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Kinnear Leasing new champions

It was almost an afterthought last Tuesday night when the Kinnear Leasing squad blitzed Barrow's Insurance 7-0 to win the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League championship in three straight games.

They really won it when they sneaked into the fourth and last playoff spot a few weeks ago.

Kinnear was literally unbeatable after that sweeping by defending champion Town Auto Body in two straight before meeting Barrow's.

HEAVY
 Pitcher Dave Webster threw his weight around both on the mound and at bat in that wind-up formality spinning a seven-hitter and also thumping a three-run

homer in the third inning that put the game really out of sight. It gave the winners a 5-0 lead.

Webster also walked only one batter in his nine-inning stint while striking out seven. It was his second shutout of the playoffs.

Losing pitcher Al Underhill went five innings giving up five runs on seven hits. He struck out four batters. Bill Hamilton finished up surrendering the final two runs and four hits.

ALL OVER

It was all over in the second inning as the first Kinnear run crossed the plate as Dave Berseth walked, went to second on a passed ball and scored on 'rookie' Bob Viverette's single.

Then came the big third inning

as Gordie Woolnough singled and Bob Smith was safe on an error. Catcher Mike Thompson then doubled Woolnough home to set the scene for Webster's blast.

Kinnear scored its final two runs in the seventh inning as Thompson and Berseth singled and Webster brought Thompson home with a single. Steve Wood then singled in Berseth.

GOOD RECORD
 Kinnear Manager George

Clark agreed that his club had most of its problems during the regular league just sneaking into the playoffs but also felt that "it just seemed we had a shaky season".

He pointed out that "whenever we came off a tournament win we'd lose our first game in the regular league. I guess it was a sort of letdown."

A check of the Kinnear season-long record bears him out.

The team, with Berseth and Webster taking turns on the mound, played a total of 74 games, winning 54, losing 16, and tying four.

They competed in seven tournaments winning three of them and going into the finals in two of them.

SPARK PLUGS
 Sparkplugs of the team offensively during the season and playoffs were third baseman

Gordie Woolnough (who was also a standout defensively) and catcher Mike Thompson. They hit .331 and .328 respectively.

Coaches on the team were Al Webster and Wes Berseth.

Team members are Dave Webster, Dave Berseth, Tom Hughes, Bobby Howard, Wayne Ellison, Bobby Mills, Larry Kimble, Dave Mullen, Clyde

Dimmell, Gord Woolnough, Bob Viverette, Dennis Lougheed, Bob Smith, Steve Wood, Mike Thompson and Jim Anderson.

Formal presentation of the championship trophy, along with all other awards, will be made at the league's annual Fall dance November 10 at 8 p.m. at the Richvale Community Centre.

Tickets are available at the door.

Big year for Bayview

The 1979 York County Secondary School field hockey season is about to get underway with Bayview Secondary of Richmond Hill expected to be another potent force in the southern division.

At least that seems to be the feeling of some of Bayview's opponents in that division including Thornhill Secondary School.

Bayview started out in grand fashion last week in an exhibition warm-up tournament at Thornhill.

They defeated King City 3-0 in the first game with Debbie Murray scoring two goals and Jennifer Lord the other one. They then went on to take Dr. G. W. Williams of Aurora 3-1 with Cathy Rummy scoring two goals and Murray getting the other one.



fred simpson

Super Bowl?

There's still four days to go and already tension is mounting. I got so nervous the other day I cleaned my teeth and then had something to eat.

The worst part is I put the Sandwich Spread in the medicine cabinet and the tooth paste in the refrigerator. With my luck it'll stay there until I make my next sandwich. I'll forget and probably think it's meat spread. I just dunno.

Perhaps I should explain. I'm not all un-nerved about the current Montreal Expo-Pittsburgh Pirate baseball drama unfolding in the National League.

It's much more vital than that. I'm talking about next Sunday's "Super Bowl" at the Town Park and Crosby. That's when the second annual Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch tournament unfolds, or is it folds up, for the year.

Fighting it out for dubious glory will be six teams. In order of nice guys, not necessarily ability, they are The Bombers, Old Jays, The Misfits, Sudsers, the Ball Machine and-or The Red Eyes.

I'm only kidding. They're all nice guys. It's just that I'm prejudiced because I'm the batboy for The Bombers. It wasn't easy getting to be batboy.

I earned my way there by dropping fly balls in right field, centre-field, left-field and second base. In one inning. That's versatility.

SUNDAY

In any case the drama will begin Sunday at 9 a.m. at both the Town Park and Crosby. It'll be a double-elimination bash which means you play a minimum of two games.

The Bombers are so confident of winning they're already planning an afternoon picnic with their mistresses. They open at Crosby against the Old Jays while the Red Eyes meet the Sudsers at the Town Park. Then it's the Ball Machine meeting the Misfits at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Park.

You figure it out from there on. The final championship game will go at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Park.

TENSION

I don't know about the other teams, but I know the Bombers are apprehensive at meeting the Old Jays. That's mainly because the Old Jays bombed them something like 20-8 in final scheduled league game of the season last Sunday.

It was due in part to the resurgence of Old Jays' outfielder Bill Greenhead.

Greenhead, who holds the world record for striking out three times in one slo-pitch game, fought back with three long drives that drove the Bombers' pitcher back to the edge of the mound to grab. No wonder we're all apprehensive.

FUN

In all solemnity, Bill had some good hits and I suspect there will be a lot of hits, some great catches, and some, well, great misses. Sounds like an afternoon of fun so drop around and see history repeated, if not made. It all starts at 9 a.m.

NOTES

Some short items here to help me find my way to the door.

Coming up this Friday night there will be a "Sports Dance" at the Richmond Hill Legion. It's \$4 a head and the Capri's will be supplying the live music.

Interested followers of the Ontario Fastball League might be surprised to learn that Owen Sound and Kitchener are battling it out in the finals with the Sounders leading the best-of-five series by one game as of writing. Both St. Catharines, who won the Canadian Men's Fastball championship, and Oshawa were eliminated. Shocking.

NICE GUY

Oh yes, Rod Smith of Mutual Life of Richmond Hill, is happy with the way his Pleasantville girls softball team has gone this year. Great year girls and just to show his gratitude, Rod is going to sponsor you for the next 100 years. Nice guy, Rod.

Don't forget to attend the big wind-up Richmond Hill Minor Soccer championship day this Saturday at Crosby Park.

It's going to be quite a week for sports. Just hope it doesn't snow.

Finally, don't forget to buy an arena "Seat". Coming up October 9 the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams will play last year's champion Peterboro Petes in an exhibition game at the arena. General admission is \$2.50. No children's season passes will be honored. The game starts at 7:45 p.m.

You can also buy a seat for \$50 if you so desire. All proceeds will go toward supplying the arena with those new seats so get out and support the arena and your own pocket books.



Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller goalie Steve Latimer held his team in during the early part of Monday night's Junior B opener with Orillia Travelways until they got untracked and exploded for an 8-4 victory in the opening game of the season. Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg.

Say one for me

Jewellers explode in third

The new look Oak Ridges Junior B Dynes Jewellers took a couple of periods to introduce themselves to each other but they made friends in a hurry after that.

They turned a 2-2 tie at the end of the period against Orillia Travelways into a crunching 8-4 triumph Monday night as they opened their 1979-80 Central Ontario Hockey League schedule at Bond Lake Arena.

"I was a little concerned before the game," said coach Pete Artemchuk. "We were going against an experienced and good Orillia team and we didn't have one line still intact from last year."

"The score was a good indication of just how long it took us to get it together."

LATIMER SOLID
 Artemchuk praised goalie Steve Latimer "for keeping us in the game in that first period in particular. We started to come in the second period and arrived in the third."

The first period was scoreless but Latimer had to be sharp on occasions as the Jewellers were kept to their own end for most of the period.

Returnee Karl Taylor opened the scoring for Dynes at 1:24 of the second from Brent Dobson and Ed Gundert.

STARS

It was the start of a fine evening for Taylor who went on to assist on two other goals and pick up the second star of the game. First star went to Shawn McDowell, a new recruit from last year's Richmond Hill Legion Midget defence, and third to Brent Dobson.

Orillia tied the game at 2:27 on Doug McDonald's goal and then moved in front at 15:45 on Stu Burnie's counter.

Homebrew Glen Wright knotted the count at 16:02 as he took passes from McDowell and Taylor and lifted one from the blueline that bounced off the pad of the Orillia goalie and into the twines.

EXPLODE

The third period saw the Jewellers explode with two quick goals at 6:00 and 6:59 from Brian Risk and another rookie, Gino Cavolini. Cavolini was another pleasant first-game surprise for Artemchuk.

"Gino's only 16 years old," said Artemchuk, "but he looked very good out there. And he's big at 200 pounds."

It was Dobson making it 5-2 at 9:50 from Wright before Orillia struck for two of their own to tighten the score.

Dobson then broke it open with an unassisted goal at 12:53 followed by counts by Robin Searle at 15:04 and Risk, with his second goal, at 16:58.

EARLY YET

Artemchuk admits that "it's hard to tell how good a team is after one game but at least we have some idea of what they can do under game conditions."

He was particularly happy with his penalty-killing combination of

Earl Deamond and Danny Henderson.

"We were shorthanded two men on a couple of occasions and they did a fantastic job of holding off Orillia," he said.

NOTES

Dynes notes: Artemchuk still expects to fill out the roster with one or two more names. That includes the pick-up this year of ex-Ram Phil Wood who he figures "will give us some good firepower... co-coaches this year with the Jewellers are Dave Stuart, an ex-Ram and Jeweller standout, and Garry Methe.

"I'm happy to have Gerry with us," said Artemchuk. "He's always been a fine defenceman and he can't help but be a plus for our young players." Methe was a former professional hockey player in the now-defunct World Hockey Association. Other executive members of the Jewellers include Manager Ken McBride and General Manager Bill Woloski.

SITTLER

Opening night ceremonies saw

Toronto Maple Leaf star Darryl Sittler on hand to drop the official puck in company with Richmond Hill Carnival Queen Lorrie McDowell.

Music was provided by the Richmond Hill High School band

and coach Artemchuk was happy to see them there.

"This is the third year they've been at our home opener and we've won every one. They're becoming synonymous with our winning in the same manner Kate

Hill Rams lose two in jittery beginning

Two swallows don't make a season but you couldn't have blamed Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams manager Sil Steffan fighting off a gulp or two.

The reasons were obvious.

His new-look Rams had just been thumped 13-3 and 7-2 by Dixie Beehives and Wexford Raiders respectively to start the

regular schedule off on a losing sour note.

"I'm obviously not happy," said Steffan, "but I'm also not pushing the panic button. Not at this stage of the season anyway."

ROOKIE FEVER

Steffan figures his team was suffering from "rookie fever" in the 13-3 loss to Dixie Beehives at home Friday night.

"We were also playing a team

loaded with 15 veterans which didn't help. They played their positions where we ran around all over the place. We weren't even hitting them."

Steffan added that "we just have to stick to basic hockey. I've got to convince them you go in a straight line and not in a circle."

"We're a team with few stars which means we've got to work together, keep driving all the time. I've also got to have more leadership from our veterans. I didn't get that on the weekend."

COLLAPSED

The Rams managed to look respectable in the first period against the visitors but it was collapse-ville from the middle of the second period on.

They fell behind 1-0 with only 59 seconds gone in the game but bounced back at 1:11 on Andy Hawe's score from Darren Ross and Mike Donnelly.

The Rams went into the second period trailing 3-1 but looked good for a comeback on a goal by Garry White at 1:02 to make it, seemingly, 3-2.

ILLEGAL STICK

This key goal was wiped out when a Dixie complaint about the extreme curve on the blade of White's stick was upheld. The result no goal, a Hill penalty, and a powerplay goal which finished any Rams' hopes for the night.

Dixie went on to whistle nine more goals past Rick Warren in the twines led by the three-goal efforts of Bob O'Brien and Bob Poirier.

Richmond Hill's other goals were scored by Steve Bowers from Glen Oliver, and Peter Glynn unassisted.

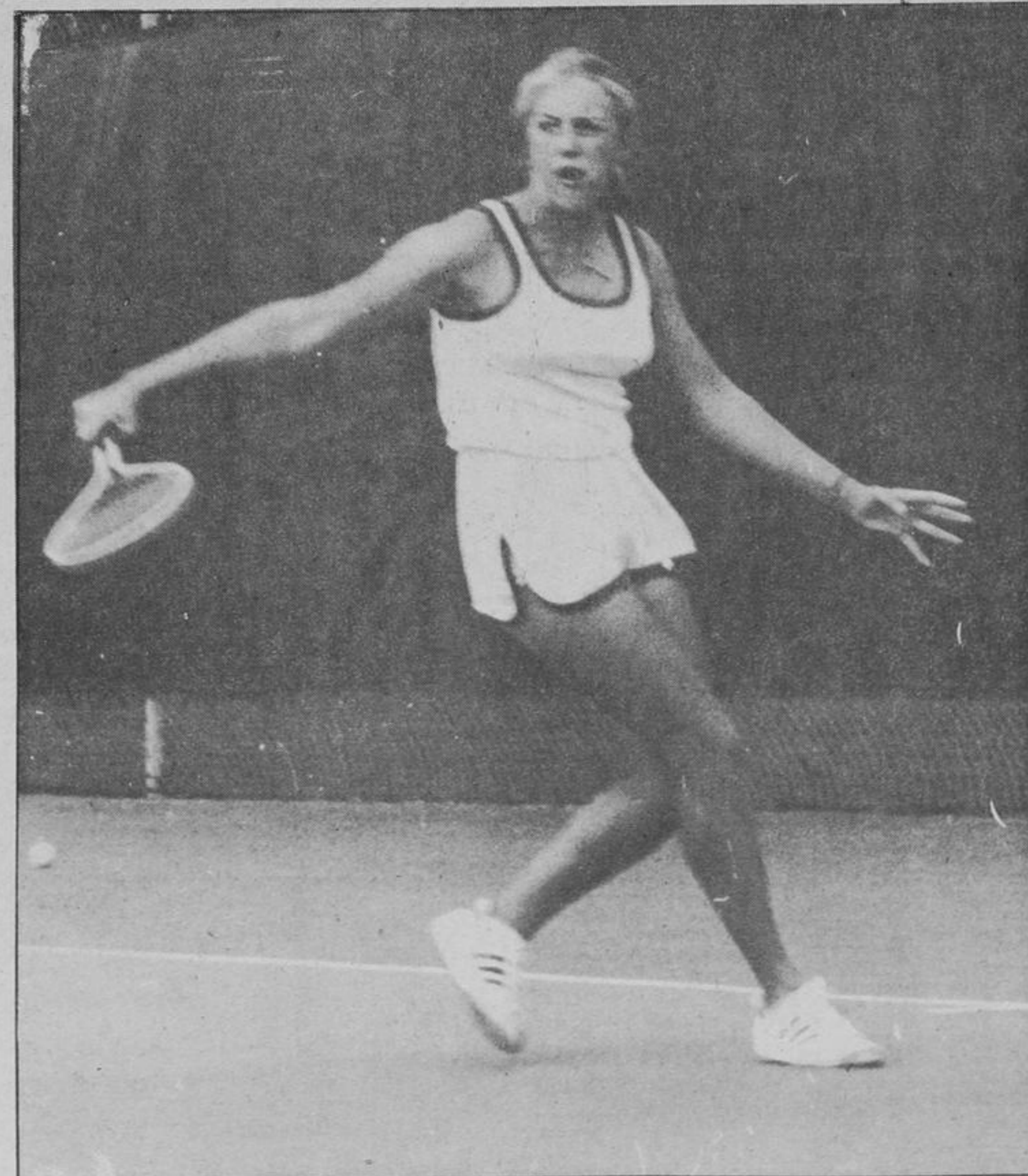
BRIGHT SPOT

One of the few bright spots in the Rams' loss in Wexford Sunday night was the play of goalie Ian McDonnell who stopped 35 shots in a losing cause.

The Rams managed a 1-1 tie in the opening period on a goal by Bowers but Wexford rammed in five in the second period to decide the issue. Mike McDougall scored the Rams' final goal in the second from Garry White and Oliver.

Bowers, a Richmond Hill product, showed up well in both games with two goals.

The Rams are at home next Friday night to Wexford in an 8:15 p.m. game. They go back to Wexford next Sunday.



Jennifer Sheppard shows the style that won her the triple crown Saturday at the Richmond Hill Tennis Club's championship finals at Crosby Park. (Liberal photo by Ian Kernohan).

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