

SPORT SPOTS

by Ron Craine

By the time this column appears in print, all the children in the Hill and surrounding areas will be happily (?) back in school. If all the sighs of relief by all the mothers concerned could be harnessed there would be power enough to reach the moon any old day in the week.

It has been a long, hot summer and sportswise it has been one of the best seasons ever. Hardball, baseball, track and field, soccer, have all held sway but are gradually fading out to make room for football, curling and King Hockey.

Just one last opportunity to say a collective thank you to all the adults who have done so much for the small fry this year. The executive and coaches of the Minor Softball League are to be commended for the time and effort that they have put out on the kids' behalf. And let us not forget the distaff side who have had the younger girls playing ball and did an excellent job with very little aid from anyone.

The playground program was an innovation that got itself well launched this year. The sparkling new playground supervisors helped to while away many hours of what would have otherwise been idle time. Here's hoping that the program gets even greater support next year.

The summer has also provided many baseball fans with a great many thrilling moments. Who has forgotten Bill Bowen's great two-hitter against the N.H.L. All-Stars, as he struck out batter after batter with one of the most dazzling displays ever seen in the town park? And who has forgotten the long home run blast off the bat of Sil Steffan with two men on to win the game three to nothing for Dynes Jewellers? Just ask Clive Bettles, he knows what I mean.

The Intermediate Softball League has had a tough year organization-wise, but a lot of people have enjoyed watching a lot of spirited softball action. The Ladies' League, while not faring too well in the win ledger, provided entertainment for a good many people. Yes-sirree Bub, it sure has been a dandy season.

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As we remarked earlier baseball is drawing to a close and football is very much with us. Last Saturday, the Richmond Hill Intermediate entry in the Metro Rugby League served notice that they have a real contender this year. The weather was a little on the warm side but the handful of spectators found enough shade under the trees to have a thoroughly enjoyable outing. Maybe next Saturday you'll be out there with your neighbour. One thing for sure, you won't regret it.

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Richmond Hill's very own speedster, Marian Munroe, has returned from the Pan-American games at Chicago where Marian represented Canada. Marian brought home a bronze medal. But one thing she got that may prove more valuable to her over the long haul and that is experience.

Marian competed against the best on this continent and from what she learned will be just that much better when Olympic trials roll around.

Stay with it, girl, we're all more than a little proud of you and your accomplishments.

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The Minor Hockey season won't be too long in getting under way. The \$5.00 registration fee seems to have upset some people, but stop and think for just a minute, where else and for such a price can a boy get nearly six months of worthwhile entertainment? Seems like a very reasonable deal to me and I sure hope that I meet you up there as we both watch YOUR boy in action.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Richmond Hill Wins 8-6 In 1959 Football Opener

At the local park on Saturday, September 5, Richmond Hill Intermediates downed the East Enders 8 to 6 in the opening game of the season.

These same two clubs opened the season last year, with Richmond Hill eking out a one point win. Last Saturday Quarterback Ian McIntosh scored the eight points to give the Hill team a two point win.

The local team seemed to be suffering from opening game jitters as they simply could not get untracked in the first quarter. The offensive unit was almost inoperative and the defensive unit had their troubles as they conceded a touchdown to the East End team. The convert went astray and the first quarter ended with the local lads carrying a six point deficit.

The team really got rolling at the halfway mark of the second quarter. Ian McIntosh at the throttle had Terry "Choo-Choo" Smith smashing for long gains and threw long passes that John Favery grabbed in amazing fashion to set up the touchdown play.

Running for the option play, McIntosh bootlegged beautifully and got some great blocking to go over standing up. The convert attempt was a drop kick by McIntosh that went astray.

The third quarter got under way with the teams deadlocked at six points apiece. The Richmond Hill offensive unit got rolling well but their efforts were nullified by two 15 yard penalties assessed against them. One was an ungentlemanly conduct penalty and the other was for no yards on a punt. Penalties like this can stall any attack and both penalties were of the type that

can be easily avoided. The defensive unit came into its own in the third quarter. The East End attack was really rolling as a result of the two Richmond Hill penalties and had possession deep in the Hill zone.

With about two yards to gain and two downs to do it, the defensive unit dug in and repelled the attack. The offensive unit rolled again and Mr. McIntosh was able to boot one into the end zone. The receiver was smothered and Richmond Hill had a seven to six lead.

As the fourth quarter progressed, McIntosh got some terrific gains from Red Dunn slanting the outside and Bob "Irish" McDonald through the middle. They were able to put McIntosh into position to hoist one to the deadline to make the score eight to six.

With about two minutes remaining in the game, the East Enders uncorked a long pass play. The receiver got in behind the defence and was caught from behind on the seven yard line. One play took them to the five and an attempted plunge resulted in a fumble on the one, that Richmond Hill recovered. McIntosh called Smith into the centre of the line, and as he was stopped, the game ended.

Joe Martin was a tower of strength on defense as he intercepted two key passes. His catching of punts was good and although his punt returns were not spectacular, they were adequate. Johnny Favery must be the smallest player in the league at 125 lbs. But what this boy lacks in stature he more than makes up with desire and brains.

Wimbridge Evens Playoff Series

In one of the wildest games of the season, Wimbridge Cleaners were finally declared winners of a game that ended abruptly in the eighth inning.

The game had been anything but a pitchers' duel up to the eighth inning as the teams were all even at the end of seven innings with 17 runs each way. In the sixth inning, Glen Wright, Lake Wilcox catcher, was tossed out of the game by Plate Umpire Bill Clephane for an attempted trip of a runner coming in from third.

In the eighth inning, Jack Hurst drew a walk and was scored by a triple hit by Len McLean. Connie Nason drove a long fly ball to centre field and McLean was able to score easily on the throw. Umpire Clephane claimed that Wilcox third sacker, Ben Gallant, had interfered with McLean and ejected Mr. Gallant for the evening. This left the Lake with only eight players and a long hard wrangle broke out that ended only after Dugald McLean doused the big lights.

The series is now tied up at two games each and the final game is set to go in King City. The league executive insists that it does not recognize this as an official series, so what happens now is your guess.

Al Dempster, Milliken Miniature Golf Champion

The elimination play for the International Miniature Golf Tournament was held at Unionville Fairways on Monday, September 7th. The winner of the champion trophy was Al Dempster of Milliken. He will receive an "All-expenses" paid trip to Asbury Park, New Jersey, where he will compete for the grand prize of a new car. Al has played under par golf all summer.

The finals were keenly contested. There were over 250 entries, and the other winners were, Ladies Trophy Miss Lena Goodwin, Junior Trophy David Pettit, Low Average Trophy Harry Dykstra.

Edgeley Socials

Miss Barbara Howden and her dad celebrated their birthday together on September 8.

On September 11, Mr. and Mrs. George Mains celebrate their wedding anniversary. Many happy returns of the day and best wishes to you all.

A former Edgeley resident, Mrs. Annie Watson of Victoria Square is reported quite ill in Scarborough General Hospital where she underwent surgery last week. Your many friends are wishing you a speedy return to health, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. R. J. Darlington and Mrs. Fred Bodker will be attending the Leader's Training School in Newmarket on Thursday and Friday September 10 and 11 in preparation for the Fall Homemaking Club Project "Dressing Up Home Garden Vegetables" which they will be heading within a few weeks.

The community extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hedge in the loss last week of Mrs. Hedge's mother, Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. C. H. Boake provided a very interesting program in citizenship and education at the regular meeting of the Edgeley Women's Institute last week at the home of Mrs. Charles Summerfeldt, Woodbridge. Her paper, based on the motto for the meeting which was "My Country, it is of thee," followed the roll call, "Name 3 Canadian Provinces and give its emblem."

Secretary Mrs. A. W. Cook read a letter from Mr. Albert Colucci, curator at the pioneer museum, requesting the Edgeley Branch to prepare a booth at the Museum Festival which will be held on Saturday September 26 from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The meeting acceded to Mr. Colucci's request and plans were completed for the sale of home made apple pie and cider.

Mrs. Fred Bodker was appointed the delegate to the Annual Central Ontario W. I. Convention to be held in the Royal York Hotel on November 4-5 and 6. The meeting also decided unanimously to send the branch president, Mrs. R. J. Darlington.

The Central Ontario executive and directors have planned a very beneficial and interesting program for the convention. "The status of Citizenship brings responsibilities," is the theme and some of the outstanding speakers will be Mr. John Wilcox, a Toronto Public Relations Counselor; Miss Elaine Collett of Chateaufort Magazine and Miss H. McKeercher of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Mrs. J. Haggarty, the retiring Provincial President will also be present. There will be a "Panel" and a "Round Table Discussion" which the executive feel certain will prove "highlights" for district and branch officers and members.

Mrs. R. J. Penny of Kingston

will conduct the discussion period on the morning of November 4. She has much to offer from her experience on the new Hand Book Committee.

A luncheon will be held at 12.30 p.m. in the new Canadian room on November 5, 1959, with the Honorable Reverend A. W. Downer of Dunroon, Ontario, as guest speaker. His address will be "Citizenship."

Mrs. James Spencer and Mrs. Chas. Agnew volunteered to attend the Local Leader's Training School on the subject will be "Focus on Finishes."

Plans were partially completed to cater at a luncheon and banquet for the King & Vaughan Ploughmen's Association during the ploughing match which will be held on October 20 at Jim Darlington's farm. Also at a turkey dinner to be held in conjunction with their annual meeting at the end of November or early in December.

Mrs. Cook reported that 411 fancy aprons from York County Women's Institute members were flown to Scotland and used as souvenir gifts at the Triennial Convention of the A.C.W.W. held there this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spence celebrated their wedding anniversary on Monday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodker attended the Shade Tree Convention in Detroit this summer and enjoyed a side trip to near-by Belle Isle where they saw many interesting demonstrations and tools, etc., which were shown in conjunction with the Convention.

The date for the annual Edgeley Branch W. I. Dinner Party is September 30 instead of October 1 as planned. Mrs. W. Maginn, Mrs. C. Summerfeldt and Mrs. A. W. Cook are the program committee for the dinner party.

Commencing their fall activities at a meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Stuart, the Edgeley W. A. will devote most of the meeting to preparing articles for the annual bazaar in November. Each lady is to please bring her own material and working equipment.

Mrs. W. Butt and Mrs. A. Poole will be the social committee. A shower given in honor of Miss Olive Arlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arlow and Mr. Norman Watson, son of the late Mr. Robert Watson and Mrs. Watson was held on Saturday evening August 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodker. Mrs. Edna Darlington and Mrs. W. Maginn arranged the shower and as a result of their efforts and on behalf of their many friends, they presented the happy couple with a bone mahogany coffee table, and two matching step-tables and a pair of lamps. The marriage will take place on September 12 in Woodbridge Presbyterian Church.

Local Minor Softball League

AMERICAN LEAGUE

It took the Kansas City crew three games before they eliminated the Washington team by the skin of their teeth. Washington took the first game by a 14-10 score, but Kansas City won the next two games 6 to 5 and 8-7 to advance into the final series.

In the first game of the other semi-final series Cleveland defeated Boston by a 7-6 score. Boston turned the tables and came out on the long end of an 8 to 7 count to knot this series at one game each.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee who finished in third place on the seasons play are proving a hard nut for the pennant winning St. Louis Club to crack. Milwaukee won the first game of the set 5 to 3 but St. Louis came back to win the second game 15 to 12. The series is now tied a game for each club.

The Chicago boys who backed into the semi-finals by the veritable skin of their teeth made coach Stan Shaddock very happy

as they eliminated the Los Angeles Dodgers in two straight games by scores of 9 to 2 and 14 to 8.

The L. A. Club lost the services of their best pitcher as he was injured in a motor accident and the boys were left without a first line pitcher. Chicago got good pitching from Peter Gates as he allowed only five hits in the two games.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Miami cakewalked to two High scoring victories over the Columbus team to win a berth in the final series. It was the old story of too big, too much, too often and although Columbus fought gamely they were outmanned and outgunned all along the line.

The Toronto - Rochester series is not yet underway and three games are scheduled for this week in an attempt to wind up the series.

There can be no definite commitment on the schedules of final games until the outcome of the semi-final series is definitely decided.

Averell's All-Stars Make It Two Straight In League Finals

Averell's All-Stars 5 Dynes Jewellers 4

Averell's proved too tough for Dynes to handle although the local lads gave it a big try and seemed to have things going their way until the seventh inning.

Bill Bowen started for Dynes and allowed nine hits and a walk until relieved in the eighth by George Ward. Billy fanned seven during his seven inning stint and drove in two runs with an over the fence home run in the second inning to give the Jewellers a three to one lead.

Chet Maslanka started for the All-Stars but was relieved in the seventh by Ed Fairbrother as he walked the first two batters to

face him. Chet had a little trouble with the plate as he gave up seven passes before getting relief. Chester pitched two hit ball as the only hits off him were a home run by Bowen and a double by Moe Williamson.

Ed Fairbrother whittled Dynes' lead to one run in the sixth as he laced a home run shot over the fence. In the top of the seventh inning the A's pushed two runs across to lead Dynes 4 to 3.

In the bottom of the seventh the Jewellers knotted the score as Gillespie who had walked was scored on by Bill Jacksons single in the top of the ninth inning with the score tied at 4 all, catcher Ross Brooks drew a walk and was scored easily on by Ed Fairbrother's triple. This ended the scoring with Averell's owning a 5-4 victory.

This win gives Averell's a two to nothing lead in a best three out of five series and action will resume Tuesday in Ledbury Park at 8.00 p.m. If a return game is necessary it will go at 8.00 p.m. Thursday (to-night) in the local park.

Summary: Winning Pitcher Ed Fairbrother (Maslanka) Losing Pitcher: George Ward (Bill Bowen) Averell's All-Stars: Runs, 5, Hits, 10, Errors, 0, Home Runs, 1, (Fairbrother) Dynes Jewellers: Runs, 4, Hits, 5, Errors, 3, Home Runs, 1, (Bowen) Plate Umpire: Norm Fraser. Base Umpire: Lou Visconti.

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