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Writing's on wall for Hill Rams

The writing is splashed on the wall in bold colors for the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams after they spluttered into the new year with three straight defeats.

Start winning or kiss the 1978-79 playoffs-goodbye.

The Rams took it on the chin losing 7-2 to Guelph Platers, 8-6 to Wexford Raiders, and 9-4 Sunday night to the North Bay Trappers in North Bay.

"You couldn't get a more clear-cut situation," was the way Rams' general manager Sil Steffan put it in the wake of the latest setbacks. "The teams we have to beat to make the playoffs are the ones we play in the last of the schedule."

The Rams, as of writing, are tied for seventh place with Markham with eight teams eligible for the playoff rounds. Just three points behind (although the Rams have three games in hand) are the Wexford Raiders.

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"We have two more games with Wexford and one with Markham," said Steffan, "plus three with Newmarket Flyers. If we can't beat these clubs we don't deserve to be in the playoffs."

LOSE 9-4
Sunday night's game in North Bay saw the Rams playing well in the first period and trailing 2-0 going into the second.

They managed two goals in that second but the home team pumped four past goalie Dave Tetley. Danny Jones got the first Hill goal on a power play at the 23 second mark of the second period and Dan Carlton got the other one at 15:44.

The final period was fairly even with North Bay pumping three goals past Tetley and the Rams scoring twice.

It was Danny Jones getting his second goal of the game (his ninth of the season after missing most of the early games) at 7:12 and Carlton getting his second at 11:22.

Richmond Hill was outshot 43-34 on the game.

Saturday night's key game in Wexford saw Rams' goalie Tetley come up with a spectacular effort in a losing cause as he stopped 55 enemy shots while the Rams

aimed 39 in the other direction.

Mike Walker was a two-goal man in this one with singles to Bill Hanlon, Bill Coville, Carlton, and Jones.

Tuesday night of last week in Richmond Hill was a different

story as the Guelph visitors sewed the game up in the very first period with five unanswered goals. Dave O'Brien led the way with two goals in this session.

The lethargic Rams managed to get two of the goals back in the

second period with Glen Oliver scoring at 11:20 from Jeff Josling and Paul Gallagher; and Phil Wood at 19:54 from Jones and Walker.

Any hopes of a comeback went by the boards in the final 20

minutes as the Guelph team scored two more goals to the Rams' none.

The Rams are at home to Wexford next Tuesday night for a 7:45 p.m. game and are at Royal York next Sunday.



This was typical scene last week as Richmond Hill Rams' goalie Dave Tetley is shown under siege here from the Guelph Platers. The Platers kept pouring it on and went home 7-2 winners. The Rams went on to lose their next two games by 8-6 from Wexford and 9-4 to North Bay. (Photo by Hogg).



fred simpson

Hard Times

In case you're wondering, that's not really me looking out at you from that new photo atop this space.

It's some guy who has just been sentenced to life changing blades on throw-away razors, squeezing air out of used mustard containers, or watching someone stalking spaghetti in a restaurant at high noon.

Can't you tell by the smile? You should see me when I'm unhappy. The photo is there because the powers-that-be have convinced me I should greet the new year with true emotion.

So I packed the smile away. If all goes well, I'll bring it back out in, maybe, April. If it doesn't get lost in the meantime.

To carry on:
Attended a hard times party at the Legion Friday night in Richmond Hill. By mistake. Happened to walk by the room in my best clothes and someone handed me a ticket. Even the price was right. Only 25 cents for a helping of beans and weiners and all the plate you could eat.

Had a very enjoyable time but that's not the point of this little story.

ABOUT RON

During the course of the evening, a young lady by name of Darlene Mills approached me stating she used to be a member of the Ron McAndrews-coached Richmond Hill Mic Macs girls softball team.

She informed me that Ron is very ill in a hospital in New Brunswick and has been for a year or more.

Ron, who I guess is in his mid or late 60's, was a great supporter of girls softball in The Hill for years.

A confirmed bachelor, Ron was always married to his girl softball teams, win or lose. I still remember him coming into the office every week, clutching a soiled line-up.

WIN, LOSE

Ron had his share of big winners as well as losers but in this particular season he had a big loser. This didn't bother him a bit.

"We had a pretty good game," he'd start out. "We got two runs in the second inning, three in the fifth and another one in the sixth."

Then he'd pause, drop the punch-line. "They scored 15 in the first inning, seven in the fourth . . ." That was Ron. Tell you the bright side first.

Time went on and Ron seemed to be a permanent fixture in The Hill. It was ball in the summer and in the winter you'd usually find him at the local arena watching the tournaments.

BACK EAST

One day he told me he was heading back East to Nova Scotia (or maybe New Brunswick, I forget now) which was his home base and where he started the whole "Mic Mac" softball thing.

He left but not very long after, he was back in The Hill. "I like it here too much," he said. "I'm back to stay."

I lost track of Ron till someone came in The Liberal about a year ago and informed me he was confined to a hospital in St. John, New Brunswick. Would likely be there for the rest of his life.

Which brings me to the present story. Darlene was wondering if it would be nice to sign tribute to Ron by having all of his ex-Mic Mac girls sign a card and send it to him. Just a small tribute to a great little guy.

I don't know how the details should be worked out but I would presume that all you ex-Mic Mac girls should contact Darlene. Except I don't know where to contact her myself. Maybe I'll have the information next week.

In closing, I think it's a nice gesture. And if Ron happens to read this, or hear about it, keep punching. We're thinking of you. He's at Westside C, Hospital Annex, Department of Veteran Affairs, St. John, New Brunswick.

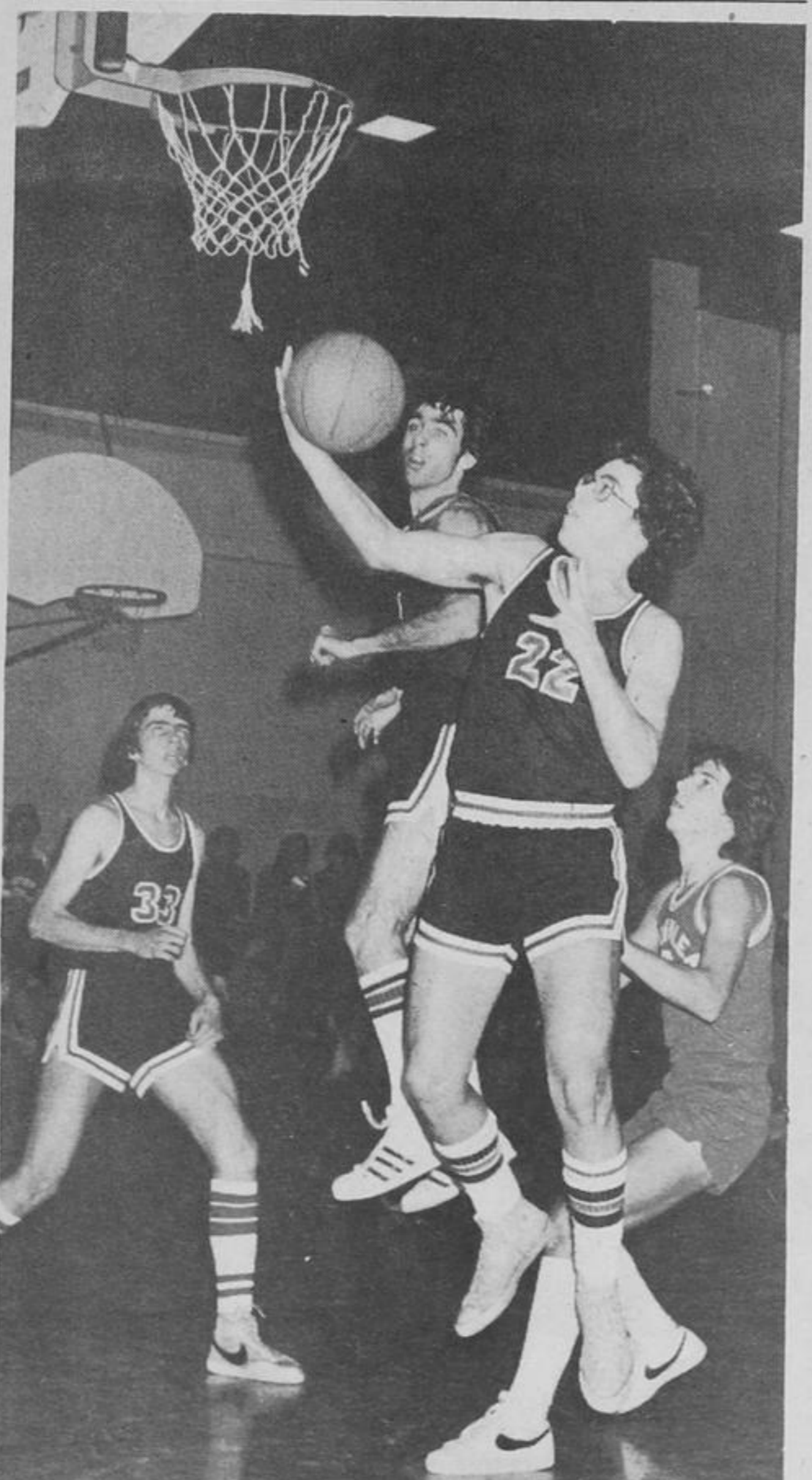
BIG BROTHERS

One final note: The Big Brothers of York is sponsoring an exhibition hockey game January 18 between the Newmarket Flyers and the North York Rangers of the Provincial Junior A hockey league.

Gametime is 8 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Arena. All proceeds go to Big Brothers. Drop around help a good cause.

Help, help

If you have to lose it was a good thing to do it. That was the feelings of Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk after his team dropped a 4-1 game Monday night



Rebound

Bayview Secondary School's Lester Smith comes down with the rebound in last week's senior game with Thornlea. Bayview Seniors won the game 53-42 over an injury-riddled Thornlea squad. (Photo by Hogg).

Jewellers run into hot goalie

to front-running Burlington in a Central Ontario Junior B game at Bond Lake Arena.

"I'm never happy to lose," said Artemchuk. "But we deserved to win this one. We just couldn't beat their goalie."

Marlie' Tod Pearson was ex-Toronto Marlies' Blair Lewis who stopped everything the Jewellers threw at him and they threw quite a bit.

Coming in for special attention was Dynes' Blair Lewis who was stopped twice on what seemed sure goals. The last one saw Lewis picking the top left hand corner with Pearson, somehow, coming up with the glove save.

"I don't know how he got that one," said Artemchuk. "I don't think anyone in the rink saw it including Pearson."

GREAT GRAB

Pearson also came up with brilliant stabs against Len Hachborn, who scored the only Dynes goal, and Earl Deamond who had a clear breakaway.

"There's no doubt that one of the main reasons Burlington is in first place is their goaltending. Adding Pearson to their line-up just made them tougher to beat."

GOOD START

The Jewellers came out skating and hitting in the opening period and looked good enough to win, except for Pearson.

Burlington's Mark Lytton opened the scoring at 7:45 but Hachborn got one back on a power play at 17:46 from Cam Reston and John Murphy.

Penalties killed the Jewellers in the second period with the visitors capitalizing twice on power play efforts. It was Greg Moore scoring at 5:31 and Emilo Iovio at 8:25.

The final 20 minutes saw the Jewellers stymied most of the way despite some good opportunities.

It was Burlington adding their fourth and final goal with the Jewellers' net empty in favor of a sixth attacker. Michael Carr slid the puck home at 19:39.

Artemchuk still has his eyes on moving out of fourth place in the league and challenging third place Oakville although he admits it won't be easy.

TOUGH GO

"We have two games in hand on Oakville but we have a tough schedule ahead of us." He acknowledges no one is going to catch "Burlington or Streetsville in the regular schedule although

we're not going to concede anything to them in the playoffs."

Artemchuk is happy with the players he's got except that he hasn't got enough of them.

INJURIES

"January 10 is the last date for adding or cutting players," he said. "and we're going to have to go the rest of the way short of players thanks to injuries."

Out for the season is Blair Sutherland with Dave Baker probably finished for 1979 as well as Brent Dobson.

"It's been one hell of a year for injuries to key players," said Artemchuk. "I've never seen it like this before."

"This was a rebuilding year and we were counting on the veterans to carry the load. Only we don't have any veterans left."

Despite this, Artemchuk still feels that "if the rookies can get their act together we'll give someone an awful lot of problems in the playoffs."

"And that includes Streetsville and Burlington," he said.

The Jewellers are in Barrie tonight (Wednesday) and in Burlington next Friday. They are at home Monday night to Oakville for an 8 p.m. game.

Basketball

Bayview Seniors lose to Aurora 67-54

The Bayview Secondary School senior basketball team went down to its first defeat of the season in York County play as they were outscored 67-54 by Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School of Aurora.

"They got a big jump on us," said Bayview coach Wayne Mortson. "They led us 12-0 in the early minutes of the game and we just couldn't catch up."

Mortson said the "Williams team is a very good one. They

move the ball very quickly."

Top scorers for Bayview were Kevin Service with 14 points and Larry MacDonald with 12 points.

The same Bayview team dumped Thornlea Senior Thors 53-42 in a triple-header last week at Bayview Secondary School. Dave Genoa and Service led the offensive with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Bayview's record now stands at three wins and a loss in regular schedule play. They play the

powerful Markham team in Markham tomorrow (Thursday).

It was a clean sweep for Bayview in the other two matches against Thornlea with the Cliff Nuttall-coached juniors winning 42-34 and the midlets squeaking to a 39-38 triumph.

The Clendenen brothers, Mark and Rick, were standouts respectively for the Midlets and the Juniors.

The Midlets now have a 5-0 record as do the juniors.