

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Four Ball Teams Markham Loop

Newmarket Legion were accepted into the Markham Township Softball League at a recent meeting of the group held in Markham.

Thornhill, Buttonville and Markham are the other teams comprising the four-team loop. Unionville and Aurora were not represented at the meeting and it is assumed they will not compete in the league this season.

The Newmarket club are expected to add a lot of color and interest to the league this year, will be coached by Doug James, a newcomer to the town.

Last year's slate of officers were returned for another season, Mr. John Young, president, Mr. Wilf Bundy, secretary and Mr. Ernie Appleton, treasurer.

Mr. Young expressed the hope that the executive would be accorded full co-operation during the year. A proposed interlocking schedule between the Markham League and the Ontario County League was deferred until it was definite that no more than four teams would perform in the Markham circuit. It was felt that Unionville and Aurora should have some additional time to decide.

Considerable discussion took place on the problem of OASA playoffs interfering with the group playoffs. No solution could be reached at this time.

Local Track & Field Club Looks To Future Olympics

Track and Field, one of the few remaining sports that has escaped the stigma of commercialism, a sphere where the highest laurels still go to the amateur, has come through some dark days in Canada.

But the ambitious program being promoted by the Richmond Hill District Track and Field Club for 1956 promises to provide the spark that will ignite a brighter glow, locally at least.

The club, a member of the Athletic Union of Canada, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee, is ably supervised by Ed. Butlin, athletic director of the committee, and his enterprising assistants, Coaches Bill Babcock and Russ Snider, and the bright young editor of Teen Town, Don Large.

Busy Summer Ahead

Some of the heartening details that will bring the chance for healthful recreation and athletic development to hundreds of district children of all ages, were traced at a meeting of the club in the High School gym on Monday evening last.

In the week ending June 9, the big Richmond Hill public school meet, featuring sprints, relays, broad jump and hop step and a jump, will see many promising young stars sparkle afire, and many stars shine in the eyes of proud parents.

Training for the big day will get under way on May 28 at 7 p.m. and will continue throughout the summer in preparation for the other numerous events that should write new history into the athletic annals of the village.

On Saturday, June 16, at the Richmond Hill High School grounds, the District Public School championships will bring the best from the various schools in the area together in another outstanding test of athletic endeavour.

Championship Meets

In July, the Ontario and Canadian junior, juvenile and mid-grade championships will take place and it is hoped some of the young members of the club will carry the colors of Richmond Hill into these events.

The Canadian National Exhibition track and field meet in August and September and the Richmond Hill second annual meet in September are other dates on which the club has set its sights.

Ed Butlin and W. Babcock will attend a meeting in the YMCA in Acton on June 6, to explore

the possibility of placing Richmond Hill in an Ontario group that includes such nearby centers as Thornhill and Port Credit, widening still further the scope of competition for the club they have worked so hard to found and expand.

They would also like to point out the facilities of the organization are open to all residents, and new groups and activities will be started as fast as the interests warrant.

It is possible, too, that in the not too distant future, cross-country and road races, similar to those in Guelph and Hamilton, will be given a chance to find a niche in the sporting whirl of this community.

But more public support is needed if the ambitious plans of Messrs. Butlin, Babcock, Snider and Large are to be amply fulfilled. If the spirit and enthusiasm of these young men and those who would back their cause, can be emulated in every corner of the land, and find practical expression in hard, conscientious training, and clean living, then some day Canada's Olympic torch may burn brighter among the great athletic nations of the world.

Finland and Australia, both fewer in number than we, are inspiring examples of what the smaller states can do when the legs are strong and the heart is willing. The road to Olympic glory is long and hard, and can never be certain, but the Zatsis, the Landys and the Bannisters come from the little towns of their respective homelands.

A dream has been born in Richmond Hill, we should all see that it is never allowed to die.

Willow Bowl First Winners In Richmond Hill Tourney

While brooding, hostile skies have brought furrowed brows to many outdoor sports enthusiasts in recent weeks, there is one pastime in Richmond Hill that continues to thrive and sparkle in the gloom.

The first annual Richmond Hill and District Bowling Tournament, now in its second and final week, is rolling along with mounting tempo, at the Richmond Bowl, as the alley competitors from far and near, strive might and main to reach the pot of gold at the end of the five-pin rainbow.

Swinging into action on Monday, May 7, the tournament has attracted entries from all over the county, to shoot for the grand prizes in the various divisions.

Willow Bowl Triumph

By Tuesday, only the men's events for the Floyd Perkins Trophy had been completed.

Willow Bowl, with a brilliant late drive, came from behind to edge the Oak Ridges crew who led in the early stages of the tournament.

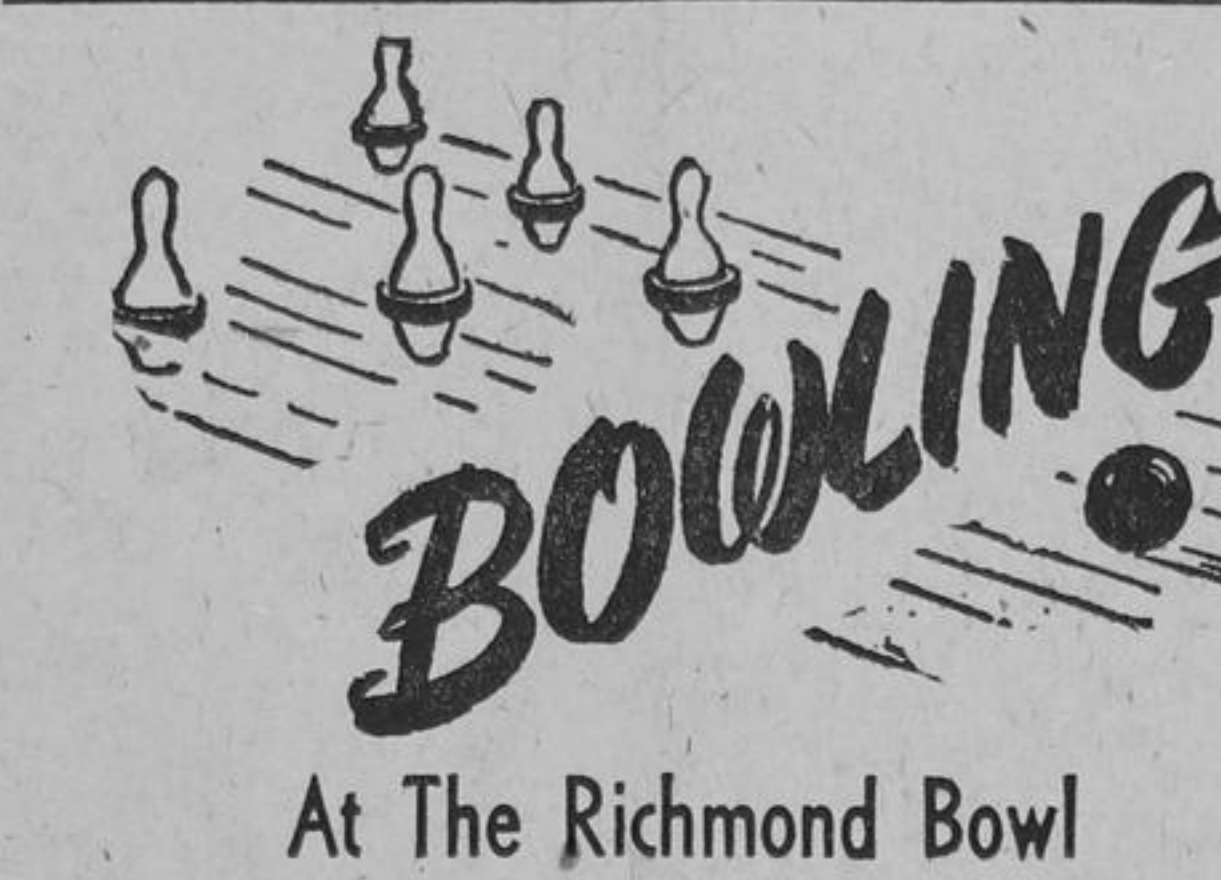
Willow Bowl, finished with a score of 7611 for a six-game total and are the first proud possessors of the Floyd Perkins Trophy. Oak Ridges with 7555 were followed by the third place Harmony 4.

Games Galore

Mixed teams, Ladies' teams, doubles and singles, will feature the competition for the remainder of the week.

Ned Hill, popular, hard-working manager of the Richmond Bowl deserves a world of credit for the painstaking planning needed to make the tournament

Willow Bowl	7611
Oak Ridges	7555
Harmony 4	7193
St. Mary's	7191
Woodbridge Tennis Club	7140
ABC's	6824
Newmarket	6826
Langstaff-Richvale	6802
Harmony No. 2	6768
Combines Low Boys	6530
Ten Pinners	6502
ABC's	6492
Mon. Combines	6360
Holy Name	6306
Thurs. Nighters	6238



BOWLING

At The Richmond Bowl

FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

The League brought the term of 1955 to 1956 Bowling to a finish with a luncheon at the Richmond Grill on Tuesday. After a very friendly and enjoyable winter the members felt the time had gone all too quickly.

The prizes for the year were given out. Winning team for the trophies was Lorna Kerwin, Peggy Ripley, Maude Murphy, Margaret Southwell, Helen Pipher, Lucy Dickie, captain, with the following captains and teams in second, third and fourth place, Emily Bunker, Ruth Cowan, Myrtle Littleford.

For consolation prizes, teams captained by Ethel Carlisle, Ruth Charity, Eleanor Lecuyer and Jean Sims.

Series winners were also given prizes.

The specials were: High Average, Ethel Carlisle and Trophy; High Flat, Myrtle Littleford; High W.H., Jessie Wainwright;

Triple Flat, Marge Blackburn, Triple W.H. Maude Murphy.

The officers for the coming year: President, Margaret Williams; secretary, Jean Sims; treasurer, Mabel Fenwick; capt. captain, Maude Benjamin; Captains, Ethel Carlisle, Jessie Wainwright, Myrtle Littleford, Marge Blackburn, Ruth Cowan, Glad DeFoe, Ruth Charity, Lucy Dickie.

RICHMOND ROLLERS

Final scores Thursday, May 10, 1956:

High average, Effie Dale 192; High 3 Flat, Frida Littleford 646; High Single, Aellean Phillips 291; Champs, Orioles; 2nd, Robbins; 3rd, Swallows; 4th, Warblers; 5th, Finches; 6th, Blue Jays; 7th, Cardinals; 8th, Wrens.

High Scores, Effie Dale 275, 222, Reba Brillinger 251, Lorraine Arceman 246, 200, Thelma Evans 239, Addie Lund 216, 214, Ruth Hamby 211.

New Stocks New Faces Feature Pinecrest Opening

The 1956 stock car racing season at Pinecrest Speedway will be off to a roaring start next Saturday evening, May 19, when all the favorites will be back to entertain and thrill the fans at the ever-popular track on No. 7 highway. Many new faces will also be making their debut and some of these are vowing they are all out to upset the apple-cart of the more established stars.

New rules to be introduced this year will make for much faster cars and more nerve-chilling competition that keeps the fans on the edge of their seats.

The suspension rules have been lifted and the boys have made many changes in their cars. There will be modified stocks, convertibles, chopped and channeled, and a host of other original ideas aimed at giving wings to the souped-up crates.

It is reported that some of the boys are guarding their charges with the secrecy of the atom bomb and it would not be surprising if some of the cars were almost as powerful.

But the cars and their drivers will not be the only innovations at the Pinecrest track. The fans themselves will have a chance to win some real money by picking a winning car, and they will have a chance to win four times as cash will be paid for four races to those who pick the winner.

So don't forget the big opening on Saturday starting at 8:30 p.m. Children under 12 as usual will be admitted free. Parking is available for 5,000 cars.

Rule 'No Match' Referee Boosed

For sheer excitement the main bout last Tuesday couldn't be beaten. The team match between the Hamilton Hoods and Al Orlando and Ed Mangotich certainly lived up to advance notices and sent the near capacity house home really excited.

Diamond took the first fall when he laid Orlando out with a stand-up knee-drop which left the champ gasping for breath. However, during the second stanza with the fans getting hotter all the time, Mangotich lured Jensen to the centre of the ring and spread him at 15:10 with a fine series of slams. But during the last fall the heat reached fever pitch with the Hoods using their usual tactics and Mangotich and Orlando more than holding their own. Several times Mangotich or Orlando would have one or the other pinned and Jensen or Diamond would jump in and pull the favorites off. However referee Andy Martin ruled it no contest and almost sparked a riot. The fans yelled for a new referee and shouted their approval as Red Garner was appointed special referee for next week's match.

Wildcat Osborne as slick as a mink coat, eked out a win over tough Harold Van Dyke. Jim Hopkins beat Doni Mangotich and K. Mueller spoiled the debut of Eddie Edwards.

Maple Softball Ready For Season

Tuesday, May 29, has been tentatively set for the opening of the Maple District Softball League. Six teams, Maple, Langstaff, Kettleby, Hope, Vellore and Victoria Square, should give the group some of its keenest competition in years.

Four of the six teams will enter the playoffs and this should help to keep interest alive until the very end of the season.

A meeting of the League will be held at Maple park on May 22 at which time the schedule will be available.

The Hope entry in the Maple League is looking for ball players. Anyone wishing to try out for the team should get in touch with Peter Jones, phone Maple 54R11.

While the Maple league has been slow in getting away from the barrier it is now shaping up as a promising affair that should provide fine entertainment for the fans of the district.

King City Open Softball Here

With the big bats of the champion King City "murderers row", looming large on the near horizon, Coach Harry Howlett of Dyer's Jewellery softball team of Richmond Hill is still plagued with a pitching dilemma. Just who he will throw at the powerful invaders who open the Peel-York Softball League season here at the park next Thursday night, May 24, is anybody's guess, but the biggest crowd to see a softball game in many years is expected to be on hand to find the answer.

King City, who downed Richmond Hill in the finals last year are reported to be stronger than ever this season and the locals will have their work cut out for them if they hope to open the new campaign on a winning note.

In other departments the team is shaping up well and if the lusty bats in evidence in practise can ring up a creditable account on the register of base hits when the chips are down it could go a long way to compensate for any lack of wizardry on the mound.

All six teams in the league will be in action next Thursday with Humber Summit at Schomberg and Nobleton at Woodbridge being the other games on tap.

Each team will play a 20-game schedule from May 24 through August 19. Games are slated for Monday and Thursday nights of each week.

So, "take me out to the ball game", next Thursday night at 7 p.m. when King City will be here.

Here is the schedule. Fans are advised to clip it out for future reference.

THURSDAY, MAY 24
King at Richmond Hill
Humber Summit at Schomberg
Nobleton at Woodbridge

MONDAY, MAY 28
Richmond Hill at King
Schomberg at Humber Summit
Woodbridge at Nobleton

THURSDAY, MAY 31
Woodbridge at Schomberg
King at Nobleton
Rich'd Hill at Humber Summit

MONDAY, JUNE 4
Nobleton at King
Schomberg at Woodbridge
Humber Summit at Rich'd Hill

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
Richmond Hill at Schomberg
King at Woodbridge
Humber Summit at Nobleton

MONDAY, JUNE 11
Schomberg at Richmond Hill
Woodbridge at King
Nobleton at Humber Summit

THURSDAY, JUNE 14
King at Schomberg
Richmond Hill at Nobleton
Humber Summit at Woodbridge

MONDAY, JUNE 18
Schomberg at King
Nobleton at Richmond Hill
Woodbridge at Humber Summit

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
Woodbridge at Richmond Hill
King at Humber Summit
Nobleton at Schomberg

MONDAY, JUNE 23
Richmond Hill at Woodbridge
Humber Summit at King
Schomberg at Nobleton

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
King at Richmond Hill
Humber Summit at Schomberg
Nobleton at Woodbridge

MONDAY, JUNE 30
Richmond Hill at King

Record Set High School Relay Team

Last Saturday at the Quaker Relays, held at Newmarket, in the Junior 320 yd. shuttle hurdle relay, the Richmond Hill High school team of Alex Caron, Jim Smith, Peter Smith, and John Passmore, set a new record of 42.7 seconds.

These boys have been pointing their efforts toward this race for one year now and they were not to be denied. They were beaten last year by Forest Hill Collegiate from Toronto; but this year the shoe was on the other foot, as Richmond Hill led all the way and won going away.

All races held at this meet are named after all-time Canadian great athletes. The name of the hurdle race is the "Jim Worrall". That famous gentleman himself was on hand to meet the local boys. He congratulated them on their good race.

Richmond Hill also came third in the "Bobbie Kerr" 440 yard sprint relay, and in the "Joe Griffiths" 900 yd. medley relay. Their senior team came fourth in the "Fred Steel" 600 yard medley relay.

Watch next week for the results of the local High School Field Day.

SUTTON: Council has appointed a dog catcher and has adopted a by-law to control dogs. Dogs picked up will be held at the pound at Baldwin for 48 hours and if not claimed will be destroyed.

SCARBORO: The official opening of the Scarboro General Hospital was held on May 12.

Athletic Association Scores

Scores for the Vaughan Township Athletic Association Public School Softball League are as follows:

Western Loop
New Pine Grove 15, Kleinburg 1
Elders Mills combined team 20, Old Pine Grove 18

Eastern Loop
Maple 31, Jefferson 10
Games are being played two points for a win, 1 point for a tie towards a trophy.



CRICKET ANYONE?

Fishermen who begrudge the effort involved in catching live crickets for bait can buy a quart of them, by mail, from a Georgia cricket farm.

We learn that it takes fifteen days for cricket eggs to hatch, eight weeks for the insects to grow to bait size. We note, too, that the breeders where they laze about in 85° temperature, lapping up chicken mash, are made of aluminum. But we confess we're not too surprised. It simply means that this busy metal has found still another use in the busy housing industry — this time providing clean, warm, pleasant quarters for aristocratic crickets. You see aluminum everywhere these days!

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2 Referees To Be In Ring When Enemy Teams Meet

It looks as if the wrestling fans at Thornhill Market are going to get something they have been asking for all season, two referees for the team match between the Hamilton Hoods and Mangotich and Orlando. This was brought about by the vigorous protests of the fans who attended the show last week. They all feel sure Al Orlando and Ed Mangotich could defeat Diamond and Jensen with two officials to watch out for skulduggery. Jack Diamond and his partner ranted and raved when they heard ab-

out the new deal but were forced to accept the match by top man Roy McMahon, who seldom interferes, but whose word is final.

Everybody Training

Both teams are training hard for this one and both figure on winning. It will be very interesting to see what kind of ring tactics will be used by the Hamilton pair with two referees to watch them, but no doubt they'll figure out something to use to their advantage.

Another Team Match

Another team match has been added to the card because the Von Sieber vs Mangotich bout was dropped and will see the Jennings brothers, Wilf and Frank, going against the ever-popular Teddy Turner, local matman and clever Eddie Edwards, who made such a hit on last week's card.

Orro Morro will return to Thornhill Market next Tuesday and will be warmly welcomed by Stoney Brooks, the durable Scot plus Tom White, the pounding postman meeting Bobby Davis.

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