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**Nothin' changes?**

I'm always amused by the fact that the more things change the more they stay the same. That might be a profound statement but I'm not sure.

In any case it came to mind while watching a rehash on television of the results of a recent Ontario Sports Council questionnaire sent out to the parents of minor hockey players.

The questionnaire was attempting to elicit viewpoints on how minor hockey, skills and attitudes and such, could be improved.

To me it was like going through a recurring dream. I've heard it all before type of thing and I expect to go on hearing it all again for the next hundred years.

The survey results went something like this (I'm recalling strictly from memory so don't quote me):

Minor hockey youngsters spend too much time in game conditions instead of perfecting their skills in practices; they often don't get the proper coaching; their parents become too involved by vocally criticizing their own youngsters, referees, coaches and such. They also advocate the banning of body checking at the lower level which, incidentally, has already happened in a number of house leagues.

I'm amused mainly because it took a survey to find all these things out. Parents and coaches have been telling me this for something like 14 years.

And I've been agreeing for as many years and, on occasions, have even taken typewriter in hand and said essentially the same thing.

**NOTHING CHANGES**

It didn't change anything (I didn't expect it to) because life just doesn't work out that way. I'll bet there isn't a parent around who would disagree on the essential results of that survey except for a few quibblings here or there.

So my question is how come there are parents around who make fools of themselves and their youngsters by shouting and screaming (and I don't mean as in cheering) at hockey matches, or for that matter, at ballgames or soccer contests?

**WHO ME?**

The answer, to my mind, is a universal hang-up. We all see the faults in someone else but haven't got a clue about our own. Simple, eh? Yeah, but just try and change it.

Continuing on the 'you can't win' theme: A few years ago I ventured the opinion that youngsters simply play too many games a season. I might be slightly off but I'd reckon that youngsters of Atom or Pee-wee probably play something like 70 or 80 or more games a season including league, exhibitions, and those infernal tournaments.

**YES, NO**

Again I found adults who agreed and adults who didn't. The ones who didn't usually came out with the comment that 'the kids just love to play games, they can't get enough.'

Who's right, who's wrong? My feeling is that the kids do play way too many games at the lower level. There seems to be a contest on to see how many games can be squeezed into one season. This goes on right up to midget and junior level and by that time a number of players probably are sick of the look of a hockey stick or puck. They just wear out or drop out.

And it has always bugged me when I hear of teams entering one or two tournaments at the same time. And it happens more often than not.

I can only surmise the idea is that if you get knocked out early in one tournament you can whistle over to the next one and maybe win it. And you tell me that isn't putting the desire to win at any cost to the point of ridiculousness? Fun? Pshaw.

I know I seem to be pulling out more negatives than positives here. But, honestly, if you stay around this old world for a while you realize that things and people never really change. Clothes and styles do but people stay the same.

**GOOD, BAD**

That's not necessarily bad. It's both good and bad and a few things in between. Still, I believe one should work at trying to improve things and there you have the positive side of my nature. I'm positive but I never make it a point to argue with parents at a minor hockey, minor ball, or minor soccer game. It gets harder to duck as you get older. Cheers.

**NOTE**

Final note: The Richvale Minor Ball Association will be holding an executive meeting December 17 in the Weldrick Room of the Richvale Community Centre. All interested parents are invited to attend. Time is 7 p.m.

**Junior B's play basketball**

The Dynes Jewellers Junior B's and the Acton Sabres decided to play with a basketball instead of a puck Monday night at Bond Lake Arena.

Result was the locals out-hooped the visitors 12-8 in a free-shooting game which wasn't actually settled until the final few

minutes of the third period. That's when the Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill squad poured home three consecutive goals within 44 seconds to win the contest.

"It was just one of those games," said local coach Pete Artemchuk. "Defence was

strictly out to lunch but it was an exciting game for the spectators."

Leading the locals' offence was Gino Cavalini with four goals with Mark Roberts checking in with two and singles to Andre Damonzie, Robin Searle, Karl Taylor, Brian Risk, John Mur-

phy, and Danny Henderson. Assists went to Tom Graham, Henderson, Taylor, six, Searle, five, John Murphy, three; Mark Roberts, Risk and Damonzie, two, and Ed Gundert.

The locals were off to an impressive beginning taking a 3-0 lead in the first 10 minutes on

goals by Roberts, two, and Cavalini one.

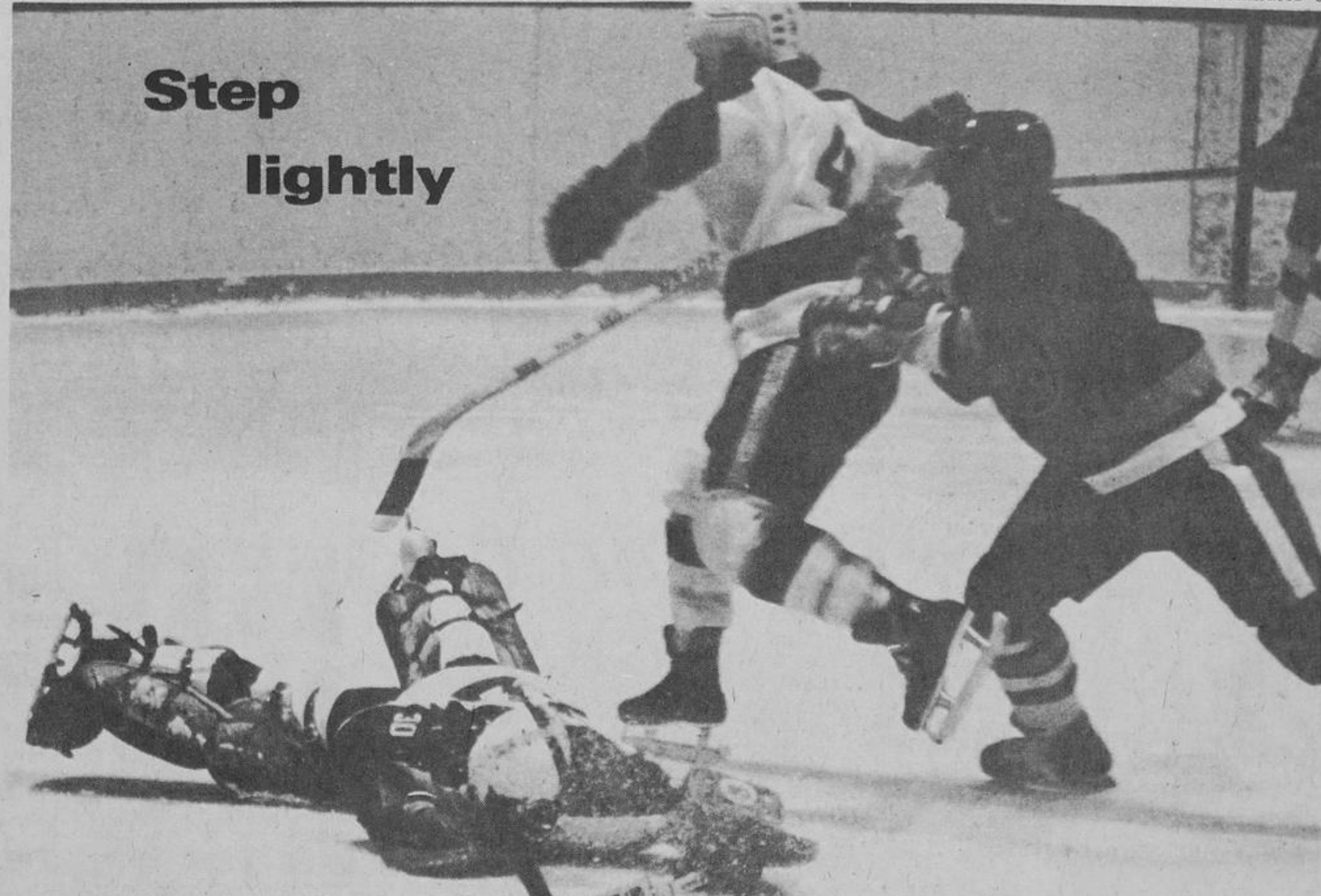
Cavalini then sandwiched in one more goal among three by the Acton team and suddenly the score was 4-3.

The locals managed to outscore Acton four goals to one in the second period to lead 7-5 only to have the latter team come up big in the early minutes of the final 20 minutes.

They were sparked by goals by Steve Miller and Pat Fung to tie the game before Cavalini got his fourth goal of the game. Acton made it 8-8 which set the scene for four straight goals by Taylor, Brian Risk, Murphy and Henderson to settle the issue.

"We're back in fourth place," commented coach Artemchuk. "We're also down to our minimum of 16 players and we're looking to sign at least two more rightwings and possibly a right-handed centre. When we get these we should be set to be a solid contender."

In the meanwhile the Dynesmen have a tough schedule ahead of them as they meet Dixie next Monday at home and are at Burlington the next Friday. They have also added a new goalie in the person of Brad Neil who played last year with the Don Mills All Ontario Juvenile champions.



**Step lightly**

Newly-signed Dynes Jeweller Junior B goalie Brad Neil of Don Mills must feel like a doormat here in his debut Monday night against Acton as he hits the ice in some fast action. Dynes won

the game 12-8 so it wasn't exactly a goalie's paradise out there. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

**Letdown hurts Legion Midgets**

The Richmond Hill Legion Midgets had a third period letdown Monday night against Barrie and it cost them their second win in consecutive nights.

Leading 3-1 in that final period they gave up two quick goals and had to settle for a 3-3 tie.

That wasn't the case Sunday when they obliterated Bolton 16-0 in Richmond Hill Arena.

The Barrie tilt saw The Legion take the lead in the second period on a goal by Ken Jensen from Warren Nye. Barrie tied the

game midway through the game period but Jensen was back to score his second goal from Rob Cashin and Nye.

J. P. Farrell then gave the Legion team a 3-1 lead when he scored from Dave Carmichael and Jim Gwillam.

The Hillers then ran into penalty problems with Barrie scoring a power play goal at the eight minute mark and then tying the game a minute later. The Legion outshot the Barrie team 28-25. Doug Macklin was ex-

ceptional in goal for Richmond Hill.

Farrell and Pat Lawlor led the onslaught against Bolton with the former getting four goals and the latter three. It was Lawlor's first hat-trick of the season.

Other goalscorers were Paul Beckwith with two, Dave Banton, two, Mike Hagenauer, James Gwillam, Andrew Don, Rob Cashin, and Dave Carmichael. Assists went to Cleve Jones, Warren Nye, Carmichael, all with three; and Ken Jensen, Don,

Banton, two each; and singles to Dave Leuschener, Lawlor and Hagenauer.

The Legion team also hosted some youngsters from the York Region Association for the Mentally Retarded with prize gifts handed out to lucky winners. They included a pair of tickets to a Maple Leaf-Detroit Red Wing game won by Jim Hinchcliffe.

Richmond Hill is at home a week from this Sunday to Newmarket in a 1:15 p.m. game.

**Town Hockey**

Rick Collins fired in two goals Sunday night as his Summit Transmission team edged Jack Blyth Real Estate 3-2 in Richmond Hill Town Hockey League action.

The other goal went to Al Shaw, the winner, in the third period from Collins. Gary Trottier and Hal Cameron scored for Blyth. Clay Chapman also picked up two assists.

Other Sunday night action saw: Gormley Well Drilling 4, Richvale Transmission 4. Gary Griffin was a three-goal man for the drillers and also assisted on the other goal by Sandy Mauri. Jim Roffey had three assists in the game.

For Richvale it was Tom Sanlon, Vince Mauri and Val Steffan scoring. Vince Mauri and Sanlon had two assists apiece.

Ponderosa Steak House 6, Three Coins 3. Neil Roberts came up with the hat-trick for the winners with single goals going to Larry Clews, Wayne Sleeman, and Scott Mabley. Al Brooks had two assists.

For the coiners it was Larry Trottier, Paul Banks and Dana Coxworthy scoring. Erroll Hook and Roger Todd had two assists apiece.

L. & M. Auto Wreckers 2, Galaxy Tavern 0. Dave Carnell picked up the shutout for the winners with Stu Thompson getting both the goals. Craig Shuttleworth had two assists.

Barrow's Insurance 4, White Water Service 3. Dave Sephton got two goals for Barrow's including the winner with the others going to John Seymour and Rob Hurlburt. Danny Phipps had three assists.

Peter Stuart, Tony Roffey and John Clement scored for White Water. Wes Berseth had two assists.

Thursday night results: Summit Transmission 4, Richvale Transmission 0. Dennis Walters paced the winners with two goals with Rick Collins and Jim Lessif getting the others. Bob Richmond had two assists. Steve Basclamski got the shutout.

L. & M. Auto Wreckers 4, Gormley Well Drilling 1. For the winners it was goals by Bob Hendricks, Stu Thompson, Chuck Dierbo and Ron Mills. Doug Lewis had two assists. Steve Towns got the lone goal for Gormley.

White Water Service 5, Three Coins 5. Tony Roffey got the hat-trick for the water boys plus an assist. Wes Berseth and John Clement got the other goals.

Paul Ranieri was also a three-goal man for Three Coins with Erroll Hook and Paul Banks getting the other goals. Banks also picked up three assists.

Galaxy Tavern 6, Barrow Insurance 1. Rod Chapman and Paul Drew led the winners with two goals apiece with singles to Ray Palmer and Joe Bryon. Terry Haviland and Sam Rennick had two assists apiece.

Bill Tomlin got the lone goal for Barrow's.

Jack Blyth Real Estate 4, Ponderosa Steak House 2. John Gropp had a pretty good night for Blyth. He scored four goals. Kim Mabley and Jim Henderson each had two assists. Peter Ross and Warren Hinton scored for Ponderosa.

**All good things end**

All good things come to an end and that's what happened to the Richmond Hill Bond Steel Atoms' 20-game undefeated streak.

They downed Newmarket and Orillia 8-2 and 6-2 respectively in regular league play but then lost a 2-1 exhibition game to the Toronto Aeros.

The Steelers, who are still undefeated in regular league play, have played 21 games (10 league and 11 exhibitions) and

have scored 105 goals as opposed to 28 against.

Results: Bond Steel 8, Newmarket 2. Two-goal efforts by Maurice Poirier, Aldo Teofilo, and Brian Hunt paced the Richmond Hill offensive with singles to Danny Jensen and Pat Fleming. Assists went to Brett Frederiks, Andy Minuti, Warren Payne, Poirier and Anthony Suchy. Goalie David

Sharone played well in the nets.

Bond Steel 6, Orillia 2. Brian Hunt led the Richmond Hill win with two goals with singles to Brett Frederiks, Aldo Teofilo, Vince Capotosto, and Maurice Poirier. Assists to Danny Jensen, three; Vince Capotosto, Teofilo, Frederiks, three; Suchy, Brian Coulson. Jason Maxey played well in goal for Richmond Hill. Toronto Aeros 2, Bond Steel 1.

This game was scoreless until the

end of the second period. Richmond Hill's lone goal came with 3:24 left on the clock and was scored by Brian Hunt from Pat Fleming and Aldo Teofilo.

The Steelers play in the Owen Sound Silver Stick Tournament this weekend and then are at home to Thornhill at 7 p.m. in the old Richmond Hill Arena the following Tuesday.

**Bayview Juniors win it**

The Bayview Secondary School Junior Boys basketball team are off and running on a victory note for the 1979-80 season.

The Cliff Nuttall-coached squad won the Referee's Basketball Tournament for the third year in a row going undefeated in three games.

They opened the tournament with a 51-28 win over King City with John Brillert scoring 12 points and Mark Clendinning chipping in with 8 while Bruce Girdler had 8 of his own.

Then came a 56-29 triumph against Aurora High School with Brillert again leading the way with 11 points followed by Rick Scragg with 11 and Clendinning with 9.

After that came the big one against Huron Heights of Newmarket.

"I figured we might lose that one," admitted coach Nuttall. "But the team came out flying."

The Bayview boys ended up on the plus side of the game 50-40 with Brillert brilliant again with

19 points followed by Clendinning with 11, John Walker with 10, and Scragg with 6.

"We've got a mixture of midgets and juniors this year,"

said Nuttall, "and we should have a very good team. Our biggest problem will be Markham. They'll be very tough and they have a very tall team."

**Birds take two**

It's been a long haul but the Thornhill Tudor Glen Junior B Thunderbirds have finally evened out their win-loss record in the Central Ontario Junior Hockey League.

They did it with two wins by 8-3 and 5-2 wins over Brampton. They are now 9-9-1 on the season.

Thunderbird coach Al Morris: "We're finally starting to score and our defence is holding up well. We hope to do all right in the final half of the schedule.

The Birds got off to a flying start last Sunday against Brampton with three goals in the first period and an early one in the second to lead 4-0.

Then came a semi-letdown as Mike Brice struck for two goals in the same period which saw the visitors outshooting the Birds 19-8.

Thornhill settled down in the final 20 minutes holding Brampton scoreless despite being outshot again 15-9 and also scoring the only goal.

That opening period saw Jamie Kennedy scoring the first goal with Mike Davidson and Paul Howson getting the others. Then it was Dan Kennedy making it 4-0

in the second from Phil Mercier just before Brampton made its aborted comeback.

Thornhill's Rick Howson settled the issue at 4:52 of the final period with help from Al Delfabro and Mike Davidson. Ian McDonnell played a fine game in goal for Thornhill.

It wasn't quite that close in Brampton as the Birds came out flying to outshoot and outscore Brampton in the first 20 minutes and decide the issue right there.

Mike Davidson led the way with two goals with singles to Jamie Kennedy and Rick Howson. They outshot Brampton 15-7.

Brampton fought back with two goals in the second but the Birds started rolling again as Mike Chyppha put one in.

The third period settled it as Mike Davidson got his third goal of the game on a power play effort and Jamie Kennedy and Steve Sampson followed up with goals of their own. Mario Butold got the final goal for Brampton at 19:28.

The Birds are in Oakville Friday and are off Sunday.

**Hill Rams lose another 3**

The Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams traded one player for three on the weekend and it was the only time they came out ahead, quantity-wise, in their last three outings.

Traded to Markham Waxers was big defenceman Mike McDougall who has been a mainstay with the team this season. Coming to the Rams was Richard Garneau, a defenceman, and Ed Manuge, a defenceman. A third player, as yet unnamed, was in the deal.

It was strictly a case of getting younger players for a veteran," said Rams' General Manager Sil Steffan. "McDougall is 19 and Garneau and Manuge are 17.

Besides, we need bodies." Steffan seemed to be impressed with Garneau who "isn't all that big but he handles the puck well and he's a good skater. Manuge is big at 205 and he's strong. They should help us."

Oh yes, the hockey games:

**Lose 4-3**

The Rams came up with a fine albeit losing 4-3 effort Sunday night in Aurora in a fight-filled contest which saw a parade of penalties. Earlier in the schedule they had lost a 5-4 game to Belleville and an 11-4 game to North York Rangers.

The Aurora fight-in saw two Rams thrown out of the game. They were Reiner Pleschberger

and Jai McGrath plus one or two from the Tigers.

Scoring-wise it was the Tigers' Andy Browne taking care of the Rams' chances with three goals of his own including the winner. Peter Glynn got two for the Rams with Steve McAleese getting the other one, his 11th of the season.

It was strictly no-contest against North York as the home team led 3-1 at the end of the first period and 8-1 going into the third.

Bill Coville, an ex-Ram, ugh, led the scoring for North York with four goals and an assist. Mike Donnelly got two goals for Richmond Hill with McAleese

and Blair McArthur getting the others.

Against Belleville the Rams started slowly but managed to go into the final period tied 4-4 before giving up a goal to Mark Emerson at the 15:00 mark which killed them.

Even at that they managed to put a drive on and were robbed of a tie when a hard shot rang off the Belleville goalpost seconds before the buzzer went.

Donnelly had another big game for Richmond Hill scoring three goals with McGrath getting the other one.

The Rams are at home to Wexford next Tuesday night for a 7:45 p.m. game.