

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

I. Moore Wins Five Straight At Pinecrest Speedway

If you want to be a success at stock car racing, use your head more than the gas pedal. That's the advice of Toronto's Ivan Moore, the 25-year-old speed demon who is currently the hottest thing on four wheels at Pinecrest Speedway.

A slight five foot seven inch, Moore has become "Ivan the Terrible" as far as the other stock car jocks at the No. 7 highway track are concerned since winning five straight features.

The only happy thought his conferees might have is that Moore's late start — he didn't score his initial "major" triumph until July 29 — could cost him his chance for the Carling trophy and the \$1,000 that goes with it come season's end.

How did Bachelor Moore explain his sudden spurt to the position of the "most-feared" pilot at the Saturday and Wednesday night Pinecrest shows?

"This is the first time I've ever had a good car under me," mused Ivan. "Ever since I started at Oakwood two years ago, 'I've always had a 'junker' same as the rest of the fellows."

Moore's present No. 36 is a co-

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op effort between him and another stock car driver. Ivan drove Flip Lowery's buggy until an assortment of smashups wore it out — and almost wore Ivan out too.

In the 50 lap mid-season championship, Moore suffered steam burns and had to go to hospital. Then early in August he put his shoulder out of joint and acquired a stiff neck. These injuries hampered his bid for point leadership.

Another set back occurred to Ivan after he scored his fourth straight win, August 29. A check was made on his engine and, when it was found to be over-sized, he was disqualified — losing his purse and points.

Moore rectified that situation and came right back to triumph the next time out. Now unless somebody can stop him soon, Buffalo's Bill Nugent and Brantford's Jack Burbridge had better look to their one-two point lead.

However, the lure of money is fast making Pinecrest the roughest track around with feelings running high — and getting higher among the drivers. Last week Burbridge received a one-night suspension for banging Nugent into the fence and Promoter Norm Smith has issued a warning that more such penalties will be handed out unless the boys stick strictly to their knitting.

It should be interesting — to say the least — right from the 8.30 p.m. starting time every Saturday and Wednesday evening.

Elgin First Place In Ball Playoffs

Well, the playoffs for the Markham twp. Ladies Softball League are now in full swing and Elgin emerged as the winner of the first round by Stouffville, Cedar Grove and Peaches. At present the teams are striking for the 2-3 between the Elgin and Cedar Grove and the winner will then enter the 3-5 to decide the series.

As a result of Stouffville failing to show up at an earlier scheduled game, the Elgin girls played at Stouffville on August 28 winning by a score of 12-6. This game should have decided the playoff standing but it resulted in a tie making it necessary to play another game on the Thursday evening. This game gave the Elgin an 8-2 win and first place.

September 7 saw a very unusual type of ball played at the Jefferson diamond when Cedar Grove and Elgin Mills played the first game of the playoffs. It was rather obvious that Cedar Grove came with the intention of letting the game be called on account of darkness. The first inning, alone saw 14 runs for the Elgin Girls while Cedar Grove used a substitute pitcher and let their fielders carry on a farcical act of attempting to secure the ball. Needless to say, the game was called on account of darkness and will have to be replayed.

The playoff schedule should soon be announced and we hope to see all you local fans out at the games. The Elgin Girls play a good game of ball and they deserve your support both at home and at the away-from-home games.

The Sports Clinic

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TAKE YOUR TIME BETWEEN PITCHES

Possibly the most common and the worst fault of the average pitcher is — not taking time in between pitches. We have emphasized this point before but judging from what our investigations show, many of you still need to be checked up on this point.

Here's the reason — if a pitcher does not take enough time in between each pitch he works his muscles too hard and as a result he gets tired sooner than he should and also develops an extra amount of muscle and mental tension. That is why you so often see a pitcher go to pieces in the latter part of a game, after he has looked good for the first three or four innings. The reason is that he gets tired or loses control because his muscles tighten up and his mind gets flustered because of tension. You see, the faster you work, the more excited and worked up you will get, so take a tip right now and make up your mind that you will take your time in between each pitch — don't work too fast.

Remember, the more relaxed you are when pitching, the better you will do and one sure way to stay relaxed and easy is to take your time. Sometimes when the game gets exciting and you are in a spot, it is very easy to start working too fast. Accordingly, be sure to check up on yourself when the game is getting close or exciting. A good idea is to tell your catcher to keep on reminding you the moment you start to work too fast. It will also help, if you count to five between each delivery and then take a deep breath and relax like a dish rag as you exhale. Then, and not before, you can go to work.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENTS FOR BETTER TENNIS

One sure way to get plenty of

tough competition that will key your game up, is to stage regular handicap tournaments and special matches. For example: if you give a player, who normally can give you a good game, say 15 points a game, you will find that you will have to play exceptionally good tennis to beat him.

Another good idea is to have a handicap ranking list at your club. The players are ranked from, say, one to 25 and then each player tries to move up in the ranking by challenging anyone in the three places above him. These plans give everyone an incentive to improve their game and create an all-year-round interest that is really keen.

WHEN? WHY? HOW?

Experiment and experience have demonstrated that the athlete who knows precisely why he is practicing — when and how it is going to help and the manner in which it is going to fit into the strategy and play of the team — will practice with greater attention and interest. In teaching a skill or giving a drill the coach should make a point of painting the picture of how progress in the skill or drill will help, how it will mean a better chance to win.

Bowling News

In the Loblaw Doubles on Monday James Grainger and R. Lynett placed 2nd in the Toronto tournament. Each received a \$6 voucher as prize money.

Last week Mrs. Ruth Cowan and Mrs. Al White of the local club, playing in the Globe & Mail doubles, reached the semi-finals. The tournament was won by Stouffville ladies.

A. A. Eden and Mr. and Mrs. Al White were high for two wins at the Newmarket tournament on Monday.

Bantam Semi Final Held In Park Here On September 12

Saturday, September 12 will see an important Bantam League game played between Richmond Hill Bantams and Wellington Bantams who are the champions of the Picton County League. This game is a semi-final for the Ontario Championship and will be played in the Village Park on the 12th at 4.30 p.m. It will be a two out of three series, with the mid-week game being played in Wellington and the third here.

The Richmond Hill Bantams' manager George Harte and Coach Grant Nighswander are grateful to the Bowden Lumber Co. which has come forward to sponsor the local lads.

We would like to see a good crowd out to cheer the boys on at this game so all ball fans are urged to make Saturday at 4.30 a date in the Park.

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Social Items
Mrs. George Charity has returned home to South Porcupine after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Hill of John Street.
Mr. Jack Crisp and daughter Janet visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Crisp last week.
Johann Gray has gone to London, Ont., where she will enter Victoria Hospital as a student nurse.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones on the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, September 1, at Grace Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Smellie of Fergus returned home last week after visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Black. While here they attended the CNE women's swim where their niece was competing.
A.C.W.W. delegates billeted here were two ladies from England and the U.S.A. They were entertained by Mrs. Gordon Purves.
Barbara Richards has returned from a holiday on Georgian Bay.
Mrs. S. J. English spent a week in Owen Sound recently.
Rev. and Mrs. Morrison Sellars, who have spent the month of August with Mrs. Robt. Rodick and family, returned home this week.
Isabel Hood and Lynda Leaf who have been working at Miner's Bay this summer returned home Monday.
Mrs. Walter Craig and Miss Anne Davies commenced teaching in North York Schools on Tuesday of this week.
Mrs. Dick Jones flew to Timmins last week to visit Bruce. They both returned by motor last weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and infant son of Oshawa (nee Margaret Scott) visited relatives in the neighbourhood recently.
Bake Sale Results
The Committee which held bake sales at Don Mills Road and No. 7 Hwy. throughout July and August wishes to thank those who gave their patronage as well as those who made donations. The project was most successful, netting a total of \$311 for the Building Fund of Brown's Corners United Church.
W. I. Meeting
The August meeting of the W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Alf Miller. The chair was occupied by the president, Mrs. Chas. Hooper. Mrs. E. Hill and Mrs. McGimpsey were appointed delegates to attend the autumn convention at the Royal York Hotel.
Also it was decided to purchase new drapes for Buttonville Hall. Members who had taken part in the A.C.W.W. Pageant at Maple Leaf Gardens were commended for their excellent work. These were Mrs. R. Boyington, Mrs. James Rodick, Mrs. Lloyd Stonehouse, Mrs. G. Purves, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. J. Robinson and Mrs. O. Brooke and Mrs. E. Hill.
Following the business portion of the meeting the group was addressed by Mr. Chas. Hooper who spoke most interestingly on the work of the Federation of Agriculture.
At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Miller and Co. hostess Mrs. Ken Stotts served refreshments.
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