

# Major bantams shoot for gold

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When the hockey season began last fall, the Markham Islanders AAA major bantams were feeling a bit like the famous comedian Rodney Dangerfield.

Like the man who received no respect, the Islanders were not getting a lot of it when this season unfolded.

But with the current campaign winding down, the Islanders have shed that image after securing a berth in this year's major bantam provincial championships, which begins Monday at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

The Islanders will be one of seven teams that are in the hunt for the OHL Cup. Other entries that will participate in this year's championships include Burlington, Thunder Bay and teams from Northern Ontario, Kitchener-Waterloo and the Ottawa district.

Finishing its Greater Toronto Hockey League regular season in fourth place, the Islanders earned a trip to the big show after defeating the first-place Toronto Marlies in its semi-final playoff series last Friday.

"We didn't get a lot of respect during the year," Islanders head coach John Neville said of his team, which became the first Markham Islanders entry to qualify for a provincial title. "Maybe it was because of the stigma of Markham and the Islanders."

Neville felt his club began to draw some attention after capturing several big tournaments during the season including their own, one in Sault Ste. Marie and in Russia in December.

"We're not a team that fluked it out. We didn't start early by playing summer hockey. Our record from around Nov. 15 was as good as anybody else's."

With Mississauga hosting this year's championships, the GTHL Rebels' entry earned an automatic berth. Neville acknowledged his charges had to put forth a Herculean effort if they hoped to be the other GTHL representative. In facing the first-place Marlies, the Islanders were also battling a team that was rated as the top major bantam club in the province.

"We were fortunate enough to play well and beat them," said Neville. "We got a great team effort from the kids that we had. We had five regulars out of the lineup. We got timely goal-tending. All of our call ups did a good job. But our top three or four players dominated the series. We dug down."

What makes Neville even more proud is the progress the club made since he took over the team three years ago when they came off a 3-39 won-loss mark.

"We put a three-year plan together and right now we're a few days away from making a three-year plan from working. But there's still a lot of work to do," he warned.

The Islanders play their first game against Ottawa on Monday at 2 p.m.



# Clippers sail off with tourney silver

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Sciences minor pee-wee Clippers settled for the silver medal from the recent Can-Am Tournament in Montreal after suffering a 6-4 loss to the Coral Spring (Florida) Coyotes in the title game.

Earlier in the tournament, the Clippers defeated the Reading (Massachusetts) Rockets 13-1, King Walpole (Massachusetts) 5-0 and North Toronto 6-1 before suffering a 5-0 loss to Coral Springs.

Scoring for the Clippers were: Cameron Allan five goals, four assists; Nathaniel Martin four goals, three assists; Alex Bruno three goals, five assists; Shayne Paterson three goals, four assists; Mark Sullivan two goals, six assists; Trevor Greenham one goal, seven assists; Brook Stachel and Matt Mulder one goal, five assists; Kevin Rainbow one goal, four assists; Daniel James two goals, two assists; Kyle Buckley two goals, one assist; James Castle and Devon McDougall one goal, two assists; Landon Wideman one goal, one assist. Adam Davis earned a shutout and split time in goal with Ryan Allen.



## SPORTS DIGEST

Novice 1 and was first on floor.

### Deacon gives it his best

Unionville resident J.C. Deacon was part of an eight-member 18 and under Ontario contingent that recently took to the Bay Tree Golf Plantation links in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to compete against a rival group of U.S. golfers in the second annual Can-Am Days team cup matches.

Currently attending the David Leadbetter Academy in Florida and a member of the York Downs Golf Club, the 17-year-old Deacon lost a singles match to Brian Duncan of South Carolina 3-0. In Four-Ball Match Play, Deacon and Kevin Blue suffered a 2 1/2

to 1/2 loss to Emmett Turner and Kevin Kisner of South Carolina.

The U.S. contingent won the four-ball match play 9-3 and Singles Matches 15-9.

### Centaur's off and running

Members of the Markham Centaur's did not let wet weather conditions impede their progress at the recent Peterborough Half Marathon.

Leading the Centaur's contingent was first-year member Jackie Gardiner, who finished seventh in her age group after completing the course in 1:40.39.

Other members that followed were: Bruce Mori at 1:42.08; Bob Foster, 1:44.53; John James, 1:44.58.01; Rob MacDonald, 1:44.58.02; Alan Gardiner, 1:45.26; Lori Potgieter, 1:45.56; Michael Lopez, 1:57.11; Vickie McGrath, 1:59.09 and Nancy McKay, 2:03.

### Stingrays take to the pool

The York South Stingrays, a local Special Olympics Swim Team, will host an invitational meet at the Richvale Community Centre Pool in Richmond Hill tomorrow at noon.

A total of eight teams from southern Ontario will take part in such events as the breast stroke, freestyle, backstroke and individual medley.

"This meet gives the swimmers a chance to hone their competitive skills in anticipation of the upcoming provincials (Spring Games 2000, which will be held in York Region from May 11-14)," says Stingrays head coach Joyce Rees.

Prior to the start of the meet, Carmen Wong and Emily Lannan, two volunteer student coaches for the Stingrays who attend Brother Andre Catholic High School, will be recognized for their contributions in having Special Olympics athletes join, compete and win with their high school swim team.

### Gymnasts gym dandy

Members of the Academy of Sport and Fitness gymnastics team vaulted their way to impressive performances at the recent Metro East second provincial qualifier.

Jennifer Horowitz, 12, was fourth overall in the Junior 2 group and earned gold on vault and bars.

Chelsea Jackson, 9, finished sixth overall in Pre-Novice 2 and was first on beam.

Samantha Katz, 10, was ninth in



# Cardinals still unbeaten

The Brother Andre Cardinals skated off with a win and tie in their second and third pool-play contests at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association hockey championships in Sudbury.

Jesse Boucher and Mike Stollar each delivered hat tricks to lead the Cardinals to an 8-2 win over the Holy Cross (St. Catharines) Raiders on Wednesday.

Matt Bahen and Scott Badali each added singles for the Cardinals, who led 3-0 after one period and 6-1 through two.

On Thursday morning, the Cardinals got two goals from Boucher and singles from Nick West, Stollar and Bahen to earn a 5-5 tie with the York Mills Titans.

The win and tie gave the top-seeded Cardinals a 2-0-1 mark with one pool-play game remaining.

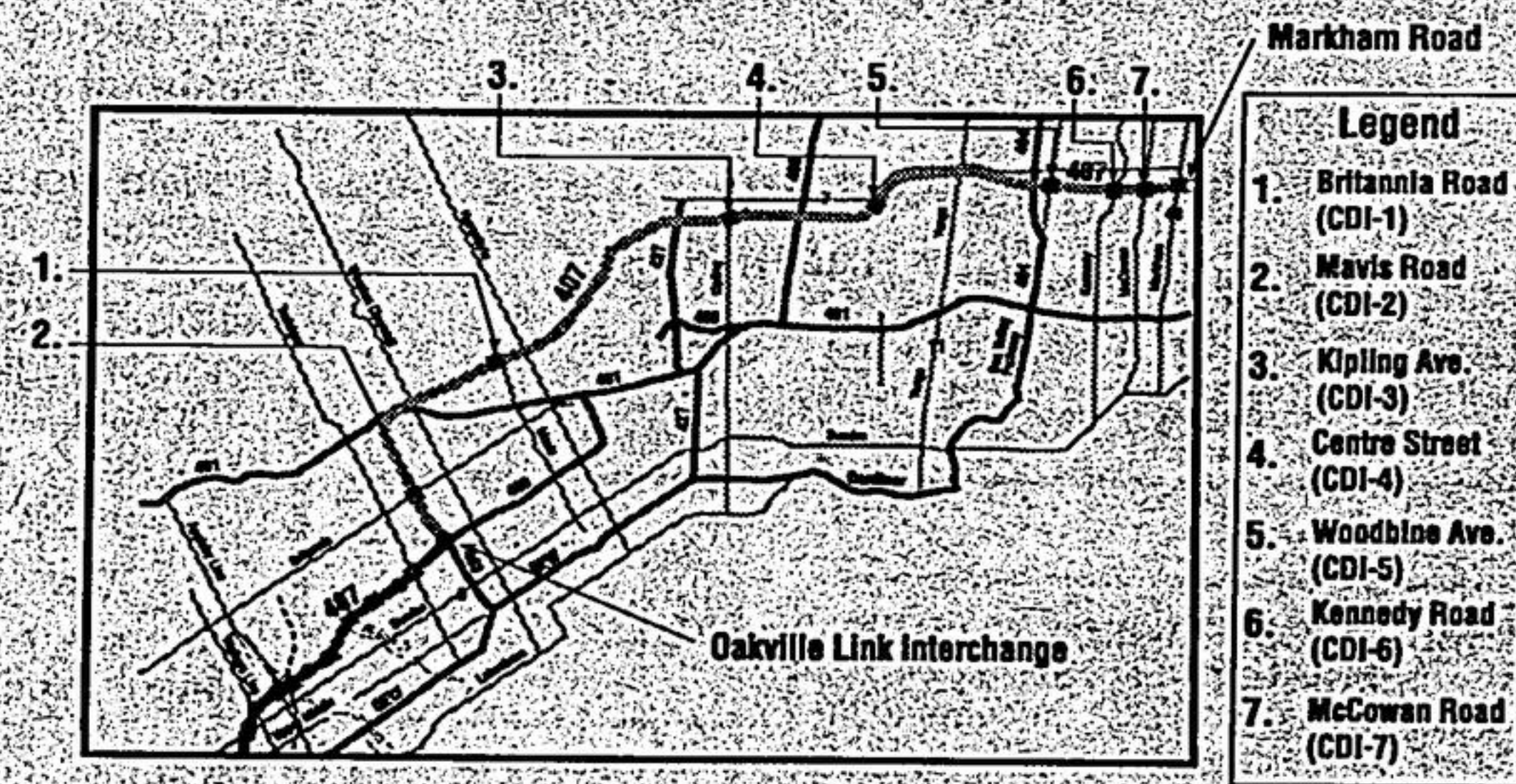


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