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## SPORT SPOTS

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One warm fall evening last week the older girls playing in the Richmond Hill Ball Association league staged their playoff game. This game was for the league championship and was played under the lights at the Town Park.

There were many spectators in the stands. Many of them had come to watch the championship game between the Emeralds and the Diamonds and others had come to see the later game between Newmarket and Allencourt Lanes. Before too long everyone was interested in the girls' game. The kids themselves were so determined and so enthusiastic that you couldn't help but get a charge out of watching them.

By no stretch of the imagination could the game ever be called a pitchers' duel. Hits were raining into the outfield like hail and fielders dashed madly around in pursuit of the elusive ball. Both benches kept up an intense barrage of encouragement for their own players and were not too lady-like to take the odd crack at the opposing team. All in all it was highly entertaining.

From time to time young players displayed flashes of real softball savvie. One small miss who, on a wet day might weigh a whopping eighty pounds, caught a hard hit ball to right field in real major league fashion. Another junior miss came in from third under a full head of steam, threw herself into a terrific slide and beat a game but bewildered catcher.

People in the stands loved the action but, by agreement, the game was to be called at 8.15 p.m. to let the intermediate game get underway. The best-laid plans of mice and men, etc., usually are upset one way or another. This time the two teams were tied 29-29 as the last inning ended at 8.12 p.m. Russ Cripps and Bob Stackhouse, respective coaches of Allencourt and Newmarket, were asked if they were willing to delay the start of their league play-off game. Both men graciously gave their consent and the game was on again and into extra innings.

It turned into something of a rout as the Emeralds scored 13 runs in their half of the inning and then retired the Diamonds in order. Some girls cheered while others cried, but this year's championship was won by the Emeralds. Mr. Lloyd "Mickey" Smith, president of the R.H.B.A. presented the winners with their championship crests and the season formally ended.

Within a few short years Richmond Hill should have a real pool of girl softball talent. Some of these girls show great promise and should do really well in competition in higher categories of softball. Another three years and Richmond Hill should be renowned as a ladies' softball centre.

At the present time the town of Richmond Hill has three teams shooting for Ontario championships in their respective sports. Ron McAndrew's Mic-Macs, girl softballers first class, are in the final series of the P.W.S.U. playdowns for the ladies' juvenile "B" Ontario championship. Allencourt Lanes are into the semi-final round of the O.A.S.A. playdowns against Brockville with the winner of the series going into the championship finals against the northern Ontario zone winners.

Last, but far from least, are the lacrosse Zeros as they are playing a four out of seven series with Fergus for the intermediate "B" lacrosse championship of Ontario.

All these good teams are giving everything they've got in a bid for a title. Maybe they'll all win the goals they're striving for but, even if they didn't win all the marbles, at least the opposition will know they've been in a game. More than that we can't ask and all we can do in the meantime is wish all three teams the very best of luck in their endeavours.

Some five years ago the softball career of a Richmond Hill resident came to a sudden end. A game catcher and a real competitor, Del Madeley was catching for the old Mainprize Drug team which operated in the now defunct Richmond Hill and District Intermediate League.

Del was unfortunate enough to tear the cartilage in his knee. He lost a lot of time away from work and the knee never did come back into condition. The next year he made a game try to get back into the game but the knee just wouldn't stand the gaff. The same injury also cut short a very promising football career.

Always interested in sports of any type, Del took over serious coaching of the Richmond Hill Indians football team. Softball's loss proved to be football's gain. Under the guidance of Mr. Madeley the Indians football fortunes have been on a steady upswing.

From a very scarily start, Del has brought the Indians along to the point where they are a real threat to the rest of the league. Every year since he took a full time interest in the team, players have been coming to wear the Indian livery and stayed to play under his guidance.

Football is now almost a year-round occupation for Del. As soon as the last whistle has sounded in the fall he begins to plot and plan for next year and, by the spring, has a book crammed with new ideas and plays. His dedication to the game is starting to pay big dividends.

Last year the team were runners-up to the league champions. This year they already own one win over the champs and look capable of making it two victories. If ever a team looked like a winner this is the one and it's not all on paper either.

If you like to watch good football, and a lot of people do, turn out some Saturday afternoon and see the Indians in action. You'll see a mild mannered man, who seldom if ever raises his voice, directing operations from the sidelines. His method is solid proof that a football coach doesn't have to be a loud-mouthed tyrant to get results.

Members of the Indian team have a team spirit that would be awfully hard to duplicate. At least ninety per cent of that team spirit is due to Del Madeley, and that is probably a conservative estimate.

## Dairy Princesses

Shortly after being crowned Canada's first Dairy Princess, Clara Taylor of Saanichton, B.C., paid a visit to Don Head Farms, Richmond Hill. There she was introduced to another "lady" who won her laurels at the C.N.E. - the Grand Champion Jersey cow, Don Head Vivian Etta.



## Gerrard Cook Is Mill Pond Champ

## Another Bedford Park Floral Man Takes Another Big One From Pond

At the beginning of August this year Doug, Gilbert of Bedford Park Floral Company set the Richmond Hill piscatorial world on fire, hauling a three pound eleven ounce bass from the Mill Pond.

The event started an investigation by "The Liberal" which disclosed that the big fish had evidently been hatched from spawn deposited in the pond by fish placed there by the Richmond Hill Lions Club in 1953 for a fishing derby. Officials of the Lands and Forests Department at Maple, plus the mystery, still another mystery was left - how a fish could escape the thousand and thousands of worms and other bait dropped in the Mill Pond over the course of the year.

thered to take his landing net out of the trunk of his car. He had to ask a lady sitting in a car near where he landed the biggie to get his net for him. Only fly in the ointment was that the fish timed its hooking too late for publication, not leaving time for the necessary late to be made. A picture will appear in next week's "Liberal."

Department Helps Again  
Department of Lands and Forests officials are again assisting in determining age. The mystery of how a fish can escape so long in such well-fished waters may have been solved by Dr. E. T. Garside, departmental biologist. He pointed out that the pond is probably so rich in food that fish therein do not readily take to introduced rations.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

**Richmond Hill High**  
Richmond Hill High School is going veddy veddy British these days as they have adopted the prefect system and, instead of colour teams, will compete intramurally as "houses". Reminds us of the old Chums, Annua and Carvee. "Cad of the Fifth" and all that sort of thing.

Seriously though, it sounds like a good scheme for working up real interest in intramural sports activities in the school.

Big news of the week from Richmond Hill was the exhibition senior football game last Friday. Richmond Hill seniors took Bayview seniors to camp with a 19-6 victory. Touchdowns were counted by John Hildane, Dave Weir and Al Blackburn.

Twenty-six runners turned out for cross-country as Richmond Hill evidently intends to put a real contender into the cross-country picture this year.

**Thornhill High**  
Thornhill seniors played an exhibition game against Bathurst Heights at Thornhill last week. They got the season off to a good start by defeating Bathurst Heights by a 13-7 score. Paul Reeves was the pick of the crop for Thornhill team as they give promise of being a real powerhouse club this year.

Thornhill juniors dropped a 15-12 decision to Bathurst Heights at the Willowdale school. Everyone got into the first game of the year and Thornhill did a lot of experimenting.

This Friday afternoon, commencing at 2:00 p.m., Thornhill and Richmond Hill will clash in junior and senior games for the Dr. Broad Trophy. Host school this year will be Richmond Hill as Thornhill fights to retain the trophy.

**Bayview High**  
Duane Patfield was injured in the game against Richmond Hill last Friday. "Tex" suffered torn leg muscles and may be lost to the Bayview team for some time.

Bayview juniors lost their first exhibition game, 21-18, to Newmarket. Bob Hoernigk hit for two touchdowns and quarterback Wayne Haviland scored one. The juniors open the league schedule at Bayview with Stouffville providing the opposition this Thursday afternoon.

On the intramural scene, senior Borden Ball will finish this week with senior soccer to get under way.

Junior and senior girls' volleyball teams are busily working in preparation for the coming competitions. In Grade 9 intramural field ball the Red team defeated Gold. Red defeated Black in speedball play, with Green winning out over Gold.

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## Fine Pitching Features Semi-final Game

## Allencourt Takes First Game 2 To 1

Brockville Brocks opened the semi-final round of the O.A.S.A. intermediate "A" playdowns against Allencourt Lanes last Saturday night in Richmond Hill. Brocks outthit Allencourt 8-4, but the game was a 2-1 victory for the Allencourt Team.

A brilliant pitching display was put on by the Brocks Brian Healey, who struck out 15 men over the nine inning route and gave up only four hits, the longest a double by Allencourt pitcher, Bill Bowen.

Bowen struck out six and walked none, but was tagged for eight hits. The old maestro had Brockville batters turning themselves inside out with his bewildering collection of slow-breaking stuff. It was the veteran against the rookie with experience gaining the nod over youth.

The large crowd saw a fast moving game played in ninety minutes. Plate umpire Lou Viconti and base umpire Frank Hafey were on top of the play

throughout the piece and their competent officiating added to an exciting game.

**Brocks Score In Fourth**  
Tony Mitchell, Brocks' alert second baseman, rapped out a triple to right field in the fourth inning. Left fielder Bob MacDonald singled to drive in Mitchell with the opening run of the game.

The score was tied in the Allencourt half of the fourth inning on a hit and a fielder's choice play. Gary Smith, playing right field for Allencourt, hit a sharp single between centre and right field. Centre fielder Art Pearce made a play on the ball, juggled it momentarily, and the fleet Gary Smith was safe at third base. A fielder's choice off the bat of Don MacMillen gave the Brocks no chance to stop Smith scoring and tie the game.

As the innings rolled along it began to look as if the teams were completely stalemated. Bill Bowen gave the local fans something to cheer about as he opened up the Allencourt half of the seventh inning with a double off the left field fence. Ken Roberts dumped a sacrifice bunt to move Bowen to third and set the stage for the scoring of the winning run.

**It Was The Winner**  
Matt Kinnari came in to pinch hit for catcher Ken MacRae but

losers with singletons going to Frank Mashinter and Steve James, Bruce Incoe and J. Spicer led the Thistles with Incoe scoring four and Spicer five goals.

The second game in Fergus was something of a rout as a short-handed Zero team was unable to hold the Thistle attack. Charlie Ludlow scored three for the Zeros with Don Thistles move ahead to win 13-7 in the opening game. Ken Lotton scored four goals for the

scoring one goal each.

## That Tears It!

## Zeros Lose 2 To Fergus In Intermediate Finals

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## Bowlers Honour Champ's Memory

The memory of the late Garfield Yerex was honoured by a special men's singles club competition last Sunday. "Gar" Yerex was an outstanding bowling enthusiast and won many coveted honors, including the provincial championship Mrs. Yerex and family donated prizes for the club tournament Sunday, which was keenly contested. Prize winners were: 1st, John Perkins, 2nd, Ed. Lane.

There was a good turnout of bowlers for the mixed doubles last Saturday afternoon. Weather was ideal and there were many keenly contested games. First prize for the day was won by Reeve F. R. Perkins and Mrs. R. Lynett, second prize went to skip W. Kingshott of Brampton. High for two wins went to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grainger of Richmond Hill, and high for one win to skip R. Fierheller of Aurora.

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