



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

For the second year in a row the Richmond Hill Ball Association have held a most successful seminar for would-be softball umpires and coaches. Some thirty people attended the three night session and garnered a lot of very valuable information from instructor Maxie Scheff.

Minor softball players, playing under the R.H.B.A. are going to gain a lot of knowledge from coaches who attended the training sessions. But the need is more urgent than ever for willing people to help out with the minor ball program.

In other years some 400 children have played softball under the wing of the association but this year over 700 are expected to participate. From the increased participation it is obvious that this year a lot more adult help and guidance will be required. Coaches, umpires, assistants for coaches and many other jobs are open for anyone who would like to do something to help the younger set to enjoy healthy, supervised recreation.

The dynamic president of the Richmond Hill Ball Association, Lloyd "Mickey" Smith, has just about knocked himself out to ensure that young ball players get a good start on the season. Willing workers have given Mr. Smith ample support and plans are well on the way to becoming realities. Now is the time for all good men (and women too) to come to the aid of the association. A phone call to Mr. Smith at TU. 4-2108 will start you on the way to helping the young ball players.

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There is a lady in Richmond Hill who deserves great credit for her efforts on behalf of sport and yet she is known least by those she helps most. Mrs. Jean Thomson is the part time recreation director of the Town of Richmond Hill. The part time bit is something of a misnomer as this good lady puts in many, many hours for which no gratuities are forthcoming.

Every sports group in Richmond Hill owes something to Mrs. Thomson. Baseball and softball people know just how much they owe to Mrs. Thomson. She has worked with them to obtain provincial recreation grants, made visits on their behalf to the parliament buildings, held meetings in her home, where she is a most gracious hostess, and has done anything she possibly could to help.

Football and lacrosse players have had Mrs. Thomson's help and she is always willing to listen with a sympathetic ear to a pitch for a worthy cause.

She obtained the use of a storeroom from the town fathers and she has catalogued and inventoried, stored away and hung up just about every kind of sporting equipment you'd care to name. If you want to know just how much equipment is available for any given sport, just ask Mrs. Thomson and you'll get an answer correct to the last decimal point.

This is the good lady who got the summer playground system onto a very workable basis so that town mothers get a little relief during the summer holidays. Many playground supervisors have been developed under the system devised by Mrs. Thomson and high school students have been gainfully employed at a really worthwhile job.

So there you have a small rundown on the number of activities that this human dynamo dabbles in. And this is on a part time basis! What would she accomplish on a full time job? Everyone in town owes Jean Thomson a vote of thanks, from the roughest, toughest athlete to the weary mother who packs junior off for a session at a summer playground.

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Children at the Orange Home are going to be able to cheer their very own soccer team this year. Gary Blackburn of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, is a one man gang when it comes to providing recreation and entertainment for the children in the home and now he is up to his ears forming an Orange Home Soccer Team. Gary is being aided and abetted by Al Cooper and son Ron of Richmond Hill. Mr. Cooper is the president and man "Friday" of the Richmond Hill Soccer Club and is a man who really knows his football. Mr. Cooper and son Ron are devoting two evenings a week to coaching and instructing the boys at the Orange Home and Mr. Cooper says that the boys are showing a real talent and aptitude for the game.

At the present time all hands are busily engaged laying out a soccer field to go along with the track which was built last year. The field is to be 20 yards shorter than the regulation soccer field and the kids should really be able to go all out on the smaller layout.

Nice going Gary Blackburn. You and your helpers are really doing a grand job for a bunch of deserving kids.

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George Ward and "Hap" Mills are holding an outdoor softball practice at the Town Park on Sunday, May 7th. Tee-off time is scheduled for 1 p.m. and all girls desirous of trying out for a spot on the Richmond Heights Ladies Team are invited out to the practice.

George and Hap figure to have a real contending ball club this year and have done a lot of pre-season work to ensure a good start on the season. There will be many new faces with the club this year and from all accounts this should be a most improved ball club.

With a new group of sponsors and two very active coaches girls' softball in this area could be in for the best season in a long time. Don't forget the place, time and date - Town Park, 1 p.m., Sunday, May 7th.

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Number one son bagged Mom and Dad for a new pup last week. Said if only he could have it he'd be responsible for everything, care, training, clean up chores and what have you. Aging parents wilted under the steady pressure and the household acquired a very junior member.

Old alarm clock, hot water bottle plus a couple of stuffed toys, were put in young pup dog's bed. All to no avail and a sad wailing resounded throughout the house. Mother got up and consoled pup, then father. Youngest daughter staggered out to lend a hand followed by oldest sister. A sleepless night all round.

As dawn emerged into full day, number one son arose looking very refreshed from a sound night's sleep and remarked, "What a swell pup, never a whimper all night!" Yes, we still have the pup and he has finally stopped crying -- now we all sleep.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Learning Finer Points Of Umpiring



Maxie Scheff well known and talented Ontario baseball figure explains some of the finer points of the normal batting position to (left to right) Larry Oliver, Ed. Burnett, and Frank Murphy.

Mr. Scheff recently conducted a three day coaching and umpiring school for local ball officials at the McConaghy Public School. — Photo by Lagerquist



BOWLING NOTES

Richmond Ten Pin Mixed League
Turner Taxi nipped Bunston Carpentry by two pins as the Cabbies captured the league championship. Bunston Carpentry has for a total of 5824 pins only to have the Cabmen roll a 5826 total and a squeak win for the title. Rose Gardens finished third with a 5757 total with Pirri's Fruit Market fourth with a 5698 count.

In the consolation series it was Richmond Theatre all the way with a 5779 pinfall. Sterling Packers chalked up 5672, Marple Real Estate 5652 and Richmond Hill Hardware wound up the year with 5587.

George Bunston of the Bunston team made a gallant effort to pull his team to the championship as he rolled a 510 triple backed up by a 207 single. Angus MacFarlane of Richmond Theatre had a trio of 509 and Ed Patterson of Turner Taxi hit for a 504. Mary Champ of Rose Gardens led the fair sex with a three of 491 and a 191 single. Liz McCullough of Marple Real Estate rolled a 447 and Emily Grimes of Sterling Packers garnered a 442. Guest bowler, Kay Oprensnik came up with a 442 triple helped out by a 179 single.

So it's all over until next season and all that remains is the ten-pinner's banquet. A few league members will be rolling in summer leagues but for most bowlers it's hang up the shoes until next season.

Jim Hoult Wins O'Connor TV Championship Second Straight Week

Jimmy Hoult of Richmond Hill won the O'Connor TV bowling show for the second week in a row as he fought off the challenge of Lorne Anderson from Chatham. Hoult was an 80 pin winner over the three game set by rolling a 747 to Anderson's 667.

A party of Jimmy Hoult Fan Club members were in attendance to cheer their boy to victory and the outcome bespeaks their success. The third game of the game that would pay off to the tune of \$300.00 for five consecutive strikes and Hoult ran into a little bad luck. He opened with two strikes, ran into a chop-off then came back with three strikes. And that chop cost exactly \$300.00 — how much more expensive can they get?

This Saturday Jim Hoult will again attempt to defend his title against another sharpshooter who'll be out crown hunting. The match goes on the air at 4:30 p.m. on Channel six — tune in and watch a Richmond Hill resident in action.

Thursday Afternoon League

The ladies wrapped up their season at Allencourt Lanes last Thursday afternoon with Captain Ida Madill's Tail Enders finishing as league champions. The Speedballs with Pat Mercer at the helm came through to win the consolation series and end the season on a happy note.

Olga Mulle bowled like a champion to finish with a 735 and a high single of 275. Muriel Steven bowled a trio of 673 (245), Ida Madill 666 (305), Jean Holloway 633 (240), Ellen Parrett 623 (254), and Connie McDowell 608 (248).

Audrey Harris had a single of 256. Jean Nugent 250 even, Marge Field 230, Jean Holtby 226, Darlene Buchan 227, Gertrude Brad-

ley 221 and Madge Nicholson 220. The ladies are holding their banquet at the Summit on May 10th and to ensure themselves a good time the husbands are being left at home — baby sitting no doubt.

Eastsiders Hold Banquet

The Greystones at Aurora was the scene of the Eastsiders banquet and a good time was had by all. Election of officers for the coming season was held and the new president is Mr. Bill Jones. Lillian Mayor was elected to the treasurer's post and Secretary George Nicholson is back for another term of office.

Approximately 130 people attended the banquet and trophies were presented to the winning teams. Yankees, skipped by Bill Jones won the league championship and were toasted in champagne by Captain Jones. Nice work if you can get it! Consolation awards went to the Cubs, captained by Don Mayor.

All members with perfect attendance records received merit awards while everyone attending received a small gift. Retiring president and treasurer, Ted and Jean Karwacki were presented with wall plaques and secretary George Nicholson was presented with a magazine stand and ash tray. The league resumes on September 5th and everyone is looking forward to a bigger and better season.

ABC Major League Playoff Series A

Turnbull Groceries jumped in to the lead as they rolled a total of 3693 pins to lead Hall's Fuel Oil by 57 pins as Hall's scored a 3626. Davis and Day finished with 3587, ABC No. 1 3583, Risi Stone 3544 and ABC No. 3 3497. So in series A it's anybody's championship and it looks as if all titles will be decided on the last night of action.

Series B proved to be a surprise as Liquifame are leading with a 3641 total. Macdougall Pontiac finished 14 pins down with 3627 while Surf Marine hit for a 3567 total. Allencourt Lanes scored 3539, Jackson Bros. 3533, John's Boys 3509, Dynes Jewellers 3231 and ABC No. 2 in the cellar spot with a 3222 total.

King for the week was Bob Kennedy with an 816 and court members were Harold Howlett 810, Roy Russell 786, E. Tucciozione 767, Tim Saul 762 and Henry Knuckey 759.

Bill Jackson is taking a team from ABC to Waterloo on Saturday, May 6th to take part in the annual Waterloo Bowling Tournament.

ABC 60 Ball Tournament

The final 60 ball tournament went last Saturday afternoon and Stan Shadoff bowled an 833 to win out over a field of 45 bowlers. Second spot went to Norm Heintzman with 816 and Bill Jones finished in the show position with 792. Big Bill Jones also came through with six hits in a row to win the final six strike jackpot of the year.

Frank Price has announced that the 60 ball tournament will be on top for next season, even bigger and better than ever. He thanks the bowlers for the way in which they have responded to the tournament and promises to do all he can to improve the popular event.

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Public School Board To Help Parks Board In Continuing Rinks

A contribution towards the operation of hockey rinks located on school property was authorized by the Richmond Hill public school board at its last meeting. The contribution will not be in cash but in service and will amount to \$800, which has been added to the 1961 budget to pay members of the board's caretaking staff for the extra time involved. The assistance was requested by Deputy Reeve John Bradstock and Russell Tilt, representing the Parks Board. They reported that the cost of maintaining the outdoor rinks during the past winter was \$400. The Parks Board felt unable to continue support at that rate, they said.

The rinks will be set up by the Parks Board and maintained by the School Board. Principals of the public schools had expressed appreciation of the rinks, said School Superintendent Gordon McIntyre.

Soccer Is Major Sport Our Town

The newly formed Eastern Canadian Professional Soccer League has sparked interest in the game at all age levels. At a series of meetings held in Sudbury and Toronto the Ontario Minor Soccer Federation came into being.

There are already two minor teams preparing to operate while representing Richmond Hill. Another team has been formed at the Orange Home and, according to reports received, the Orange Home boys are going to be real contenders.

Two senior soccer teams will be operating in Richmond Hill in addition to high school teams in the area. It would appear that soccer is due for a real revival in this area and this is bringing joy to the hearts of local soccer fans.

Pincrest Speedway Summer Race Season Opens Saturday, May 13

Pincrest Speedway, the Highway 7 stock car track will open the 1961 season on Saturday, May 13th at 8:30 p.m., according to promoter Gerry Bisson.

The May 13 meeting will be the first of 22 Saturday dates; there will also be the annual Labor Day International on Monday, September 4th.

For fans anxious to get a look at their favorites, a preview will be held on Saturday, May 6th starting at 1 p.m. Admission will be free. Mac Bound of Scarborough, the 1960 points champion will be in the forefront of Pincrest pilots letting the cars "stretch their wheels."

Second-place driver George Symons of Milliken; Dave Stephenson, Richmond Hill; Moe Acreman, Headford; Jim Hallahan, Clarkson; Jerry Watson, Cooksville; Jack Cook, Willowdale; Don Beckford, Brampton; Bill Taylor, Woodbridge; Sam Snider, Unionville and many others will be on hand.

Some will be testing newly constructed jobs, while others will be testing new engines. All, however, will be contributing to produce that delightful atmosphere that announces Spring for the dyed-in-the-wool stock car fan - gunning motors and the rich tang of exhaust clouds.

Present Talented Variety Show

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Guns popped, cowboys sang, and a much mustachioed sheriff pursued the villain right off the stage, when Thornhill High School's annual variety show, sponsored by the Physical Education Department, went West in a big way, Thursday and Friday, April 27th and 28th.

Even the entrance to the auditorium became the traditional swinging doors of the old west for the evening, and the admirably done sets and backdrops carried out the western theme. The backdrop realistically portrayed the main street of a town of the Old West, and the walls on either side of the stage became part of the street. To the left was the "Dry Gulch Saloon" and to the right of the stage was portrayed the traditional livery stable, complete to the hay protruding from the loft.

Sheriff Keith Corkill, complete with oversized star and voluminous mustache, was the Master of Ceremonies who introduced a lively program provided by some 120 students on stage, backed up by approximately 80 behind the scenes.

The girls' tumbling team put on a fine show, as did the boys team, starred by Branislav Pajevic, John Hunter and Bob Jamieson.

The Dry Gulch Squares performed, almost flawlessly, a heartily square dance, while "Evening Activity in Dry Gulch" proved to be some plain and fancy canoodling by Paul Rivers and Jim Kellam. The Tivem Tom-Tom was a diverting dance performed by some 27 girls, in a routine composed and directed by Joan Gibson, Jane McGowan and Anne Rogers.

A high-light of the evening was the crowning of the Junior Posture Queen, Miss Cathie Lennie. Miss Lennie was crowned on Thursday evening by Vice Principal, Mr. R. Aitchinson and received a trophy. Runners-up were Janet Taylor and Cathy Summer. On Friday evening, Principal A. S. Elson crowned Miss Sandra Henry as Senior Posture Queen. Runners-up were Arlene Sinclair and Jane Redman.

Next came some breathtaking work on the trampoline by the girls, entitled "Cactus Capers," and by the "Sagebrush Scams," John Hunter, Bob Jamieson, Ted McGhee and Pat Harvie. A group of fourteen girls and boys then went "Stepping Out" in a lively rock 'n roll number while the grand finale was provided by the "Hot Pretzels" a hilarious group of somewhat over-dressed "girls" in a "dance" routine. Dave Rumble's "Story of an Adventure in the Big City" was also highly amusing.

This annual variety show was begun four years ago, for the purpose of not only demonstrating the physical prowess of the students, but for the formation of a scholarship fund to encourage graduates of the school to proceed to a degree in Physical Edu-

cation. The value of each scholarship is \$100.00 and so far, one such scholarship has been awarded, to Don Gibson.

The first show had 250 students participating in numerous unrelated acts; the 1959 theme was different dances of the world and the 1960 show was on a Circus theme with everything directly connected with a circus motif. This year's "Wild West" show was the best yet and tribute should be paid to all the energetic young people who took part, for their highly developed skill in tumbling, jumping, work on the parallel bars and trampoline gave evidence of many, many hours of hard work. The staff of the physical education department, Miss Rafferty, Mrs. O'Shea, Mr. Seath and Mr. McVicar, is also to be complimented. And lastly, the music provided by the Tailgates, Bob Jamieson, Denis Moffatt, Brian Magee, Dave Iverson, Glenn Moffatt and David Wood, and that provided by The Continentals, Kingsley Butler, Glenn Cooper, John Goadsby, Dennis Buckingham and Dave Agg, certainly added much to the evening. Unfortunately, no announcement was made, and it was not possible to distinguish between these two musical "compos" - but they were both highly effective.

R.H. Tennis Season Opens, Weekend

The executive members of the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association are planning to open the courts for play this coming weekend. On advice from Barber Construction, builders of the courts, the opening was delayed until the second week in May to give the courts ample time to drain and settle.

Tennis "aficionados" should be able to go on their favourite sport over the weekend, weather permitting. Memberships are still open and it would behoove would-be members to signify their intention prior to June 1st as a \$5.00 initiation fee will apply after that time. The club executive promise a good program of activities and the lights are now fully operational for night play on both courts.

WILLOWDALE — Residents of the Victoria Park Secondary School attendance area along Victoria Park Avenue are seeking to make a petition to North York Council to get a \$150,000 swimming pool in the addition being constructed at the local high school.

WILLOWDALE — North York Council is threatening suits against ten subdividers for failure to complete their agreement for installing sidewalks and drainage services.

MARHAM VILLAGE — Council will spend some \$7,000 for a sewer on Elm Street.

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