

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

American Gene Blair Is Out To Capture Win At Pinecrest Track

If you think things are rough at Pinecrest Speedway, you should see the stock car jockeys in action at Buffalo to appreciate how really reckless drivers can get. That's the opinion of Gene Blair, the Wednesday-Nighter at the No. 7 highway oval, who calls the American city home.

"The competition is so rough, they're practically driving for blood in Buffalo," declared the 20-year-old Blair the other night after a Pinecrest win. "Why there are more kids in hospital over there than driving on the track."

Blair, who has been roaming around race tracks since he was 16 years old, is getting more Canadianized all the time. He thinks he'll make Pinecrest his Saturday headquarters, too.

"I'm going to build me a new car," Blair added, "and am looking for a sponsor to paint a name on it. Judging by the look of this (his battered No. 90) about two weeks is the minimum for it to last. It sure is tiring fast."

Although Blair hasn't won a feature since his July 1 win in the rain, he's still piling up points and had a total of 74 at the end of last week—good for fifth spot in the \$1,000 Carling trophy race.

Probably his most thrilling victory this season was his triumph in the "Last Chance" on July 4—U.S. Independence Day—when he sneaked past Weston's Garnet Clarkson on the 13th lap of the 14-lap affair.

Who knows, maybe this Saturday Blair will do a repeat of his recent one-wheel half-lap ride. In that one, he climbed over an opponent's front end and steamed along almost verticle. How he kept from turning over, nobody knows.

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King City Ball Team Ready For Playoffs

A rain check, after having been raised out for three games, has been a lucky break for the King City baseball team, for they have won the last 4 games, and after a game with Bolton, at Bolton, on Thursday night, will be ready for the play-offs which begin next week. On Monday, last week, the local boys played at Kettleby, and the score, in their favour, was 16-2. The following Thursday they played Bolton, at King City Memorial Park, winning that game by 12-0. The local pitchers are Gord Orr, Tony Roman, Norm Hymes, and Bob Arbuckle.

Elgin Girls Trim Unionville 19-0

The Elgin Mills Ladies' Softball team took Unionville 19-0 at last Monday night's game at the Jefferson diamond.

It was a quick, decisive game with little opposition and the 19 runs were soon chalked up. Mae Spires of the Elgin team topped the list with 4 runs and was followed by Esther Topp who had 3. Shirley Jones was on the mound with Irene Mashinter as catcher.

An earlier game between the Elgin girls and Stouffville resulted in a 11-3 score for Stouffville making it their second win from the Elgin team.

The Elgin team won a \$25 prize at the Lake Marie Athletic Day Carnival earlier. This was an exhibition game.

Don't forget to attend the home game at the Jefferson diamond next Monday when the Elgin plays Cedar Grove.

These girls need our support—come out for a good evening of fun.

King City Amateur Wrestling Club Stages Exhibition Wrestling Bouts

The King City Wrestling Club staged a 4 bout exhibition, at the Saturday afternoon entertainment in Memorial Park, and were invited to give an encore at the evening show to attract the visitors. The King City boys wrestled the Aurora boys, and were beaten by the bigger Aurora boys by 2 points. Johnny Rieborough of King, tied with Curley Brans, Aurora; Steve Kees, Aurora won from little Johnny Wanamaker, but lost to Taisto Kaneinin. Larry Gardiner, Aurora, won from Dale O'Brien. Coach Bob McLeod said that it was good experience for the clubs, and gave the spectators a chance to see how sporting the boys accept the falls and the loss, as well as the wins. The wrestling in the afternoon entoured two girls of Elgin Mills baseball team to leave the spectator ranks and try their skill at the rough and tumble. Bob McLeod invited them to try the mat, instead of the grass, and

they staged their own show, much to the amusement of the small boys.

At the evening entertainment, the King City Wrestling Club put on the encore exhibition, which proved very interesting to the children and adults who watched. The adults were pleased to see the good sportsmanship displayed by the young wrestlers, who were willing to take on any boy, no matter what his size, then to laugh and shake hands after the toss. Five 3-minute bouts were staged by Taisto Kaneinin who won from Johnny Rieborough, Dale O'Brien who tied with Roddy Bell, Jimmy Fox who beat Johnny Wanamaker, Donald Gordon who won from Roddy Bell, and Taisto who bested smiling Jimmy Fox. Bert Archibald was the winner of a 5 minute bout with Jim Patton, who had been unbeatable until Saturday night.

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DEVELOP A "BIG LEAGUE" THROWING ACTION

Nine out of ten ball players cannot throw with sufficient power and accuracy because they don't use a forearm whip and they step across in front of their body as they throw. To use the forearm whip you must make sure that your elbow comes through first, with the hand well behind it. Then just as your elbow reaches a spot just in front of your shoulder, you whip your forearm forward in a hard whip-like snap. This is the difference between an average arm and a really good arm. A good way to practise this forearm whip is to place two chairs about 20 or 30 feet apart. Then you and a pal sit in the chairs and practise throwing the ball at each other, just using the forearm whip action to get the ball from chair to chair. Such practice, done for 10 or 15 minutes every day for a week or two will soon teach you the forearm whip.

In working on the way you step forward as your arm comes through, you should remember this important rule. Never step any other way except straight ahead with your toes pointing at the target at which you are throwing the ball. If you step across your body toward the right if you are stepping forward with your left foot, you get your front hip in the way of your throwing action and take a great deal of power away from your throw and also make it more likely that you will throw wide of the target. The correct way is to step forward as if you are going to walk toward the spot at which you are throwing. If you are stepping forward properly, your shoulders and hips will be square to your target. You will not be side-ways to it. Make sure you check on this part of your throwing action as soon as possible. Remember, if you are not stepping straight forward when you throw, your throwing action cannot be 100% effective.

A Footwork Hint For Tennis
Most tennis players, when hitting the ball, have their weight on their back foot and this bad hab-

ed, however, and caught Garner in a series of arm and shoulder throws then held him for the pin. The second fall was a little on the short side, "Red" kicked the Panther in the stomach when he came near, then thumbed him in the eye and applied his "Cobra Twist" for a submission fall. The Black Panther proved a little softer than his jungle namesake and gave in readily.

The third fall went to the Black Panther. "Red" though fast on his feet, and stuffed with wrestling lore couldn't hold out for long against the Panther, and a second series of arm throws followed by a pin in which the ropes were also included laid him low. The Panther seemed disinclined to let things go at that, but the referee finally persuaded him to stop kicking Garner and go back to the dressing room.

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R.H. Juveniles Show Improved Play; Win 8-3 Over Lake Wilcox

On Friday last Richmond Hill Juveniles played Lake Wilcox at the Park. The Lake team's pitching and playing have improved considerably since their last game here and the score was much closer. Richmond Hill winning by a score of 8-3 with steady pitching by Walt MacKay. The remainder of the team backed him up with fine playing and well placed hits.

Richmond Hill boys have improved greatly and although handicapped by the usual summer holiday shortage of players have made a fine showing to date and have had a good number of spectators at their games on Friday nights at the park. But there is still room for a good many more people.

Incidentally the team will soon be entering the O.B.A. and would welcome a sponsor who could supply them with uniforms.

To date the Lions Club has kept the boys supplied with bats, balls and other playing equipment. These are much appreciated and put to good use by the team.

Three Way Tie

Jas. Granger and R. Lynett were the Richmond Hill rink tied for second place with two other competing rinks last Saturday afternoon at the Townsend-Clark Doubles held in Toronto. Each rink had a score of 58 in the three-way tie and received \$5 vouchers as prizes.

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Garner's Tactics Startle Confident Black Panther

By Quintin Wight
Well it still looks as if a good little man can put up a darn good showing against a not so good big man. "Red" Garner, though he weighs only in the region of 180 pounds stood up to the Black Panther who scales in at well over 200 and acquitted himself quite well.

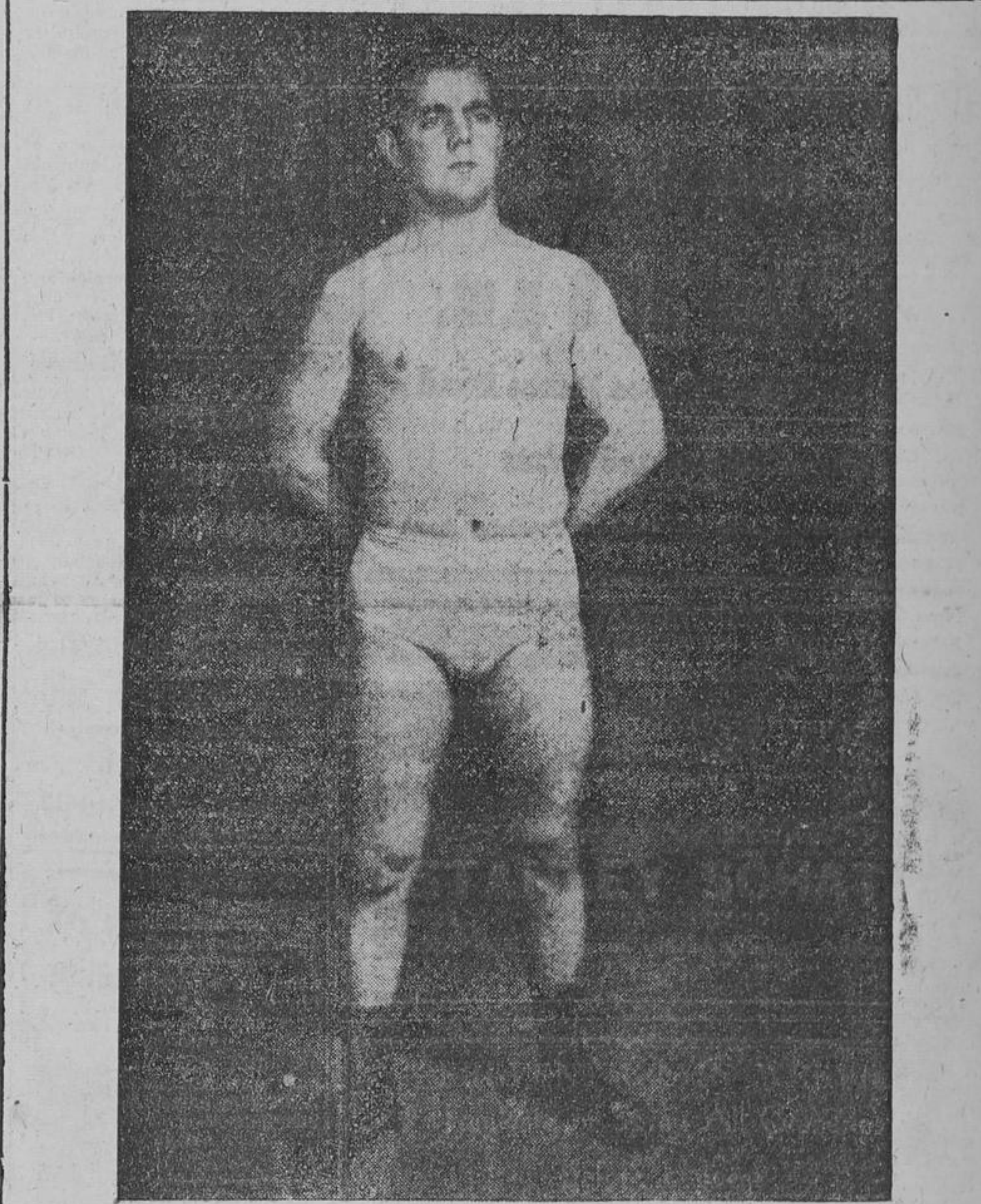
"Red" substituted for Gerry Sullivan, who did not turn up to fight. The first round showed some fast action from both sides, "Red" hopping around the ring like a little terrier worrying a bull, and the huge Panther lumbering around him. The Panther opened with his "Conk Bonks, then "Red" let fly with some of Gus "Billy Goat" Sonnenberg's flying tackles and laid him low for a while. "Red" can punch as well as the next guy and he let loose with a few round-house swings that flattened the giant negro. The Panther recovered,

Large Crowd Attends King City Defeats Oak Ridges 3-2 In Donkey Baseball Game

The Lions Club of Oakridges and King City held an evening of fun on Friday, when a Donkey Baseball game was played by them in the Memorial Park to aid the King City Lions in their expenses for their Boys and Girls work. Over 1,000 people attended. The 10 donkeys arrived at dusk, and were hailed by the small boys of the crowd. The King team were the winners of this unusual game, with its own rules, with a score of 3-2, in a game of three innings. The King team was managed by Bruce Hall. The pitcher was Mervyn Wilson, with John Dew shortstop, Jack Parsons, catcher, John Langdon, at centre field, Gord Orr 1st base, Clark Archibald, 2nd base. Bill Drinkwater and Stan Kerr taking turns at 2nd base. The Oakridge team was managed by Capt. Hallman, with Tom Hill, B. Rickward, Ken and Ross Farquharson, Jack Blyth, G. McCatcheon, Ray Roberts, Tim Woolley and E. Clark the players. At the last of the show, a donkey race was staged, with 5 players from each team mounted on the donkeys. John Langdon was presented with a shovel, for he was the only rider able to bring his donkey back to port.

Softball Game
The early part of the evening saw a softball game between the King City girls club that is being sponsored by the local Lions, and the Kleinberg girls softball club. The win was for Kleinberg, with a final score of 16-9. The King girls were playing their 2nd game, having been organized to play on July 1st. The girls who played for King on Friday night were Audrey Brown, catcher; Joan Patton, pitcher; Kay Campbell, 1st base; Joanne Wilson, 2nd base; June Peck, 3rd base; June Brown,

shortstop; Helen Peck, 1st; Nancy Patton c.f.; Elma Cadden, r.f.; and Betty Arbuckle who pitched after the 4th inning. Joe Patton, who came to bat 4 times made 4 runs. A refreshment booth was run by Mrs. John Dew, Mrs. George Harvey, Mrs. Bruce Hall, Mrs. I. L. Scott, Mrs. C. Archibald and Mrs. M. Wilson.



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