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Richmond Hill Rams bounce back

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams must be wondering where their next coach is coming from these days.

At least this seemed to be the situation last week in the wake of coach Bob Wall's resignation. The Rams, who had already

lost Ken "Satch" Brookes earlier in the coaching season, didn't seem to be upset about it all Sunday night as they downed Newmarket Flyers 4-3 in Richmond Hill.

That was a key win for the Rams who are presently in a life and death struggle for that eighth and final playoff spot along with the Flyers and several other clubs.

"It wasn't exactly an artistic triumph," commented Rams' general manager Sil Steffan who was handling the coaching reins. "But I'll take two points at this stage of the game any way I can. They just kept hustling and plugging away and that wins you a lot of games."

Doug Webster coached the

Wexford and Guelph games.

Steffan was equally appreciative of the Rams' managing a 9-9 tie with league-leading Guelph last Friday night.

Shrugs Steffan. "When you get nine goals you should win most games. Then again, when you go into Guelph against the league leaders and come out with a tie you have to like that too."

HAPPY

It was a happier ending than Tuesday night of last week's 7-4 loss to Wexford.

Sunday night's encounter saw Rams' Eddie Gundert, converted to a forward position due to team injuries, come up shining with two goals. The others went to Danny Jones, his 12th of the season, and Bill Coville.

Gundert's final goal, which turned out to be the winner, came with the Rams leading 3-2 with a little over four minutes to go.

He took a fine lead-pass from Coville up centre, whistled in on net, and fired the puck home as he went by and slid into the end boards.

That was an important score as the Flyers kept pecking away and finally put one past Rick Warren in the Richmond Hill nets with only 14 seconds remaining. That final goal came with the Flyers' icing an extra man having removed their goalie.

The Rams got good mileage from Coville who came up with a goal and three assists in the game.

INJURIES

Injuries continued to plague the team with big Daryl Marchant having to leave the game in the first period. Steffan also cringed when goalie Warren (his other keeper, Dave Tetley is already on the injury list) was knocked over on a play; and later on it was Jones crashing into a goal post. "If we lose Warren," observed Steffan, "we're in real trouble."

SHOOTOUT

Friday night's shootout in Guelph was a seesaw affair most of the way with the Rams leading 9-8 with a little over a minute to go in the game when the hometown team tied it.

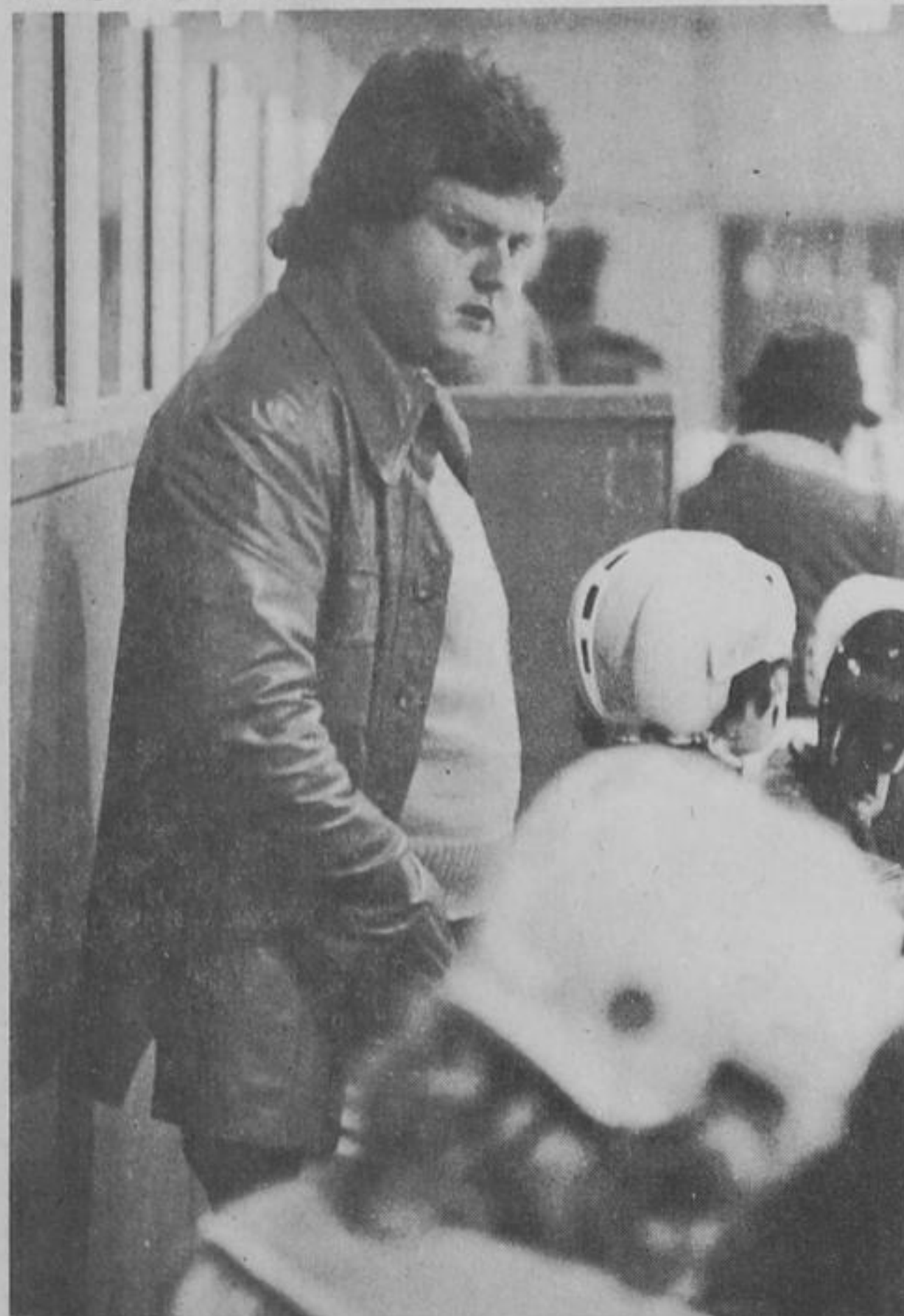
Colin Wood and Coville led the Richmond Hill offensive along

with Bob Elson as all three scored two goals apiece. Singles went to Marchant, Mike Walker, and Paul Gallagher.

Against Wexford it was Wood, Coville, Walker and Jones scoring.

This game saw the Rams leading 2-0 going into the second period only to fade as Wexford came back with two. The Rams' Walker made it 3-2 and then came the disastrous third period with the visitors rapping in five goals to Richmond Hill's one.

The Rams are in Newmarket tomorrow night (Thursday) for an 8 p.m. game. They are in Dixie Sunday and are back home to Aurora Tigers the following Tuesday for a 7:45 p.m. game.



Smile, Doug

The Rams' failing torch was tossed back to Doug Webster last week after Bob Walls surprise resignation. Doug, looking properly serious above, will handle the chores behind the bench the rest of the year along with general manager Sil Steffan.



Wexford Raiders' goalie Grant Baiden looks like he's trying to corral a snake here as he sinks to his knees during last week's game with the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams. The Raiders won 7-4 but the Rams went on to tie Guelph 9-9 and defeat Newmarket Flyers 4-3 Sunday night. (Photo by Hogg)

Step on it!

Jewellers stumbling again

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers came up flat in three Central Ontario Junior B hockey games losing two and tying one.

They lost 10-7 and 7-5 games to Milton and Orillia respectively last week and then had to settle

for a 6-6 tie Monday night with Orillia at Bond Lake Arena.

And the tie didn't come easy. There were just five seconds remaining in the game when Robin Searle, an affiliated player

from Don Mills, picked up a loose puck and fired it home with an assist from a new Don Mills recruit, Dave Barwise. Cam Reston also received an assist on the play.

It was a big night for both Searle and Barwise with the former scoring three goals and Barwise picking up three assists. They were replacing injured players.

The Jewellers seemed to have things well in command in the early going moving into a 3-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game.

It was Searle opening the scoring at 5:19 from Andy Howe and Barwise; Andrew Deamonzie making it 2-0 at 7:44

from Searle and Barwise; and Cam Reston putting one in from Karl Taylor and Darrin Ross.

The Jewellers relaxed after this and Orillia shot back with two goals before the period ended.

Oak Ridges continued to have trouble in the second with the visitors firing home four straight goals before Dynes' Searle could get things going with a power play goal at 15:34.

The Jewellers' Ross made it 6-5 at 15:53 from Reston and Deamonzie.

That's the way the scoring remained until the dying swan seconds of the final 20 minutes when Searle came through with his heroics.

Coach Pete Artemchuk would rather forget about the Milton debacle as his team never really got untracked as far as defensive hockey was concerned.

Cam Reston led the goalscorers with four goals with singles to Craig Halliday, Andy Howe and Larry Beelik. Darrin Ross picked up three assists.

Glen Wright, who was injured in Monday's game, picked up two goals for the Jewellers with singles to Len Hachborn, Earl Deamon and Reston.

The Jewellers play host to Acton tomorrow night (Thursday) at Bond Lake Arena for an 8 p.m. game. Thornhill is in town next Monday night for an 8 p.m. game.



fred simpson

June in January?

I should be given a purple heart or Cross of Lorraine medal or something for just showing up today. For the simple reason I have a nagging toothache.

I'm a coward when it comes to small aches and pains. I'd much prefer to rush out and take on the world in bloody, two-fisted combat than stay home and have a toothache.

A toothache reduces my manly dignity to tattered shreds. I break out into all kinds of whimpering, moans, groans, and try to find a dark corner to crawl into. Please, please make it go away.

It's starting to feel better already so I'd better get at what's left of January. January? Hey, it's almost over.

An even greater thought to celebrate these wintry days is the softball scene in Richmond Hill which will be undergoing some changes.

I'm referring, of course, to the senior and junior men's fastball league here.

It's just been announced that Dynes Jewellers, under Vern Dynes, will be sponsoring the Richmond Hill Junior Softball Club this season.

That's certainly good news for junior ball around here. Mainly because in the past few seasons the juniors have been lucky just to even get off the ground let alone be contenders for anything.

With a sponsor like Vern behind them, hopes are high the juniors will attract a lot of good ball players from the area.

Vern has quite an executive going for him with the juniors this season and will comprise such people as Mack Clement, Sid Moreland, Bill "Skip" DeGeer, Ross MacMillan, Herb Walton and Angus Phillip.

Most of the above names are known to local ball fans and especially that of Angus who, among other things, was connected with old Dynes Jeweller fastball teams for some 14 years.

NEW LEAGUE

What else can you say? The team will be playing in a new league (still being formed) called the South Central Junior League.

It does occur to me that it'll seem very strange in not having a Vern Dynes-sponsored major fastball men's team around after all these years.

CASEY

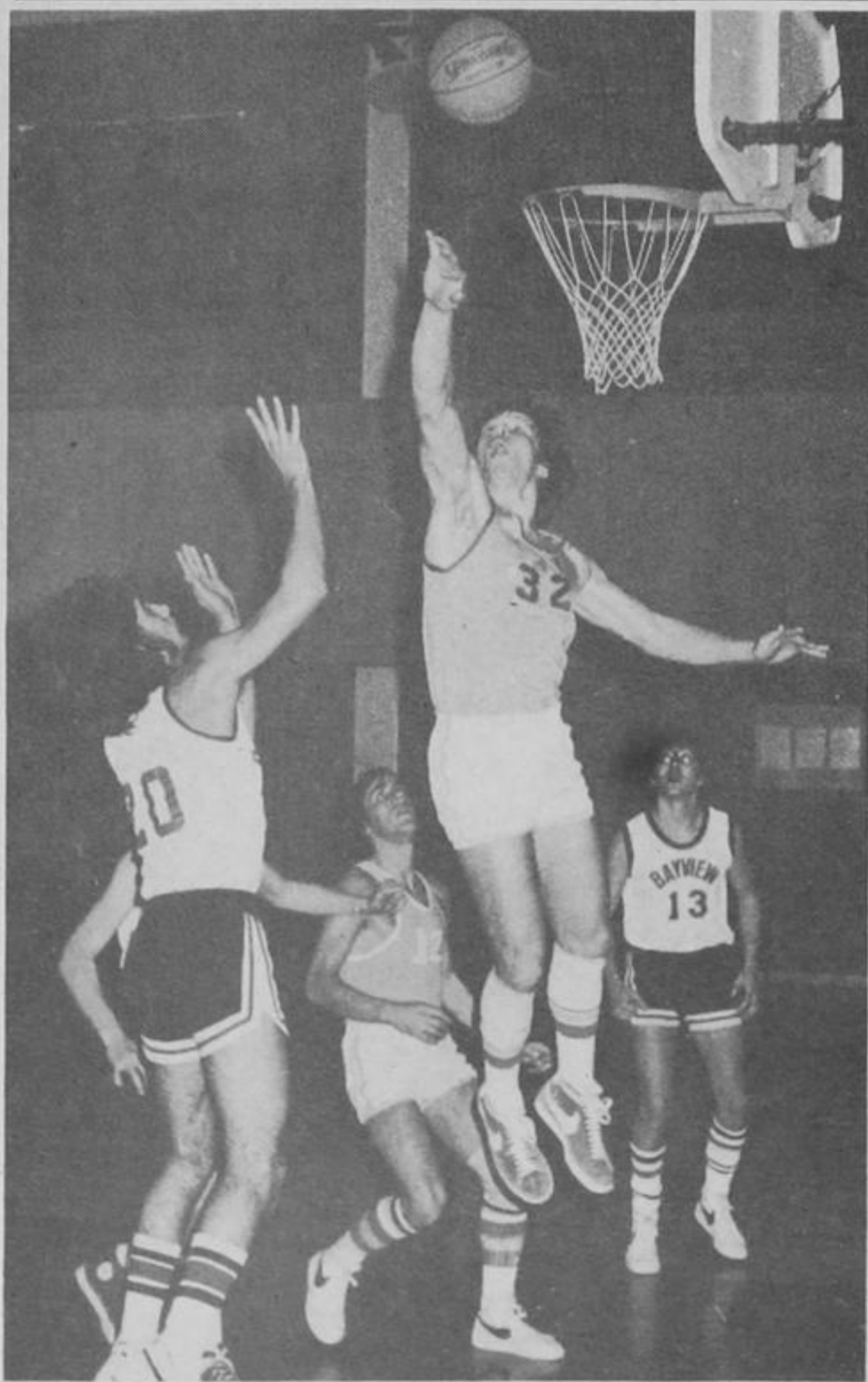
But don't get me wrong. There will be a men's fastball team going strong and with Russell "Casey" Cripps leading the charge.

But more on this later. Casey has a new sponsor and wants to do it all up big with a do set for next Monday at the Galaxy Restaurant and Tavern. Yeah, summer's in the air. Pass the Kleenexes.

Some short items here before I succumb to my ailments.

Someone informs me that the CFGM Bull Shooters will be playing the Canada Dry Winko's at Richmond Hill Arena next Sunday night from 8 to 9:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to ARC Industries of Richmond Hill. Sounds like a lot of fun for a great cause. Be there.

Tickets are available at Century 21, Black & Stewart Realty, CFGM Radio Station, Galaxy Tavern (Richmond Heights Plaza).



Jumping high

Heinz Losberg of Langstaff Secondary School Juniors jumps high in the air for a rebound in this game last week with their Bayview Secondary School counterparts. The undefeated Bayview team went on to win fairly handily. (Photo by Hogg).

Yippee!

Roman Bantams win Aurora cup

The Richmond Hill Roman Corporation Bantam A's fought back from a 2-0 deficit to beat Brampton 5-3 and win the Town of Aurora Consolation championship last weekend.

Goals by Duane Aubie and Jim Flett tied the score at 2-2 before the end of the first period with assists going to Al Evelyn, Carl Boyle, Barney Munro and Mark Joslin.

The Hill team got solid goaltending from Donny Fawcett along with strong defensive displays by his teammates.

Then it was Barry Munro putting the result beyond doubt scoring the fifth unanswered goal with assists to Dave Leuschener and Mark Joslin.

The Brampton side got one

more before the final whistle to make the score look a bit more respectable.

Richmond Hill's Mark Ellison won the most valuable player award.

LOSE OPENER

The Roman team lost the opening game 3-2 to Garson despite scoring two quick goals in the early going. They slacked off after that and allowed Garson to score three unanswered goals to send the Hill into the consolation series.

Roman's then blanked Thornhill 4-0 in somewhat easy fashion with goalie Donny Fawcett earning the shutout and Duane Aubie taking the most valuable player award.

Duane Aubie opened the scoring for Richmond Hill from

Mark Joslin. Then it was Mark Stevens from Barry Munro and Jim Flett; Flett unassisted and Mark Joslin from Jim Flett.

SHUTOUT

Richmond Hill went on to chalk up its second straight shutout with goalie Ron Laird blanking Pointe Claire 4-0. Laird won the most valuable player award in this one.

Scoring for the Roman Corporation came from the stick of Kenny Jensen from Mark Joslin; Duane Aubie from Mark Stevens; Kenny Jensen from Eddie Main and Al Evelyn; and Eddie Main from Jensen.

The Roman team, after recovering from the shock of their opening-game loss, played superb hockey earning shutouts in two out of the four games.

The team is coached by Tom Sanlon and Brendan Wood.