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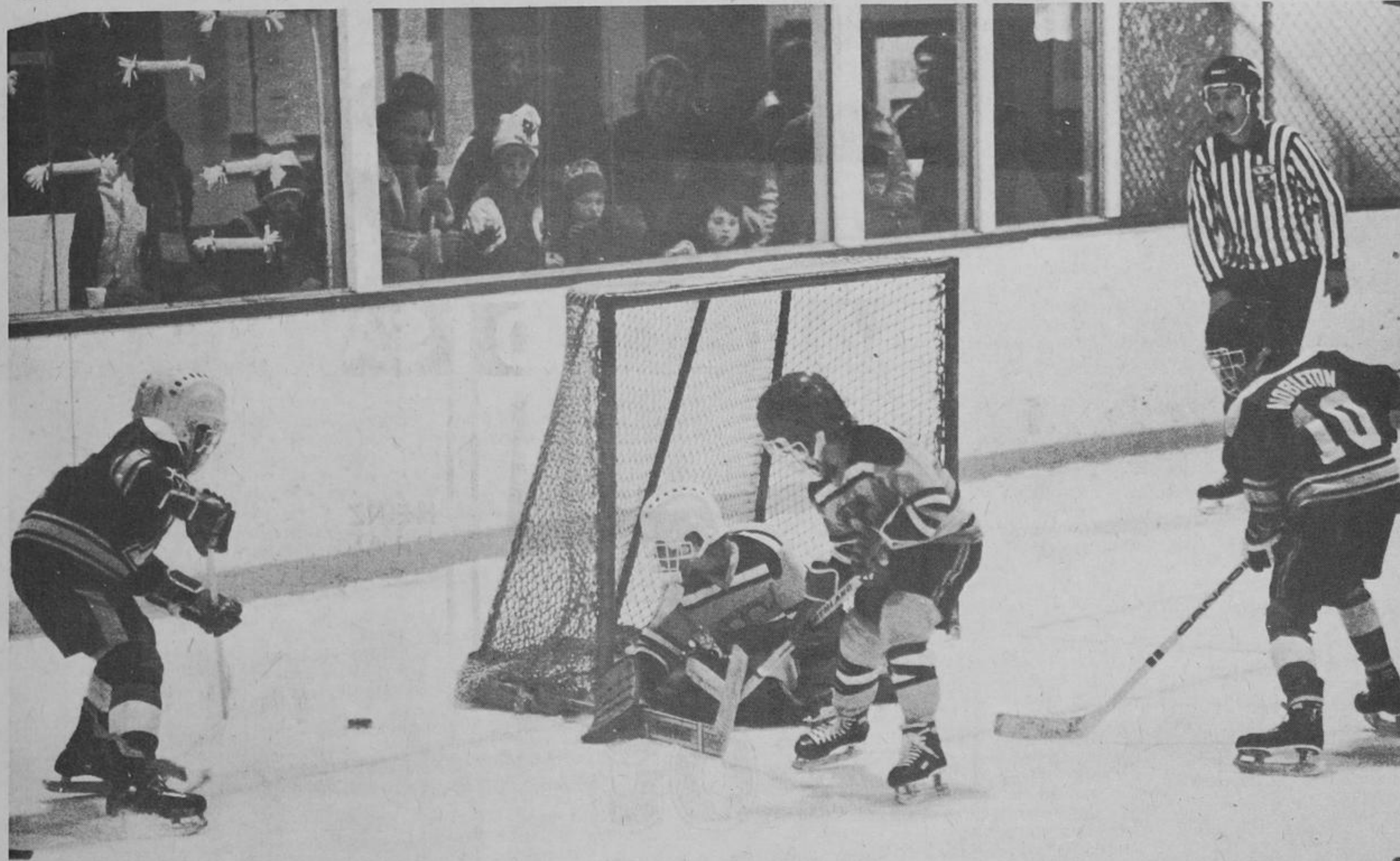
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## Sharon wins Xmas Atom tourney



### Watch the corner

Some fast action here at the Oak Ridges Christmas Cracker Atom hockey tournament on the weekend as can be seen in this encounter between Oak Ridges Atoms and Nobleton. The Ridges boys won this game 2-1 but Nobleton went on to win the consolation trophy. (Photo by Hogg)

An unidentified Oak Ridges defenceman clears the puck as a Nobleton forward moves in during the weekend's big Oak Ridges Christmas Cracker hockey tournament. Sharon won the whole thing with a 1-0 win over Bradford. (Photo by Hogg)



fred simpson

### Merry Christmas

I get merry at Christmas. I wish I could say the same for my mother. We've been estranged lately and it sure beats me why. There was a time when she'd do anything for me at Christmas.

She'd buy me all kinds of toys, records, little cars, real cars, pay my room rent, keep me in clothes, little things like that. Even after I'd been working for 10 years. That was until she turned 70. She started to get touchy about things after that. Just because I hadn't sent her a Christmas card for five years she decided to test my loyalty.

For two years running, after 1970, she wouldn't buy me a car. I even offered to come down to four horses just to make it easier. Nothing would work. She was adamant.

Things really got to a low ebb when she started refusing to accept my long-distance phone calls. That was the last straw. Refusing to accept long-distance phone calls from your own son? I never thought I'd see the day.

#### REMORSE

Remorse continues to build in me as I go along. Last Christmas, for example, I called her three days ahead to warn her I'd be home.

Just in case there would be a bad snowstorm which happens often in Woodstock. Wanted to give her ample opportunity to get the driveway shovelled out. If there's anything I hate, it's going home for Christmas and having to shovel the driveway.

I don't know what's bugging her. I've never been one to hold grudges. I even thought about buying her a motorized snowblower for Christmas, or even a power lawn mower for summer. But that's no good. She never learned to drive.

#### IT'S LIFE

Chalk it up to life, I guess. I'll probably be a little crotchety when I reach 75, just like my mother. I'm always optimistic at Christmas. I'm sure we're going to have a joyful reconciliation. Just as long as it doesn't snow before I get there. I like to see her happy.

All the above is simply a long preamble to saying a Merry Christmas to you all, one and all. And don't forget to feed your moms.

#### PEEWEE TOURNEY

Lo and behold, it's that time again. Time for the 8th annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Peewee Tournament. It kicks off at the Richmond Hill Arena at 9 a.m. next Tuesday Boxing Day and runs through to the following Thursday.

There will be 20 teams competing from such places as Sarnia, Brantford, Cobourg, and, of course, Richmond Hill and Thornhill. The grand championship game is Thursday at 8 p.m. Be there and support the kids.

#### TIDBITS

One further note and one I've neglected. Just recently, friends of the late Bill Houlton of Richmond Hill dedicated a memorial trophy in his honor.

It will go to the most valuable coach in the Maple Minor hockey association.

Bill used to play in a pick-up league at the Maple Arena and hence the trophy presentation. A nice gesture and an excellent way to be remembered.

And a good way to end this column, the last one for 1978. Cheers.

## Ridges Atoms win 2, lose 1

Sharon blanked Bradford 1-0 to win the Oak Ridges Christmas Cracker Atom hockey tournament on the weekend in an exciting wind-up to the annual match-up at Bond Lake Arena. Although they didn't win, the Oak Ridges Atoms came up with an impressive showing winning two of their three games. Nobleton was awarded the consolation championship by default when Newmarket failed to show by gametime. That final big game between

Sharon and Bradford saw Sharon's Stewart Angus getting the winning goal from David Mullin with just eight seconds remaining in the first period. The rest of the game saw play see-sawing back and forth with both goalies, Darrin Madley of Sharon and Craig Sheppard and Ron MacKinnon of Bradford, playing well. **NIP NOBLETON** Oak Ridges opened their part of the tournament by nipping Nobleton 2-1 on a goal by Jason

Cairns with only two seconds remaining in regulation time. It was Cairns also scoring the first Oak Ridges goal with Nobleton's Dale Franks replying. The Oak Ridges team also had a battle on its hands in its second game when it edged Stroud 3-2 on goals by Grant O'Meara, Kelly Rheeder and Cairns. Derek Harris and John Kilpatrick scored for Stroud. Oak Ridges bowed out of its own tournament losing 3-1 to Bradford who advanced into the

grand championship finals. Bill Verhoeg scored all three Bradford goals with O'Meara replying for Oak Ridges. The champion Sharon squad opened the tournament by blanking Bolton 6-0 with Stewart Angus scoring four goals and Balke Dennis, two. They then downed King City 8-2 with Dennis scoring four goals, Stewart Angus three, and Mike Sherman one. The Thornhill Atoms played two games and failed to score a

goal losing 14-0 to Stroud and 5-0 to Nobleton. King City won its first game by 5-2 over Newmarket with Gary Long leading the way with three goals with Paul Hampton and Jim Whitehead getting the others. **THANKS** The Oak Ridges and District Minor Hockey Association would like to thank all teams for participating as well as a special thanks to the referees and all volunteer workers who helped to make the tournament a success.

## Jewellers have injury woes

It would have made more sense if they had switched the last three Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers junior hockey games from rinks to hospital wards.

At least that's the way it must have seemed to Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk despite the fact his team managed four points out of a possible six.

They downed Action 6-3 Friday

night, tied Brampton 7-7 Sunday and fought to a 5-5 draw with Milton Monday night at Bond Lake Arena.

Which was quite all right with Artemchuk considering he has a string of injuries that would turn your average hospital emergency ward green with envy.

"I haven't seen the like of it in the last three years," said Artemchuk. "We were already

shorthanded and the situation got critical at Brampton."

#### INJURIES

The Jewellers lost Blair Lewis and goalie Steve Latimer, who broke his finger in the warm-up. They are still undermanned by the absence of Kelly Hards, Blair Sutherland, and Blair Lewis, all out indefinitely.

The run of injuries forced Artemchuk to bring back Dave Baker, also suffering from a back injury, and Brent Dobson who had been on a rest-cure from the Jewellers.

Dynes were forced to play with only two lines in Brampton for the final two periods and three defencemen.

"It's to the boys' credit we came out with a 7-7 tie," said Artemchuk, "and we could easily have won it." That was when Cam Reston got to go away with three seconds to go and rang the puck off the post.

The same Reston scored three goals in that game with others going to Len Hachborn, Glen Wright, Dave Baker and Larry Beelik.

Against Acton the Jewellers led 2-0 at the end of the first on goals by Karl Taylor from Reston, and Blair Lewis from Darrin Ross and Hachborn.

#### SHORTHANDED

It was 3-1 in the second when Lewis got his second goal of the

game. This was a shorthanded effort from Hachborn and Beelik.

They got two more in the third with Andre Deomonze scoring from Reston; Damonze again from Glen Wright; and Murphy from Damonze and Wright.

The Milton game saw Hachborn scoring at 18:10 on a power play from Beelik to salvage the tie. Other Jeweller goals were by Hachborn from Jeff Underwood and Reston; Hachborn from Murphy and Dobson; Beelik, Ross and Hachborn for his hat-trick.

The Jewellers are at home to Brampton Monday, January 1 and in Thornhill at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Boxing Day.

## Bayview beats Thornhill

The Bayview Secondary School Juniors had little trouble disposing of Thornhill last Friday night by a 61-21 score.

"We have a very good team this season," said head coach Cliff Nuttall. "I guess you'd have to rank us up there with Markham. They have a good club, too.

"We've met them once in an exhibition game and they only beat us by three points."

It was a tougher battle but the seniors also came out on top of Thornhill 48-41.

The Bayview Midget team is also a hot item having won their last eight games in a row.

Coach Nuttall figures both the juniors and the seniors will do very well this season in their respective divisions.

The juniors will be powered by such people as Rick Clendinning, Ben Howe and John Brillert.

The seniors are coached by Wayne Mortson.



A Bayview Secondary School player attempts to defend in recent tournament play in junior basketball. The regular season is now underway with Bayview sweeping Thornhill in junior and senior encounters last week. (Photo by Hogg)

## Rams sagging as lose 8-3, 12-5

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams, possibly still in shock from their epic trip to North Bay, took it on the chin in two Provincial Junior A hockey games last week.

They were unceremoniously bounced 12-5 by North York Rangers Friday night at North York. This verdict followed an 8-3 loss to Markham Waxers Tuesday night of last week in Richmond Hill.

And that followed the previous Sunday night's debacle in North Bay which saw most of the players on both teams thrown out after the second period when a pier six brawl erupted.

Despite the brawl, the Rams lost only three players — goalie Dave Tetley, Mike McDougall, and Dave Joslin — for Tuesday and Friday night's games.

The Tuesday match-up with the Waxers was a close, interesting

tilt until the Rams collapsed in the final 20 minutes.

Markham led 2-0 at the end of the first but the Rams came on strong in the second to outscore their rivals three goals to two to only trail by 4-3.

#### BIG THORN

Big thorn in the Rams' side was Chris DeGeer, a Richmond Hill product, who scored two of the Markham goals and assisted on two others.

All of the Rams' goals were pegged by leading-scorer Paul Gallagher who notched numbers 22, 23 and 24 in the game. Danny Jones, just off a long injury, assisted on all three goals with Ed Gundert drawing one on the final goal.

Markham outshot Richmond Hill 51-26 on the game with goalie Rick Warren seeing plenty of action.

The North York game was just that for the first period with the Rams looking good enough to upset the Rangers as they trailed by only 3-2 going into the second.

That second period was strictly a disaster as the Rangers outscored the Rams five goals to two to leave them in a trail of ice chips.

They added four more in the third to Richmond Hill's one. The Rams got a big scoring game out of Phil Wood who accounted for three of their goals with Danny Jones getting the other two.

Jones continues to be impressive with three goals and 12 assists in only nine games. He's been back for about five.

The Rams are in Hamilton Friday and are back home January 2 to Guelph for a 7:45 game.