



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Comparisons are often odious but sometimes comparison almost becomes a necessity. The case in point is the difference and reasons for the difference in the outlook of two Ontario communities. Brooklin is a small town close to Whitby with a population of 1200 people. Richmond Hill has a population of over 16,000 souls. This population difference is not the chief difference between the two communities.

Brooklin has won just about every intermediate lacrosse championship it is possible to win. This year they are entering senior lacrosse and will probably be very strong contenders for the Mann Cup, emblematic of the Canadian senior lacrosse championship. And how about Richmond Hill and surrounding district?

We'll be lucky to have any kind of lacrosse club operating this year. A few dedicated lacrosse players are doing their level best to form an intermediate club and operate without too much, if any, financial backing. There must be a reason for such a state of affairs and possibly public apathy is as close to the truth as anything.

A few years ago Brooklin badly needed an arena and lacrosse centre. The people of this small community banded together, and, contributing time, money (what they could spare), material and labour, built a very nice arena on community owned land. Everyone in Brooklin is justly proud of the arena and are very consciously proud of their fine lacrosse teams. Amazing what a little civic pride and interest can accomplish!

The same story is true of softball in Brooklin. Virtually everyone in town turns out to cheer their boys on to victory and are genuinely interested in the progress of the town team. A very happy situation.

It's only too bad that the same attitude and interest doesn't prevail in our town. Obviously no one cares whether we have a lacrosse team or not and a good percentage of our population doesn't even know or care that a Richmond Hill softball team won an all-Ontario title last year. It may not seem to mean too much on the surface but a good lacrosse team, softball team, hockey team or what have you, can bring an awful lot of favourable and valuable publicity to any town.

Every businessman worth his salt realizes the value of a good public relations campaign and does his level best to ensure that he gets good coverage for his business. In this day and age every city, town and hamlet in the entire country is in business and has an equally important public relations campaign to conduct.

The only way that a town can grow and prosper in this day and age and give a fair shake to its inhabitants is to do anything and everything that can be done to attract new industry to the area. Industry both large and small is the very life blood of any community. Every time a Richmond Hill team plays away from home the name of the town is noised abroad. When the softball championship was won last year the name of Richmond Hill was seen and heard in a lot of new places. Out of town teams coming in to Richmond Hill to play bring in fans who get a chance to look at and appraise our town. We can only hope the impression is always a favourable one but, even if it isn't, the only bad publicity is no publicity of any kind.

This past winter and spring a pee-wee hockey team won the O.M.H.A. championship and that brought more valuable publicity. The Mason Bantam Bowling Championships attracted notice all across Canada and no one can tell us that this is a bad thing.

So let's face facts. Everyone in town loses in one way or another when a team has to drop out of competition because of lack of sponsor and spectator interest. Sponsoring any kind of team is a fairly expensive proposition but when the bill is sliced up many ways it's not too overwhelming. Business men and other interested citizens have done it in other towns - why can't we? Or are we short-sighted as well as apathetic?

Maybe it's not too surprising at that. Nearly seven hundred children are going to be busily engaged playing softball this summer. Very possibly something in the neighbourhood of 1200 parents are directly concerned. With fifteen boys to each team there could be at least fifty parents attending each game. Count the number sometime and don't be too shocked if it comes to something well under twenty.

If you don't support your own children, chances are you won't support anything else. We're all tarred with the same brush with very few exceptions. There always seems to be something else to do, somewhere else to go, some new thing to see and, somehow time just won't permit us to do all we could and should do.

It seems to be the curse of modern living that we are all in a perpetual all-fired rush to see, do and hear the latest show, or fad or anything else that comes up. That is when we're not in pursuit of the almighty buck. That takes precedence over anything and everything and in that regard we are all brothers and sisters.

However, to get back to the original theme. Sport is definitely a very good advertising and public relations medium for any town. Somewhere in this land of ours lives a man who may some day come into town as a sports spectator. He'll like what he sees and file it for future reference. It could mean a new business venture or industry for the town and provide work for local people and enable council to hold the mill rate down. It may sound far-fetched but things have happened just like this and will again. We all hope, anyway.

Come this fall and lacrosse play-off time, Brooklin will get a lot more valuable publicity than we will. We could rectify the situation but it's a little late for this year. We've got a good group of citizens and if they were so inclined there is nothing, literally nothing, we couldn't accomplish by working as a town and not leaving it up to a slim few. It's all in our own interest eventually whether we're businessmen, homeowners or residents who would like employment locally. Let's hope we get together soon.

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Battle Of The Murrays' Allencourt Lanes Opens Ball Season - 4-0 Win

Allencourt Lanes, Richmond Hill entry in the York-Simcoe Softball League, opened the season with a win at Richmond Hill on Tuesday, May 23rd. Mayor James Haggart of Richmond Hill threw the opening ball to declare the season open and the game was on with Markham.

Slightly built Murray Thompson was the Allencourt pitching choice and Murray gave up only four hits as Allencourt shut out Markham 4-0. In going the nine inning route Thompson struck out fourteen and gave up four walks. Of the four hits off Thompson, none were good for extra bases as he seemed to have Markham batters hand-cuffed.

Score In First Inning

Allencourt opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning and picked up a two-run lead which they added to in the fifth inning. Lead-off man Ken Roberts singled to centre field and was holding safe on first as catcher Glen Wright struck out. Norm Roberts grounded out to first base as Ken Roberts pulled up safely on second base.

McMillen Homers

With two out, Don McMillen, Allencourt first sacker, slashed a low hard drive between right and centre field that went between Bruce Holdsworth and Don Middleton for a home run.

It seemed as if Allencourt were going to add to their two run total in the first inning as Bill

Degeer beat out a bunt single and Bill Robson was safe on an error to put two men on the base paths. The threat was squelched as right fielder Stan Foster waved at a third strike to end the inning.

Add Runs In Fifth

McMillen opened the fifth inning with a sharp single and came round to score on Bill Degeer's blasting triple. Bill Robson singled to score Degeer but the next three men went out via the fly route to cut off any further scoring.

McDowell Effective

Murray McDowell was effective on the mound for Markham despite the ten hits registered against him. On several occasions when the chips were down, McDowell came through to work his

way out of trouble. He struck out 10 and gave up four walks in his nine inning stint.

Thompson Gains Confidence

Thompson seemed to be pitching with more confidence than he displayed during the past season. Several times during this game he was in potential trouble but calmly and confidently pitched his way out of the hole. In winning this game he looked more like the Thompson of two years ago and from all indications looks set for another good season.

The combination of Norm Roberts on third, Ken Roberts at second and McMillen on the initial sack was very effective. In the seventh inning they came up with

a very pretty double play from Norm to Ken and over to McMillen to nip a Markham threat before it got fairly started. The addition of McMillen to the infield should add strength. He is fast and tall and a good glove man and his big bat can speak for itself.

Summary

	R	H	E
Allencourt Lanes	4	10	0
Markham	0	4	1

Winning Pitcher: Murray Thompson
Losing Pitcher: Murray McDowell
Plate Umpire: John Shearer
Base Umpire: Randy Needham

Local Golf Professional George Clifton To Start Another Busy Season

(By Alex Sloborg)

Forty-year-old George Clifton, popular Richmond Hill golf pro, who started out as a caddy 34 years ago, after a lengthy, varied and successful pro career, this year joined the Meadowbrook Golf Club, located in Markham Township on the 5th Concession, a half mile south of Gormley Road, and one of the longest golf courses in North America. "The championship tees run 7,338 yards," he said. Par is 72. It could be the venue of the Canadian Open in future. Further, the Pro Hockey Players Tourney will be held at Meadowbrook in July.

There's no question about it. George has packed a lot of golf into his relatively young life. Starting as a caddy in 1927, he worked his way up as pro assistant and pro in Toronto, Niagara, and Markham, and in 1960 went to the Markham Golf Course, known as the Willows. He was executive member of the Ontario Professional Golf Association from 1948 to 1961 and president of the organization in 1956, 1957 and 1958. He is an executive member of the Canadian P.G.A. and has captained the Canadian Pro Golfers Association.

He is tournament winner of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pro Amateur dos, and similar Oakville and Oakdale contests, and has represented Ontario pro golfers on a seven-man team against Quebec pros.

There have been four hole-in-one triumphs; at the Toronto Golf Club, 7th hole, Maple Downs Golf Club (Maple), 17th hole, Frontier Golf Club, Lewisville, New York, 3rd hole and Niagara Parks Commission Golf Course, Niagara Falls, Ontario, 3rd hole. He holds the course record at Niagara-on-the-Lake, with 65 in 1952 and is a former winner of the Long Driving Competition. He capped the Ontario Open Championship honours in this at St. Catharines Golf Club in 1959.

George, who is a representative of the Toronto Sportswriters and Sportscasters Golf League and executive of the Miller Trophy 200 Club, pioneered the use of reflex or sequence camera technique in Canada. Relative to teaching golf, this technique can give a pupil 36 pictures of positions throughout his or her golf swing.

During the winter season George operates the largest golf school in the Toronto area. His wife Bibbie, meanwhile, works as shop manager and bookkeeper for Meadowbrook and does an excellent job. When George finds time, he likes to fish and hunt.

His present boss, golf club owner Arthur J. Latchman, arouses George's frank admiration. Latchman, better known as 'Mr. Golf', owns golf clubs in Markham and Whitchurch Township, four in all.

Coach Charlie Seath Retires With Record 19 Straight Wins

After many successful seasons, Charlie Seath, coach of Thornhill's championship winning junior football team, is retiring from active coaching. He retires with a record of 19 straight wins in junior high school competition to enjoy a most enviable record.

Another Thornhill teacher commented that Mr. Seath's fight talks prior to game time were gems in their own right. He cited one instance when, just prior to taking the field, Mr. Seath came charging into the dressing room. "All right fellows, let's go out there and fight, give it everything you've got. Just remember that you are unbeaten, unscored upon and have never been tied. Let's keep the record intact - now go out there and win the opening game of the season!"

In addition to the gift of a beautiful pen, Mr. Seath had a poem read in his honour by last year's captain Dave Rumble - with apologies to Lewis Carroll -

The time has come, the Walrus said, to speak of other things, And all the Junior Football Boys would gladly do this thing. To speak of one who taught us how to play with all our might, And do our best and run right through whoever was in sight, Who squelched us down when pride ran high - and brought us down to size, But who, when all seemed lost or gone, could make our fight arise. We owe him more than words can say, so no one's going to try, Let's sum it up in words like these, he sure is one GREAT GUY!!

Convincing Fashion R. Hill High Track Team Wins Georgian Bay Meet

By Ron Craine

By piling up a total of 111 points, Richmond Hill's fine track team won the Georgian Bay Championships in a most convincing manner. Thornhill finished second with 65 points, Brock High School 57 points and Woodbridge 51 points.

Ian Ross won the junior 120 yard low hurdles and placed third in the junior 100 yard dash. Tony Crack won the 440, placed 2nd in the discus. Lester Downing placed second in the junior javelin and shot put events and Bob Munroe finished in second spot in the junior half mile. The junior relay team of Ian Ross, Steve Sim, Marty De La Barre and Peter Hiscott finished in second place.

Cooper Ties

Dennis Cooper tied for the intermediate championship and won the intermediate 100 and 220 yard sprints. John Morrow picked up a second place finish in the intermediate 880, Ed Addison placed second in the 440, Paul Weir took second place in the javelin throw and Bruce Walker finished fourth in the 120 yard low hurdles.

Int. Relay Second

The intermediate relay team of Dennis Cooper, Ed Addison, Bruce Walker and Reg Pemberton placed second in their event.

McGregor Sr. Running Broad

Rob Roy McGregor captured first place in the senior running broad jump and was second in the hop-step-jump event. Gary Kozak won the discus throw, was second in the javelin event and finished fifth in the senior shot-put.

Dave Weir won third place in the javelin throw and Brian Walker finished second in the senior 300 yard dash. Walker placed second in the senior 220 but was disqualified as he ran out of his lane. Bob Manning took third place finishes as he grabbed off the show spot in the senior mile and two mile events. Roger Hobson placed second in the high jump and finished fourth in the hop-step-jump and Ken Sfrak placed second in the pole vault.

Bill Munroe was second in the senior discus and Jim Manning placed fifth in the half mile event. The senior relay team of Roger Hobson, Bill Turner, Rob Roy McGregor and Brian Walker finished second.

Dave Stephenson Of Richmond Hill Winner Pinecrest Speedway, Sat.

Dave Stephenson of Richmond Hill brought his Mercury No. 5 up out of the pack for a half-car length win in the stock car feature at Pinecrest Speedway, Saturday night. With high point total of 12 on the night, Stephenson climbed from 11th place in the standing to fifth with 19.

With a crowd of 3,445 watching on a chill evening, newcomer Doug Syers of Burlington led through the first 14 laps. A spin out over the wall by Jerry Watson of Cooksville in the ninth lap made necessary the first feature re-start of the season. Neither Watson nor his car received a scratch. But he and Cec. Gray of Richmond Hill, who had won the first heat and the trophy dash, were both sidelined.

Stephenson took over on the 15th lap and was chased closely for the remaining 10 by Sammy Snider of Unionville. Snider was barely off the pace at the finish of the closest feature of the season, Mac Bond of Scarborough zoomed in to take third place and Sy-

ers was nipped at the finish line for fourth by George Symons of Milliken.

Symons now leads the standing with 30 points, after three Saturdays of racing. Defending champion Bound is second with 24; Snider has 23; John McCrae of Toronto 20; followed by Stephenson's 19.

Betty Carcone of Weston made it three victories in as many ladies' features. She edged Lorraine Hallahan of Clarkson and Jo Cresswell of Willowdale. Betty now has 30 points, Lorraine 26 and Toronto's Sonya Fickert 19. Jo has 15 points.

Joe Adams became the first jalopy driver to win a second race. He leads the group of modified car drivers with 10 points. George Campbell trails Adams by two points and Vic Parsons and Ron Jewell are tied with seven. Bill Laidlaw won Saturday's other race.

Twenty cars are expected for Saturday's added crowd pleaser, a king-size wreck 'em race. First race will get under way at 8:15 p.m.

Notice To Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of FRANCIS GEORGE UPSHALL, deceased

ALL persons having claims against the Estate of Francis George Uphall, late of the Village of Thornhill, in the County of York, retired, who died on or about the 15th day of September 1960 are required to file proof thereof with the undersigned on or before the 28th day of June, 1961, after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

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Mike Thatcher burned up the course at the Westview Golf Club and won the junior golf championship of Richmond Hill High School. Mike had both the long and the short game under control and came home in an ultra respectable 84.

Wayne Jackson won the senior championship with a 91 and all entrants seemed to have a very enjoyable time.

Track & Field

The field day was held in two sections with field events and short races being held at Richmond Hill and longer track events being run off at Pickering College. A great many new school records were set despite the muddy conditions that prevailed for the meet.

Brian Walker set three new records in the senior division to win the senior championship in no uncertain manner. He set a new 100 yard dash record of 10.4 seconds, ran the 220 yards in 23.2 seconds for a new mark and set a record of 53.6 seconds in the 440 yard sprint.

Rob Roy McGregor established a new intermediate broad jump record by travelling a distance of 20 ft. 8 1/2 inches and set a new hop-step-jump mark of 41 ft. 3 inches. Gary Kozak hurled the javelin 174 ft. 10 1/2 inches to a new record for the school. The John Morrow ran the 880 yard event in 2 minutes, 10 seconds to write a new record into the books and Dennis Cooper ran the 100 yards in 10.1 seconds for a new record. Wayne Simpson jumped 5

ft 3 1/2 inches to set a new high jump record.

Four new records were set in the junior division. Ian Ross ran the 120 yard low hurdles in 17 seconds flat and Rick Bradshaw went 36 feet 7 inches in the hop-step-jump. Anthony Crack set a new discus record with a heave of 108 feet 5 inches and Lester Downing propelled the javelin 113 feet 5 inches.

Carol Clarke set a new broad jump record at 15 feet 6 inches in the senior girls' division. Mary Ann Donald leaped 7 feet 11 inches for a new mark in the intermediate standing broad jump and Diane Hayes broke the running broad jump record by leaping 17 feet 4 inches. Miss Hayes set a new record in the shotput with a heave of 36 feet.

Pat Harley set a new record in the junior standing broad jump event with a jump of 7 feet 11 1/2 inches. The meet was run and supervised by students and proved to be a very well run meet.

Georgian Bay Awards
Mr. Bill Babcock has announced that the Gestetner Company of Canada has donated a plaque for the boys' Georgian Bay Track Championship. Six further plaques are needed to round out the awards for Georgian Bay events. The plaques are good for 50 years and you can purchase a plaque for \$32.50. If you'd like to present an award contact Mr. Babcock at Richmond Hill or Mr. Seath at Thornhill. They'll be glad to hear from you.

Park Board Swings Into Action -

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be criticized if we accepted this offer, though certainly we appreciate the spirit in which the offer was made."

Griffin Offer

John Griffin, well known local developer, informed the board that if the town would supply him with levels covering a three-acre plot of ground behind the MacKillop Public School, he would instruct a crew of his men to level off the area. The board members promptly agreed, indicating in no uncertain terms they would never be accused of looking a gift horse in the mouth.

Overall Picture

Financially, this is the overall Parks Board picture. The budget stands at \$28,500.00. Against this there are charges totalling \$4,000.00 arising from the winter's maintenance of outdoor rinks. However the expected agricultural grant will replace this and leave

an extra \$1,000. In the foreseeable future the board will have to spend about \$6,500 on Crosby Park and \$7,000 on the Town Park, plus \$2,550. on playground equipment. The board is also hopeful that the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will co-operate in the matter of permanent buildings in the Town Park (which will ultimately cost at least \$15,000). The Agricultural Society, under present grant-legalities, would be eligible for a provincial kick-back which would help reduce the cost to the town of these permanent buildings.

Present at the meeting beside Chairman Tilt and Member Al White and Alan Smythe were Bill Ruttle, Norman Brown and Deputy-reeve J. Bradstock. Member Stan Ransom was unable to get back from a woods trip to the wilds of Northern Ontario in time for the inaugural get-together.

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