



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAIN

Lacrosse in Richmond Hill has definitely turned the corner. From a very shaky start a core of do-or-die lacrosse players has been augmented by the addition of some fine talent at the old Indian game of bagatwa.

Financially the Zeros are still in the swaddling stage. One big reason for the shaky financial structure is the lack of fan support. In Fergus, Alliston, Huntsville and other towns around the circuit a crowd of 300 is common. A big crowd at a lacrosse game in Richmond Hill is about 150 people.

Why the difference? Heaven alone knows the answer. Loyal fans that do attend games are treated to some really great lacrosse playing. Admittedly it wasn't always the case and the Zeros of a few weeks past weren't providing too much opposition. Those times are past and gone. The Zeros in their present form can play lacrosse with the best of them. Teams that like to play it rough find the Zeros ready, willing and able. Nobody is a "chicken" on this club. If opponents want it hot and fast the Zeros can match them stride for stride and shot for shot. What else does a good lacrosse team need to be a success?

Players are literally financing their own way on all counts. Some players provide transportation for other players on out of town trips and never get a dime for gas money. Sure they love to play lacrosse and would gladly pay and are paying to play the game. Quite often club officials are more than a little embarrassed when, after the referees are paid, there just isn't money to reimburse a player for the \$5 or \$10 worth of gasoline he has contributed to the cause.

Gate receipts are split with the Arena Association on a mutually agreeable basis. Thanks to the generous terms granted by the association the lacrosse team is still slightly solvent but only just.

Here in Richmond Hill we are proud, and rightly so, of our rose industry and we take great civic pride in letting everyone know about it. We are fast gathering a reputation as being one of the real hotbeds of softball in Ontario and a lot of us are proud of that, again rightly so. With a little spectator support Richmond Hill could mean something in the lacrosse world as well.

Maybe it's already too late for this year but club executives are looking forward to a busy fall and winter season in a drive to raise funds for next year. They won't be asking for handouts or charity in any form but will provide entertainment value for monies received. Plans are afoot to hold winter and spring dances and one or two other little deals that will jell later. Could be that next year might be an entirely different story.

In the meantime hats off to a game bunch of lacrosse players who are doing it the hard way. If you possibly can attend a game in Richmond Hill take a look and chances are you'll really enjoy it. Someday with a lot of luck and support we might even have a team playing in the Mann Cup finals. Don't be so sure it can't happen here!

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Coach Russ Cripps of the good Allencourt Lanes Softball Club got a long distance call from a Mr. Henry Fisher in Sioux City, Iowa. Apparently they grow more than corn in Iowa, as Mr. Fisher wanted to bring his Coloured Cowboy softball team to Richmond Hill for an exhibition game.

Mr. Cripps was more than somewhat astonished and wanted to know how Fisher knew about Richmond Hill. He was told that Richmond Hill was touted as a really good softball centre and this was the reason for the long distance call. It could be blarney or even a good brand of baloney but it's nice just the same.

Like we've said before sport, and team participation in sport, carry the name of a town before the public and it's darn cheap advertising. A town with the reputation of being a live sports centre gets credit for a lot of other things as well. For one thing, people get to know where a town is, and then go on to enquire as to facilities, schools, churches, population, etc.

A lot of the interested people are businessmen or possibly manufacturers as these are the people who most often support teams. It doesn't hurt a little bit to get our fame noised abroad and good teams playing in other towns is an excellent way of doing some noising abroad.

As this is written the night before the Coloured Cowboy-Allencourt game who can tell what actually happened? Maybe it rained or maybe it wasn't such a spectacle. The crystal ball grows dim indeed! We hope the show went on as planned and also hope that our softball fame grows apace. It won't hurt us a little bit!

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The football Indians are out getting in shape and it's killing to watch so much energy being expended these hot nights! No matter what the temperature, the football hopefuls are out in full regalia giving it the old college try.

Coach Del Madely could be considered some type of Simon Legree for working the players on hot nights, but don't be fooled, the players love it. Most of them are bronzed and tanned and already are looking like a mighty fit and able crew.

First game of the season is on September 2nd and the Indians are out for scalps from the opening kick-off. The way they're snapping, snarling and running they're sure to bag their fair share of opposition hide.

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Who Was Its Grandma?

Capture Of Another Local "Biggie" Starts Chain Of Questions, Answers



By F. J. PICKING

This started out to be a fish story a few days ago. A more-or-less ordinary "big fish" story, except that it had a little bit of an unusual twist. But, as it went along, it turned into a journey back into Lions Club activities of yesteryear and a plunge into fish biology, with one helper after another aiding in tracking down an answer to a question. That question: "How did it get where it was?"

The story of events started when Doug Gilbert of Bedford Park Floral Company Ltd., Richmond Hill, landed the green bass pictured above. The story as first written declared that "this business of travelling a long distance to get your big fish is, to mix a metaphor, strictly for the birds."

Ball Results

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Because of the holiday falling on August 7, games will be rescheduled at a later date.

Standings:

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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GIRLS LEAGUE

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tial of the pond and its land becoming an attractive park would be taken on the matter in the near future." That's what the paper said!

It was! The Mill Pond, as stated, is now part of the town's park system.

Was It a Pioneer? Then, inevitably, the question arose as to whether the big green bass captured by Doug Gilbert this August was one of those put into the pond in 1953?

It was! The picture of the fish, which was caught in the Mill Pond, now one sure and certain authority to turn to—a Richmond Hill resident, Dr. Hugh H. MacKay, of 30 Arnold Crescent, of the Department of Lands and Forests, and also president of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. Although on holidays, Dr. MacKay jumped enthusiastically into the hunt. He suggested that Dr. E. T. Garside, biologist with the Fish and Wildlife branch of the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple, could provide information.

He did! Facts and figures proved that if the fish caught this week had been one of the original settlers, weighing around a pound and a half, it would now be around twelve or thirteen years old—a regular grand-daddy of a fish.

Proof Positive Dr. Garside came up with another answer. He asked for a scale. Scales on a fish, he said, could be counted just like the rings on a tree and would give the exact age. So the big fish, by now cooked and half-eaten, was searched for a scale. This, under the Department of Lands and Forests microscope, showed the fish to be seven years old, or in its eighth growing season. And, to give a double check, its weight proved right for a fish of that age, hatched in 1954.

So the mystery as to how Doug Gilbert's big fish got into the Mill Pond was solved. It apparently came from spawn from the fish put in the pond by the Lions 'way back in 1953.

And there ends the tale of Doug Gilbert's big fish, now gone where all good fishes should go. Talk about "casting your bread on the waters." Try fish!

Cheer up, anglers! It may have had a brother or a sister. Judging by reports, since the news of Doug's catch got around, plenty of local fishermen are trying to find out if it did or not. (Oh yes - Lagerquist took the photo).

STOUFFVILLE: Merchants are planning on spending \$2,000 during a ten-day celebration in September, marking opening ceremonies of the newly-paved highway through the town. Council will contribute \$500.

NORTH YORK: Building permits issued in July this year dropped \$3,000,000 behind last year. Total amount of permits for July, 1961, was \$9,108,701 as compared with \$12,367,473 in the same month in 1960.

Fourth Inning Smashes Hopes

Allencourt Reduces Markham 9-1 Aids Newmarket To Playoff Spot

Allencourt Lanes defeated Markham 9-1 in Richmond Hill on Tuesday of last week. The loss eliminated Markham from league playoffs and enabled Newmarket to grab a playoff spot.

As the game got under way Newmarket had a one point edge on Markham in the league standing. A Markham win would give them a one point edge on Newmarket. Unfortunately for Markham they were forced to play this most crucial game against the strongest club in the league.

Markham gave early indications of making a real bid to win. They pulled off double plays in the first and second innings to nip Allencourt scoring bids and Ted Matthews was handcufted Allencourt batsmen. Then the fourth inning came along.

Gary Smith led off with a bunt single and pulled up at first base for the series with Alliston following a single by Bill Allencourt.

Popular In Huntsville

Alliston Defeats Zeros In Great Lacrosse Show

A hard-running, fast-shooting Alliston team found themselves broken up quickly by the officials but Davidson took an extra minute penalty. Clubine drew five minutes for his share in the rhubarb and was a unanimous winner on points with Davidson showing the marks of battle.

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Coach George Burrows pulled Dadds from the Zeros net with 40 seconds remaining in an attempt to tie the score. It almost succeeded as Lotton and James rattled shots off the Alliston goal posts but couldn't find the target. As the final bell sounded the Zeros were storming around the Alliston net as time ran out on them.

Defeat Huntsville Last Saturday night the Zeros travelled to Huntsville and came back with a 7-6 win. Big scorer of the game was Charlie Lublow as he ran wild in scoring four goals. The starry Steve James scored two goals and Bill Clubine a singleton.

A crowd of 400 Huntsville fans was so delighted with the game that the Zeros have been invited back for an exhibition game this coming Saturday night. This Zero team is making a real impact on the lacrosse scene and will be heard from even more in the weeks to come.

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FACT FOR THE WEEK:

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Fur, Fin & Campfire

By Stan Schendal, Gunsmith, Richmond Hill

Hello once again to all outdoors men and women. I have had several good places of interest for fishing mentioned to me that I would like to pass along to you fishermen.

Some big pike and pickerel have been pulled out from Severn Falls, and up at Pigeon Lake muskies have been running at a good size and weight. The pickerel haven't been hitting too well. I spent the weekend there fishing and enquiring. The biggest factor was mainly that the water was pretty rough and many fishermen like me play it safe and don't go out.

As your warmer weather is now here you have to fish them deep and find the deep holes where they will be. Your pickerel will generally be off your shoals and near a fast-moving current. Fishing for pickerel so far I have found to be the best in the evening, just as the sun is setting.

We had some good luck using a worm harness with a red beaded spinner with yellow spinners. You might find that you might have to put a split shot on your line to get your bait deep and possibly get a few weeds, but I am sure with a little patience that you will pull a few of the big ones out.

There is another spot to fish a lot of people haven't given credit to, and not too far away for those who don't like to travel any great distance for a day's fishing or outing, and that's Little Lake, Barrie, at Cedar Park you can get bait, boats, rent motors, and they have a grassed area with tables for lunching out and a snack bar. They also have a sanded beach where the young ones can go and play in the water.

Paul, who owns the park, keeps a sharp eye on the youngsters and makes sure that they don't get out too far. To get to Little Lake you have to go right into Barrie. You will find anyone there can tell you where the lake is. The only road runs down to the lake from Barrie, 400 Highway. I know for a fact that there are bass there five pounds and bigger, and pickerel have been pulled out and pike ten pounds and better.

Little Lake, from Richmond Hill, is only a short drive, and you can enjoy a good day for Dad, Mum and the kids.

Now, a point to all our hunters in September. There is a 3 per cent sales tax coming into effect and right now in effect we have a 4 per cent tax due to the decline of the Canadian dollar on all American goods. Don't wait till the last minute to get your gear into shape and those guns repaired and ammunition bought, and save yourself a few dollars.

See you next week; good luck, good fishing.

Two Hill Drivers In Mosport Races

Two Richmond Hill residents, Bill MacDuff of Sugar Maple Lane and Bill White of Mill Street, will play an important role in the next big programme of sports car races to be held at Mosport Park, north of Bowmanville, on Saturday, August 19.

Some top North American racing drivers, including Peter Ryan, Montreal, and Roger Penske of Philadelphia, will make their initial appearance at Mosport Park for this programme of sports car races on Saturday, August 19.

The occasion will be the 11th annual trophy races organized by the Sports Car Club of which Terry O'Malley, Toronto, is President.

The day's programme, scheduled to get underway at 11:00 a.m. will consist of eight events for all classes. Practise runs will be held on Friday, August 18, commencing at 1:00 o'clock.

"We have had inquiries for entry forms from as far distant as Nassau," reported Paul A. Smith, of the organizing Sports Car Club.

An interesting highlight of the August 19 race meet will be a driving skill test with top competitors participating. In the evening a Victory Banquet will be held at Bowmanville. MacDuff and White are both members of the organizing club.

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