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Hooray for us

St. Mary's Volleyball champs as finish season unbeaten

When it comes to describing the success of St. Mary Immaculate's girls in volleyball the word is "dominate".

They proved it all over again last week when they won the York County Separate School "A" Volleyball championship with four straight victories.

The Brian Sage-coached girls finished atop a round robin series against St. Peter's of Woodbridge, St. Margaret Mary of Woodbridge, Holy Names School, and St. Charles Garnier of Richmond Hill.

Charles Garnier was the final victory and undoubtedly the hardest for St. Mary's as they were extended to three games to win it.

"That was the only game we lost but we took the match in any case," was the jubilant comment of coach Sage.

"To get into the finals we played six league games and won all of them. The girls had themselves a tremendous season."

The St. Mary's team warmed up for the finals held Tuesday afternoon of last week by winning the St. Joseph's Invitational tournament held at Our Lady Help of Christian's School in Richmond Hill the previous Saturday.

That was also a clean sweep with the team winning all four games against St. Joseph's, Brighton Public School, and Our Lady Help of Christian School in the finals in two straight games by 15-0 and 15-6 scores.

To get back to that word dominate.

The game against Our Lady saw St. Mary's hit with 15 serves in a row. Enough said.

..St. Joe's 'B' winners

The St. Joseph Separate School of Richmond Hill girls swept to the York County "B" Division Volleyball championship winning all four of its games.

They downed St. Mark's of Stouffville, Our Lady of Annunciation of Oak Ridges, and Sacred Heart of Newmarket before upending Our Lady of Good Council 15-3.

"The girls just came up with a superb effort," said coach Bruce McFadden. "They overcame the opposition. They were great."

The entire team came up with some big games with particularly standout efforts from Heather Lance, Susanne Schmid, and Adelia Pucci.

It was a good year all around for the St. Joseph girls who lost only two games and those to St. Mary's of Richmond Hill which was in the "A" division classification.

"St. Mary's has quite a powerhouse," acknowledged McFadden.

Meet the St. Mary Immaculate Girls Volleyball champs. Included in the photo are Martha Stong, Christine Foch, Maureen Lawlor, Denise Ianni, Lisa Cescolini, Carla Battistella, Silvana Battistella, Pat Byrnes, Mary Lynn Scullino, Clara Tomasone, Tiziana Risi, Joan Beck, Maria Romunno, Tracey Bailey, Shawna Young, Lucy Filice, Diana Casalnuovo (managers), and coach Brian Sage. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).



"I've told you and told you about your bad breath." That's not what Richmond Hill Jiu Jitsu Kai competitor Harold Howard is really kicking about. He's participating in a big tournament last Saturday in Richmond Hill. Oh yes, he won this match by the way. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Bond Steelers win 8 straight

The Richmond Hill Bond Steel Atoms continue to ride the crest of victory winning their eighth straight York Simcoe league game without a loss by defeating Aurora 5-1.

Their record now shows 18 games (including exhibitions) without a defeat in 1978-79. They have scored 90 goals against the opposition and have given up 22.

The latest league victory saw The Hill score three goals in the first period with Anthony Suchy pulling the trigger from Brian Hunt and Danny Jensen; Aldo Teofilo from Andy Minuti; and Brett Frederiks from Danny Jensen.

Then it was Jensen from Brian Hunt in the second period with Hunt putting in Richmond Hill's

final goal in the third. Aurora scored its only goal in the same period.

In an exhibition game at Richmond Hill Sunday the Bond Steel crew edged Oshawa 2-1 with Andy Minuti scoring the winning goal from Lorenz Boff. Vince Capostoto got the other goal from Pat Fleming and Brian Coulson.

Richmond Hill goalies David Sharon and Jason Maxey kept Oshawa from scoring any more goals.

Bond Steel is at home to Orillia Saturday in the new arena with gametime slated for 6:10 p.m. They are also at home the following Sunday against the Toronto Aeros. Gametime is 2:50 p.m.

By PAT KELLY

At its last meeting of the year the executive of the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club wrestled with the problem of defining just who is and who is not a member of the club.

To be more precise, the executive discussed at great length the question of who is an ADULT member, with the right to vote at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and, thereby, exert an influence on the direction the club will take each year.

It was evident the club's constitution needs some revision if only to clarify the question of voting membership. At the moment, the only people whose membership is clearly defined in the constitution are coaches and managers of teams though it is

implied that executive officers and the parents of children registered to play are also members.

This lack of definition in the constitution may be one reason why turn-out at the annual general meeting is frequently disappointing and may also account for the difficulties the club has, from time to time, in finding enough people to fill all the roles the club must play if it's to remain a permanent, vital force in soccer in Ontario.

Several ideas for introducing amendments to the constitution (something that can only be done at the annual general meeting, incidentally) were discussed.

CHARGE FEE!

The executive gave serious thought to the idea of charging a nominal fee for membership, at

least to those people who take an active part in club affairs though they do not have children playing, and of issuing membership cards.

Just what decisions the executive reached, whether, in fact, they reached any decisions at all, you may find out by coming to the Annual General Meeting this Friday at 7 p.m. in the Blue Flame Room at Consumers' Gas.

The Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club has expanded at a tremendous rate during the last few years. Most of the credit for this must go to a handful of dedicated people who have been highly active in the organizational aspects of the sport and to parents and players who gave them much-needed support.

Now that the club, by arrangement with the Town, will have the old C.P.R. station as a more-or-less permanent headquarters on a more-or-less permanent town site, much more than a handful of dedicated people and a small band of loyal supporters will be needed to ensure the club's continuing viability as a club and as a force in the life of Richmond Hill.

When Richmond Hill soccer teams venture into tournaments with teams from highly populated areas, and, as sometimes happens, lose, the observation is heard that it is impossible to compete with such towns. Their heavy population gives them the advantage of better resources.

NEED COMMITMENT

The fact is, however, that Rich-

mond Hill teams are often victorious in such tournaments. The truth of the matter is that it is the commitment that the hometown gives to the sport that makes the difference, and Richmond Hill has as much talent in every aspect of soccer, playing, coaching, managing, refereeing, what-have-you, as any other place.

If you have ideas for improving the club, or criticism of the way the club has been going, or questions about how the club functions, come to the Annual General Meeting and let your voice be heard.

Come too, if you are a parent who would simply like to know who will be running the club next year. The club needs your criticism, ideas, suggestions and support.

Beat Georgetown

Oak Ridges wins important game

It was a battle for fourth place or seventh place in the "so tight it squeaks" Central Ontario Junior B hockey league race Monday night when the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers met Georgetown.

The Jewellers crunched out a 9-2 win over Georgetown which relegated that team to seventh place and put the Oak Ridges squad in fourth just eight points out of first place.

It was a satisfying performance for the team which had earlier dropped an 8-3 tilt to Oakville last Friday night.

"I think we've finally started to click," said coach Pete Artemchuk. "The game against Georgetown was easily the team's best performance of the season. I've never seen them hit so much. They were delivering thundering checks which is what you have to do to win."

SHORTHANDED GOALS

The "Ridges team also stunned the visitors with two shorthanded goals as well as two power play efforts.

Mark Roberts was the man of the moment re the shorthanded goals.

He set the trend right at the beginning of the game at the 2:25 mark with Oak Ridges a man short. He stole the puck, broke in alone, and zinged it home.

"That stopped Georgetown right there," said Artemchuk. "They never really recovered after that." Roberts did it to them again in the third period at the 54 second mark on an identical play.

Add to that power play goals by Mike Mattine and Glen Wright and you have the story of the game. Other Oak Ridges goals went to Karl Taylor, two, Mattine (he had two), Danny Henderson, and Glen Wright with one more.

Despite the loss to Oakville, Artemchuk thought the play was a lot closer observing "we out-shot them 36-32 but they were just

going in. Besides, we lost goaltender Steve Latimer with an injury and that didn't help." Latimer was back in goal for the Georgetown game.

Oak Ridges scorers in the Oakville game were Glen Wright, Karl Taylor, Dave Woolrich and Mattine.

Standings now find Streetsville in first, Burlington second, Orillia third, and Dynes fourth. Oak Ridges meets Orillia

Saturday in Orillia for a key game and are at home to Acton Monday night for an 8 p.m. game at Bond Lake Arena.

Incidentally, Coach Artemchuk had some kind words for the support the team is getting from Oak Ridges fans. "They're not only turning out in good numbers," he said, "they're really loud. Don't kid yourself, it affects the players. They love it and react accordingly."

Peewee Jays B champions

The Richmond Hill Minor Peewee Blue Jays won the "B" championship at the second annual Owen Sound Tournament as they came up with some excellent hockey in their final two games.

They got off to a rocky start losing 6-3 to Burlington but came back to edge Owen Sound 2-1 and then wallop Brampton 7-1 in the championship game.

It was easily the Jays' best performance of the season with Jason Hails leading the way with three goals. Singles went to Cesidio Negri, Craig Moore, Ralph Mazza and Brian McKenna.

Assists went to Negri, Russ Armstrong, Jason Hails, Rob Jakma, two, Dino Buffon and John Kennedy.

That opening game loss to Burlington saw Hill goalie Omar Grant coming up with a fine effort in a losing cause. Richmond Hill goals were scored by Moore from Armstrong; Moore again from Jakma; John Kennedy from Scott Merilees and Hails.

The squeaker saw Negri getting Richmond Hill's first goal and then Moore getting the winner from Derek DiBattista and Ralph Mazza.

Special recognition goes to Mauro Paoletti for his excellent performance in goal in this game and the championship one. He had plenty of help from his teammates.

League play saw the Jays losing a 3-2 game to Thornhill with goals going to Hails unassisted; Russ Armstrong from DiBattista.

Their next game saw them losing an exhibition game to Bramalea Friday night 5-2 despite playing a good game.

Goals for Richmond Hill were scored by Brian McKenna from Scott Merilees and Ralph Mazza; John Kennedy from Dino Buffon and Craig Moore.

The Hillers also lost a 2-1 game to a strong club from Barrie with Jason Hails getting the only goal from Cesidio Negri and Graig Moore.

Richmond Hill is at Bolton tonight (Wednesday) and are at home Friday to Bolton.

Hill Rams lose two more

It was back to business as usual for the Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams after winning two straight games against Hamilton.

They lost two straight to Aurora Tigers and Markham Waxers by 8-5 and 8-4 to remain in a dead-heat for last place with the Newmarket Flyers. Both teams have seven points although the Rams have a game in hand.

Friday night's loss in Markham saw the Rams skating on equal terms with the home team until the second period. They went into that session tied 1-1 and came out of it trailing 6-3. Game over.

"We always have that one period where we let down," said Rams' Manager Sil Steffan. "It kills us every time."

Richmond Hill goalscorers in this one were newcomer Jai McGrath, Glen Oliver, Steve McAleese and Paul Harrietha.

Oliver, in particular, has been flying in the past few games and has compiled a total of nine goals trailing only teammate McAleese in that department. McAleese has fired in 15 goals and leads the team in total points with 23 to Oliver's 20.

The Rams also came up with an interesting battle against the Tigers Tuesday night of last week at home. At least they did until the end of the second period.

They trailed the visitors by just 5-4 at that juncture but then faded

out of the picture as the Tigers outscored them three goals to one in the final 20 minutes.

Again the most impressive man for the Rams offensively was Oliver who was really flying. He scored just once but also drew an assist and was easily the Rams' flashiest playmaker out there.

Also carrying more than his share of the scoring load was veteran McAleese who popped in two goals with the others going to Gary White and defenceman Mike McDougall who has also been a mainstay with the team in the tough going.

The Rams have also been hit with some injuries with defenceman Doug Jones, Peter Glynn, and Paul Harrietha nursing various ills.

Steffan is hoping newcomer McGrath can "give us some more scoring power. He's a former midget player from Mississauga. He was out of hockey last year but he's always been a good scorer."

One more thing: "At least," states Steffan, "we've started to score a little more and we've also cut down a bit on our goals against average although the last two games sure didn't do much for it."

The Rams are in North York Friday, in Aurora Sunday, and are at home to Dixie the following Tuesday for a 7:45 p.m. game.

Hill Hockey Results

The Richmond Hill Minor Atoms defeated Bolton 9-2 on Saturday but lost 8-3 to Thornhill Sunday.

Derek Flood was the spark in the Bolton win scoring three goals followed by Jon Lounds with two goals and two assists. Paul Black had a goal and three assists; Dean Arsenosi, one and two; Danny Paterson, one and one; Pino Decina, one and one. Randy Cull had an assist. Jason Macdonald played well in goal.

Paul Black, Decina and Paterson scored against Thornhill with assists to Lounds, Arsenosi, Flood, Decina and Paterson.

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The Richmond Hill Peewee B's lost a 4-1 game to Thornhill last week.

Richmond Hill's only goal came from the stick of Steve Grimshaw assisted by Dan Alexander and Mike Rumble.

Hill Minor Soccer Meeting Friday