

# The Snapshot

## South Shore Women's Hockey

### Canton's "Secret Scorers"

**W**hen the list of top scorers came out at a recent league meeting the names from Canton were blank. The missing names left some coaches to conclude that Canton was looking to hide their most effective players.

"Why aren't their names on that list?" one coach who wanted to remain anonymous, asked. "If I'm playing them I want to know who is putting the puck in the net."

League President, Paula Dumart, said that she too got complaints.

"We honored Canton's wish by not putting the names in," she said. "But when coaches came to me and complained that it hurt their strategy I thought they had a point." She said coaches can get the names from the scorekeeper or by asking Canton Coach, Mary

**"We're not trying to hide anything."  
-Coach Mary Beth Riley on Canton's  
blank names on the leading scorers sheet**

Beth Riley. However, she said the team requested that the names not be on the bulletin

board or printed in the *Snapshot*.

Riley said the omission of the names was not a strategy. In order for the team to be successful she said they have to include everybody, not just the highest scorers.

"We did it as a team thing versus an individual. We really didn't think it was such a big deal. The names are available at the scorer's booth. We're not trying to hide anything."

The scorekeeper said Canton requested that just the total points be printed and goals and assists be left out. "But we couldn't do that," she said, shrugging her shoulders in response to the entire episode.

However, Canton remains adamant that no strategy was involved. JoAnne Marrone, for example, is the team's highest scorer. "What are we going to do?" Riley asked, "Hide someone like JoAnne?"

She went on to say that there are times when her best players are those who aren't on the score sheet. "They may get no goals and no assists but they're the best player out there." Canton insist that they simply want those players to feel recognized.

Has omitting the names helped? Riley said she doesn't know. Asked if the team was going to omit the names again, Riley said the team hadn't talked about it but felt they probably weren't going to change anything.

However, for those who don't want to check with the scorekeeper while she is busy in her booth, or for Canton players who are secretly curious, Canton's top scorers are as follows:

JoAnne Marrone, 10 goals and 8 assists, S. White, 9 goals and 15 assists, Randy Brooks, 4 goals and 11 assists, and Cheryl Titcomb with 7 goals and 7 assists.

### Coach 22

**C**oaches often find themselves in "catch 22" situations, like the one Mary Beth Riley recently found herself in. (See front page story.) So how does Riley, who used to wear number 22 as a player, like the transition from player to coach?

"I miss playing a little," she said. "But my father was a coach and my brothers coach." When former Canton Coach Paula Dumart left Canton to spend more time watching her son play in college Riley saw the opening as a way to continue her family tradition.

Riley said it hasn't been difficult to go from fellow player to coach. "We've played together for a long time. They know how I am and my philosophies." As a result she said getting the team's respect has not been difficult.

As for practices she said you can't do the things you do on the college level because players cannot come every week. "We do this for fun," she said of the team many see as the most serious in the league. Yet Canton does work hard on their drills. "I get the most satisfaction when I see something we've practiced work in a game," Riley said.

She feels that the South Shore offers some of the best hockey around. "We may be the strongest league in the country." Riley sighted the national team members on Hobomock and Assabet A. She also pointed to the great former college players on Needham and the fantastic skills on Nighthawks A.

As for Canton they may go to Canada or investigate the rumors of a Marlboro tournament. "The only problem with going to Canada is you end up playing the teams from our league." That may be because, as Riley says, the skill level of the South Shore teams inevitably leads them to the final rounds.

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## South Shore to Remain South

With so much hockey being played in Marlboro players have expressed growing concerns that the league will eventually be moved there. However,

President Paula Dumart is emphatic when she says the league will continue to be based in Canton.

"We are not moving out of Canton," she said. "We only gave up Canton's two-thirty and three-forty hours to help develop the youth hockey for the younger girls."

Describing the move as a "big sister program" Dumart said giving the young girls two consecutive hours makes it much easier to guarantee them referees and a timekeeper. "Their referees are less expensive and it's a great way to develop new refs," she said.

"We may not even do it for them them next year," Dumart continued. "We have said that this is a transition year."

Teams have complained to Dumart saying they prefer to play at one site or the other. "It's impossible to have one team play at one site," she said. "Teams must realize that some players must drive to get (to their gauges)."

Since the league expanded to 20 teams Dumart said they had to find additional ice. Marlboro, with its four rink facility, made it possible for the games to continue to be played on Sunday afternoons. Dumart said the Marlboro area is a growing area for hockey and a great place to promote women's hockey. *The Enterprise Sun*, a daily which covers the Marlboro area, recently had a large article on the South Shore League.

This year she said she hopes to show-case the All-Stars at the Marlboro rink. With Saturday night ice available and with the game being played in January rather than during the tournament season, she said she feels she can give the players more publicity. "However, I'm open to having the All-Star game in Canton next year," she said. "We can even alternate years."

However, with Dumart's strong connections to the Marlboro facility and with her living in the area there were some who were concerned enough to consider starting a petition to protest a possible move.

"It's not a petition issue," Dumart said. "You bring your concerns up at the league meeting." She said the petition is not necessary because the league is not going to move.

## Game of the week: Randolph V. South Shore Hornets.

Coach George Sullivan said he is ready for the Hornets this week. "They're good because they have great goaltending," he said.

The Hornets are a first-year team and have been getting some unexpected victories from the older, more established teams. "But we're ready for them this

week," Sullivan said.

Both teams are doing very well so far this round so today's game could end up being very important for the second round standings. The game starts at 3:30 p.m. in Marlboro.

Gold Division Top 5 Scorers		Goals	Assts	Points
C. Curley	Assabet A	17	12	29
G. Ulion	Assabet A	12	11	23
T. Beauchemin	Nighthawks A	09	13	22
W. Collins	Nighthawks A	10	11	21
B. Moxcey	Nighthawks A	07	12	19
J. Sobek	Hobomock	07	12	19

Silver Division Top 5 Scorers		Goals	Assts	Points
D. Glynn	Nighthawks B	12	11	23
N. Craig	Quincy	12	09	21
J. Pollak	Nighthawks B	09	06	15
L. Anthony	Stoneham B	06	08	14
A. Travers	Quincy	08	05	13

Bronze Division Top 5 Scorers		Goals	Assts	Points
G. Laing	Randolph	17	06	23
A. Good	Randolph	09	13	22
M. Dekarski	Randolph	10	07	17
J. Mulvey	Rhode Island M	07	03	10
K. Sorel	Framingham	05	04	09
L. Dowling	Randolph	04	05	09

*Happy New Year!*



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#### Canton Rink

4:50 PM	South Shore	V. Framingham
6:00 PM	R. I. Midgets	V. Storm
7:10 PM	Chelmsford	V. Rhode Island S.
8:20 PM	Hobomock	V. Needham

#### Marlboro Rink

1:00 PM	Assabet A	V. Assabet M
2:10 PM	Randolph	V. Boston
3:30 PM	Springfield	V. Nighthawks B
4:40 PM	Canton	V. Mass Bay
5:40 PM	North Shore	V. Nighthawks A
6:50 PM	Quincy	V. Stoneham B