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# It's 'do or die' for Jewellers

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller Junior B's lived to fight at least another day Monday night when they powered their way to a 7-4 win over the Oakville Blades Monday night at Bond Lake Arena.

That other day took place last night (Tuesday) at Oakville in

the seventh and final game. Results were not available at press time.

The Jewellers went into Monday night's game trailing the Blades 3-2 after consecutive 5-3 and 4-2 losses last week.

Supplying most of the fire power in the last encounter was

Glen Wright who hit for four goals while right behind was Captain Cam Reston who scored two in celebration of his return to the line-up after a bout of the flu.

**KEY PLAYER**

The re-emergence of Reston was probably the key factor in the sudden surge of the Jewellers as he seemed to provide the much-needed leadership lacking in the past two games.

"No doubt about it," said coach Pete Artemchuk, "the return of Reston meant a lot to us. He gave us that lift we needed despite the fact he's still not up to par."

Whatever the reason, the Jewellers came out with plenty of zip in the first period led by that line of Wright, Reston and Karl Taylor.

**POWER PLAY**

Wright opened the scoring on a power play goal at 8:28 and Andre Damonze made it 2-0 at 19:06 from Brent Dobson.

Oakville got one back at the start of the second but the Jewellers tallied twice from Wright and Reston.

Then came the Jewellers regular game 'sags' as the Blades struck for two quick goals

to make it 4-3 going into the final 20 minutes.

The Jewellers regrouped for the final 20 minutes and sewed the game up on two goals by Wright and defenceman John Murphy's shorthanded chiller at 18:07.

The Blades managed one more goal courtesy of Shane Payette but the damage was done. They removed their goalie for the final two minutes but it was the Jewellers who were pressing at the buzzer.

Artemchuk commented on the "good games of Taylor, Wright

and Murphy who were outstanding. I also thought goalie Steve Latimer has been very impressive in the series to date and we needed that."

**LOSE 5-3**

Last Friday's loss in Oakville saw the Blades wipe out a 1-0 Dynes lead in the second period on three fast goals, two by Frank Carnevale and one by Kevin Adams. That finished the Jewellers.

Penalty killing expert Len Hachborn got one of the Jewellers goals with the others going to Dobson and Taylor.

It was much the same story last Thursday in Oak Ridges as a shorthanded first period goal by Oakville's Mike McElroy set the Jewellers back on their heels and they never really recovered.

Oakville led 3-1 going into the third period and wrapped the game up with one more with Dynes Kevin Johnstone managing to also get one.

If the Jewellers won last night (Tuesday), they open their best of seven championship series with Streetsville Friday night in Streetsville and are back home Monday night for an 8 p.m. game.



**fred simpson**

## Why not me?

My week got off to a delightful start Monday morning when someone rushed out of a store to congratulate me on winning the 50-50 draw and \$1,900 at Saturday night's benefit hockey game for the Richmond Hill Rams.

I thanked the person, stooped down to pick up the dime that had slipped through a hole in my pocket, then informed her she had the wrong guy.

It seems the real winner was a local fellow by the name of Dave Simpson. At least I had the right last-name series. She pulled a hurried retreat.

The entire episode rather amused me. Only thing I've won in the last 20 years is \$5 on an office hockey pool back in the Winter of '69.

My luck isn't bad, it isn't even there. Just the other day I spotted a quarter lying on the ground and was afraid to pick it up. With my luck it was probably booby-trapped.

**UGGH**

Even the Globe and Mail has it in for me. For years I've been slipping a dime and a nickel into their honor box and pulling out a paper. Now that they've raised the price to 20 cents I usually only have quarters on me.

After five days of paying 25 cents for a 20-cent paper I decided to just insert 15 cents which seemed fair to me. Didn't have the nerve. With my luck a big hand would reach out and some judge would send me to jail for 30 days as an example.

Dearie me, where am I? Oh yes, that was a very enjoyable evening at the arena the other night. What a crowd. Upwards of a thousand or more people.

**LOT OF PEOPLE**

I haven't seen that much human flesh at a Rams game for years. It was a lovely sight to behold and, hopefully, most of those people will return to see the Rams next season.

You can read the details elsewhere but suffice to say Rams' general manager Sil Steffan and all concerned were ecstatic.

"You can tell everyone that it means we'll definitely have a team next season," said Sil. Amen.

**HI, AL**

Speaking of luck, or the lack of it, I heard a story about old buddy Al Binnington the other night at the Richmond Hill Legion.

Al, in case you don't know, is a budding lawyer (formerly of Richmond Hill) who lives out of Holland Landing. And he's always the life of a party. Especially when he leaves.

He loves to make grand entrances at little social gatherings and there's nothing wrong with that. Except, I hear, he got carried away recently.

A few people were sitting around the nice bar he has in his recreation room downstairs waiting for Al to arrive. He was outside taking a run on his snowmobile. Suddenly there was a dull, sickening thud (as they say) and Al and his machine materialized through the door and ended up a shot glass away from the bar.

Somewhat shaken Al stepped out of his machine, belted up to the bar, and said: "Uh, sorry I'm late." What a sense of humor.

I'll admit I may be wrong on some of the details. But he did crash through the door on a snowmobile. Just ask his wife. I did.

**BOWLERS**

Speaking of the Legion. A team of bowlers from there will be heading up to Sudbury Pro Bowl April 7 to do battle in the name of District E which they won against all comers.

Members are Tim Saul, Earl Freeland, Tom McRae, Bill Harris, Jamie Davison and Jack Hill. Good luck. You'll need it in Sudbury.

**MONTE CARLO**

Finally, the Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller Junior Fastball team is holding a Monte Carlo Night March 30 at the Lions Hall. The fun and games start at 8 p.m. and run through to 1 a.m.

Idea is to raise funds for the ball club. Be there. Oh yes, an auction will be held.

And publicity man Fred Simpkin adds that turnouts for the Jewellers' practices have been excellent. Next workout at Richvale Community Centre is March 27 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Junior aspirants are welcome.



What's in a name? Simply \$1,900 if your name is Dave Simpson instead of Fred Simpson. The guy above is Dave. (Photo by Hogg).



**He misses**

Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller goalie Steve Latimer moves too late here as Oakville's Frank Carnevale (9) whips the puck home in last Thursday's playoff game at Bond Lake Arena.

# Big tourney here again

Thirty-two teams from Canada and the United States will be taking to the ice next week as the 12th annual Richmond Hill International Midget Hockey Tournament gets underway.

Included in the line-up of all star teams will be the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets who were an iffy proposition until their elimination Monday night at the hands of Owen Sound.

Ontario Minor Hockey regulations forbid a team in the provincial playoffs from competing in tournament play which now means Owen Sound, originally entered, will be replaced by Burlington.

The two-game double knockout kicks off Monday morning at 9 a.m. with Don Mills taking on the Thornhill Tudor Glen squad.

**SCHEDULE**

Other games see Niagara Falls vs. Brampton at 10:30, St. Catharines at Peterboro at noon; Detroit Northwest at Oakville, 1:30 p.m.; North York and Brantford at 3 p.m.; and Barrie at St. Clair Shores at 4:30 p.m.

The local Legion midgets will take to the ice against Fraser, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m. following official opening ceremonies which will be highlighted by the

presence of the Legion Color Guard and other officiating dignitaries. The final game will go at 9 p.m. between Owen Sound and Welland.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 'B' championship games will be held Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m., followed by the 'A' championship at 8:30 p.m. Sunday's grand championship game will go at 2 p.m. All games will be held at Richmond Hill Arena.

One of the highlights of this year's tournament will be the presentation of Bulova watches to all members of the grand

championship team. Cooper Guard and other officiating dignitaries. The final game will go at 9 p.m. between Owen Sound and Welland.

The tournament is operated by Minor Athletic Tournaments Incorporated, a non-profit organization, in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Legion.

Players resident outside a 90-mile radius of Richmond Hill will be billeted with local families. The Legion will supply free meals and local transportation throughout the week.

East Ottawa won the grand championship in 1978.

# Form new soccer club

Minor soccer clubs in Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Unionville will join forces this season to form all star teams to compete in the Metro Youth league.

That's the word from Rob Kernohan who has just been named president of the new York Royals Club. Kernohan, now of Unionville, was the founding

president of the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club.

"All the clubs in the Region of York," said Kernohan, "have a few boys in each age category whose ability and talent are considerably better than average."

"Past experience clearly demonstrates that their ability to improve is contingent on the

level of competition they experience."

Kernohan said a problem in the past has been that none of the existing Town Clubs in the Region of York "is numerically strong enough to be truly competitive with the large Metro clubs. Consequently our better players generally leave the Region to play in Metro."

The York Royals Club will be designed to "encourage them to stay in the locality and to provide the opportunity for our boys to develop skills that will attract provincial team selectors, university and professional scouts."

Coaches for the teams will also be the best available.

# Legion hosts curlers

The Richmond Hill Legion Branch 375 will be sponsoring the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Senior Curling Championships tomorrow (Thursday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Scene of action will be the Richmond Hill Curling Club with registration and hospitality kicking off Thursday afternoon from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Legion.

The competition will start at 8 a.m. Friday with official opening ceremonies following at 11:30 a.m.

Legion branches will be represented by winning rinks from Sarnia, Georgetown, Galt, Toronto, Barrie (who won the local E Zone championships), Peterborough, Ottawa, North Bay and Timmins.

The Legion pipers will parade the curlers into the local rink as part of Friday's opening ceremonies.

Branch 375 president Harry Copps told The Liberal that "our branch members and executive take pleasure in hosting this tournament for Branch 356 Sutton West. The best of luck to all curlers and we hope you have a memorable visit to Richmond Hill."

A Branch 375 banquet and dance will be held Saturday at

7:30 p.m. with presentation of trophies and prizes Sunday in the Legion Hall when the new provincial champions are chosen.

Competing rinks and their skips are: Branch 62, Sarnia, James McDonald; 120, Georgetown, Harvey Chappel; 121, Galt, George Heggie; 210, Col. Straight, Toronto, Ed Little; 147, Barrie, Edgar Clark; 52, Peterboro, Monty Kemp; 35, Ottawa, Stewart; 23, North Bay,

Rudy Steski; 88, Timmins, John Edgell.

Legion Committee in charge of the tournament:

Curling Chairman, Harry Copps; Bayne Collins, Draw Master; Earl Freeland, Official Referee; Cliff Dunbar, Registration; Bill Robson, Hospitality; Pat DiPaulo, Billleting Chairman; Paul Black, Souvenir Kits; Bob Price, Publicity; George Sullivan, Jack Monnets, Transportation.

# Good turnout

The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett fastball team held its initial workouts last Saturday with 13 potential members turning out at Don Head Secondary School.

"I was pleased with the turnout," said Niblett Manager Russell "Casey" Cripps. "We've got some good ballplayers although we haven't signed all of them yet."

Another practice will be held tomorrow night (Thursday) at Sheridan College at Highway 27 and Steeles Avenue. Time is from 9 to 11 p.m. and all

senior A calibre ball players are welcome.

A plus for Niblett fans this season will be a chance to win a 1979 Chevette courtesy of Wilson Niblett Motors Ltd., of Richmond Hill.

Tickets are being sold at \$10 each and will also entitle the purchaser to free admission to two Ontario Fastball League Niblett softball games. The draw will be held June 26.

Also with the team in coaching capacities this year will be John Ross and Mickey Hancock with Stan Thornington also helping out.

The new league will start at the Mosquito age with boys below that group continuing to play at their local club level.

Richmond Hill Soccer Club President Jane Stel, also a director with the new club, said: "Boys accepted will have to be a very special breed of soccer player, highly skilled and deeply dedicated."

Team members will be travelling throughout the summer to places like Oshawa and Oakville for regular league play. During the winter they have devoted a great deal of time to indoor training.

States Stel: "This is definitely not a club for boys who regard soccer as something to occupy their time between the hockey season and a month at the cottage in the summer."

**PHONE**

Any boys wishing to try out for the York Royals may phone Kernohan at 297-1094 Unionville, or Alfonds Rubbens at 888-1711 or Bob Small in Aurora at 727-3233.

Players in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Richmond Hill and Thornhill can register for tryouts through their local clubs.

Sponsors for the teams are urgently required and interested parties can get information from Kernohan or other Club executives.

Vice president of the new club and treasurer is Bob Small, Aurora; Secretary, Rubbens, Newmarket. Directors are Jane Stel and Ben De Boer, president of the Thornhill Minor Soccer Club. Coach advisor is Gord Barry, National Coach.

# Rams do it!

One thing was definitely established Saturday night when 1,000 or more spectators showed up for the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams' benefit hockey game.

There will be a Rams' team next season.

That's the word from Rams' general manager Sil Steffan in the wake of the big night which saw his squad outlast an all star team from the Richmond Hill Town League 8-5 in an enjoyable evening of hockey.

"I'm just elated by the whole thing," said Steffan. "It proves to me that people are interested in having the Rams around next year."

**ALL ALONE**

"There were times this season," he admitted, "when I got the feeling we were all alone, that no one cared. It's nice to be proven wrong and it simply means that we're definitely going to be back next year."

Steffan estimated the night's receipts, at between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

And those in attendance got their money's worth — especially Dave Simpson of 298 Markham Road, Richmond Hill who won the 50-50 prize money of \$1,902.50 as the all-stars made the evening interesting for the Rams.

In the final analysis it was just too much youth and speed for the all-stars to cope with as the Rams led 3-1 at the end of the first and 7-4 going into the third.

Big gun for the winners was Bill Hanlon with four goals and Bill Coville with two and singles to Wayne Carlton and Paul Gallagher.

**BERSETH STAR**

Dave Berseth led the all stars with two goals and was named his team's most valuable player. Bill Coville, incidentally, won the same award for his team.

Other all star marksmen were Errol Hook, Rod Chapman, and Bill Tomlin.

Just notes: Manager Steffan told The Liberal he was remiss in not naming in the program two team sweater sponsors. They were Lion's Delivery and Pat Deciantis Construction.

"It was a bad oversight," said Steffan, "and I hope I can make amends to these people this way."

The large crowd was also treated to a sparkling between period display by the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club's "Dragon" team who will also be appearing at this year's Sportsmen's Show. A great show by the attractive young ladies.

Another happening saw watches presented to the players, referee and linesmen courtesy of Timex.

Finally, wait till next year.



**SIL STEFFAN  
 ... he's happy**