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Oak Ridges loses 5-1 to first place Orillia

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers missed an opportunity to move into first place in the Central Ontario Junior B hockey league Monday night when they dropped a 5-1 verdict to Orillia Travelways at Bond Lake Arena. But the league is so tight that being in first place or even sixth place is to require a shoe-horn. "We only suited up 14 players," said coach Pete Artemchuk, "due to injuries and such but we still came out flat. We weren't skating or shooting and you know what that means."

It was a different story in Brampton Sunday night when the same shorthanded Oak Ridges team came out skating and shooting and took a 5-3 win. The Orillia encounter saw Oak Ridges open the scoring in the first period with Gino Cavallini doing the honors from Karl Taylor and Glen Wright. But that was it the rest of the way as the visitors tied the game on a power play goal by Ted Boynton at 10:20 and then rapped in three more goals in the second period, two of them on power play efforts.

They closed out the scoring at 19:01 of the final period with a goal by Ian McDonald.

INJURIES
 Oak Ridges was missing Robin Searle with a jammed thumb but were further handicapped by the fact that Danny Henderson and Karl Taylor were playing and shouldn't have been. "Henderson has a bad wrist," said Artemchuk, and Taylor has been playing with a bad hand injury. I don't think most players with his type of injury would have even stepped on the ice."

Another player, Mark Roberts, was also playing with a groin injury. Oak Ridges was also missing some other regulars but that was due to Artemchuk's decision to release them.

CUT
 Cut from the team was the league's leading scorer Brent Dobson along with goalie Dave Heisey, Doug King and Earl Deamond. Artemchuk refused to comment on the reasons. The Brampton win was highlighted by the play of Oak Ridges goalie Steve Latimer who

was also a standout in a losing cause against Orillia. "The way Steve was playing we should have won both games," said Artemchuk. Rick Potter shot Oak Ridges into a 1-0 lead in Brampton on a power play effort from Robin Searle and Taylor at 4:31. Brampton tied it but Brian Risk was back at 10:52 for the go-ahead goal from Dan Henderson. Oak Ridges was set back on its heels at 3:24 of the middle session when Brampton's John Lumes scored in a shorthanded effort. That seemed to jolt Oak Ridges into action as they proceeded to rap in two straight goals by Ed Gundert and Taylor to lead 4-2 going into the final 20 minutes. Brampton managed to narrow

the gap on Trent Bauldry's goal at 13:02 of the final period but Dave Woolrich settled the issue just seconds later from Glen Wright.

NOTES
 Notes: Oak Ridges is currently in third place in the league... Orillia and Burlington are fighting it out for first place... The Jewellers are at home this Monday night to the Thornhill Thunderbirds for an 8 p.m. game at Bond Lake Arena. The following Thursday they are at Barrie and the following Sunday at Georgetown. Oak Ridges has signed goalie Ted Inch from Richmond Hill... they also expect three or four signings of new players later in the week.



St. Robert's Chris Andrejicka (right) knocks the ball in proper fashion here in volleyball game against Aurora at a senior tournament held at St. Robert's last week. St. Robert's lost here but had big wins elsewhere. See B-2. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Eight ender!

Thornhill Curling Club rink skipped by Pete Donnelly only won one game at the recent opening bonspiel of the season but what a way to win it. With an eight-ender, Pete's rink, consisting of wife Helen, Gerry and Joan Flurey, accomplished the rare feat in the second game which was the only one they won.

It was the first eight-ender at the Thornhill club in three years. Winner of the first draw was the Grant Small rink comprising wife Vi, Peter and Ruth Wygant; the second draw went to John Stephenson and his rink of wife Joanne, Harry and Eleanor Wilson. Coming up is the Business Ladies' Bonspiel November 10.



fred simpson

Yea Sophia

They certainly know how to tell the men from the boys in Toronto. At least they did last Sunday. It was easy. The boys took in the Argos-Calgary game while the men took in Sophia Loren. Sophia, in case you've been dead for the last 20 years, is an Italian film star who was in TO on the weekend to publicize her new book on calisthenics called "Sophia: Living and Loving."

It struck me as kind of ironic that one of her stops was a senior citizens' home. Imagine a senior citizens' home being the most exciting place to be in Toronto on a day the Argos are playing? You fill in the rest. Seriously, I couldn't care a King Tut about the Argos. But it was nice to see the sportwriters finally burying them in the papers Monday with their usual low-key approach.

AMEN
 Stated one headline: "Coffin closes on Argos." Yet another, "Argos" ship sinks — The Titanic remembered." Surely they could have dragged in a reference to World War II somewhere.

Oh well, I'm glad I spent another light, carefree weekend in beautiful downtown Richmond Hill and environs. None of that gloom and doom for me.

Loading my Honda up with gas, I toured local landmarks such as Bethesda and Victoria Square. I even found a senior citizens' home but it was the wrong one. Sophia wasn't there.

Shaking that one off I wandered some more and ended up, believe it or not, at a rigger game smack in the middle of the countryside just this side of a herd of cows.

It turned out to be Fletcher's Field, a 20-acre piece of escape used by the Canadian Rugby Union and just a five-minute drive from Richmond Hill. It's just north of Victoria Square on Don Mills Road. Turn left on 19th Avenue and you're there, baby.

You roll into the parking lot, pay a 50-cent fee, and you've got a day of thrills ahead of you if you like football.

There are six fields there, playing pitches if you prefer, and throughout the summer season there's usually a game in progress on one or all of the fields.

EXCITING
 What's rugby? I'm not sure I can explain but it seems to be a combination of football as I know it and soccer. Exciting. You score touchdowns, kick conversions and field goals. Things move pretty fast as you have to get rid of the ball when you're tackled. Even if you eat it.

GREY CUP
 What I'm saying is you should drop up and see the upcoming games. The season's grinding to an end with Fletcher's Field's version of the "Grey Cup" coming up November 16 at 2 p.m.

That'll pit the winner of the four teams competing this Saturday at Fletcher's at 2:30 p.m. which will see Toronto Nomads going against Brantford and Toronto Irish against The Wanderers.

You might even get to meet Stan Woodburn or Stan Armitage (they're officials with the Fletcher's Field operation) and they'll be happy to explain the game to you.

And you can watch the games from the spacious clubhouse which looks out on all six fields and forget about everything. Especially the Argos.

I should mention that Bud Johnston of Richmond Hill brought the rugby or rigger situation to my attention. Bud worked at the club for a number of years until just recently.

On the way back I nodded to the cows, stopped at another senior citizens' home (still no Sophia), and called it a weekend. Oh well.

NOTE
 One small note: The Richmond Hill Men's Slo-Pitch league will hold its annual meeting November 12 at the Blue Flame Room of Consumers' Gas on Elgin Mills East at 8 p.m.

Rams take it on chin twice From Platers and Trappers

It was another dismal two outings for the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams as

they dropped a 9-3 game to North Bay Trappers Sunday night hard on the heels of a 9-1 drubbing by

Guelph Platers Tuesday night of last week at home.

What can you say? That was what Rams' general manager Sil Steffan said on the return trip from North Bay. It was a long trip. "Sure, we're down, why not? Our record is a win and a tie in 10 games. But, despite the score Sunday, I thought we played much better against the Trappers than against Guelph."

Steffan was referring to the fact the Rams only trailed the Trappers 6-3 until the 16 minute mark of the final 20 minutes but collapsed after that as the home team rapped in three unanswered goals in the final four minutes.

RELAPSE
 "We just pulled one of our relapses and that was it," said Steffan. "Up till then we were still in the game. We seem to play all right for awhile and then we just stop skating."

Sunday's game saw the Rams trailing 4-0 after the first period and then falling behind another goal in the second before they got somewhat organized with two of their own.

It was Paul Harrietha, coming off an injury, scoring at 11:01 on a power play and then Ken Main getting his first goal and point of the season at 11:46.

"I was pleased with the play of Main," said Steffan. "We moved him up from defence and he gave us a great effort as did Harrietha and Doug Jones who was solid on defence."

The Rams couldn't muster much of an offence after that with their only other goal coming from the stick of Steve McAleese at 7:12 of the third period. It was McAleese's seventh goal of the season and he leads the team in that category. He's tied with Mike McDougall for total points at eight apiece.

BAD NEWS
 The Guelph game was bad news for the Rams all the way with the goals coming thick and fast against them. The Rams, even when they could generate a sustained offence, were foiled by some goalposts.

In reality, Guelph had little trouble roaming to a 3-0 lead in the first period and upping it to 6-0 in the second and adding three more in the third.

The Rams sole dying gasp came with 55 seconds remaining in the game when Ian Myles scored from McDougall.

GRIM
 "I know the situation looks grim," acknowledged Steffan, "but I still feel this team can play some good hockey if they put their minds to it. There's talent out there but they have to show it for 60 minutes. These letdowns kill us."

"And there's no way we're giving up at this juncture," he concluded. "Not when we're only 10 games into the season. If this was January I'd say it would be hopeless. We just have to get out and work."

The Rams are in Guelph Sunday and are back home to North York Rangers next Tuesday night for a 7:45 p.m. game.

Thunderbirds beat Oakville

The Thornhill Tudor Glen Junior B Thunderbirds have salvaged one game in their last three outings and that came Sunday night by way of a 6-3 win over Oakville.

It followed 8-3 and 6-1 losses to Acton and Burlington respectively last week.

"I'm not concerned about our record to date," stated coach Al Morris. "We're four and five in the win-loss column but we're starting to settle down. We'll be all right."

Morris certainly has no complaints about the way his newly-formed line of Rick Seeley, Jamie Kennedy, and Steve Sampson behaved in the win against Oakville.

"What can I say," said Morris. "It was their first time together and look what they accomplished."

The line accounted for four of the six Thornhill goals which says it all.

Thornhill's Mike North opened the scoring for Thornhill at 7:10 of the first period on what has to be labelled as a "gift" goal. He was standing in the slot in front of the Oakville net when an opposing player passed the puck to him and he obliged by putting it in.

The Oakville team fought back with two goals by Bev Bowers and Bos Bernier before the period ended to lead 2-1.

Thornhill's Jamie Kennedy scored the first of his three goals at 1:01 of the second period from Rick Seeley and Sampson and came right back to get the go-ahead one at 11:14 from the same pair.

Oakville's Brian Murray tied it shortly after but the crusher came when Rob Bagg scored at 13:52 from Seeley and Jamie Kennedy. Oakville faded after that.

The final 20 minutes saw the Birds rap in two more unanswered goals with Seeley doing the initial honors at 16:13 from Paul Howson and Al Delfabro; and Mr. Kennedy getting his third one at 19:57 from Mark Wiltshire.

Thornhill goalie Danny Hartley was a standout particularly in the first period with several fine saves as the Thunderbirds again had difficulty getting untracked.

Saturday night's loss to Acton saw Thornhill outshooting the winners 48-37 but unable to find the net often enough.

"They were the better club on the night," said Morris. "We let

them have far too many three-one and two-on-one rushes on us and even a four-on-one rush at one time."

As for Burlington? "They beat us solidly," said Morris. "They're a good club. In fact I have to say that Burlington and Streetsville are still the teams to beat in this league."

Shane Edgehill got the only Thornhill goal at 15:28 of the final period from Sampson.

Thornhill was handicapped by the absence of top scoring Jamie Kennedy and Paul Howson who were out with the flu bug.

The Thunderbirds are at home to Dixie Sunday night for a 7 p.m. game.



Happiness is

These happy members of the Oak Ridges Public School soccer team have just won a championship. Naturally. In the photo are Mike Smith, Ken Heintzman, Jason Leggett, Jean-Paul Hoffman, Andrew Aldworth, Brian

Whitehouse, Kris Walsh, Gary Warner, Ronnie Lusk, Guy Brown, Jamie Scott, Paul Torlone, Willy Robinson, captain, Blayne Frederick and Steve Robinson. See B-4. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).