

SPORTS

Minor Baseball Season Officially Opens



Although the weatherman didn't favour the Whitby Minor Baseball Assoc. with the sunny blue skies it has had in previous years he at least kept the rain away from the chill windy day that ushered in the 1974 season last Sat., Minor Baseball Day in The Town of Whitby by official proclamation.

The ceremonies began with the Whitby Brass Band leading players of the association's 36 clubs in a parade from Kinsmen Park on Walnut St., through the downtown area to Peel Park. At Peel, the greetings of the Town of Whitby were extended by councillor Jim Gartshore representing Mayor Des Newman and Council and W.M.B.A. Pres. Winston Muschett spoke to the players who surrounded the field. For the ceremonial "first pitch", Fred Bequette, Whitby's Deputy Director of Recreation and a former professional player with the Dodger and Pirate organizations donned the catching equipment, Councillor Gartshore threw the first ball and Pres. Muschett tapped a slow roller to officially get the season underway. The Durham Re-



The "first pitch" of the 1974 Whitby baseball season is on its way, having been thrown by Councillor Jim Gartshore in ceremony at

Peel Park on Saturday. Waiting for ball is Whitby Minor Baseball Assoc. Pres. Winston Muschett. Councillor Gartshore must throw a curve

because ball which appears to be coming in high and outside was hit. Out of view is catcher Fred Bequette; Whitby's Deputy Director of Recreation.

gion Police were represented by Inspector Gerald Robinson and Cap't. Bill Clark represented the Whitby Fire Department and Chief Ed Crouch. In the afternoon several parks were the scene of T-Ball and Tyke exhibition games

Because of the lateness of the spring the house league schedules will not begin until next Monday,

allowing coaches if the weather finally co-operates to get their clubs set and hold practice this week.

W.M.B.A. clubs for the '74 season number 36. In the 10 team T-Ball league clubs are: Nurse Chev-Olds, Staffords, Brooklin Aluminium, Peter The Plumber, Family Kartway, Dairy Queen, Van Staveren Garden Centre, McNamara Marine,

Dupont, Gus Brown Pontiac Buick. Convenor of the group is Wayne White. There are also ten clubs in the Tyke division convened by Perry Stover. Tyke clubs are: Brown's Foodmaster, K-Mart, Consumers Gas, Garrard Rd. Firefighters, Whitby Legion, Branch 112, Jordan-Carty Gulf, Rae Jones and Son, I.O.O.F., Pal-O-Pak and Rotary. George Hobin is convenor for the 8 team Pee-Wee group made up of Red Wing Orchards, Dodd and Souter, Mercantile Dep't Store, Lions, B and R Transport, Brooklin Legion Branch 152, Kiwanis and Seaway Motors. The Bantam-Midget group is headed by Mike Pageau and has five clubs, Custom House, Police Assoc., Canada Yearbook, and Cable T.V., and MacMillan.

Whitby's three entries in the Eastern Ontario Baseball Assoc. are the Legionaires, sponsored by Branch 112 R.C.L. in the Pee-Wee Series, the Big Macs sponsored by McDonalds Family Restaurants in the Bantam series, and the Canadian Tiremen sponsored by the Canadian Tire Store in Whitby in the Midget group.



Exhibition action was feature of Whitby Minor Baseball Opening Day. In game at

Peel Park tyke batter Dave Goreski of 305 Burns St. E., has big league stance as he waits for pitch. Catcher is

Brian Jimmo of 60 Queen St. Umpire is Al Reed of Charles St.

Whitby Clubs Opens E.O.B.A. Schedule

In Eastern Ontario Baseball Assoc. action, Whitby won their share of games in contests dominated by strong pitching performances. The Canadian Tire Midgets took their season opener in Belleville 9 - 4 on the strength of a standout pitching chore by southpaw Steve Sarginson who yielded only two hits while striking out 12. The Tiremen jumped into an 8 - 0 lead in the first inning and this gave them the early margin they needed to pull out the victory. Sarginson helped his won cause with a pair of hits an output matched by Tim Brown. Other Whitby hitters were Alex and Brian Kehoe, Mike Rowley, Cam O'Donnell and Kevin Roche.

The Legionaires playing in the E.O.B.A. Pee-Wee series made their '74 debut a big one dumping Ajax 27 - 0 at Cedar Park in Ajax with Legionaire right-hander Larry Chizen throwing a no hitter and coming within one runner of a pitcher's "dream", a perfect game. Only one Ajax runner reached first base and this was on an error by the Whitby club. Chizen notched 15 strikeouts. The Legionaires picked up 17 hits with Murray McCorkell leading the way with three singles, while John Wall, Rick Dunphy and Greg Puchalski each added a pair of safeties. Singles were contributed by Dave Ciehanski, Mike Welling, Grant Leitch, Dennis Fulton, Greg Rich, Justin Parry, Kevin MacLellan and Larry Chizen. In their next two outings in a busy week for club they tasted defeat, first at the hands of Oshawa who dumped them 12 - 3 at Peel and then in Peterborough where they lost a 1 - 0 decision. In the game against Oshawa the Legionaires were able to pick up only two hits off their old teammate John Samanski, with Murray McCorkell and Larry Chizen getting a double and a single. In the liftlock city the Legionaires lost a 1 - 0 heartbreaker with a lone tally by Peterborough in the fourth inning holding up for the win. Larry Chizen was tagged with the loss but came through with a pitching performance which is good enough for a win most times, giving up five hits and striking out 9.

The McDonald Big Macs started the week with an exhibition tilt against Scarborough Birchmount and came through with a 12 - 0 victory. Cam Murkar started for the Big Macs throwing hitless baseball for five innings and Dave McWhirter and Mark MacDonald finished the final four without yielding a safety to complete the no hitter. They won their E.O.B.A. opener by default when they journeyed to Lindsay only to have no one show up at the ball park. In their home opener against Courtice on Sunday the game turned out to be an unfortunate mismatch of the kind which doesn't help either team. When it was over the Whitby club were winners 39 - 0 in the abbreviated contest in which the Big Macs were out in front 22 - 0 after two innings. Dave McWhirter picked up the win with a no hit performance in which Mark MacDonald finished on the mound with three hitless innings also.

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LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Geddes Carpentry	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Brooklin Concrete	3	2	1	0	9	5	4
Koke Carwash	2	1	1	0	2	3	2
Canadian Tire	3	1	2	0	4	11	2
White Insurance	2	0	2	0	1	3	0

SQUIRTS

A T O M S

Team	Score	Team	Score
BROOKLIN CONCRETE 3		KOKE CARWASH 1	
Dan Forbes 1		Frank Ignozzitto 1	
Jeff Johnstone 2			
GEDDES CARPENTRY 5		CANADIAN TIRE 0	
Gary Roberts 4			
Rodney Reid 1			
Shut Out - Rodney Reid			
CANADIAN TIRE 2		WHITE INSURANCE 1	
- Greg Cole 2		Greg Ellis 1	

Team	Score	Team	Score
WOOLCO 9		RAE R. JONES 2	
Carmel Scaffidi 5		Ricky Wood 1	
Paul Vanderkolff 3		Roy Hoogsteen 1	
Frank Leraci 1			
WHITBY WELDING 4		MCDONALDS W.M. 0	
David Hunter 1			
Ken Kingston 1			
Clinton Davies 2			
Shut Out - Bobby Clark			
EXCEL PLUMBING 6		COUNTRY STYLE DONUTS	

John Schell	2	KING WEST GARDEN	0	KINSMEN	5
Robbie Huggins	2			David Craig	2
Mark Vesters	2			Mark Forman	2
Shut Out - Wayne Misselbrook				Richie Knokes	1
				Shut Out - Danny Kent	

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