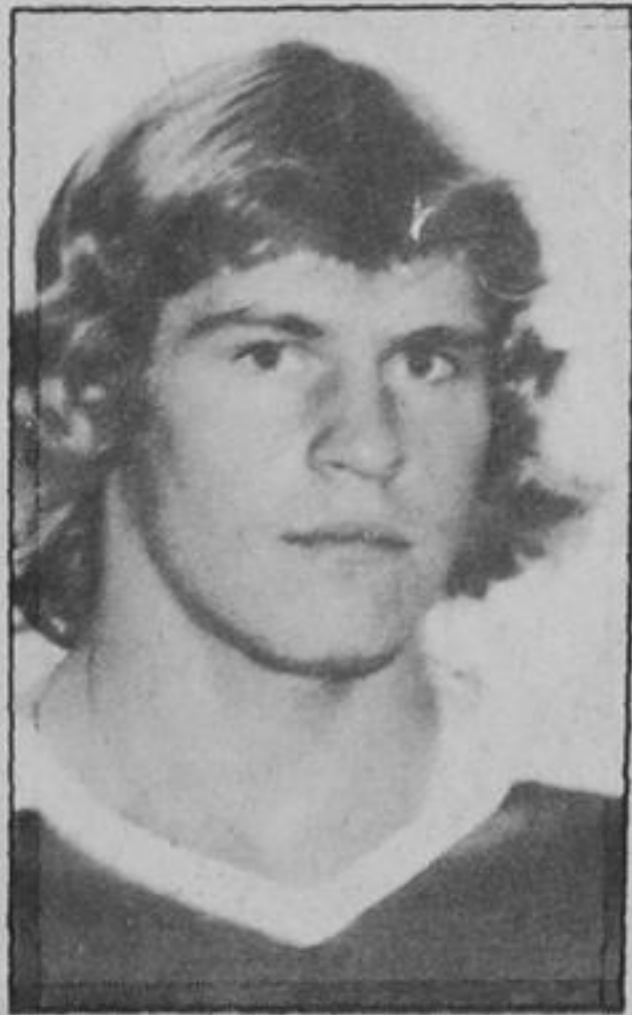


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DAN LANE
 With Canadiens

Canadiens sign Hill teenager

A few years ago 19-year-old Dan Lane of Richmond Hill might not have been so happy at the prospects of becoming a Montreal Canadian hockey player. "It looked like a pretty impossible task to ever break into the Canadiens' line-up then," Lane was saying from his parents' home at 309 South Taylor Mills the other day. He's changed his mind and for a good reason. The Canadiens approached him with a "pretty good deal" and Lane, who has played the past two seasons with the Oshawa Generals of the Major A Junior

loop, signed up for a three-year stint. "The Winnipeg Jets had approached me earlier," Lane said, "and I was considering that offer when the Montreal one dropped on me. My agent and I figured it was hard to beat the money and we signed."

HE'S BIG

Lane, at 6'2" and 192 pounds, is coming off a good season with the Generals having scored

something like 35 goals and 37 assists for the season as well as having logged 163 minutes in the penalty box.

"I'll be going to the Montreal camp September 16th," Lane said, "and I figure I've got a good chance of sticking. They've gotten rid of some rightwingers lately which gives me a shot at it. 'I'm going there to win a spot,' he said. "That's the only way to

look at it."

GOOD TIMING

Lane figures he might be arriving on the Canadiens' scene at an opportune time what with some chinks showing up in the Stanley Cup champions' armor. Lane, besides having a robust build, is a fast skater, has a good shot, and likes to muck it up in the corners. In any case, Lane figures he

can't go wrong in signing with the Canadiens.

BEST DEAL

"My agent and I figured it was the best deal for me and I've wanted to play in the NHL since I was a youngster. Like most youngsters, I guess." Lane, who came up through the Toronto Marlies' change, moved to the Hill with his parents three years ago. Prior to moving up to Oshawa he played for a couple of

seasons with the Markham Waxers of the Provincial A league.

And if he doesn't make it with the Canadiens in his first shot he has the option of coming back to Oshawa.

But he's not thinking too much about that.

He wants to make the Canadiens as a right winger. Right now.

Kinnear Leasing leads finals

Kinnear Leasing continued its surprising resurgence by clipping Barrow's Insurance 2-1 in the first game of the best-of-five Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League finals last week.

Next game in the series goes tomorrow (Thursday) at the Town Park with the third game next Monday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

Barrow's drew first blood in the third as Dale Crouter hit into a fielder's choice to reach base. Steve Whitaker followed with a

walk. Both advanced on a passed ball, and Crouter scooted home as Paul Hunter, presumably accidentally, bunted the ball about 10 feet in front of the plate.

The ball was fielded by catcher Mike Thompson, who failed to make a play to either first base or to the plate. Jim Anderson, in the sixth, knotted the count as he scored on an over-throw at third base.

WINNER

The winner came as Thompson singled, advanced on a sacrifice

by Dave Berseth, and a passed ball, and scored on a base hit off the bat of Steve Woods.

Dave Webster went the route on the rubber for Kinnear. Luke Lefevre, in relief of starter Billy Hamilton, takes the loss.

Barrow's won a slot in the final round with a 5-3 victory over a tough, valiant Richmond Hill Auto Body club.

For Barrows it was Paul Hunter banging in Grant Rose, Steve Whitaker was forced in as Roger Ball drew a walk. Doug

Bell scored as Dale Crouter smashed a hit off of the second baseman's glove. Whitaker drove in Crouter on a hit and an error.

The Hillers got on the scoreboard in the sixth as Glen Polhamus knocked in Val Stefan, and Ken Faulkner singled in Polhamus. In a last inning rally, Rob Forget got a life on an error and Stefan singled him in.

On the rubber it was Luke Lefevre out-duelling rookie sensation Gary Wilkinson.

A one game, winner take all consolation contest, between Jack Blyth Real Estate and Linear Sound & Video, is set to go tonight at Crosby Park, time 8 pm.

HISTORY

Historical Notes: Paul Hunter, now of Barrow's, joined the league with St. Mathew's United Church, now the R.H. Auto team, in 1962. In the same year Dennis Loughhead, of Kinnear, played with the Emmanuel Anglican Church of Richvale, which now is Kinnear Leasing. Dennis was 14 years old. Gord Wright, of Barrow's, at the tender age of 13, was an active member of the R.H. Presbyterian Church team, also, in 1962.

Clay Chapman, of Town Auto Body, signed up with Pinecrest Speedway a year or so later. This club won the championship in 1965 and 66.

Best Way champions

Best Way Stone had all the answers on the weekend as they galloped away with the 'A' championship in the Richmond Hill Ladies Recreation Softball League.

Best Way took a 10-8 lead in the sixth and held on to win the contest. Best Way bashed out 11 hits while Galaxy was managing 14 hits.

'B' champion honors went to Twin Hills Ceramics.

Best Way Stone started its march to the championship by finally overcoming Sussex Carpeting in the semi-finals taking the last game 17-10.

Vicki Berseth was two for two for Best Way while Carol Cressley scored two runs on a hit and an error. Lesley Wood had one run on a hit and error in two trips to bat.

Joan Hayman led Galaxy with three for three while Pat Armstrong went two for two. Anne Tibble scored two runs on a hit and a walk.

B SERIES

The 'B' series saw Twin Hill Ceramics getting a bye while Rice's was eliminating Superior Propane 12-6.

Pam Cooke was the big gun in the win going three for three while Linda Hull scored one run and Sue Powell two.

That final game between Rice's and Twin Hills saw the latter team leading 16-10 at the end of the fifth inning.

The roof fell in on Rice's after that (the team was missing its two pitchers due to vacations along with two other players) with Twin Hills scoring 15 runs in the sixth inning on six hits, two errors and 10 walks to win going away 31-18.

The victors got their 31 runs on 16 hits and 23 walks. Cheryl Bailie led the way with a grand slammer while Judy Murphy followed with a three-run homer. Linda Ryan also hit a grand slammer while Allison Weagle hit a home run. Wendy Ross hit two homers in a losing cause while Cindy Rice scored twice on four hits in five trips to the plate.

Enroute to the finals Best Way crunched out 19 hits off Carpeting pitching with Tracy Francis coming up with a perfect three for three at-bat while Vicki Hill and Jean Bolin had two runs on two hits and a walk in three trips to the plate. Carol Chapman and Bev MacDonald each scored twice on two hits.

Sussex batters managed 14 hits with Mary Anne Ritchie getting two runs on two hits and two walks in four trips to the plate. Nancy Chubley also scored twice on a hit and two walks while Barb Poole got two runs on two hits in four trips to the plate.

BEAT GALAXY

Best Way then tackled the strong Galaxy Restaurant crew in the final game and it was a thriller all the way before Best Way took it 10-8.

The winners jumped into an early 3-0 lead in the first inning only to have Galaxy come back with four runs in the top of the third to take the lead.

Best Way regained the lead in the fourth inning on two runs but Galaxy was back in the fifth with four more to lead once again. Best Way fought back with three to tie the score at 8-8 going into the sixth inning.



Blind spot?

Rumble's Angie Leonard had a little trouble seeing the ball but she connected here in T-Ball game against Baymar Sports last week in Richmond Hill Minor Ball playoffs. Baymar won the championship by 29-28. See B-3. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Rams win one, lose 2

It didn't count for any points but the 1979-80 edition of the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams

chalked up their first win of the season on the weekend in that winter pastime called hockey.

The other side of the coin saw them losing two.

Richmond Hill opened its pre-season exhibition string Tuesday night of last week losing 5-3 to the North York Rangers. They went on to defeat Markham Waxers 6-4 Friday night at home before losing 8-7 to the Rangers Saturday night at the local arena.

Rams' Manager Sil Steffan and assistant Ray Floyd are still operating with a lot of bodies around — about 30 as of writing — so it's difficult to see the woods for the trees.

"It's way too early to get any solid line on the team," states Steffan. "But I'm reasonably

sure we have a lot of potential on the team. We'll be competitive."

PLAY FRIDAY

The Rams will get a further opportunity to test the exhibition waters next Friday night when they host Dixie Bees for an 8 p.m. game.

Power play goals, no fewer than five of them, killed the Rams in their opening 5-3 loss to the Rangers.

"We had an army of people out there," said Steffan, "which meant we lacked cohesiveness on the offence but I thought we did all right."

Reimer Pleschberger was a standout particularly in the hitting department and he also scored one of the goals. Blair McArthur, a King City product, got one of the other goals.

Hockey Dynes

Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers job than some of the newcomers," Artemchuk conceded after two pre-season exhibition games which saw his team defeating Etobicoke Selects 7-2 and losing 10-4 to the North York Flames, both of the Metro B loop.

The Jewellers open their season at home September 24 in an 8 p.m. game against Orillia.

Dynes tourney

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers Juniors failed in their bid to catch a berth in the Beaches Majors Fastball League this season.

They finished four points behind Fred's Sports for that final playoff position.

In exhibition play at the Town Park Thursday night the Jewellers defeated Kinnear Leasing of the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League 5-1 behind the two-hit pitching of Glen Moreland and Blair McBratney.

Moreland went the first eight innings with McBratney finishing out the game. Dynes managed eight hits off Dave and Doug Webster and walked twice.

Phil Wood led off the scoring in the bottom of the second inning stroking a triple and then scoring on a sizzling grounder by Kevin Mathews which was misplayed by the first baseman.

In the top of the third inning Kinnear tied it on a walk to pitcher Doug Webster and a double by third baseman Gord Woolnough.

Dynes came back in their half of the inning to go ahead to stay with two runs of their own. Shortstop Paul Philip started things off with a single and Steve Madden was safe on an error.

One run scored on a ground out by catcher Doug Lewis and the second run resulted from a ground out by third baseman Ben Bourget.

Dynes locked the game up in the sixth inning scoring another pair of runs on a double by Woods and singles by Glen Moreland, Madden and Phillip.

TOURNAMENT

The coming weekend will be the scene of the Richmond Hill Invitational Tournament organized by Dynes Jewellers in conjunction with the Roman Corporation.

This will be a 12-team tournament with three teams from Richmond Hill in the competition.

All games will be either at the Town Park or Crosby Park starting at 7 p.m. Friday night the preliminaries taking place all

day Saturday and the finals Sunday at 1 p.m.

The finals will be a round robin among the three division winners.

Opening games Friday night will see Malton Merchants playing K & L Sports at the Town Park at 7 p.m. while at Crosby it will be the Whalers against Brampton.

DYNES PLAY

The 9 p.m. game at the Town Park pits Dynes Jewellers against the King City Raiders and at Crosby it will be Town Auto Body against Kinnear Leasing.

MONTE CARLO

Another date to remember is September 21.

There will be a Monte Carlo night at the Lions Hall starting at 8 p.m. with games of chance and door prizes.

Tickets will be \$4 which includes roast beef on a bun and coffee. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Dynes ball team or at the doors.

And you can be sure his returning players haven't either. That's if some of them return. "Our veterans are less sure of a