



These members of the St. Robert's Catholic High School hockey team are getting some pre-season pointers from new coach John Rogers at a practice session at Thornhill Community Centre. Left to right they are goalie Tonko Ihnat, Steve Tschipper and Randy DePiero. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

## St. Robert's gets to soccer finals

The St. Robert's Catholic High School Junior soccer team showed it was a force to be reckoned with on the weekend galloping right to the finals in the Newmarket All Ontario Junior Cup Tournament. It was their first appearance in the highly-rated tournament and they opened with an overtime 1-0 triumph over Emery College thanks to a fine shot by Mike Rietta which beat the goalie cleanly.

The win boosted St. Robert's into the semi-finals against Lord Elgin High School of Burlington and they won this one 2-0 on the strength of Polo Gullo. He scored both goals.

They then went into the finals against powerful George Vanier of North York in a hard-fought, sometimes chippy contest which saw Vanier winning it 2-1.

"A lot of people hadn't even heard of St. Robert's before the tournament," commented Crusher's coach Bruno Reveré. "They know about us now."

Earlier in the week the same team had romped to its fourth straight victory via a 7-0 cakewalk over Richmond Hill High.

St. Robert's dominated the game to such an extent they only allowed the opposition one shot on the net.

Paul Durigon led the onslaught with four goals with singles to Gullo, Adriano Scognesse, and Sam Foti.

**Basketball**  
The St. Robert's Senior girls basketball team also

came up big with a crushing 51-23 triumph over Langstaff Secondary School of Richmond Hill. Sandy MacDonald, Linda Westermann, and Pat Conlin dominated the game particularly controlling the backboards on rebounds. Conlin had 10 points, Westermann 12, MacDonald, 10, and Saskia Vriend dropping in 14.

St. Robert's kept rolling in the next game this time dumping Bayview Secondary School 52-23 after leading 30-8 at the halfway point.

Again it was Westermann and Conlin dominating the backboards and Vriend doing the scoring with 15 points. Andrea Korchinski had 12 and Conlin 6.

Junior girls basketball saw St. Robert's edging Bayview 27-26 with the winning point coming on a foul shot by Natalie Durigon.

**Tourney**  
St. Robert's will be the host to the York County Volleyball Tournament today (Wednesday), Thursday and Friday.

It gets underway at 11 a.m. Wednesday with the Midgets competing followed Thursday by the Juniors at 11 a.m. The Seniors go Friday morning at 10 a.m. The finals will be held Friday night at 7 p.m. with the Midgets followed by the Juniors at 8 p.m. and the Seniors at 9 p.m.

St. Robert's Gerry Brand will convene the tournament. The general public is welcome.

## New season

# St. Robert's expects to ice winning hockey team

St. Robert's Catholic High School hockey coach John Rogers figures he has good reasons for feeling optimistic about the upcoming season.

Last year saw St. Robert's, the only high school in York Region with an organized hockey team, finish in third place in the tough Toronto and District Catholic Athletic Association High School Junior Hockey League, just four points out of first place.

"It was our first official season in the league," said Rogers, "and I felt with a little luck we might have won it. We should be even better this year

because we have 15 holdovers."

The St. Robert's squad managed 10 wins, only three losses and one tie and got to the semi-finals before losing to Henry Carr, who went on to lose to the eventual champion team from De La Salle.

Rogers, who was an assistant coach with the team last season (his assistant this year will be Michael Fitzpatrick), bases his optimism for 1979-80 on "our strength down the centre."

He'll have three returning centres in the persons of Michael Darby, Steven Tschipper, and Randy DePiero, all of Thornhill, to go along

with goalies Tonko Ihnat, Thornhill, and Paul Gullo of Aurora.

"Those players should give us a lot of stability out there," said Rogers. "We're particularly looking for a good year out of goalies. They were excellent last year and we feel they'll be even better this time around."

Rogers also has a batch of newcomers to pick from and, after four weeks of training, is impressed on that score.

He acknowledges that "we'll be hard up to better our record because it's a very good league and De La Salle and Henry Carr always come up with powerhouses."

St. Robert's will again be playing their home games Monday afternoons at the Thornhill Community Centre from 3:40 p.m. and coach Rogers is hoping for lots of fan support from the school students.

"They were great last season," he said, "especially in the playoffs and we hope they take up this year where they left off."

The hockey itself is of a high quality with the emphasis on good

sportsmanship.

"We don't want any student injured because of unnecessarily rough play," said Rogers. "The league itself is pretty strict with the no-fighting rules. If you get in a fight you're automatically out of that game and the next game. We don't have much trouble."

St. Robert's will again play a 16-game schedule, eight at home and eight away. They open their schedule away against Neil McNeil on November 15 and are at home to Cardinal Newman November 19.

Also helping out with the team is John Cooney who will be providing the goalies with special instructional aid as well as skating and other skills to the rest of the players.

All in all, the St. Robert's team is ready to

make another strong bid for top honors in a very tough league.

## E.J. Sand wins big cross country

The Grades 5 and 6 team from E.J. Sand Public School in Thornhill ran off with first place in the York County Final Cross Country Meet last Thursday.

The competition was held at Vivian Forest, which is near Ballantrae.

The girls team of 11 and 12-year-olds was composed of Darlene Wilson, Kim Chamney, Janice Heaps and Samantha McGugan.

Winning it for the boys were Mahmood Mohamed, Lou Taylor, Brendan Matthias and Tom Rhynold.

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A copy of the Plan and the draft By-law are available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario. The Council will consider the proposed By-law at its meeting on the 3rd day of December, 1979, and at that time will hear any person or the solicitor or the agent of any person who advises the Clerk in writing prior to the 3rd day of December, 1979, that he would like to appear.

Dated at the Town of Richmond Hill this 3rd day of October, 1979.

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