

Sports Scene

A winner, finally, after 28 games

Flying Circus wins in Elmvale tourney

After 28 games, the Elmvale Sports Molson's Breweries Fastball Tournament finally declared a winner late Sunday afternoon. The annual 15 team tournament featured several good fastball teams and lots of entertaining games.

Flying Circus Pets of Barrie walked away with the Molson Trophy and \$845 in prize money.

The Flying Circus Pets went through the three-day tournament undefeated. In their opening contest, they stopped Mr. Grocer of Orillia 2-1, then defeated Angus 5-2. Elmvale Sports dropped a narrow 1-0 game to Flying Circus Saturday night, even though they out-hit the Barrie entry. Barrie's Muskoka Homes also was narrowly defeated 2-1 by Flying Circus before Stayner fell in the final game, 5-3.

Stayner built a 3-1 lead in the championship tilt, but Flying Circus rallied to tie at 3-3.

Dan Luck's double with two men on lifted the eventual winners to a 4-3 lead in the sixth

frame. Winning pitcher, Brent McLean, accounted for the final flying Circus run with a towering solo home run in the seventh inning.

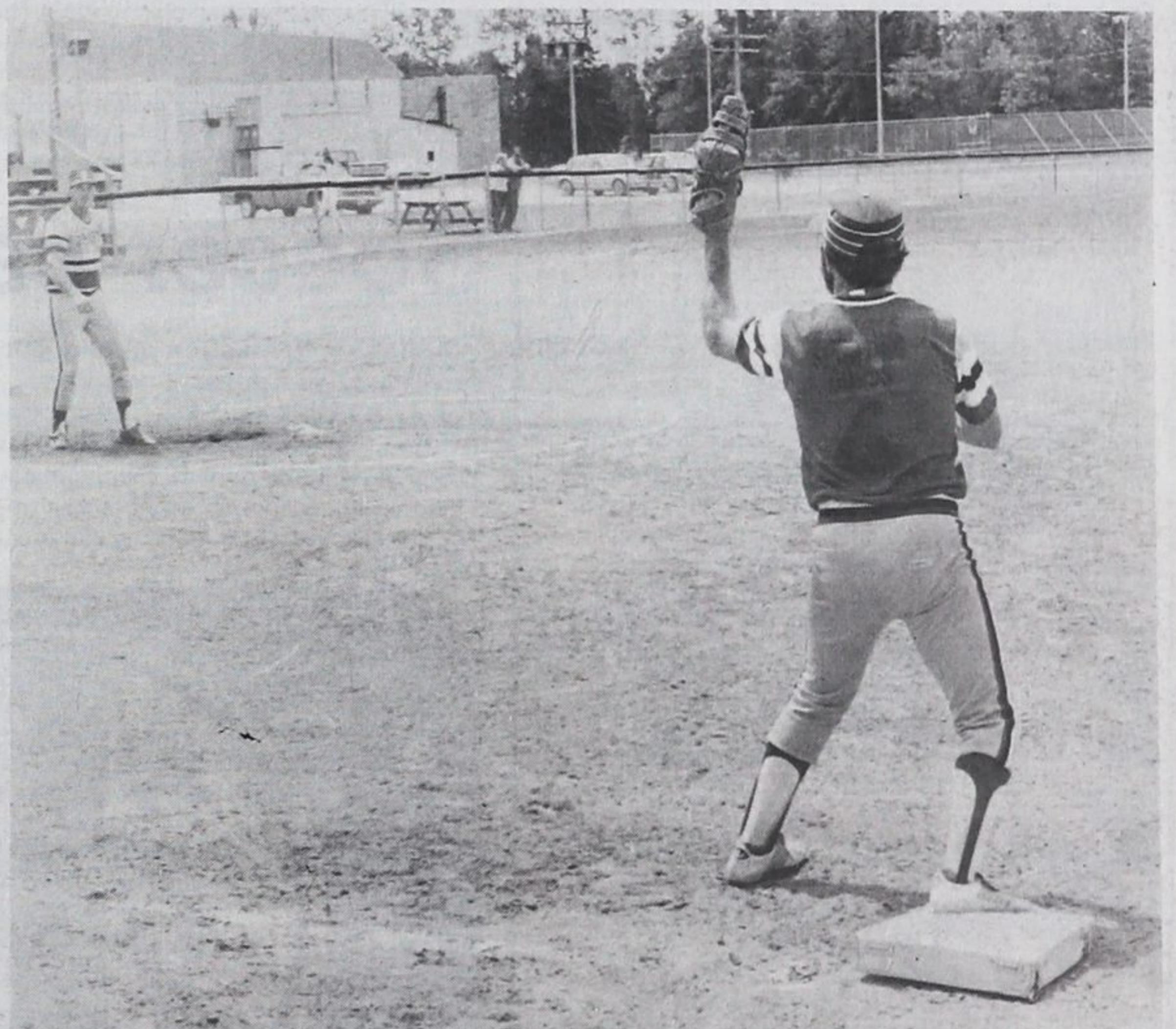
Stayner challenged in the bottom half of the seventh, but Pat O'Connor grounded out to second base with two men on to end the threat, the game and the tournament.

The host Elmvale Sports started well in the tourney, but two 1-0 loses put them on the sidelines.

Elmvale blanked Barrie Beaver Lumber 6-0 in the opening contest and followed that up with a 7-0 whitewashing of North Bay.

Flying Circus handed Elmvale their first 1-0 setback, sending them to the losers side. Oakley Nissan fell 3-0 to Elmvale, but Toronto Safari eliminated the hosts 1-0.

Flying Circus captured the top prize of \$845 while Stayner pocketed \$520 for finishing second. Toronto Safari won \$320 while Elmvale Sports and Barrie Muskoka Homes each netted \$95.



Tourney Action

Murray Lees of Elmvale Sporting Goods fastball team reaches for a throw from his third baseman in the Elmvale Sports - Molson's Breweries tournament on the weekend. The three day 15 team tourney saw

Elmvale lose out in the semi finals. Although outscoring the opposition 16-2 in five games, the Sports lost a pair of contests 1-0 to be eliminated from the big money.

Huge crowd appears to see King

Last Friday's exhibition contest between The King and His Court four man softball team and the Simcoe Rural Fastball League All Stars was a great success.

After drawing 200 fans in Bradford Friday morning and 800 in Collingwood for an afternoon fixture, the King and His Court attracted 1200 paying fans at the Herb Beauchamp Memorial Athletic Field.

Midland Minor Baseball were the benefactors of the event. They recieved \$885 net receipts.

There were 407 advance tickets sold and close to double that figure at the gate.

The crowd, which was several deep behind the back stop and along both lines, as well

as the outfield fence, were well entertained.

Eddie Feigner, while demonstrating different pitches at the conclusion of the ball game, told a few stories. One story was about a stunt man holding a cigar in his mouth while Feigner attempted to knock it out. Feigner told the man he might miss and hit him with the pitch. The stuntman replied that that was okay because he was being paid \$50 every time he got hit. "\$800 later, I hit the cigar," Feigner related.

Behind the back throws to first base and pitches between his legs along with phantom pitches, entertained the large crowd.



Big Swing

The King and His Court entertained 1200 fans at the Herb Beauchamp Memorial Athletic Field Friday in an exhibition fastball game. The opposition was supplied by the Simcoe Rural Fastball League All Stars.

Midland Minor Baseball were the recipients of \$885 as a result of their take of the gate. Eddie Feigner and his four man team put on many shenanigans to treat the fans.