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Hill Rams are back from the dead?

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams should have been at their lowest a week ago when they travelled to Hamilton fresh from a 5-4 loss at home to their arch-rival-dwellers from Newmarket.

"Mississauga Traffic Syndrome" and didn't get to Hamilton Thursday night until 8:30 p.m., a half hour after the game was slated to start.

"We just put our uniforms on and skated out on the ice," said Rams' general manager Sil Steffan. "I thought they'd wipe the ice with us."

To make a long story short the Rams went out and walloped Hamilton 10-4 for their second win of the season and came back home Sunday to beat Hamilton again by 5-4 this time.

Steffan was hard put to give a rational answer for the sudden resurgence of the Rams but one of the reasons could have been the addition of new goalie Paul Duma.

"He seemed to steady us in that first period against Hamilton," said Steffan, "and we came out with a 4-2 lead. We just kept going after that."

The same Duma was his steady self in Richmond Hill Sunday night making the "stops a goalie has to make to pick a team up," said Steffan.



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Winter Sports?

I haven't been on ice skates since before the Toronto Argos won the Grey Cup back in 1952 B.C. And I don't ski or, as of writing, ever plan to.

Someone has been trying to get me interested in cross country skiing which, he claims, is great family fun and much less expensive than downhill skiing.

Thank heavens I don't have a family. Besides, I won't even look cross-country in the wintertime let alone ski across it.

My idea of winter is a roaring fireplace, a good book or something, a glass of tolerance, and maybe a kindly old dog.

But far be it from me to deny the excesses of winter sport to others. I'll even go so far as to write cheerfully about it which brings me clumsily back to the beginning. Ice-skating.

That's the one winter sport I used to delight in although I was never very good at it. Blame my mother on that too. She could never tie my shoe laces tight enough.

In any case I played a little hockey and had many hours of fun going to public skating sessions. But I had to give that up because I could only skate around the rink in one direction.

I'd be doing sensationally going in a clock-wise direction when the announcer would get everyone to switch around and go counter clockwise. That always finished me.

ICE SKATING

Which, phew, brings me to the bare bones of the subject. The Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club is trying to do something for poor souls like me or even those former skaters who just haven't got around to doing it for the past few years.

They're promoting a weekly adult "fun session" every Friday night from 9 to 10 at the Richmond Hill Arena.

It's headed by Linda Van Daele who has been a skating instructor at the Hill club for the last six years.

"It's a combination of a fun refresher course for people who used to skate years ago and have gotten away from it or even those who never got around to skating," she said.

And it's an ideal way to while away an early Friday evening.

"We play music, teach the people how to do certain moves in figure skating, to ice dance, free-style jumps or whatever. The idea is to enjoy yourself."

Right now the sessions are only attracting something like 12 or 13 persons and more are needed to make the program viable. At least 25 anyway.

POWER SKATING

The local figure skating club is also presenting a program for youngsters ages 5 years to 15 and particularly the hockey playing types.

It's called power skating and the instructor at these sessions is Dave Barnard.

States Dave: "You'd be surprised how many young hockey players learn to shoot, stickhandle and everything else but never get around to learning how to skate properly."

That's where Barnard comes in. He's taught power skating for the past three years at figure skating clubs and knows whereof it's all about.

"We teach them to cross-step, skate backwards, and all the other little but important aspects to being a strong skater. After four weeks you can easily see an improvement."

The power skating sessions go weekly on Saturdays at the Richmond Hill Arena from 12:30 noon to 1:30 p.m.

FEES

Registration fees for both the adult and power skating sessions were set at \$60 a season which started in October and runs to the end of March.

But newcomers signing up now may do so on a half-season rate of \$30 which will carry them to the end of December. They can reassess the situation after that.

Explains Barnard: "The main cost is for ice-time and the more people we get out the cheaper the rate will be. If we get enough people interested we can refund a portion of those initial fees accordingly."

So there you have it. Fun for adults and youngsters alike. For further information call Stan Wilson at 884-1279 or just show up at the rink at the appropriate times.



No hope

Oakville Blades' Jim Court has Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller goalie Steve Latimer at his mercy here but the Ridges boys prevailed to

win a 5-4 game Monday night in Junior B hockey action. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Oak Ridges nips Oakville 5-4

The Oak Ridges Junior B Dynes Jewellers rebounded from a humiliating 9-1 drubbing at the hands of Dixie Bees last Sunday to edge Oakville Blades 5-4 Monday night at home.

But it wasn't easy. Oakville made it tough when Jim Court scored on a power play with six seconds remaining in the game. Too little and too late for Oakville.

Oak Ridges had opened a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Gino Cavalini and Danny Henderson and increased it to 3-0 in the early minutes of the second period. Oakville then struck for two quick goals before Oak Ridges' Robin Searle scored on a power play.

Oakville's Jim Court scored his second goal of the night at 5:05 of the second period to make it 4-3 before Karl Taylor got that one back from Searle.

Easy pick of the Oak Ridges team was the line of Searle, Taylor and Cavalini. As for the Dixie game? Strictly a wipe-out as the powerful home team led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 4-1 going into the third when they rapped in three more goals.

Cadillac downs Little's 8-3

Cadillac-Baif downed Don Little Ford 8-3 in Richmond Hill House League Midget-Juvenile hockey action on the weekend.

Ed McNally led the winners with four goals with singles to Gary Sutherland, John DeHaas, Matt Knights and Steve Blomquist. Assists to Bob Kernon, McNally, Brad Elliot, and John McLaughlin.

Eddie Lafano scored twice for Don Little with Tom Bucci getting the other goal. Assists to Mark Tullock, Doug DeBoer.

Kent Clothier 2, Oak Ridges 2. For Kent it was Steve Shannon unassisted and Gary Armstrong from John Adams and Russ Waterhouse. Evan Boyle scored for Oak Ridges from Bruce Tomlinson and Mike Dalton; and Dalton from Boyle and Tomlinson.

Peewee: McKinlay Drywall 2, Dynes Jewellers 1. For the winners it was Sidney Peters from Robbie Kleine; Larry Curry from Stephen Byers. Sean Jennings scored for Dynes.

Shield's Footwear 4, Mister Transmission 4. Doug Choffe had two goals for the winners with singles to David Stilo and Frank Nacarato. Assists to Sean Dean and Edward Kamerman.

Thomas Baddeley scored twice for Transmission with singles to Robbie Nicol and Glen Roemer. Assists to Nicol, Roemer, and Baddeley.

Loughlin Lumber 2, Pickseed 0. Robert Santha and Cameron Blair scored.

Rice's Flowers 2, Kinnear Pontiac 2. For Rice's it was Allen Poole from Colin Graham; and Bill Armstrong from Colin Graham. Paul Verkuyl and Jeff Rumble scored for Kinnear with Chris Anderson assisting on the last goal.

Allencourt 3, People's 1. Glen Buckland got all three goals for Allencourt with Kevin Patenaude assisting on one.

Ron Boileau scored for People's from Christopher Finkle and Mark Digioudschin.

Novice: Galaxy Restaurant 2, Mazza Landscaping 1. Glen Santha and Wayne Price scored for Galaxy. Allen Gauld had an assist. Craig Burton replied for Mazza from Ben Matson.

Bob's Boys 5, Ramer Fuel 3. Mark Broschek led the winners with two goals with singles to Jason Page and Jason Hill and Adolf Curtis. For Ramer's it was Brent Walker, Patrick Heeley and Craig Dean among the scorers. Assist to Healey.

Mites: Kinsmen Giants 5, Michelangelo 3. Robert Asquith ripped home three goals for the winners with singles to Peter Niraren and Daryl McKenna. Scott Irvine had two goals for the

losers with Daryl Hodges getting one.

St. Robert's captures opening hockey game

By PAUL PIVATO
 The 1979-80 edition of the St. Robert's High School junior hockey team is fast out of the starting gate.

Cardinal got one back but Mike Hegenauer of St. Robert's blasted a high shot to the corner and Randy DePiero rounded out the scoring by shovelling in a rebound.

The game against MacNeil saw that team's goalie fishing the puck out of his net continually as the St. Robert's team bulled to victory.

St. Robert's launched its Toronto District Catholic Athletic Association schedule last Thursday by demolishing Neil MacNeil 9-3 and then followed that up with a narrow 4-3 triumph over Cardinal Newman at home.

This game saw the orange and black of St. Robert's jump into an early lead when Craig Tait fired one home and then Zenon Byblow backhanded another puck past the sprawling Cardinal Newman goalie.

St. Robert's coach John Rogers was brimming over with praise for his team's efforts in this one. "I was very impressed with the hustle and determination shown by the forwards especially in the attacking zone. Our style makes for a grinding, forechecking type of game rather than a lot of misty passing and stickhandling. We have to employ and adhere to a two-man forechecking game."

The second period belonged to St. Robert's as they parlayed a strong forechecking and aggressive game into a 7-3 lead

and then added two more in the third period. Mike Darby and Barry Munro topped the scoring list with two goals each while Randy DePiero, Craig Tait, Mike Greer, Jim Paul and Steve Tschipper all added singles.

St. Robert's opened the scoring with two quick goals but the opposition battled back to score in the final minute of the first period.

Hill Aquatic Club gets ready for winter

Winter swimming is underway at the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club.

The Richmond Hill Piranhas were back at practice as soon as the Centennial Pool re-opened in September and the size of the club has increased.

However, anyone interested in competitive swimming should call Mrs. Crockford at 669-1840. New members are always welcome. At the moment there is a need for more 11 and 12-year-old boys in particular.

The Club has participated in three meets so far. The first was at Cambridge where the swimmers did well but, unfortunately, the official results are not available yet.

Ribbons were won by Tim Andrew, Doug Clarke, Amber Ezechiels, Leslie Foord, Janet Davidson, Jackie Crockford and Christine Bogie.

The Mississauga Harvest Invitational was held November 9, 10, and 11 at Cawthra Park

Secondary School. Jacqueline Crockford won silver medals in the 200 Fly and 200 Free, and bronze medals in the 200 I.M. and 100 Back for girls 15 and over.

She also won fifth and sixth place ribbons. Janet Davidson won a Gold medal in the 100 Back for 13-14 girls, and Leslie Foord

won a bronze in the 200 I.M. in the same age group. Doug Clarke won a sixth in the 100 breast for boys 15 and over.

The 12 and under swimmers all swam well but were unable to compete in the Sunday afternoon session. Meet officials cancelled that session because of the

railway accident and threat from chlorine gas.

The first pennant meet was held at Markham October 21. This gave the club's new swimmers their first taste of competition and all the swimmers did well. Many swam personal bests in their events and

some won ribbons. The club was second only to Markham, in the total points for the meet.

The second pennant meet takes place this Sunday at the Richmond Hill Centennial Pool and anyone interested is invited to come and see what competitive swimming is all about.