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Lake Wilcox, Roselawn are champs

It wasn't the "Challenge of the Century" tournament between Team NHL and Russia but there were plenty of dramatic moments at the annual Richmond Hill Public School hockey championships Saturday at the Mill Pond.

Overtime was the name of both games as the Grade Sixers at Oak Ridges Public School nipped their rivals from Crosby Avenue 3-2 in overtime and then Roselawn did the same thing to Crosby 3-2 in overtime in the Grade 8 division.

It was an especially exhilarating win for the Oak Ridges crew under coach Hugh Mitchell as they hadn't won the championship since 1973.

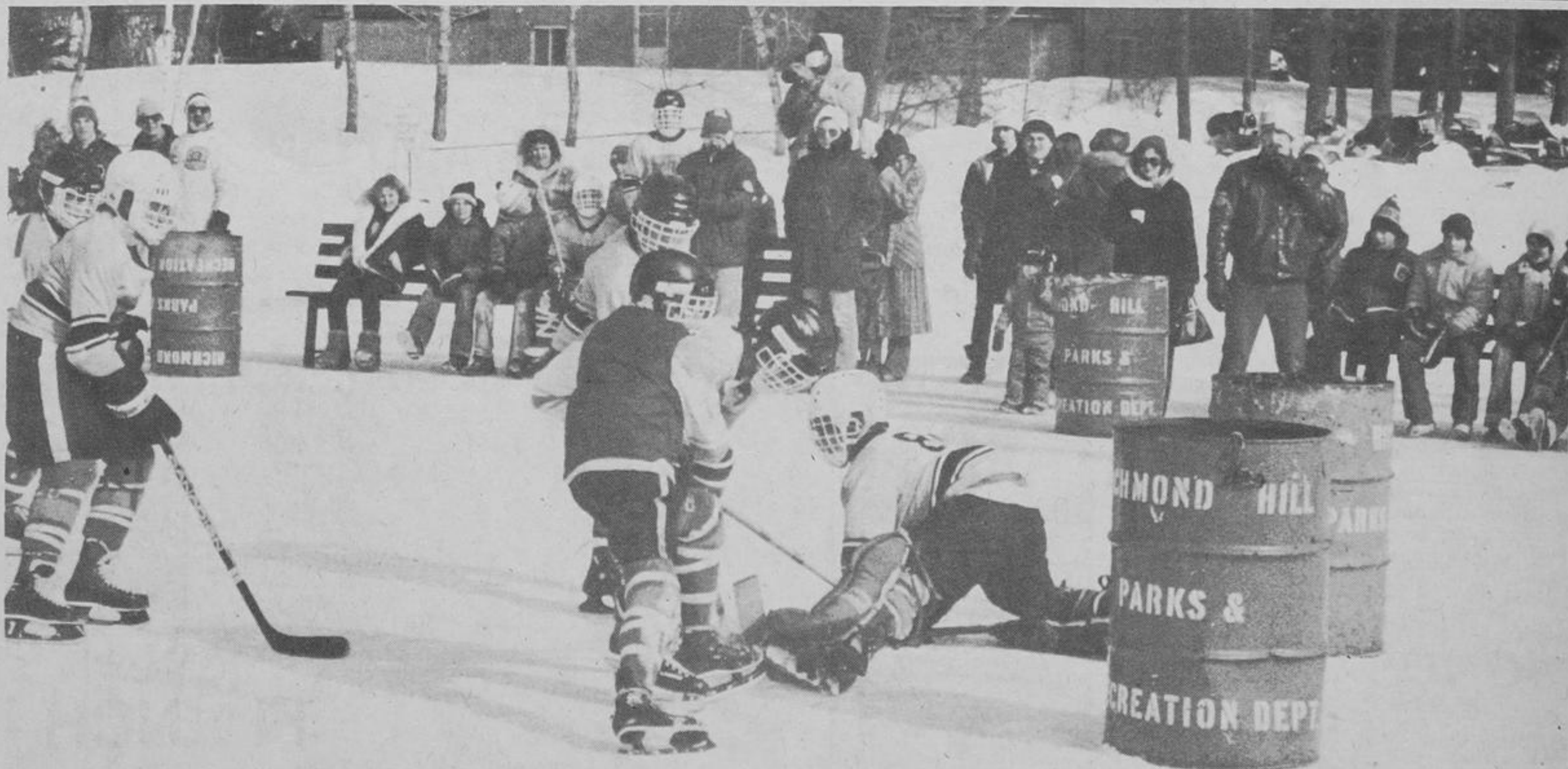
Peter Narduzzi led the trek in

this game with two big goals with Robert Monroe getting the other one. Paul Christiansen and Brian Winch scored for Crosby.

The Roselawn-Crosby battle was a thriller all the way as the Norm McLeod-coached Roselawn victors had to go into overtime to win the title for the third successive year.

Larry Thorsell was the hero in this one as he got the winner. Other goals went to David Nettleton and Adam Petterson. Scoring for Crosby was Tony Veitch from Roy Hayward; and Hayward from Veitch.

The games were limited to two periods of running time due to the excessively chilly weather.



Just like the old days on the pond here as Roselawn goalie Dave Bone sprawls to smother puck at Richmond Hill Public School hockey championships at the Mill Pond Saturday. Roselawn won the senior championship against Crosby and Oak Ridges took the junior championship against Crosby. Dig those goalposts. See B-3. (Photo by Hogg).

Wannamaker signs

The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett senior fastball team has announced the signing of top pitcher Paul Wannamaker for the 1979 Ontario Fastball League season.

Wannamaker, 28, was the brightest light of a somewhat humdrum season for the local senior entry in 1978.

The Oshawa product pitched

for a number of years with the Oshawa Tonys in the Ontario Fastball League and was on the team that represented the province in the Canadian finals a few months ago.

Manager Casey Cripps said he expected to "announce the signing of another top pitcher or two very shortly."

It's a save?

Playoff time for Dynes

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers have hung on to fourth spot in the Central Ontario Junior B hockey league and that has to be a bonus when they open their best-of-seven first round playoffs next Friday night in Milton.

"Finishing fourth gives us that extra home game," said coach Pete Artemchuk.

He might have added that it also provides a temporary reprieve from playing any of the top three Burlington, Oakville, or Streetsville powerhouses. The top four drew to decide their op-

ponents from the bottom four. "Milton finished in seventh place," acknowledged Artemchuk, "but that doesn't necessarily mean anything. It's a new season starting from now and Milton was coming on pretty good at the end."

SCHEDULE

The Jewellers are at home to Milton in Bond Lake Arena for the second game next Saturday night and again the following Monday night. All games start at 8 p.m.

The fourth game will be in

Milton February 23, the fifth (if necessary) at Oak Ridges February 24, the sixth at Milton February 25; the seventh at Oak Ridges, February 26.

The Jewellers, who have been hobbling with a long string of injuries, are as about as fit as they have been since the first game of the season.

"Let's face it," said Artemchuk, "we're stronger right now than at any time this season and that week's break has given us even more healing time."

Artemchuk figures he has a big plus going for him in the return of "Brent Dobson who missed most of the season" as well as the addition of newcomers Kevin Johnstone and Brian Risk "who can really play".

They'll play on a line with Dobson and they are expected to put the bite in the Jewellers' offensive.

"And statistics show we had the best penalty-killing duo on the league this season in the persons of Earl Deamon and Len Hach-

born," added Artemchuk. "That's another plus."

Artemchuk said he can ice "three solid lines and we're in pretty good shape on defence with John Murphy anchoring it."

YOUNG CLUB

"All in all I feel finishing fourth was quite a commendable accomplishment," he said, "when you consider this was a rebuilding year. Right now we have the youngest club in the league. We lost all our veterans with injuries at the beginning of the year."



fred simpson

A thankless tooth

It's been a cruel February. First of all I lose two teeth and then Team NHL loses its jock straps to Team Russia Sunday night. Where's the light at the end of the tunnel?

Will explain. All you hockey fans know that Team NHL lost that first "Challenge of the Century" series to Mother Russia two games to one losing that final mismatch by a chilling 6-0 score.

I don't have much to say about it because there isn't much to say. The Maple Leaf's Darryl Sittler summed it up succinctly after the game when he said:

"I'm looking forward to playing the Chicago Black Hawks tomorrow night. I'll get to touch the puck."

As for my teeth? A tragic loss. Probably one I'll never fully recover from. Had them pulled. The one tooth didn't bother me but the other was something else again.

It was a back molar, my favorite tooth. Can't begin to remember all the unwholesome foods that tooth has crushed for me over the years. From peanut brittle right on down the line. You name it. Parting's always sad.

THEY OPERATE

It's especially sad when you find out what it costs you. There was a time when dentists used to pull teeth. They don't anymore. They send you to "Dental Surgeons". They operate on your teeth.

Don't get me wrong. They're all nice fellows but so am I. I almost got another toothache when I found out losing two teeth cost me \$80. They could at least have thrown in a tour of the building.

I wouldn't have minded the \$80 so much if it had included a floor show or something. "What's the cover charge on the dentist's chair?" I asked the office girls lamely. At least the last time it cost me \$80 I got to watch a stripper. To add insult they didn't even return my teeth when I left.

Oh well, that's life in bitter February of 1979. Even the sports end is all topsy turvy.

Here we're about to start the hockey playoffs and I continue to prattle on about softball. Show me the door.

SOFTBALL

Here we go. The Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller-sponsored Junior fastball team will (of course?) be competing in the Beaches Major Fastball League this season. Confusing? Never mind.

Vern, who sponsored the local senior team in the league last year, is retaining his franchise in the league. The Jewellers will be competing against Bradford Queen's Hotel, Oshawa Ponderosas, The Sox, Streetsville, John Oliver, and Scarborough.

One more thing. New publicist for the team is Fred Simpson who assures me "all positions on the team are wide-open and will stay that way until players earn a berth at practices."

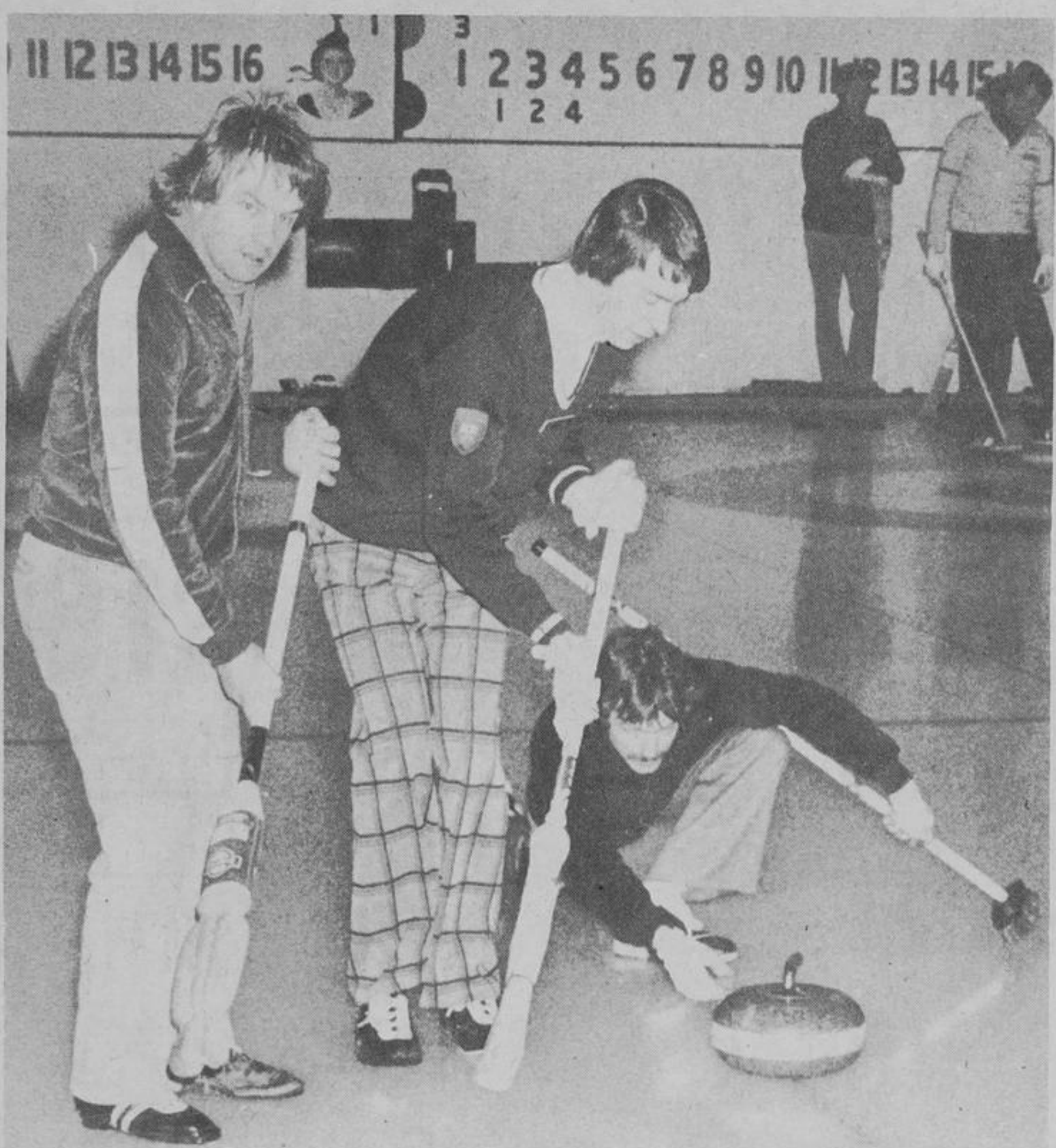
OOPS

Just one more item re Dynes. I've known new manger Jimmy Cairns for almost 90 years. So why did I last week spell his name as Jimmy Kearns? Blame it on February. It's Cairns until he loses his first game. Then.

SLO-PITCH

Yet another softball item. Registration for the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch softball league will be held February 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Richvale Community Centre. For anyone wanting to play. The fee is \$35 (that takes care of the umpire's fees for the year also). More on this later.

Ed Sackfield informs me that there will be a girls Ringette exhibition hockey game at the old Richmond Hill Arena March 17 at 5:30 p.m. Sounds interesting. Get down and see this rapidly exploding type of hockey.



Easy

A very serious moment here as the first annual Beaver Home Centre Bonspiel at Richmond Hill Curling as Kenny Bullock of Hamilton delivers his rock. Big winner was the Walt Hamilton rink of Richmond Hill. Second prize went to Jon Shaver of Richmond Hill. (Photo by Hogg).

Hill rink wins it all

The Walt Hamilton rink of Richmond Hill won top honors Saturday in the first annual Beaver Home Centre Bonspiel at Richmond Hill Curling Club.

A total of 24 teams from the Metro area competed for a thousand dollars worth of prizes.

Second prize went to another Richmond Hill rink skipped by Jon Shaver who is a recent arrival from Calgary. Don Bell's rink from Avenlea finished third while Joe Sargent of Annandale

was fourth.

High single game honors went to Ron Hickson of Leaside.

Wayne Hindmarch of Richmond Hill came first in the 11 a.m. draw with another local rink, Barry Wilson, second. John Pearson of St. George's was a very close third and Rick Wilson from Dixie was only a half point behind taking home fourth prize.

A major shuffle of the line-up enabled Richmond Hill Club President Orton Beaumont to win

the high singles game. Unable to win the first two he let his lead to Ron Hickson call the shot and they scored the maximum 21 points in the third game.

In their first year of sponsorship, Beaver Home Centre of Thornhill was represented by store manager Don Chalmers.

Richmond Hill Curling Club and curlers everywhere thank them for their participation.

Local tracksters beat own records

The local Tri-Town Track Club did not set any records or win any medals at last Saturday's Provincial Bantam and Midget championships but the athletes were enthused with their long list of "personal best" efforts.

High jump competitors Laurie Borgignon and Patti Murray both exceeded past heights when they cleared 1.50 meters to register in the top 10 of the 24 competition field.

Twelve-year-old Kelly Grams showed his inexperience in the 3,000 metre race when he miscounted his laps and sprinted to the lead with 400 metres to go.

Kelly's early sprint cost him a spot in the top three as he could not maintain this pace and finished 10th.

Without exception, the balance of the young team recorded personal bests at their events: Dryw Thompson in the long jump, Mark Dimpfell ran a 6.8 in the 50 metres as did Brian Beresford in the 3000 midget race.

Not to be outdone by their Midget teammates in the high jump, Bantams Eluiga Sedris and Melissa Barker reached 1:40 in the high jump.

Rams breathing their last gasp

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams have about as much chance of making the 1978-79 playoffs as someone playing Russian Roulette with a bullet in every chamber of his gun.

At least that seems to be the only possible conclusion after the hapless Rams continued their non-drive to get in the playoffs last week with losses to Royal York, 4-3, Guelph, 12-5, and Wexford 6-3.

"You might say our chances are very, very slim," observed Rams' general manager Sil Steffan. The Rams (as of writing) are four points out of eighth spot with two games remaining. Their only hope is they win the final two games and Aurora Tigers or Wexford completely collapse. Unlikely.

The Rams' best effort of the week came Tuesday night of last week at home against Royal York.

GOOD EFFORT

"I thought the guys came up with an excellent effort," said Steffan. "We just couldn't come up with the goals in the final period."

That game saw the Rams trailing four goals to two going into the final 20 minutes with team leading scorer Paul Gallagher notching his 35th goal of the season to make it 4-3, the way it ended.

RECORD

Gallagher, incidentally, continues to be the one bright scoring part on the Rams' dismal season with 36 goals and 60 assists for 96 points, only three away from the team's all-time scoring record.

The other goals went to Bill Hanlon and Daryl Marchant.

As for the other games? Forget it.

"We were shorthanded in both of the games and just ran out of steam in both cases," said Steffan. "They just blew us out of the rink."

The score was 5-2 at the end of the first period and 9-3 going into the third with the home team firing in three more goals to Richmond Hill's two.

Richmond Hill scorers were Bill Coville, Hanlon, Marchant, Gallagher and Danny Jones.

WEXFORD WINS

A definitely "must" game was the one against playoff rival Wexford Raiders Saturday night in Wexford and again a similar pattern took place for the Rams.

They led 2-1 at the end of the first period and went into the final 20 minutes tied 3-3.

"Then we just started to lose our concentration," said Steffan "and do some stupid things and it cost us three goals and the game."

Rams' goalscorers in this game were Ken Elson from Coville and Jones; Marchant from Greg Walton and Elson; and Coville from Jones and Elson.

Steffan, for obvious reasons, preferred to dwell on next season. "We'll only be losing Jones next season as far as age is concerned," said Steffan. "Most of the others will be eligible to come back. So that's a start."

In the meanwhile, the Rams close out their regular schedule against Hamilton in Hamilton tomorrow night (Thursday).