Team Canada Junior hockey wind-up which saw us guys losing to Sweden. Drat it.

It was a pretty good game after I managed to summon the intestinal fortitude to wrench on the dial. Man was I sick, Tough dial, too.

I enjoyed the hockey but it occurs to me that every time you turn around you have some kind of European hockey team in town. Kind of takes the edge off after awhile.

ANOTHER UGGH

Also took in that Maple Leaf (via radio, yet) game with the Czechs Monday night and the less said the better. Don't blame the fans for booing the Leafs when they failed to dress a couple of people like B. J. Salming and Lannie McDonald plus keeping Mike Palmateer on the bench.

If you're going to have these games and take the fans' money you should at least go with your best players. Enough said. Except that if I was a Leaf fan who went to their games I'd boycott the next two. Wouldn't that be a good way of getting your point across to Mr. Ballard? You can dream can't you?

FINAL UGGH

I guess you can tell I'm not quite up to breathing yet after New Year's. Haven't been able to even do my exercises lately.

I tried a couple push-ups first thing Monday morning. On my second lift I lost my balance and fell heavily to the floor.

As for New Year's Eve on the lake? Won't go into it too much. Someone just took me for a snowmobile ride and we wished all the neighbors a Happy New Year as we went by enroute to the lake. Nothing spectacular.

Like to keep everybody alert in the New Year. And Happy, of course.

Finally, a note that says: Dynes Jewellers' Pete Artemchuk became a grandpa on New Year's Day. Daughter Debbie presented him with a grandson.

Do grandfather's pass out cigars? I dunno, I just dunno.



Man, it's roses

Hidden somewhere behind the roses is Don Mills Flyers' Captain Clarke Pineo as he and his teammates celebrate winning the 1977 Richmond Hill Rosetown Peeewe Tournament. Flanking him are two of his teammates while Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller makes with the congratulations. The Flyers won the trophy and the grand championship one. (Photo by Hogg)

Minor midgets are champs

The Richmond Hill Minor Midget A's came up with the big championship in the Cobourg tournament as they chalked up three straight victories.

It was a 3-1 win over Peterboro which gave the championship to Richmond Hill in a game dominated by the free-wheeling line of Ross Cramer, Glen

Dunford and Gord Fournier.

The first goal came from Fournier from Gary Boyle and Dunford in the first period. Then it was Dunford scoring

unassisted to give the Hillers a 2-0 lead going into the final period.

BIG LINE
Peterboro fought back and reduced the lead but there was no

holding the big line as Cramer went in all alone to clinch the championship for Richmond Hill.

Coach Reiner Weidenfelder was ecstatic with the team's performance in this tournament.

Richmond Hill opened the tournament with a 5-2 win over Whitby.

Whitby opened the scoring but Richmond Hill came right back when Ken Main scored from the point on a pass from David Allen.

Whitby edged ahead again but an unassisted goal by David Allen tied it before the end of the second period.

It was all Richmond Hill in the third period as they scored three unanswered goals: Danny Henderson from Doug Eldridge and Jeff Briggs; Glen Dunford got the insurance goal after good work by Cramer and Fournier.

The game was put well out of Whitby's reach when a Henderson goal unassisted, made it 5-2 for Richmond Hill.

MULVIHILL STARS
Most valuable player award went to Mike Mulvihill in goal who held a hot hand throughout this first game.

Richmond Hill defeated Bramalea 5-3 in its second game with Bramalea opening the scoring.

Ross Cramer then scored from Dunford and Fournier. Richmond Hill lost the lead again only to have Doug Eldridge scoring from Jones and Henderson to tie the game.

Bramalea was determined to make a game of this and went into the lead again in the second period. Richmond Hill fought back and scored when Jeff Briggs set up Eldridge for his second goal which tied it at 3-3.

Richmond Hill took the lead for the first time when Briggs scored unassisted after a nice deke on the goalie. The game was over when Eldridge went in for his hat-trick with assists to Allen and Henderson.

BRIGGS STARS

The most valuable player award in this game went to Jeff Briggs of Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill went on to participate in the Peterboro tournament losing both games by 5-1 and 5-2 to Oshawa and Lindsay.

Richmond Hill's scoring was done by Ken Main from Doug Jones in the first game and Dave Allen from Eldridge and Henderson.

Then it was Fournier scoring from Cramer and Ken Main in the second game.

Birds tie Orillia 8-8

A power play goal with a little over a minute remaining salvaged a tie for the Thornhill Mid-Ontario Junior B Thunderbirds last Friday night against Orillia.

Bruce Clatworthy fired the big shot which gave Thornhill an 8-8 tie in a loosely-played, free-scoring encounter.

"It was nice to get the tie," commented Thunderbird coach Ralph Beer, "but it certainly wasn't a classic hockey game. Play was very loose."

Beer was further handicapped by the absence of five regulars out with suspensions from the previous two games.

These were Kerry Pimm, Mike Johns, Tim Rinear, and McMillan with suspensions and Mark Steele (an exception) who was unable to make the game. Beer buoyed his line-up with

some minor hockey replacements including Dave Morley and Curtis Lang of the midget team and Dan Kennedy of the juveniles.

"They played real well for us," observed Beer. Kennedy came up with a goal and Morley an assist.

HAT LINE

Beer was also pleased with the play of Bruce Clatworthy, Mike McCluskey, and Benny Baniccia line which accumulated a total of nine points with Clatworthy firing home three goals.

"I was happy to see this line taking up the slack when we were so shorthanded," said Beer. "They've had their problems scoring in the early going."

Another impressive line, as usual, was the Bud Shirley and Glen Daurio combo along with Jamie Kennedy with eight points.

Especially impressive was Kennedy who was returning to the line-up after a three-week absence with bronchitis and celebrated it by scoring the first goal on a power play, effort in the first period.

SEE-SAW

The game see-sawed back and forth with Thornhill leading 4-3 at the end of the first period and tied 6-6 going into the third.

Orillia took a 7-6 lead early in the third on Paul Westcott's power play effort. Then came Doug Taylor's second goal less than a minute later to make it 8-6.

Thornhill picked up after that with Bud Shirley scoring his second goal of the game with 15:20 left from Daurio and Kennedy.

Then came Clatworthy to the rescue with 1:07 left from McCluskey and Daurio.

Dynes taste medicine

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers found out what it's like to be on the other end of a rally in their game Monday night against Owen Sound.

Dynes were sailing along with a 6-4 lead at Bond Lake Arena with eight minutes to go in the game when things started to happen.

Zappo, zappo. The game was tied.

That's the way it ended. To add vinegar to the wound, the Owen Sounders' tying goal came off the stick of Scott McKelvie with just one second remaining on the clock.

"I guess the best summation of the game was that Owen Sound wanted it more than we did," commented Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk.

Artemchuk added:

BLEW IT
"It was a classical case of blowing a game on many occasions," he said. "That tying goal was just the last occasion."

The Artemchuk troops played about one and a half periods of good hockey with the rest of the time taken up with missing wide-open nets on the offence and freezing on defence as the Owen Sounders free-wheeled in on goalie Doug Brumwell's doorstep.

The tie was inevitable. It could have been a defeat.

POWER PLAY

Dynes got off on the right foot with a first period power play goal from Mike Carnevale with Brent Dobson assisting.

Owen Sound's Bill Slumskie returned the compliment with a power play goal of his own with 11:54 remaining in the second period.

A goal by Dobson put Dynes out in front again with Dale Roffey and Randy Irwin assisting but Owen Sound's Mark Goetz tied it.

The Jewellers stunned Owen Sound with a shorthanded goal as Carnevale fired his second

counter of the night with two minutes remaining in the second period.

Dynes came out flying in the early minutes of the third period with three quick goals from Fred Rodo, Tony Robinson, and Rodo again.

RODO IMPRESSES

It was a particularly impressive stint for Rodo as he got two of the goals and assisted on the third one.

That gave the Jewellers a 6-2 lead and it looked reasonably secure.

Enter a defensive lapse and Owen Sound poured in three straight goals from McKelvie, Tom White and Slumskie to make it 6-5.

That set up the tying goal from a scramble around Brumwell with just one second remaining.

"I was disheartened by our third period play," said Artemchuk. "We've always prided ourselves on being a third

period club. That wasn't the case this time."

He added that "we're nearing the critical stage of the schedule with 10 games remaining. We've got to start gearing up for the play-off run."

SIGN BAKER

One plus note for Artemchuk was his signing of Dave Baker of Richmond Hill.

"We've had a hole on our right wing and Dave should be the one to fill that," he said. "His main attribute is he's an honest workman, a real digger. Give me 16 players like that and I'll win a lot of hockey games."

Baker is a former Richmond Hill Legion Midget player and had a stint with the Richmond Hill Rams of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The front-running Jewellers take on the Thornhill Thunderbirds Friday night in Thornhill and are at home next Monday night to Owen Sound.