

..District Sports News..

SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE



It is a well established fact that there are always two sides to any story. The only time a sane and sensible judgment can be formed is when you're in possession of the facts, all the facts, of both sides of the story. So here goes a story of the fate of the Mic Mac juvenile girls' softball team in the K.V.W. league. Both sides of the story that is.

To begin with the Mic Macs are no longer a part of the K.V.W. league. In a letter dated July 20th, sponsor Ron McAndrews was notified that his team was ejected from the league for a violation of constitutional rules. Specifically for the use of a player (or players) who were older than the league rules permitted.

Article 5 of the K.V.W. league constitution states that to be eligible to play in the junior section of the league — "a player must be 16 years of age before June 15th to be eligible to play on a junior team." Due to an oversight or a typist's omission the word "under" did not appear before "16 years of age." This word "under" then makes the bylaw valid — in any other interpretation the bylaw is meaningless.

Mr. McAndrews does have at least one player who was 16 years old by the June 15th date. He maintains that he questioned the wording of article 5 of the constitution at the beginning of the year and was told that everything was all right. League executives maintain that Mr. McAndrews was instructed to insert the word "under" in his copy of the constitution but neglected to do so.

League officials say that the sponsor and coaches of the Mic Mac club were notified six weeks ago that the player in question was ineligible. The said player was used in league games right up to the night of disqualification.

The ejection of the team from the league was noted at a meeting on Thursday, July 19th. Representatives from all teams in the league were present and voted on the motion to disqualify the team. On that night the Mic Macs were playing in Nobleton and Mr. McAndrews claims that he was not notified of the meeting and that his club was not represented when disciplinary action was taken against them. Not so say the league executives.

All other clubs in the league, including Nobleton were represented at the meeting. This was not a special meeting, they assert, but a regular league meeting, the date of which had been pre-arranged at a previous meeting. The Mic Macs were present at the prior meeting and had full knowledge of the date of the next regular meeting. McAndrews says no, he was not aware of the July 19th meeting.

Unfortunately the Mic Macs had soundly beaten every team in the league. The only team that had given them any competition was the Maple team and the Mic Macs had defeated this club twice. It might conceivably have been better if all games in which the over-age player had participated were forfeit and the team kept in the league. They could have been allowed to finish out the schedule but not allowed to compete in the league playoff championships.

To enter the league, a fee of \$25.00 was paid by Mr. McAndrews. This money was used, along with the entry fee of other clubs to purchase insurance. It looks as though Ron McAndrews will have to whistle for a rebate or pay extra money to carry the insurance policy on his team through the P.W.S.U. play-downs in which the club is entered.

Possibly there are faults on both sides. Maybe the Mic Mac brass was remiss in the use of the player and maybe the league was lax in the drafting of the bylaws of the constitution. What is unfortunate is that adults could not have got together and thrashed out the bone of contention in a sane and sensible manner. An adult manner. It isn't even the adults who are penalized — it is a group of 15 year old girls and one who has reached the ripe old age of 16 summers. Grownups are the craziest people!!

All is not lost to the Mic Mac team. A junior team from Thornhill is in need of games until the P.W.S.U. schedule opens. The two teams have arranged to play each other twice a week until they each move into provincial playdowns in their respective age groupings. Junior players are older than juveniles and it is quite possible that the Mic Macs will get some real competition to sharpen up their game.

Like we said there's the story from both sides — you pay your money, make your own decision and draw your own conclusions as to the whys and the wherefores. But again we repeat that it's a crying shame that when adults fall out it's the kids who suffer. And because people are people it'll probably be this way now and forevermore. Ain't it a pity!!!

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Soccer Results & Standings

Newmarket and District Soccer League circles were somewhat upset by the decision of the Collingwood entry to withdraw from further play.

Collingwood has found it increasingly difficult of late to field a team for away games. Realizing the difficulty, the Collingwood team decided to call it quits.

As a result of the gap in the league, all standings had to be revised with a reshuffle of points and goals, for and against averages.

Next Saturday an all-star team from the Newmarket entry is expected to do credit to the league they represent.

Results of games Sat., July 28: Newmarket 2, Richmond Hill 1; Roma 2, Aurora "A" 7; Uxbridge 1; Maple 2, Midland 0; Etobicoke 3, Aurora "B" 0.

Team	P	W	L	T	F	A	P
Aurora "A"	11	8	1	2	42	14	18
Richmond Hill Roma	10	7	2	1	47	10	17
Maple	9	7	0	2	46	9	16
Newmarket	11	6	1	4	36	20	16
Barrie	10	6	4	0	68	15	12
Uxbridge	11	4	7	0	27	53	8
Etobicoke	11	2	8	1	16	43	5
Midland	10	2	8	0	13	36	4
Aurora "B"	11	0	11	0	7	102	0

Kents, Newmarket Fight To 4-4 Tie In Close Game

Kent Clothes and Newmarket played to a four-all draw in a York-Simcoe league fixture played in Richmond Hill last week.

The last moving game which was completed in an hour and a half, was one of the best played by the Clothiers this year.

Jerry Case on the mound for Newmarket gave up five hits, while the combination of Larry Guio and Les Downing for Kents was tagged for eight.

Longest hit of the game was a home run blast by Jerry Case in the fourth inning.

Kent Clothes added two runs in the first inning. Bill Meraska and Duane Patfield singled and both scored on a single by pitcher Larry Guio.

John McKnight, Newmarket centre fielder, was walked in the third inning and then scored on singles by Don Williams and Bob Eisfeld.

Kents also tallied in the bottom of the third inning. Gary Palmer was walked and scored on an error to Meraska that permitted the run to score with Meraska going in to third base.

Case came up with his home run in the fourth inning to make the score 3-2 in favour of the Kent Kids.

Newmarket took a brief lead in the sixth inning. Chuck Goddard and Larry Keffer got on via the error route and both scored on a hard hit single off the bat of Larry Bone.

Kent's Larry Guio got on the track, thanks to a Newmarket error and scored the tying run as Joe Pirri singled.

In the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, the two evenly matched teams were unable to mount any kind of threat and the game ended in a 4-4 draw.

Prize winners: Lucky draw tickets were drawn at the end of each inning. Ed Harris of 146 Garden Ave. won first prize, a wardrobe from Kent Clothes. Second prize of an electric kettle from Landers, Frary and Clark, was won by Allan Currie of 414 Fernleigh Circle. A Red & White \$10 voucher went to Howard Groves of Stouffville, and Mrs. T. W. MacRae of 300 Boisdeau Ave. won a golf ball and score card set from Richardson Sporting Goods.

Prize number five, dry cleaning from Wimbridge Cleaners, was won by ticket No. 1547 and Phil Hammond of Paliser Cres. won a lube and oil change from Keith's Superbest.

A telephone list finder from York Office Supply went to Mrs. Desjardin of 222 Norfolk Ave.; slippers from Shields' Footwear to Mrs. D. McDonald of 63 Carter Cres.; and a Children's Fashion Shop voucher to P. Rumble of Maple.

Dynes Jewellers pounded out the ball into the head of Gary Smith, Smith was stunned by the force of the blow but in a few minutes was able to resume his place in the batter's box.

From this point on Smith was a holy terror. He slammed out two doubles and a single and ran the bases like a drunken dervish.

If any Jeweller had to be tagged as the star of the piece, Smith won the award hands down.

Thornington, Williamson, MacMillan and K. Roberts were the hit getters for the Jewellers. Williamson had a profitable evening with a triple and a double as his share of the work.

Richmond Hill Minor Ball Results

Girls 11-15					Boys 8-9 Division A				
Teams	W	L	T	P	Teams	W	L	T	P
Rubies	3	1	1	7	Chiefs	5	1	0	10
Diamonds	3	2	0	6	Colonels	4	2	0	6
Pearls	2	3	0	4	Jets	3	3	0	6
Emeralds	1	3	1	3	Royals	3	3	0	6
Pearls 27 - Diamonds 26					Maple Leafs	2	4	0	4
Rubies 9 - Emeralds 0					Bisons	1	5	0	2

Boys 15-18					Boys 8-9 Division B				
Teams	W	L	T	P	Teams	W	L	T	P
Bayview BA	4	0	0	8	Chiefs 16 - Bisons 9				
Beresford	2	2	0	4	Royals 32 - Jets 12				
Bork	2	2	0	4	Colonels 29 - Maple Leafs 16				
Union Fuels	0	4	0	0	Boys 8-9 Division B				
All games postponed.					Beats	5	1	0	10

Boys 10-11					Beats 24, Jerseys 23				
Teams	W	L	T	P	Red Wings 9 - Marlins 0				
Mets	5	1	0	10	Virginian vs Buffs - postponed				
Giants	5	1	0	10	Marlins	3	3	0	6
Cubs	4	2	0	8	Buff's	2	2	0	4
Phillies	4	2	0	8	Red Wings	2	4	0	4
Dodgers	4	2	0	8					
Red Legs	3	3	0	6					
Colts	2	4	0	4					
Cardinals	1	5	0	2					
Braves	1	5	0	2					
Pirates	1	5	0	2					

Lake Teams In Action Win One, Lose Three

Lake Wilcox Wildcats lost a hard-fought game to Nobleton last week 15-13. The boys played their first game under lights this week at King City and lost 7-2.

The Brocktons played two close games this week winning one and losing one. They beat Markham 8-7 at King City, and lost 5-4 to Aurora.

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Swimming, Canoeing Highlights Of Four-Day Outing At Dorset

Following is an account of a four-day canoe trip to Dorset by local campers under the direction of Kel Tonner.

BY KEL TONNER
Trip Director

We left camp at 8:45 a.m. after picking up the campers at their homes. Our arrival at Mr. Babcock's cottage on Hardwood Lake was at approximately 1:30.

We made two stops on the way but we did not encounter any difficulties, save that we pulled over to the soft shoulder area of the highway in order to let the cats that were piled up behind us to pass freely.

The equipment and campers were transported to the cottage by means of the canoes.

Immediately we proceeded to pick a suitable camp site which would be quite near to the cottage. After pitching the tent, we had brief canoeing drills and a short swim period.

Supper was served shortly after 6 p.m.

This was followed by a rest period. During this time the boys were given a splendid opportunity to check their gear and prepare their sleeping bags. All lights were out by 10:30 because we were looking forward to the next morning and a rewarding day.

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The first sign of life appeared at approximately 6 a.m., and according to Kelvin's watch, the majority of the group was up within 20 minutes of that time.

The boys were greeted with a refreshing swim in the calm bay at the foot of the cottage. At this point, the gang experienced ravenous appetites. They were famished. They were not too particular as to what they had to eat so long as they had something. We surprised them with a full breakfast of flapjacks, cereal, toast, orange juice and milk.

Dishes were then washed and the bedding was rolled. The boys were going through their routines that morning with mixed anticipation, but finally we set out on our planned canoe trip. Visiting cottagers waved to us as we passed the shore lines of the bays and the stately birch trees. Naturally, we responded by giving them our regards in a congenial fashion.

Shortly before we found the head of the portage trail to lower Fletcher Lake, we stumbled upon a group of 17 ducks. Two of these were adults because they could fly; the other 15 were obviously their fledglings. We followed the group of startled ducks for several hundred yards, but they hopelessly out-distanced us as they ran on the surface of the water. We watched them disappear as they skimmed over the placid lake.

The portage was a real toughy. It somewhat resembled an obstacle course. The eight boys, including Kelvin and myself, did an efficient job of coping with this chore of carrying the 80-pound canoes.

When we arrived at Lower Fletcher Lake, one of the campers (Arnold Temple) discovered that he had lost his watch. We went over the rugged trail twice but we were unable to locate it.

Following the swim we made

had the usual as well as options for those who were not used to one of food alone. The girls in the cabin equalled our feat; they also caught a chipmunk.

After breakfast, we went for a four-hour exploring excursion to a small, rugged inland lake. We got there by following a stream. Here we saw beautiful shrubs, vines, and bushes creeping up sheer cliffs of rock.

Before we descended to the lake, we had to pass a breathtaking waterfall. At the foot of the swampy lake we studied tracks of passing deer and moose.

We saw a dam which closed off the end of the lake, and were able to see the trees which were cut down by beaver.

We decided to circle the lake. Everybody got their shoes soaked and one boy scraped his leg on a protruding rock. We climbed the moss-covered rocks until we were almost one hundred feet above the lake.

The sight from this point was an animating experience. We followed the trail on these steep rocks. High birch made up the majority of natural terrain.

That afternoon it was my turn to prepare lunch for the whole crew, because we had elected to eat with the girls in the cabin. After dinner I took out a group of boys in three

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The gang got up very early again this morning, probably around six. We proceeded to clean up the camp site and dig a refuse hole. For breakfast we

canoes to explore the other side of the lake. We found the canoe which had drifted away from camp during our leave in the morning.

When we returned, one of the campers (John Bailey), threw me in when he tipped the canoe as he got out. I chased him into the tent where we gave him a chance to take off his shoes before he went in.

It did not take us an hour to make sure that everyone except Kelvin Tonner had a swim (clothes and all). From that day to this, we are still sticking to our cardinal rule which demands that every camper is thrown into the lake at least once a day.

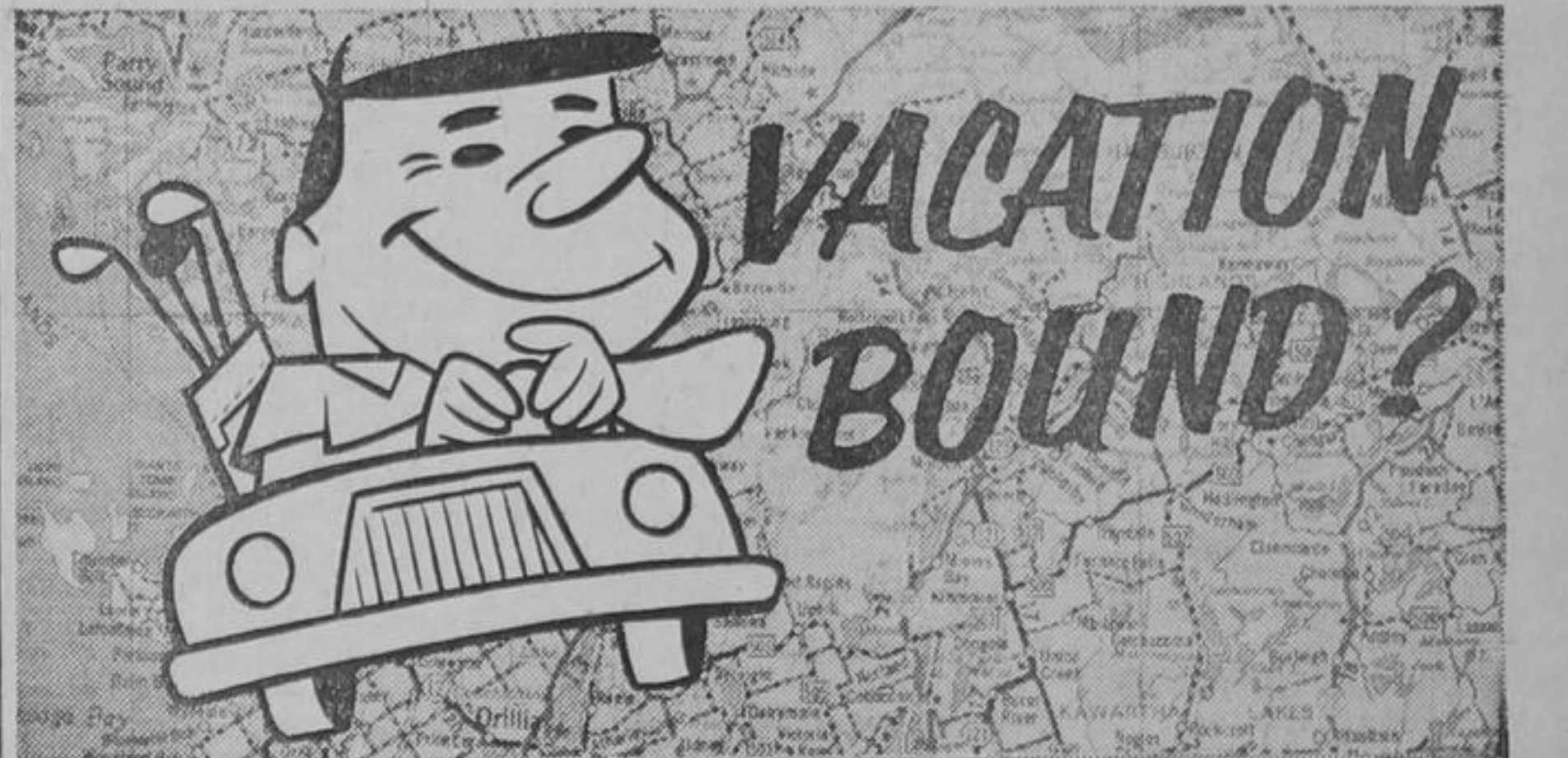
Kel hit the waves just before supper. No doubt about it, he went in fighting. That night, before we went to bed we had a sing-song which lasted three hours. The people across the bay gave up trying to drown us out, so they joined us.

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After getting up at about eight o'clock we knew that we would have a busy morning. We had the camp site cleaned up, the tent folded, and the gear loaded in canoes before we had breakfast.

After the boys filled up the wood box and the girls cleaned up the cabin we took off. Although it started to rain lightly, I took four canoes, three boys and the supplies across the lake to the truck. The rest of the crew stayed in the cabin until we returned.

Before leaving, we double-checked everything then we hit the road singing and hoping that we would be home late in the afternoon. We arrived in Richmond Hill in time for supper.



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