

**ANGRY SNARL OF MIGHTY MITE RACERS SIGNALS KART START**

A WAVE OF GO-KARTS AND DRIVERS sweep over the asphalt surface of North Halton Kart Club's racing track at Limehouse as though they were tied together during the pre-start of a race. The angry snarl of the low slung speedsters rises to an intense pitch as the starting flag drops, and the drivers squeeze every ounce of thrust out of their mighty little machines. This scene will be repeated many times on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer as North Halton drivers and guests go chasing win points that will be cashed in for several hundred dollars worth of trophies when it's all over. The kart racing season at the North Halton track started last night (Wednesday).

**BASEBALL TIPS**

**General Rules for Fielding Ground Balls, Playing First**

- by Bill Richmond
- This week I shall write about the fielding plays in the infield and tips for first basemen.
- There are 12 general rules for infield play.
1. Keep your eye on ball until you see it in your glove.
  2. Watch the ball in fielding it. Don't watch the runner. Don't try to throw the ball until you get it.
  3. Field ball with the glove in front of you.
  4. Stay on your toes, not on your heels, with feet spread.
  5. Carry the glove low. It is easier to come up on the ball than it is to go down.
  6. Be relaxed with your hands, yet firm, don't jab at the ball, give with the ball as you field it.
  7. Get in front of the ball when possible.
  8. Play good hops when possible. Don't make easy plays tough ones.
  9. Try to field the ball in position to make a quick throw.
  10. Don't lob the ball on easy plays. Throw strikes belt high.
  11. Charge fast and slow up a step before fielding ball, crowd hop into a balanced throwing position.
  12. Remember the only way a ball can take a bad hop is up. Play ground balls accordingly.
- Every position in the infield is vital and all need ball players with quick hands and accurate throws. Here are some tips for first basemen.
1. Never play so far away from the base as to cause an extra effort reaching the bag before a thrown ball arrives.
  2. Assume a wide stance, giving you good balance and a chance to shift on a ground ball bouncing wildly.
  3. Move toward the ball on grounders coming straight at you. Keep your body bent low and your hands close to the ground. It is easier to raise your hands than lower them.
  4. Your primary duty is to catch a thrown ball even if you have to leave the bag. Practice catching with the glove hand from all angles but use two hands whenever possible in a game.
  5. In taking a throw from another infielder, run to the bag, touch it with one foot and assume a straddle position. You

can shift right or left to catch the ball and still have a foot on the bag.

6. The hardest play is the one where the throw comes to the first baseman on the left side of the bag, directly in the path of the runner. If there is enough time, step off the bag to catch the ball and touch the runner with both hands. If not, catch the ball, change your feet with the same motion and jump away from the baseline.

7. Generally play 12-15 feet behind the bag and 10 feet from the foul line. For right-handed hitters, play closer to second. For slow runners, play deeper.

8. When the pitcher covers first throw the ball softly with an underhand motion. — SHOW THE BALL TO THE PITCHER.

9. In fielding a bunt, try to take the ball on your right side, so you can pivot and throw quickly. Charge the ball and try to knock off the front runner. If in doubt, throw to first.

Next week I shall discuss a third baseman's duties and the double play.

**Name Coaches, Managers for Rural Minor Softball**

The following coaches and managers will be guiding the 23 entries in the four Halton Rural Minor Softball Leagues this season.

**SQUIRTS:** Glen Williams, John Haines; Hornby A. Ken Hearn, Hornby B. Dave Leslie; Drumquin, Norm Flemington; Kilbride, Gord Harris; Lowville, Reg Coulson.

**PEE WEES:** Glen Williams, Earl Cuthbert; Hornby A. Art Brooks; Hornby B. Ron McHugh; Drumquin A. Jack Hilson; Drumquin B. Ray Fuller; Kilbride, Don Barrett; Lowville, Ross Sanderson; Omagh, Dave Lawrence.

**BANTAMS:** Glen Williams, Pete Norton; Hornby, Steve Trenc; Drumquin, Jim Wilson; Kilbride, Doug Watson; Omagh, Harry Reibot.

**MIDGETS:** Glen Williams, Ike Inglis; Hornby, Bert Stewart; Lowville, Ray Powell; Omagh, Dave Gillies.

**70 Play North Halton, Ladies Have Guest Day**

Over 70 ladies teed off last Tuesday at North Halton Golf & Country Club. The weather was windy and cool, but the golfing was excellent. Many members took this opportunity to bring a guest to the club.

Prize winners among the visitors were:—

Low gross, Mrs. Chivers; Low net, Mrs. MacGregor; Low puts, Mrs. Parker; Honest puts, Mrs. La Coude; Low hidden hole, Mrs. Chambers; High hidden hole, Mrs. Broomhead.

After the salad buffet members and guests were treated to a fashion show put on by some of the executive of the Ladies Golf Section. Most of the creations were made by the models themselves. Ann Smith was the commentator and make-up assistant. Phil Monckton sparkled in her black, silver and gold after five dress. Liz Smith was really square in her brown box and Kay Butler was stunning in a black plunging outfit. The show stopper was a "Mini-Street" creation modelled by Toots Burns. A sheer net formal worn by Shirley Crichton brought the festivities to a close.

Members winning prizes:

Low gross, Eleanor Inglis; Half-way prize, Jean Martini; Low puts, Marjorie Gilmer; Honest puts, Vera Grozelle; Low hidden hole, Liz Smith; High hidden hole, Mrs. Genmell; Low hidden hole, Jan MacKinnon; High hidden hole, Ann Smith; Best poker hand, June Evans.

**Town Bowlers in Prize List at Clarkson Bowl**

Central Ontario Bowlers Association held their 180 and 240 and under finals at Park Royal Bowl, Clarkson on Saturday afternoon. Bowlers competed from Bramalea, Guelph, Milton, Acton, Meadowvale and Georgetown.

In keeping with the winning trend Georgetown Bowlers brought home some of the top prizes. 1st place in the 240 and under went to Pat Barber of Georgetown who rolled 776 and won a six transistor mantle radio. LaVerne Ryder placed 2nd in the 180 and under and won a thirty cup coffee percolator.

Other prize winners from Georgetown were George Webster carving set; Bill Barclay Jr., bar B-Q set; George Archibald, towel set; Bill Haynes, set of glasses; Charlene MacCormack, glasses; Doris Pantling, Corningware set; Wilma Marshall, tray; Bill Barclay, ash trays; Pearl Savage, Centennial Ash trays; Shirley Chaplin, Corningware set; Verna Prouse, trays.

Don't forget Georgetown Bowlers the O'Keefe Awards at Georgetown Bowl, this Sunday, June 4th.

**Georgetown Bowlers Get Team, Individual Trophies**

Georgetown Bowlers continue winning ways. On Wednesday, May 10 and 17 a team of Georgetown Bowlers consisting of four men and two women travelled to Bramalea and again brought home the spoils.

The Georgetown team bowled a tremendous 12579 pin fall for the 10 games. Their nearest rival was Oakville who rolled 11946. Other scores were Bramalea 11591 - Meadowvale 11740 - Meadowvale 11220 and Bramalea B 11511.

The tournament is sponsored yearly by the Bramalea Janitorial Service.

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**Auspicious Debut for New Baseball Juniors, Win Two**

The new Georgetown Juniors opened the season with a bang. They humbled the Campbellville Juvenile club by belting them 15-2 and allowed the visitors absolutely no hits. Big Mike Tost started the game on the mound to gain the victory and went four innings. Bruce Schullis came in the 5th and walked 4 straight batters and was relieved by Wayne Marchand who cleaned up to end the game. Georgetown scored 4 runs in the first inning on 3 straight singles by Ridall, Maloney and Arbie with Denmore reaching base on an error to the shortstop. They collected two more in the 3rd when Maloney and Arbie hit back to back triples. The bubble really burst in the 4th when Georgetown pushed 7 runs home when Quackenbush and Schullis opened with doubles. Ridall was safe on a fielder's choice, then two straight singles by Denmore and Marchand, a walk to Arbie, a double by Ford, a single by Quackenbush and Schullis with his second double of the inning.

Georgetown added their final 2 runs in the fifth when Denmore, Maloney and Marchand all walked and Arbie doubled home the final tally. Georgetown showed its superior power racking up 12 hits in a short game collecting 5 walks and 7 of the hits were for extra bases.

They again flexed their muscles on Saturday night, in Brampton, tramping the flowertown crew 9-1 as Danny Arbie threw a 2 hitter at them to go the route for the victory. Ridall and Denmore opened the game right off the bat with a triple each. Maloney walked and Patton singled and the score was 3-0, after 1/2 inning. Georgetown added two more in the second when Anderson walked advanced all the way to 3rd on 2 straight passed balls by the catcher and scored on Ridall's single. Ridall scored when Maloney drove one off the pitcher's glove. The Juniors capped it off in the 4th inning when Ridall and Maloney walked and Arbie tripled. Patton singled to clean the bases. He stole second

and moved all the way home on the catcher's bad throw to second to cap a 4 run inning. Brampton scored their two runs in the last inning on a single and triple. The next Junior game is Thursday night at the park when Bramalea drop in at 6:30.

Normally after two straight league wins a manager should be happy but junior manager Bill Richmond was not. He expressed fears that the calibre of ball his club has as opposition is far below that which the Juniors themselves can produce and continuation of such play could be a detriment to the club. He has scheduled some exhibition encounters with the intermediate teams in Halton County. The big game for local consumption is coming up on Wednesday June 7th at 6:30 when the Georgetown Juniors take on the Georgetown Giants.

While talking about his new club, Manager Richmond stated that this has got to be one of the strongest teams he has ever handled and that included last year's Ontario Juvenile Champions. Although this team is all first year Juniors and most certainly will be stronger next year, he feels there is no reason they should not go all the way. New additions to this year are Wayne Marchand from the township who chose to play last year in Bramalea, knowing he would get regular pitching. He now must couple his throwing talents with Danny Arbie and Mike Tost to give Georgetown one of the strongest pitching staffs imaginable. Extra depth was added when Rick Maloney of Junior C hockey fame and Gabby Patton, two old foes in previous years requested to try out. They bring strong bats as well as solid gloves. Returning after a year's absence are Doug Ford and Bill Anderson. Bruce Schullis is new and last year's Juveniles are Mike Tost, Arbie, Denmore, Ridall, Davison. This years juveniles up to fill spots are Quackenbush, Lane, Peavoy and Robinson. They make up a solid line-up that should produce good enjoyable ball for local fans to watch this year.

Beyers hit his first double in the fourth to give the Oaks a 2-1 lead, and the added to their lead with a run poke by Mackay in the 5th.

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**INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL**

(Including games Sun., May 29)

	W	L	%
Campbellville	4	0	1.000
Hamilton	3	1	.750
Oakville	2	0	1.000
Dundas	2	1	.667
Burlington	1	2	.333
Georgetown	1	2	.333
Freeton	0	1	.000
Milton	0	3	.000
Waterdown	0	3	.000

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**Four Oakville Homers Spell Defeat for Giants**

The home run ball cost Georgetown Giants a ball game Sunday. Giant hurler Don Westbrook threw just four gopher pitches to Oakville Oakbatters in a Halton Intermediate Baseball League game in Oakville but they were the difference as Oaks chalked up a 6-3 victory.

Veteran catcher Tom Beyers had the most luck with Westbrook, belting consecutive homers in the fourth and sixth innings. First baseman Ian Peterson homered in the seventh and second sacker Buddy Mackay in the fifth.

Oak's power hitting backed up the strongest pitching performance by John McKenzie since 1966. McKenzie went all the way limiting the Giants to seven hits, fanning 13, issuing four Feeters' throw.

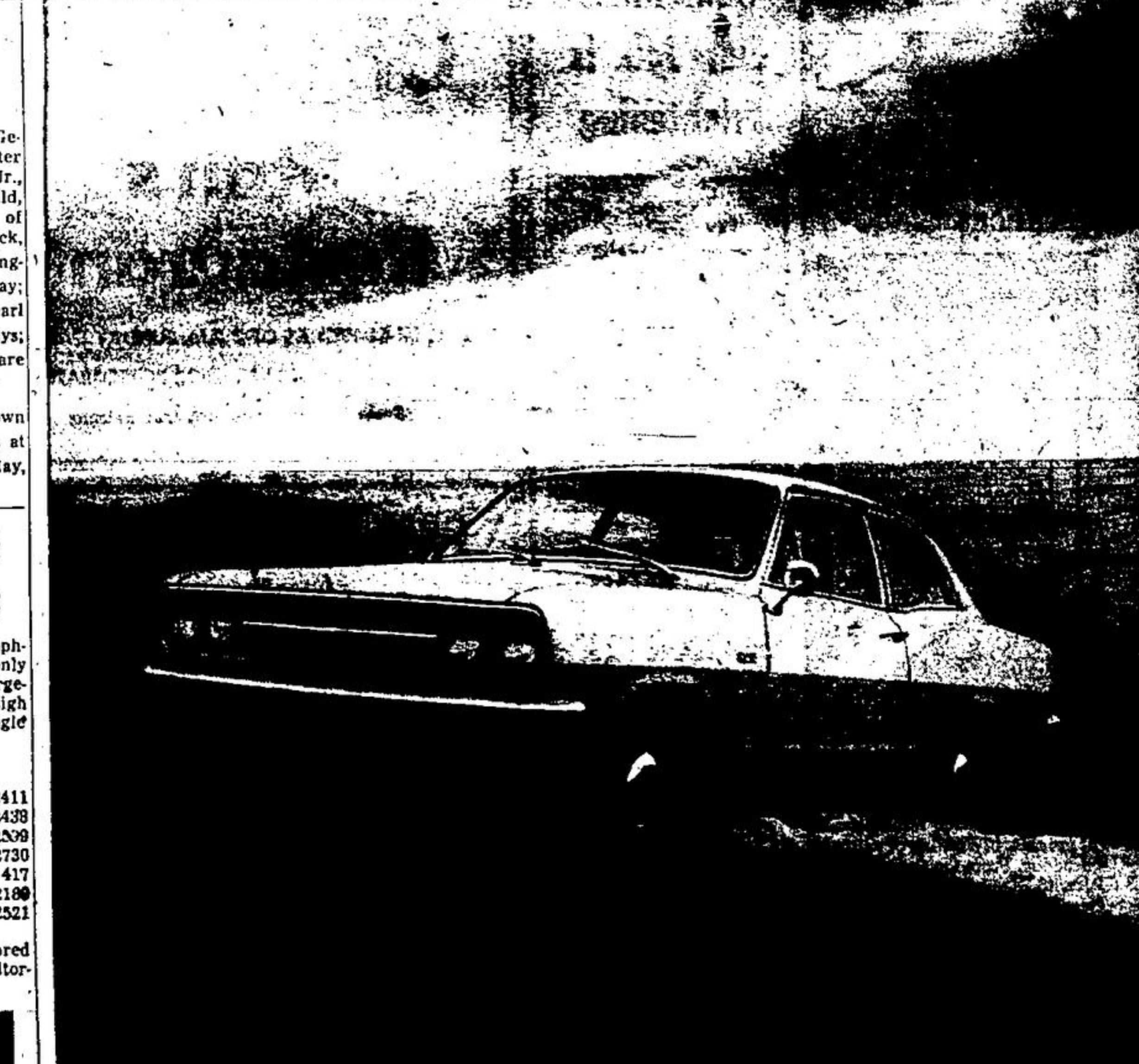
It was a big day for McKenzie who drove in three runs. He put the Oaks in front in the first inning when he singled after Charlie McFeeters led off by walking and stealing second.

The Giants tied the score in the second when Bob McArdeled reached base on an error by shortstop Norm Kane, moved to third on a single by Tony Boudreau and scored on a single by Westbrook.

McKenzie was in serious trouble in that inning. A walk to catcher Don Lindsay had loaded the bases before Westbrook's two-out single. McKenzie escaped from the inning when Lindsay swung rounded second and was unable to get back before McKenzie's throw.



Left to right, Ace Bailey, George Barber, Marg Bratkin, George Nurse, Sylvia Ezard, and Brad Little.



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