



# SPORT SPOTS

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It makes one wonder sometimes just how good a local boy has to be and just what kind of performance he has to turn in to get some recognition. The boy in question is Cliff Nuttall of Thornhill High School who set a new Canadian Schoolboy record at London recently.

This was the O.F.S.S.A.A. track meet at London where the cream of high school track and field stars gather to battle it out for Ontario honours. The meet is province wide in scope and naturally, when you get the very best young athletes gathered from all corners of the province, the action is fast and furious. Records are made only to be broken and a lot of old marks are erased from the books to make room for new ones during the course of the meet.

The track meet always attracts more attention than the field events as they have a more popular appeal. A hammer thrower, for instance, would have to put his weapon into orbit to attract any real attention. So tough, but those are the facts of life.

The large daily papers and wire services heralded the mile event, won as per usual by Bruce Kidd, as the outstanding performance of the meet. It was a great performance as young Mr. Kidd knocked six seconds off the existing record by running the distance in four minutes and 17 seconds. As we said it was a great performance.

There was another meet record set that day that was more spectacular in our opinion, and attracted very little attention. Cliff Nuttall won the 120 yard high hurdles in a time of 14.7 seconds. This set a new Canadian record for the event and took a full half second off the old record of 15.2 seconds.

Half a second. Doesn't sound like much does it? But wait a cotton-pickin' minute. This was over a distance of only 120 yards, and over hurdles to boot. In these sprint type events times are measured in tenths and hundredths of seconds. You just never expect anyone to pick off anything like half a second in an event of this type.

In any sprint event performances have already been pushed to the optimum limit and these records have been set by the cream of the crop. A half second begins to loom up as big as a mountain.

Nuttall's time for the 120 yard high hurdles exceeded or equalled the times of most Canadian Olympic prospects. The big Thornhill boy has a very good chance of an all-expense trip to Rome to do battle for the honour of the Maple Leaf so just how that mile effort was, to quote one large daily newspaper, "a meet sensation", surely beats me.

Let's give credit where credit is due. Bruce Kidd, Malvern's Miracle Miler, ran a great race as he always does. The alliteration sounds good too, doesn't it? How's this for alliteration. — "Thornhill's Timber Topper"? Nuttall is worthy of just as much recognition as Bruce Kidd, and Bruce, being the good fellow he is, would be the first to admit it.

Next time an athlete from this district comes up with an extraordinary performance, maybe, just maybe, someone will recognize it for what it is. Fred Foote, mentor of the East York Track Club, knew what it meant and is now grooming Cliff for a shot at the big apple, the Olympic Games.

So that gets one big, king-sized beef off our chests and it feels good. One thing is sure, you'll see the name Nuttall on the sports pages of the large dailies in future or our crystal ball is really shot.

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To be a really successful baseball or softball strategist takes more than mere ability. Sometimes a little help or even a slight push from that fickle Lady Luck at just the right time can make a hero out of the best or the worst of us and make a split second decision look like a well planned move.

Ask Stan Ransom, genial manager of the Dynes' Jewellers' Team what we mean. Get the picture. Score tied 4-4 and we're in the bottom of the twelfth inning. Two batters get on base on errors and another is deliberately walked to load the bags. There is only one man out at the time.

What do you do in a spot like this? Leave the next batter in the line-up, or wave in a pinch-hitter? Stan, waved in a pinch hitter and lo, and behold! the boy drew a walk and forced in the winning run from third base.

See what we mean? Strategy is a real deal, but a little luck goes a long way. How about it, Stan?

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# DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

## Sports Queen Presides At Gala Celebration At Park

Richmond Hill's 1960 Sports Queen arrived at the monster sports celebration at the town park Wednesday night by helicopter. Air transportation for the recently crowned sports queen was through the courtesy of Mr. Al Lowe of Gornley. The helicopter set down in the midst of the sports day crowd and the Queen was given a rousing and enthusiastic welcome.

The two attendants Miss Stanley and Miss Hipkiss took part in the gala parade procession through town streets to the park.

Miss Judy Richardson of 236 Alsace Rd. was chosen to ride as the Sports Queen in a contest at the Allencourt Plaza last Friday evening. The weather was ideal and a large crowd was on hand to watch the proceedings.

Mr. Jack Buchanan of Toronto was the master of ceremonies and despite being hampered by the lack of a p.a. system handled his job with great ease. Mr. Clare Butler of Willowdale was the only judge to turn up and two more judges were quickly pressed into service Mr. John Allen of the Allencourt Centre and Mr. Ron Craine.

The contest winner, Miss Richardson, was presented with a Sports Queen sash and crowned with a crown of baby carnations by Doctor Cam. Cowan and given a large bouquet of beautiful roses. Attendants Miss Mary Stanley and Miss Ginny Hipkiss were presented with flower sprays by Mr. Ted Dobbs, registrar of the R.H.B.A.

The winner received several valuable prizes. Clothing from the Gibson Girl Shop, a costume jewellery set from Allencourt I.G.A., a voucher from the Allencourt Pharmacy and a cheque for \$50.00 from the R. H. B. A.

The runners up received prizes from the Gibson Girl as well as merchandise vouchers from the Allencourt Pharmacy. All girls who entered the contest received lipsticks donated by the Allencourt Pharmacy.

The stage was backed by six beautiful balsam trees in redwood patio tubs and were loaned for the occasion by Mr. Bob Edean. The merchants in the

centre are all to be thanked for their aid and co-operation and a special thank you goes to Mrs. Bernice Gibson of the Gibson Girl Shop and to Mrs. Marion Minns of the Allencourt Pharmacy.

The happy winner and her attendants received their beautiful floral tributes from Rice's Flowers and were the gift of Mr. Al Rice.

## Wimbridge Downs Sterling Drug 10-6

The highly touted Aurora Sterling Drug Team was not too impressive in their first appearance in Richmond Hill on Tuesday, May 31. For a short while it looked as if the score was going in to basketball figures as it was 5-all at the end of four innings. The locals went on to win 10-6.

Gary Kwas drew the assignment as the Aurora starting pitcher and was relieved in the fourth inning by Ken Best. Up until he was relieved Kwas yielded seven hits, two of them triples by Bill Deeger and Stan Foster. Best allowed only three singles but a combination of walks and fielding miscues proved to be his downfall.

Murray Thompson was the Wimbridge choice for the pitching chore and he also was relieved in the third by slingshot artist Norm Roberts. Thompson ran in to grief in the third inning, as two singles, combined with a

walk and two errors, pushed three runs across the plate.

Stan Foster and Bill Deeger each rapped out triples for the Cleaner team and Deeger added a single to up his contribution. Paul Mainprize was the big woodsman for the Sterling Team as he hacked out a double and a single.

Both teams seemed to be playing under pressure at times as errors played a big part in the game. The weather is the chief culprit as each team has already had at least two games rained out, although the season is well started, have played only two games. This league will tighten up and produce some very crowd-pleasing softball.

Summary:

	R	H	E
Wimbridge Cleaners	10	10	4
Sterling Drug	6	6	7

Winning pitcher: N. Roberts (Thompson).  
Losing pitcher: Ken. Best (Kwas).  
Plate umpire: Bill Worsfold.  
Base umpire: Art Brooks.

### Willowdale Entry

## Bergson Drugs Drop Dynes 7-4

A revamped Bergson Drugs Team of Willowdale took the measure of Dynes Jewellers 7-4 in Richmond Hill on Thursday, June 2nd, in their initial appearance in Richmond Hill. The now defunct Lansing Sunoco Team seems to have shored up the somewhat shaky druggist team of last year. Al Fairthorne, Jack Currie, George Alsop and "Chico" Fernandez have shifted to the Bergson squad and if their first appearance means anything they will make things rough for the opposition this year.

Bill Jackson got the starting assignment from Stan Ransom and Bill lasted until the seventh inning before yielding to reliever Jack Castrucci with nobody out. In his six inning stint Jackson allowed five hits, yielded up four walks and struck out 8. One of the hits was a home run shot off the bat of Bergson second baseman, Bobby Bower, with one man on base.

Relief Hurler Jack Castrucci performed well in his relief role. He toiled for three innings, struck out two and gave up three hits, one of them a home run blast through centre field by first baseman Dean Potter. Castrucci looks like he could add loads of strength to the Jewellers' pitching staff as he appears to have some really baffling deliveries.

Jack Currie was on the mound for the druggists throughout the piece and after a shaky second inning, in which he yielded four straight singles and gave up the first run of the game. From here on in Currie seemed to be in control and was never in any serious trouble as he held the Jewellers to scattered hits. The only extra base hit was a double off the bat of Brian Gillespie in

the ninth inning. Currie walked only two men as he struck out seven and allowed nine hits. He got tremendous support, defensively, both from his infield and outfield.

The game was played on a very, very muddy track and base runners were slowed to a sort of shuffle. Despite the slippery footing the game was never dull and if this is a sample of the action in the North York League, the softball fans are in for a great season.

Umpires Frown On Temper Plate umpire Tom Craig and base umpire Bill Worsfold served notice that they do not take kindly to displays of temper. Bergson left fielder, Chico Fernandez, was ejected from the game in the sixth inning for throwing a bat at Ted Williams, after striking out.

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Bergson Drugs	7	8	2
Dynes Jewellers	4	9	4

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Losing Pitcher: Bill Jackson (Castrucci).  
Home runs: Bob Bower, Dean Potter (Bergson Drugs).  
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## Thornhill High School Sport News

Although all sporting activities have come to an end at Thornhill High School for the remainder of the year, two Thornhill students are continuing to advance the school name in sporting circles. The two gentlemen concerned are Bob Patterson and Cliff "Pete" Nuttall.

The performances produced by these two young track stars are having repercussions south of the border. The latest big United States university to show an interest in where the boys go to further their educations is the University of Michigan. Michigan has long been renowned for the fame and prowess of her track teams and Patterson and Nuttall

seem made to order for what our U.S. cousins have in mind. Bowling Green University has already indicated an interest in Nuttall as a basketball player so that Cliff is building up quite a choice for himself.

Last Saturday in Windsor, at the Windsor Olympic Club Track Meet, Nuttall captured first place in the 20 yard high hurdles and first in the high jump. This was Nuttall's first start in the 3 ft. 6 inch hurdles event and he won handily but was not pushed in 15.6 seconds. Coach Fred Foote is quite pleased with his progress but Cliff is now taking time out to prep seriously for the very imminent exams.

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Monday, May 30th was the day that 32 school golfers took to the fairways at the Westview golf club and clobbered golf balls all over the terrain. When the dust and haze had settled Joe Goodier was announced as senior champion and Wayne Jackson captured junior honours. Bob Neal was awarded the "most honest golfer award" as Robert produced a final total of 172 strokes. It is not clear at the moment whether this was an 18 or 9 hole

total.

The intramural sports championships have now ended and the Red team, captained by Bob Robson finished in the top spot with 3520 pts. The Orange and Blue team tied for second place by carding 3310 pts. each. The Green team was the low team on the totem pole with 3285 points racked up. The girls' Blue team, captained by Ann Waern took the girls' championship in a very handy manner.

## Mayor Tomlin Turns Sod Tennis Club

The executive members of the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association were all on hand to witness Mayor Ken. Tomlin demonstrate his prowess with a garden shovel. The occasion marked the official sod turning prior to earth-moving machinery taking over and the actual construction work begun.

Mayor Tomlin rose to the occasion as he always does and the sod was broken well and truly and brings last year's dream that much closer to a happy conclusion. During the past year, a group of dedicated people have been working quietly but faithfully to bring a tennis club to Richmond Hill and this official ceremony marks the end of a long hard road and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the infant organization.

Memberships are being snapped up, and it would behoove any and all tennis devotees to get their names in early and avoid disappointment. A few short weeks

will see this new and vital organization playing on their own properly constructed and lighted courts.

The executive members of the Lawn Tennis Association are to be congratulated on their efforts to date and we would wish them nothing but well for any and all future operations.

Tennis will add another active summer sport to those already available in Richmond Hill and the group activity sports are still proving to be most popular. So don't forget, if you would like to belong to this young, dynamic organization, don't hesitate but join right now.

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