

# SPORT TOPICS

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## THIS WEEK'S SPORTS CALENDAR

**Men's Town League Softball - Best of seven semi-final At Vincent Massey, 6:45 p.m.**  
Wed., Aug. 10th — Ken's Men's Wear vs. Kramp's Furn. (3rd game)  
Thurs., Aug. 11th — Stephen Fuels vs. Bill's Billiards (3rd game)  
Tues., Aug. 16th — Kramp's Furn. vs. Ken's Men's Wear (3rd game)  
Wed., Aug. 17th — Bill's Billiards vs. Stephen Fuels (3rd game)

**Junior Town League Softball - Best of five semi-final At Memorial Park, 6:30 p.m.**  
Thurs., Aug. 11th — Ellis Shoes vs. Whyte's Upholstering (3rd game)  
Mon., Aug. 15th — Frank's Variety vs. Chartran's Cloth. (3rd game)  
Tues., Aug. 16th — Whyte's vs. Ellis (if necessary)  
Thurs., Aug. 18th — Chartran's vs. Frank's (if necessary)

**Darlington Sr. Soccer Lge. - Final games in reg. sched. All games start at 7:15 p.m.**  
Wed., Aug. 10th — Tyrone at Salem Courtice at Hampton  
Sat., Aug. 13th — Maple Grove at Solina Salem at Zion  
This will end the sports calendar as a weekly feature in this column, while the softball and soccer playoffs are underway. It is impossible to accurately give definite dates, depending on the length of series.

### KRAMP'S APPEAR CINCH FOR FINALS

Kramp's Furniture and Ken's Men's Wear continued the pattern of regular schedule play as the Men's Town League best of seven semi-finals got underway last week. Kramp's who had come on with a great surge to win the pennant sent Ken's down to their fifth and sixth consecutive defeats, earning 10-1 and 4-2 decisions.

While Kramp's have the power, Ken's must rely on speed, a commodity they have plenty of, but the main difference is in the pitching department, where the Furniture dealers have a surplus, with Ken's finding problems. A young hurler up from the junior ranks, Jim Coyle Jr. tossed a fine two hitter in the opener to run his record to five wins without a loss. Jim was only one batter away from a no-hitter, when Mel Burgess clouted a two strike single.

In the other semi-final, which should provide a better contest, Bill's Billiards edged Stephen Fuels 6-5 in their first attraction. Although he got off to a bad start this season, left-hander Bill Osborne has been winning lately, and is still the big gun for the Billiards, both on the mound and at bat. With Osborne in the line-up Bill's are at least even money, but we understand that the speed-balling south-paw will be lost to the team for much of the remaining playoff action, and that should swing the odds over to the defending champion Fuels.

Unfortunately, with our fine contact man, Bill Cole, away on vacation, due to a mix-up in being unable to obtain the details, last week's games will not appear on the sports pages.

### QUITE A COURSE

What would you say if someone told you about a nice little golf course, only about 1700 yards in length, and yet the record score was just 45? A person would have to believe it is a rather tough nine.

Putting on a green covered by nearly a foot of water isn't conducive to helping your score, but this is just one of the strange sights on "the Nutty Golf Course" near Minden. In order to reach this "green", you must drive off a tree on a raft out in the lake, and hope that you make the well-watered flag area in one. It would help to be within a couple of inches of the pin, because that is about as far as the putt will travel underwater.

Or, take the third hole. The green is a maze with enough dead ends to cost you plenty of strokes. They also have a vertical green and a "par-tree" hole built into a stump. Then there is the tee-off on which you drive off amid a spray of sprinklers. The course supplies raincoats. But never fear, all the holes aren't so tricky. The eighth hole will please most of us duffers. It's billed as the world's largest hole, and anyone who can drive 130 yards in the right general direction has a good chance for a "hole-in-one."

The course is on the South Lake road, four miles from Minden. This reporter is looking forward to giving it a try, but it will have to wait until next year. In the meantime, we'd be happy to hear from any of our northern cottage owners, who might have played the nutty course.

### CHARTRAN'S ALMOST DO IT

Chartran's Men's Wear, a team that finished last in the regular schedule almost pulled off the big upset in Jr. Town League playoffs Thursday night. The clothiers led 5-3 heading into the final frame when Frank's Variety pushed across three runs to cop the first of five series opener 6-5.

Chartran's held an 8-4 margin in the hitting department too, so it could well be that Frank's, perhaps the loop's slickest team, won't find the going as easy as they thought. Unfortunately Whyte's Upholstery couldn't field a team for Tuesday's scheduled playoff starter, and defaulted to defending champion Ellis Shoes. It's a bad way to lose, particularly a playoff game, but the guy we felt sorry for was Dennis Sullivan, the pitching barber who drove all the way from holidaying in Lakefield for the contest.

### MAKES FINAL

Bob Watt Jr., one of this area's top young golfers made it to the Oshawa Golf Club finals by defeating "Rube" Waddell four and three Sunday afternoon.

Jackie Germond Jr., who toiled several seasons ago with Bowmanville intermediate hockey teams bowed out in the other semi-final, losing to perennial favorite Bob Bradley by a three and two margin.

Incidentally, anyone interested in watching the championship playoff should mark down August 28th on their calendar. It should be a dandy!

At Bowmanville, Sunday afternoon, it was nice to see a couple of former members Wib Hall and Joe Smith out for a round of golf. These guys had a lot of good ideas for improving the course, some which might be put into practice next season, if finances are available.

### BOTH ELIMINATED

This reporter discovered that a team we didn't even know existed, the Pee Wees, were eliminated from the baseball playoffs by Port Hope. The team won the Ontario championship last season.

The Bantam Legionnaires won the opener of their best-of-three series with Ajax, but dropped the second game Saturday and were ousted in Sunday afternoon's deciding encounter at the Memorial Park.

# SPORTS

## Bantams Ousted From Eastern Ont. Playdowns by Ajax



Bowmanville's Legion-sponsored Bantams got away to a good start on Thursday when they defeated Ajax 2-1 in the opener of the Eastern Ontario semi-finals. Both teams scored in the first inning, but neither could produce another run until Tommy Simpson clouted a homer in the bottom of the eighth. On Saturday, they played in Ajax and were defeated 7 to 4. On Sunday, the clincher was played at Memorial Park, with Bowmanville again on the short end of an

## Hits Homer in Eighth for Win



Bantam Tom Simpson was the big hero on Thursday when he clouted the winning home run in the eighth to give the locals a win over Ajax. He is shown here crossing the plate, with base umpire Arnold Etcher making certain he touches the rubber.

## Sundown Grand Prix At Mosport Aug. 20th

Once again the North Toronto Motorsports Club is organizing the Sundown Grand Prix of Endurance. This Fifth running of Canada's premier endurance race will be held on August 20th at Mosport Park.

We have chosen Mosport as the scene of this year's event, as we feel this track will provide the most gruelling test of man and machine, while at the same time providing the spectator with an unobstructed view of the stimulating spectacle of night racing, similar to that at Le Mans in France, and the Sebring endurance race in Florida.

With the dropping of the flag for the main event, the drivers will sprint across the track to their cars — thus beginning the longest endurance race in Canada. Six hours later, with lights blazing, the winner will streak across the finish line, bringing to an end an outstanding program of events, including formula races, also sedans and sports cars.

Spectators are advised to come early and stay late for a full day of racing. The gates will be open Friday afternoon and campers are welcome. Practice for the feature race will be held Friday night, and will run into darkness. That's Friday and Saturday, August 19th and 20th. See you there.

## Leaf Players Coming Aug. 18 For Ball Clinic

The Recreation Department Playground Baseball Clinic that was cancelled on Wednesday, August 3rd, will be held on Thursday, August 18th, at Memorial Park, starting at 1:00 p.m.

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### Girls' Softball

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### Swimming Classes

A new group was added to our swimming classes this year, a group for five and six-year-olds which is held at the Cream of Barley Pool every Monday morning.

Our swimming programme is progressing very well and this is due to the excellent weather, co-operation of the children participating in the work of the instructors.

Life Guards (Kiwanis Park) Once again the Department has two life guards on at the Kiwanis Park and on Sunday we have given them a good past month we have been taking water samples, to make sure there is no water pollution. Water samples are taken twice a week and so far the water has shown no signs of pollution.

### Parks and Play Areas

This Department has been kept quite busy maintaining the various play areas in town. Due to the poor weather during April, May and part of June, we were thrown behind in our work schedule. However we have managed to get the diamonds in shape, paint apparatus, bleachers, scoreboards, rebuild the diamond at Ontario Street, repair and maintain the lacrosse box.

Without proper equipment, the job is tedious and drawn out. Through the hard and excellent work of Joe Kennett and his staff we have been able to keep them in good shape. The proper equipment would make the job easier and faster to do.

### Day Camp

Our Day Camp held at Thistle Valley Park during July is progressing very well due to the fine summer weather. The Boys' Camp has completed its first two weeks and the Girls' Camp finished on Friday, July 29th, with their annual Parents' Night.

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## Port Hope Pee Wees Kill Locals' Hopes Of Spot in Playoffs

Last Wednesday night at King's Field, Port Hope, before a large crowd in Ontario Baseball Association Pee Wee "B" playdowns, Elm Hills Port Hope Legionnaires spotted the visiting Bowmanville nine an early inning lead and then bounced back in the late stages to squeeze out a close, hard fought 3-4 victory to well earned. The first two take the best-of-three round in two straight games. They won the opener in the Rubbertown on Tuesday night by a narrow 3-2 score with two runs in the top of the seventh. They now move along the playoff trail.

Bob Downey went to the hill for Port Hope after pitching Tuesday and tossed the first three innings. He was nicked for a brace of runs on three base knocks. He punched only one free ticket, hit another batsman and whiffed six, including the side in the second canto. Neil Pemberton went the rest of the route and gave up a brace of tallies on two bingles and no free tickets. He struck out four. Chuck Emma handled the catching assignment in fine style.

Roy Rogers came right back to the hill for the visitors and let the locals down with just four hits. He had a no hitter going until the fifth. He walked seven however but fanned the fantastic total of 15, one more than the night before. He got the side in the first, second (in rotation) and sixth, adding a brace in each of the other three innings. Earl Crough did the catching. Bowmanville scored twice in the third as Crough singled sharply to left with one gone, advanced to third and scored on a neat sacrifice bunt by Forsey. Rogers followed with a long triple and went all the way home on a miscue charged to Phil Watts at second base.

Port Hope went ahead in the fifth taking full advantage of three errors by the boys from Bowmanville. Philip Watts was safe on a boot at short with one gone, he stole second, went to third as Bob Thickson singled sharply and came home on a passed ball. Tim Haynes was safe on a miscue at the hot corner, Thickson scoring. Downey stroled and Pemberton scored them both with a solid hit to centre field.

In the sixth, Bowmanville rallied to tie it up once again with two runs. Forsey gained a life as Allan Pickering was charged with an error at third. Rogers hit his second successive three bagger to plate him and scored himself on a fielder's choice. The winning run came in the bottom of the same inning and was well earned. The first two went down on strikes but Allan Walsh kept the Legion alive with a sharp single and Phil Watts cashed him with a screaming double.

Port Hope only made two errors but they both resulted in runs. Bowmanville made three but they all came in the fifth inning and helped the locals notch their quartet of tallies. For Port Hope, Roger Lees walked twice and stole three bases. Watts doubled home the winner. Walsh singled and scored the winning tally. Thickson stroled and singled. Haynes walked twice, Downey and Emma once each and Pemberton singled. For Bowmanville it was a heartbreaker for the pitcher, Rogers. He hit two three baggers, scored twice and knocked in the other three bingles, all singles. Ruhorчук walked and Murphy was hit with a pitched ball.

Fielding highlights were supplied by Thickson at short for the locals with a fine catch on a fly ball by Ruhorчук in the sixth to end the two-run rally and by Allan Pickering at third in the seventh when he speared a line drive by Livingston with a gone.

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