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# Thornhill Rosetown champions!

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Hollywood brought back "Superman" and last week it was Thornhill's turn to re-introduce "Mighty Mouse" at the eighth annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Peewee hockey tournament. He came in the person of goalie

Louis Tonelli who is tall enough to peek over the cross-bar of his net if he's standing on a chair.

The tiny Tonelli and the much-larger Eugenio Colin joined forces in the Thornhill Confederation Properties nets to inspire their teammates to the

grand championship last Thursday night at the Richmond Hill arena.

Both goalies took turns being standouts as The Birds battled their way through five games undefeated including a 3-1 victory over Oshawa Comet Express in

the grand championship game. "There's no doubt our goaltending gave us that extra we needed," acknowledged coach Mike McLennan. "They've been our strong point all season and they came up especially good in this tournament."

The Birds didn't find the yellow-brick road to Oz any breeze as all of the games, but two were decided by one goal.

They opened with a 4-3 win over Metro Black Hawks, blanked Ajax 2-0, nipped Royal York 2-1 in a thriller, before meeting the Black Hawks again in the A championship final and winning 4-3.

Their most dramatic win had to be the 2-1 one over Royal York which had to be decided on penalty shots with three players on each team getting a free run to the respective goalies.

Enter "Mighty Mouse" Tonelli who blocked two of the three levelled on him while Thornhill put one each past the Royal York netminder.

"I guess if there was a turning point that would have to be it," said coach McLennan. "If Louis hadn't stopped them there it would have been all over for us."

The Thornhillers also found themselves embroiled in a cliff-

hanger in their A final against the Black Hawks.

It was 3-3 tie at the end of regulation time with Randy Rhynold punching in the winner in sudden death from a scramble around the net.

This time out it was goalie Colin who came up with some late-game heroics to preserve the 3-3 tie and send the game into overtime.

Earlier Thornhill goalscorers had been Robert Tiberio from Jeff Turner; Allen Bramson from David Del Bonifro and Ian Crebbin; and John Hollings from Tiberio.

The championship game saw the Thunderbirds jump into a 1-0 lead in the first period with Bramson clicking from Rhynold and Jeff Turner.

They added another one by Tiberio from Hollings before Oshawa struck for its lone goal from Wayne Stacey.

Thornhill seemed to take command of the play after this goal and maintained it for the

rest of the game. Delbonifro's goal finished the scoring in the final period with Steve Smith assisting on the play.

Goalies Colin and Tonelli split duties for the champions.

Thornhill opened the tournament beating the Black Hawks 4-3 with goals going to Delbonifro from Stephen Smith; John Hollings from Chris McLennan; Hollings again from McLennan; and Bramson from Iain Smith.

Goalie Colin picked up the shutout in the win against Ajax with Ian Crebbin and Smith scoring the goals. Smith also assisted on the Drebbin tally.

Oshawa won the B championship via a 4-1 verdict over Uxbridge.

Thornhill received the Mills Trophy for winning the A championship and the Town Trophy for winning the grand championship. Oshawa went home with the Cam Cowan Memorial Trophy for being declared B champions.



## Close play

It's another close play around the Oshawa nets as the Thornhill Confederation Homes' Peewees storm to the attack enroute to downing Oshawa 3-1 and winning the eighth annual Richmond Hill Rosetown hockey tournament last week. (Photo by Hogg).

## Hill teams lose

It was something of a familiar pattern for the Richmond Hill Cadillac-Baif Peewees in the eighth annual Richmond Hill

Rosetown Peewee Hockey Tournament last week.

They managed to win their first game and then lost a tough

second contest.

The Baifers nipped Bay Ridges 5-4 in their opener but then went on to lose 3-2 to Toronto and bow out of the tournament.

Also in the tournament but finding the going a little rough were the Richmond Hill Carpenter Peewee B's.

They opened with an 8-2 loss at the hands of Royal York and then ran into a fine team from Uxbridge and were blasted 12-1. End of tournament.

The Baif boys opened on a promising note as they took it to Bay Ridges winning in overtime.

Both teams were tied 4-4 at the end of regulation time and it was Richmond Hill's Steve Ceballo becoming an instant hero when he pumped a goal home 58 seconds into the first overtime. Richmond Hill led 3-2 at the end of the first period on goals by John Zandona from Ceballo; Scott Boyle and Paul Joslin unassisted.

The second period saw James Barry break through to score what looked like the big goal to give The Hill a 4-3 lead only to have Bay Ridges get the equalizer to set up the overtime.

The loss to Toronto saw Richmond Hill trailing 2-0 at one point in the second before Zandona got one back from Kevin McInnis.

A goal by Toronto 48 seconds into the third period killed The Hill's comeback hopes.

Richmond Hill's Scott Russell made it close on a goal at the 10 minute mark from Ceballo. The Carpenters' first game loss saw their goals scored by Carl Kiely from Tim Anderson and Darin Grodzinski; and by Ken Nobes from Jim Formenton and Dave Abernathy. The second game loss saw Richmond Hill's lone goal scored by Paul Christenson from Carl Kiely and Scott Braithwaite.

Thornhill's other entry in the tournament, Tridel Construction got off to a great start. They thumped Cobourg 8-2 behind the three goal scoring of Joe Lynam with Gino Ceolin and Paul Webber getting two and Carmine Mancini 1. They then lost their second game 14-2 to Oshawa.

Tournament heads Bob Reeves and Rene Fournier were happy with the play in general noting particularly that attendance figures were up from the previous year. The Cadillac team was hampered by the absence of defenceman Ron Gelineau who is recovering from a broken leg. The Cadillac team was also assisted for the tournament by Richmond Hill Rams' trainer Steve Silver.

### Minor Atoms split games

The Richmond Hill Minor Atom A's split back-to-back exhibition games with Oshawa last week winning 2-1 at home and losing 5-3 in Oshawa.

At home it was Lorenz Boff scoring from Maurice Poirier; and Warren Payne getting the winning goal unassisted.

Richmond Hill was without its regular goalies and dressed only 11 players for the trip to Oshawa.

Scoring for Richmond Hill was Lorenz Boff from Pino Decina and Brett Frederiks; Decina from Boff and Darin Chapman; and Aldo Teofilo unassisted.

## Birds undefeated in 4

The Thornhill Thunderbirds had reason to smile in the New Year after coming up with a come from behind 5-4 win over Barrie Colts Saturday night right in Barrie.

It was their fourth straight Central Ontario Junior B game without a defeat.

Such was not the case for their rivals, Oak Ridges Dynes, Jewellers who dropped a 6-2 game to Brampton after having tied the Thunderbirds 5-5 the previous week.

Another area club, the Rich-

mond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams were idle over the holiday weekend. They are at Wexford next Saturday and in North Bay Sunday before returning home Tuesday to play Aurora in a 7:45 p.m. game.

The Thunderbirds were forced to come from behind a 5-3 deficit in the third period to pull out the victory.

It was all Thornhill that period with Bob Hunter making it 5-4 at 2:32 from Kurt Pearson and Dan Kennedy. The same Hunter tied it at 7:39 from Pearson and Kennedy.

Then came the continuing heroics of Jamie Scrimgeour who got his third goal of the game at 16:16 from Pearson and Mike Davidson to win the game. Jamie Kennedy got the other Thornhill goal.

The Jewellers got the first goal in their game with Brampton but that was it from there on.

"We just came out flat," said coach Pete Artemchuk. "Maybe

it was the after New Year's letdown."

Oak Ridges goals were by Blair

Lewis from Andy Hawe and Bill Costain; and by Cam Reston from Larry Beelik and Andre Demonzie.

Their 5-5 tie against Thornhill saw them pull a come-from-behind third period effort.

The Jewellers trailed 5-2 at one point in the third period but roared back with three straight goals by Karl Taylor, Daryn Ross and John Murphy.

Oak Ridges is at home to Burlington next Monday night for an 8 p.m. game.

## Bond Steel wins B title

The Richmond Hill Bond Steel Atom A's came up with a big effort last week as they won the consolation B trophy in the Ajax hockey tournament.

Richmond Hill competed against teams from Oshawa, Pickering, Trenton and Thornhill in the final.

They opened the tournament with a tough 3-2 loss to Oshawa with John Kennedy playing in his first game with The

Hill) scoring from Paul Ruytenbeek and Pat Dickinson from Robbie Jakma and Greg Moore.

Richmond Hill then nipped Pickering 3-2 in overtime with Pat Dickinson leading the way with two goals and Russell Armstrong getting one. Assists went to John Kennedy and Cesidio Negri.

Bond Steel went on to blank Trenton 2-0 in the third game. Derek DiBattista

opened the scoring on a perfect setup from Pat Dickinson. Dino Buffon also received an assist on the play.

Paul Ruytenbeek then scored on a breakaway as he took a pass from Brian McKenna. The

goaltending combination of Mike Leonard and Mauro Paoletti got the shutout.

The championship game saw Richmond Hill defeating their down-the-road neighbors from

Thornhill. Goal scorers for the champs were Pat Dickinson with two and Brian McKenna with one. Assists went to Negri with three and Dino Buffon with one.

Special congratulations to Mauro Paoletti who was chosen as the tournament's top goalie. It was a well deserved honor.

The team roster includes Mauro Paoletti, Dino Buffon, Robbie Jak-

ma, Ralph Mazza, Paul Ruytenbeek, Mike Leonard, Derek DiBattista, Dino Del Fabro, Pat Dickinson, Jason Hails, Brian McKenna, David Repath, Cesidio Negri, Russell Armstrong, Greg Moore, Pat Glover and John Kennedy.

The coach is Ray Floyd, assistant, Al DiBattista, Manager, Larry Repath and Rod Leonard. Trainer is John Dickinson.



### Yea!

They haven't just won the Stanley Cup. Something better than that. These members of the Richmond Hill Bond Steel Atom A's are celebrating winning the B championship at the recent Ajax hockey tournament. They beat Thornhill in the final game. (Photo by Hogg).

**fred simpson**

**Welcome**

Oh, you made it, eh? Still around for the start of 1979. You fool. I don't know whether to congratulate you or to extend my condolences.

I'm not sure I made it because I'm writing this epistle two days before New Year's Eve. Who knows what can happen in two days? My boss might decide to give me a two-day expense paid trip to downtown Iran. Nice people.

In any case, I spent the latter part of 1978 flitting about the catacombs of the Richmond Hill Arena at the eighth annual Richmond Hill Rosetown Peewee Hockey Tournament.

**QUITE A SHOW**

It was quite a tournament and the youngsters of all 22 teams competing put on quite a show. Especially the Thornhill Thunderbirds who skated away with the grand championship by beating a tough little Oshawa Comet Express team by 3-1. Congrats.

It's interesting to note the Oshawa team is sponsored by Bob Domik who softball fans will recall made quite a mark as a pitcher with the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers a few seasons back.

Bob was down for the games along with another ex-Dynes catcher, John MacDonald, and they indicated they might even be playing ball back in The Hill this summer. But more on this later. Let's get the hockey season out of the way first.

**LOVE IT**

Just love wandering around arenas. You meet the nicest people.

You also meet people like Bob Ross Jr. who operates Bob's Skate Shop which is located in the deepest, dankest part of the new arena.

I'm always fascinated watching Bob in action. He hovers menacingly over his skate sharpening grinder, mumbling epithets, and threatening to give it all up and take off for Florida.

I'm only kidding. Bob's usually good natured and he's certainly confident about his abilities with a grinder. I've heard he's been known to use it to shave with when he's gotten up too late to do it at home.

If memory serves me right, he's even got a sign on the wall that offers to sharpen skates for a \$1 or a shave for 50 cents. Now that's class.

Anyway, a belated Happy New Year to Bob and assistant Dave.

**TOURNAMENT**

Back to hockey.

As I said, it was a great tournament and I always get a kick out of watching the peewees. They're at an age where they still make a few mistakes but you can't beat their determination out there.

For some reason, I don't have any favorite team when I'm watching the youngsters. I just enjoy seeing them go through their paces. I suppose everyone's a winner at that age and it's too bad it doesn't always work out like that later on.

I've got to go now. It's been a crazy, mixed-up week and I'm going to tell my psychiatrist all about it. Hope to be back to normal next week.

Finally, congratulations to Bob Reeve and Rene Fournier who ran the tournament and keep up the good work. That goes for all of you. See you in 1980, I mean 1979.