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Peewee Xmas tourney time again

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Once again, along with Christmas, comes our annual Peewee Hockey Tournament. This year it is going to be the biggest and best ever. Commencing on Boxing Day, 28 teams from the United States and Ontario will arrive to begin the long road to the grand championship.

York State and Ohio is sending a team from Cincinnati. Metro Toronto will be represented by teams from Mississauga, Etobicoke and Willowdale. Many other teams from Southern Ontario will be here and, of course, Richmond Hill will ice both of their fine teams. All in all the fans will see a lot of fine hockey culminating in the Grand Championship game on the 29th of December.

As usual in a tournament of this size, some of the teams will have their players billeted in homes here in Richmond Hill. This is always a great experience for both the players and the local families and may I offer our sincere thanks to all of you who are opening your homes especially this busy time of the year.

two-sided affair with Double A teams on one side and single A teams on the other. In each case the teams will play to their respective group championship with the two winners competing in the Grand Championship game on the final day.

BOXING DAY
Now, activities will begin on Boxing Day with the first game in the Old Arena at 8 p.m. and the

first game in the new arena at 9 a.m.

If that sounds confusing, it really isn't because with the large number of teams involved, both ice surfaces have to be used for the first couple of days.

Finally the official opening game with the usual pre-game ceremonies, will take place at 7 p.m. This will feature Wheatfield, New York, versus our own Rich-

mond Hill Baif Cadillac team and this promises to be one heck of a game so make a point of coming out to not only this one but as many of the others as you can.

And also stay for the Rams' game which will follow at approximately 8:30 p.m. This is a promising very young Junior team and certainly needs the support of each and everyone of us in Richmond Hill.

MERRY XMAS

And so we'll see you all at the arena and from the tournament committee a Merry Christmas and come on out and see some Happy Hockey.

Twin Hills wins 3

The Richmond Hill Twin Hills Mercury Minor Atoms won all three of their games last week.

They started with a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over Newmarket, and followed that up with 6-1 and 7-1 victories over Orillia and Bolton respectively.

These games ended the first half of the schedule for the Twin Hills-sponsored team. Their record is a very good eight wins and four losses.

In the past three games it was Pino Decina scoring seven goals and earning one assist. Danny Paterson scored six goals while Dean Artonosi had a goal and five assists; Paul Black had two goals and three assists; Jon Lounds, three assists.

Randy Cull has two goals, Derek Flood, two assists, to continue to lead the team.

The defence of Hodges, Rob Patterson, Chris Rich, Jeff Macey and Jay Tennant played very well. Both goalies continued to play well. Jason Macdonald was beaten only once in Orillia while Jamie McGuire surrendered only one goal to Bolton.



It's scrambles-ville here as the Oak Ridges Little Kings swarm around the Stroud net in Saturday's Christmas Cracker Atom Tournament at Bond Lake Arena. Stroud won this game 5-0 but the Little Kings bounced back to win the consolation championship. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Scramble

Little Kings 'B' champions

The Oak Ridges Montego Forest Products' Atoms won the consolation championship on the weekend in their annual Christmas Cracker hockey tournament. Grand championship honors went to Port Perry who defeated

King City by a decisive 6-1 score. Oak Ridges lost the opening game 5-0 to Stroud but came roaring back to bomb Aurora 8-1 before blanking Newmarket 6-0 in the consolation championship.

Following their opening-game loss to Stroud, the Oak Ridges boys came flying back against Aurora with the Rulli brothers, Gino and Marcus, both coming up with strong games along with Melvin Van Horn, Grant O'Meara and Fred Rossi.

Gino Rulli fired in three goals and added two assists while Marcus Rulli had two assists. O'Meara checked in with two goals and two assists while Van Horn had two goals and Fred Rossi, three assists. Shawn Mieske got the other goal.

centrated on preserving Danny Aldworth's first shutout of the season.

Strong backchecking by Frank Busnello, Jason Cairns and Sean Sanderson, along with a determined blueline corps of Steven Robinson, Ronnie Hudema, and Shawn Mieske kept Newmarket off the scoreboard.

Cairns and O'Meara sparked the victory with two goals apiece with Gino Rulli getting a goal and an assist; and Busnello, two assists. Steven Robinson had a goal with single assists to Marcus Rulli, Rossi and Sean Sanderson.

Gino Rulli led the team in the tournament with seven points while Rossi had four and Marcus Rulli, three points. O'Meara had six points while Jason Cairns and Grant O'Meara were both selected as most valuable players in the tournament.

Port Perry, in the meanwhile, crushed all opposition, as they downed King City 6-1, Aurora Minor Atoms 10-0, Stroud 3-1, and then King City.

The championship game was very evenly played for the first half but Port Perry's bench strength paid off in the closing minutes as they rapped in three straight goals. Congratulations to a fine team.

The Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association wishes to thank all teams who entered the tournament for their co-operation. They particularly want to commend all the boys who participated in the tournament for their fine sportsmanship and the exciting hockey they provided at Bond Lake Arena.

The scores: First round, Sharon 2, Tottenham 0; King City 5, Newmarket 1; Stroud 5, Oak Ridges 0; Port Perry 10, Aurora 0.

Consolation round, Tottenham 5, Newmarket 5 (Newmarket advances after overtime based on shots on goal); Oak Ridges 8, Aurora 1; Consolation final, Oak Ridges 6, Newmarket 0.

Championship round, King City 4, Sharon 1; Port Perry 3, Stroud 1.

Junior B's lose two

The Dynes Jewellers Junior B's took a symbolical jump off the Burlington bridge in their past two games.

In a word, they met Burlington twice and lost by 6-1 Monday night and 8-3 Friday night. "Burlington's a big, fast-

skating and hard-hitting team," said manager Ken McBride. "We didn't have much luck in both games but they still beat us."

Still losing

Yes, well, the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A hockey Rams lost two more games, their 22nd and 23rd of the season compared with just three wins and a tie.

Nothing else to say but give the scores which saw the Rams losing 6-3 to Wexford Raiders Tuesday night of last week at home and then being savaged 16-1 by league-leading Dixie Beehives Sunday night in Dixie.

The Rams, who are obviously in training for next season (this season has to be a lost cause as far as making the playoffs is concerned) actually had a chance to win the Wexford game after coming from behind a 3-0 first period deficit.

They came out skating in the second period with Joel Reeves starting it off with his third goal of the season at 4:41 on a power play effort with newcomer Rich Garneau assisting.

Then it was Glen Oliver getting his 12th of the season on another power play at 15:08 from Garneau and Steve McAleese. There was optimism in the air at 19:45 of the same period when Reiner Pleschberger scored to tie the game from Blair McArthur.

The optimism dissipated into oblivion in the final 20 minutes as the Rams sagged and the visitors drummed in three more goals.

Sunday night was strictly a shooting gallery as the home team led 8-1 at the end of the first period and 12-1 going into the third.

Peter Glynn got the only goal for Richmond Hill.

Rams' general manager Sil Steffan would only comment that Garneau "played very well out there in both games" and that he was still in the market for new players.

"Let's face it, we've got a lot of rookies out there, 17 of them, and we're hoping they'll develop. We're right back to basics. We just have to keep skating and shooting. It can't get worse."

The beleaguered Rams are in Belleville Sunday and are at home Boxing Day to Hamilton for an 8:30 p.m. game.

Top scorer on the Rams' team is veteran Steve McAleese who has 19 goals and 15 assists for 34 points. Mike Donnelly is second with 13 goals and 16 assists for 29 points and is tied with Oliver who has 12 goals and 16 assists.

Monday night's 6-1 loss at Bond Lake Arena saw a close game for the first two periods with the visitors jumping into a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Dave Conacher and Steve Cricker.

The locals fought back in the second session scoring the only goal on Mike Mattine's short-handed effort at 8:11.

The final 20 minutes proved fatal as Burlington poured four goals past new goalie Brad Neal who came up with a fine effort despite losing. He made some timely stops.

Friday's game in Burlington saw Dynes outshooting the home team 27-23 but a bad second period proved fatal.

Burlington again led 2-0 going into the second but outscored the visitors five goals to one by Brian Risk. They added one more in the third with the visitors managing two goals courtesy of Ed Gundert from Risk and Glen Wright; and Dan Henderson from Robin Searle and Dave Woolrich.

The Dynesmen are in Barrie tomorrow (Thursday) and are at Thornhill for a Boxing Day game. Gametime is 1:30 p.m.



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Merry Christmas?

Merry Christmas. Now that we've got that over with we'll get down to the business at hand. What business at hand? I'm suffering from the pre-season slumps.

Even worse, I'm confused. I'm not even sure when the paper comes out next week. Maybe this is my Christmas column and I don't even realize it. Merry Christmas again, just in case.

It's not easy sitting here on a Monday night trying to pump up a few "Ho, Ho's" just to get yourself in the mood. Especially with Christmas Eve still eight lumpy days away. The thrill is gone.

I even tried to inspire myself by bringing a radio to the office in the hopes of hearing some Christmas Carols. When I turned it on all I got was the Maple Leafs' Darryl Sittler and Minnesota's Paul Symr exchanging Christmas presents at mid-ice while Dave Tiger Williams was trying to hang a Christmas tree on someone else's head.

By the time the brawl was over and everything straightened out I wasn't in the mood for Christmas Carols. Went home to bed.

TOMORROW?

Maybe it'll come tomorrow night or the night after. In the meanwhile there's lots happening for you hockey fanatics next week in Richmond Hill.

Of course, as I mentioned last week, the eighth annual Richmond Hill Peewee Tournament kicks off Boxing Day with some 28 teams competing from the United States and Ontario. It'll wind-up the following Sunday with the grand championship game. Should be fun.

On the junior hockey front the Dynes Jewellers Junior B's will be tangleing with the Thornhill Thunderbirds on the same Boxing Day at the Thornhill Community Centre. Gametime is 1:30 p.m. So pick the turkey out of your teeth and wander down to watch the action.

RAW

The Richmond Hill Provincial A Rams will also be playing Boxing Day Night at the Hill Arena. Opposition will be Hamilton and gametime is 8:30 p.m.

Speaking of the Rams, I guess you've heard of their rather disastrous season to date. We all have had years (mine started in 1956 and it's still going strong) and I'm sure better days are ahead. Besides, it's Christmas (isn't it?) and I refuse to be gloomy.

I suppose it's small comfort for the Rams but one of their ex-players seems to be doing quite well for himself in the NHL with the Minnesota North Stars.

I'm referring to Glen Sharpley who has scored 15 goals to date with the Stars (he didn't play Monday night due to an injury).

Sharpley played with the Rams some five or six seasons ago under then coach Carl Brimblecombe. Remember him? Time certainly passes.

MEDITATION

Carl, incidentally, was with the Markham Waxers earlier in the season but was released. He apparently had trouble "motivating" his players also ala Bernie Geoffrion.

He was replaced by Ralph Beer, ex of the Aurora Tigers and Thornhill Thunderbirds. Apparently Beer, who replaced Brimblecombe at Aurora, couldn't motivate the Tigers.

I'm going to have to look that word up. What happened to the days when a hockey player motivated himself?

Oh well, welcome 1980, and hold onto your psychiatrist.

Merry Christmas.

Magna B's win, tie games

The Richmond Hill Magna B's won a game and tied another in recent action.

They downed Barrie 5-2 December 8 and prior to that tied Thornhill 5-5.

The game against Barrie saw the Hill open the scoring with Smith scoring an unassisted goal. Barrie tied the game but after that Richmond Hill took over with its best effort of the year.

It was MacLean scoring assisted by Glen Apps and Pat Morra. The next goal was scored by Darrell Bynoe from Troy Mitchell.

Then it was Mike Smith scoring his second unassisted goal with the last counter coming from Peter Major assisted by Pipher and Barton. Barrie's second goal

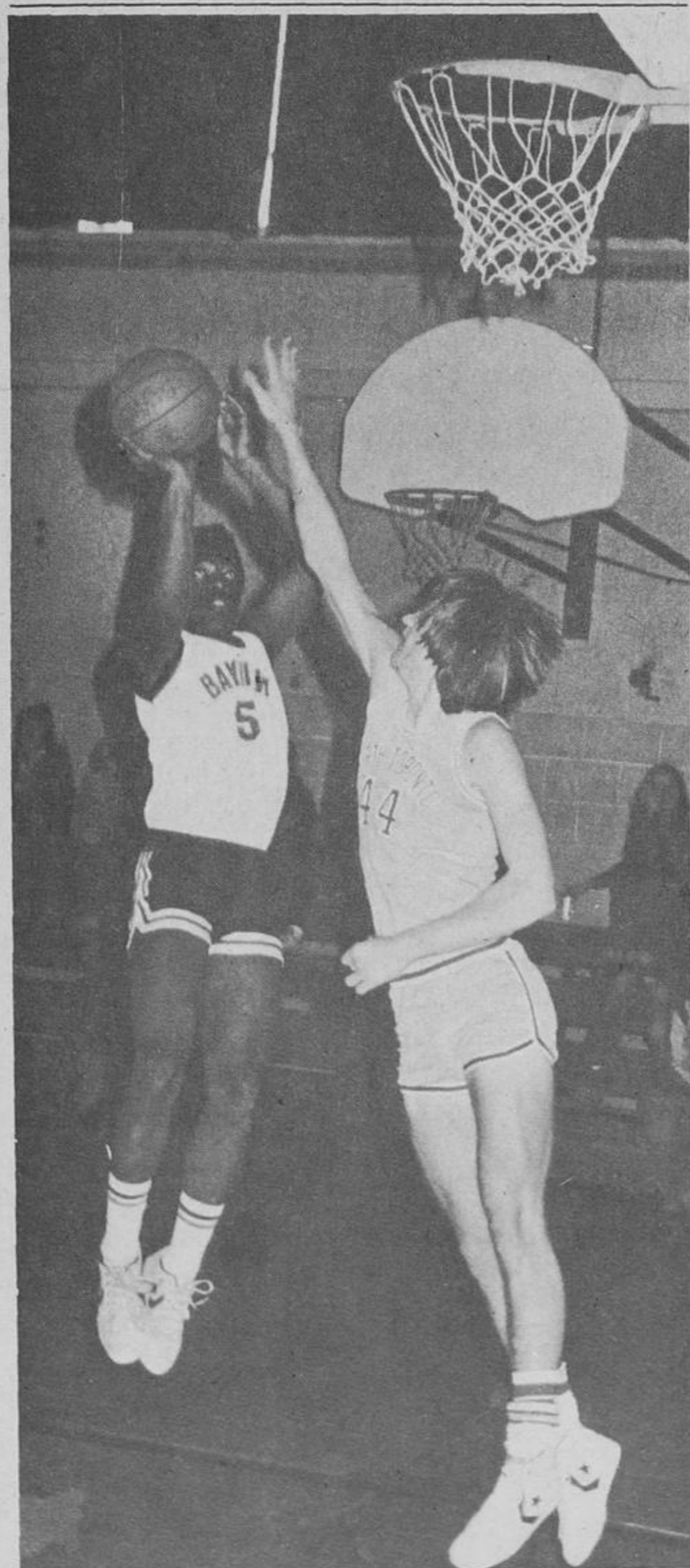
came with only six seconds left in the game.

Peter DelGrosso played an excellent game in the nets for Richmond Hill.

Against Thornhill it was Smith opening the scoring from Jimmy Barton. Thornhill then stormed back to take a 4-1 lead only to have Richmond Hill reciprocate with four more to lead 5-4.

Scoring for Richmond Hill were: Smith again unassisted; Doug MacLean, two, with assists to John Palmer and Rob Suchy. Smith assisted on MacLean's second goal.

Magna then went ahead with a goal from Palmer assisted by Barton and MacLean. Thornhill tied the game with only a few seconds left to go.



Jump

Bayview Bengals' Kurt Huggins tries a lay-up here against North Toronto defender in weekend junior basketball tournament won by Bayview. Bayview downed Erindale 41-40 in the final game. See B-2. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).