

..District Sports News..



SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Christmas came early this year for a young gentleman named Larry Guio. It came at 10:10 on the night of July 31st, right square in the middle of the main softball diamond in the Town Park of Richmond Hill. And he knew it - oh, how well he knew it!

Larry is the pitching mainstay for Kent Clothes, Richmond Hill entry in the York-Simcoe Softball League. He achieved the dream of every pitcher in every league, in any land where baseball or softball is played. A no-hit, no-run ball game.

This was almost a perfect game but, in the third inning, he walked a runner to put a man on base. As it turned out, he pitched to only 28 batters in a nine inning stint. And that's well nigh a perfect performance.

Along about the fifth inning the light began to dawn that something unusual was happening. It was the same old story. Every inning he pitched — three batters up and three batters down.

His team mates seemed to catch fire and played some of the most brilliant softball seen in a Richmond Hill ball park this or any other year. No pitcher in history ever got better support and the result was an errorless performance.

From the fifth inning on, the tension began to mount noticeably. He was pitching in an easy free-wheeling style and it seemed incredible that the parade of strikeouts, pop ups and ground balls could continue. But it did.

The pressure was really on in the eighth inning with some fairly consistent hitters due to take a cut at the ball. Two weak pop ups and a strikeout and the eighth inning milestone was safely passed.

And now with only three batters left to face, the rival board of strategy went to work. Here comes a pinch hitter. Now it's a well-known fact that pinch hitters are reasonably consistent with the big hickory stick or they wouldn't be sent in to bat otherwise.

Psychologically they have a tremendous advantage over a pitcher, particularly in this case. They've got nothing to lose or have already lost it and the pitcher has no idea of his hitting weaknesses, if any.

Looking just the least bit worried he pumps into the wind up and fires the first one — strike! Two strikes later a defeated batsman heads for the bench as he went down swinging.

Now we have the ninth man in the rival batting order coming up for his third try at marring a no-hit bid. He has already gone out twice on infield rollers — what can he do this time? And he goes down swinging vainly at an elusive third strike.

The chips are down for fair this time. The lead off batter is due for his fourth try at the plate. He has already smashed two line drives that the third baseman picked off for outs, and drove a long ball to right field. The right fielder went a country mile to make the catch. This man is overdue to hit.

If you were on the mound what would you do and how would you feel? How would a five pin bowler feel on the twelfth ball of an otherwise perfect game? Probably a haunted, empty sort of feeling.

Larry Guio didn't feel much different. For the first time the strain showed through. His breathing deepened and he was just a shade more deliberate than usual. Then he made up his mind, reared back and fired — strike!

The next pitch was called a ball by the umpire and the agony was prolonged. Now what type of pitch to throw? — Well, he threw it, the batter liked it and smashed it down the first base line.

If anyone ever saw grief and dismay registered on an athletes face, this was the time. But hold it a second — it curved foul — that's strike two! Almost as an afterthought he rifled in the third pitch — the batter swung but the ball broke to the outside. A good three inch miss and there's the no-hitter.

Opposing players, coaches, umpires, fans, team-mates and a jubilant sponsor couldn't wait to shake his hand. And the big grin was wonderful. It raised the temperature at least twenty degrees. Larry laid claim to the game ball and there was none to say him nay.

He plans on having it autographed by all the members of the team because he knows and honestly believes that although he gets the lions' share of the glory, eight other players made it all possible.

Incidentally his team won 5-0 to clinch fourth place and a spot in the league playoffs. Newmarket was the defeated club but somehow the game result seemed overshadowed by the incredibly fine performance of the highly promising young athlete. And that is how Christmas came early to Larry Guio.

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Vern Dynes, sponsor of Dynes Jewellers Softball Team and his coach Russ Cripps watched the Kent Clothes - Newmarket game. They were admittedly having a look at some of the talent on display and must have seen a lot of things they liked.

If they'd hand-picked a game to scout they couldn't have planned if any better unless someone in Hollywood had written the script.

From what they saw, along with everybody else, there's a real pile of talent almost ready to move on to intermediate ball once their junior days are over.

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The long awaited change house is still some distance in the future. Plans for the building itself are being readied by the Richmond Hill Parks Board. Once these are completed the next item is to call for tenders.

Other factors are also delaying the actual start of the building itself. The parks board members have been asked to make this project a part of the winter works program.

Under this plan work cannot possibly start until October 1, at the earliest. It could make a nice Christmas gift and would help to make the skating rinks in the Town Park a lot more popular.

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Five Errors Help G & A Defeat Jewellers 11-7

The league leading Gozzold and Allen softball team dumped Dynes Jewellers by an 11-7 tune last Thursday night. Five major errors contributed to the Jeweller defeat as the team seemed to develop a case of the communal jitters. Each error proved costly as each one of them resulted in a run for the G and A squad.

Bright spots of the game from the Jeweller point of view was the hitting performance of some of the players. "Skip" DeGeer and Gary Smith smashed out triples while Bill Robson contributed a pair of singles and a home run to the cause. "Chico" Fernandez, Punch Williams, Moe Williamson and Stan Thornington also came up with hits during the game.

Pitcher Bob Attwell started for the Jewellers but was relieved in the eighth inning by Bill Jackson. The eighth in-

ing saw G and A account for six big runs before the fire was quenched.

On August 11th the Jewellers open the first round of the O.A.S.A. playdowns against Aurora. This should be a hard fought series with the traditional rivalry forcing both clubs to the limit. This will be a three out of five series with the winner to advance into the second round of the Ontario Playdowns.

Kent Clothes Win 5-0 Make League Playoffs

Kent Clothes won a clutch game from Newmarket last Tuesday night. The Clothiers won by a 5-0 count and grabbed the fourth and final spot in the league playoffs.

Pitcher Larry Guio of the Clothiers parried the way to the win by a brilliant no-hit, no-run game. Guio faced twenty-eight batters over the nine inning route but walked Newmarket centre fielder Roger McElroy in the third inning to give Newmarket the only base runner of the game.

Duane Patfield, regular shortstop for the Kent team was absent for this important game. Bill Meraska filled in at shortstop for the game and performed brilliantly. He played his position perfectly, produced a double

and a single at bat and stole home with a run. Not a bad placement job at all!

Every member of the Kent team played sparkling errorless ball. Denny Richardson at second base committed larceny on at least two plays. He converted two sure hits in to outs as he played his position like a man possessed. And the rest of the team matched his performance.

Team Effort

And so a salute to every member of the team — Les Downing, Doug Bowen, Joe Pirri, Steve Plummer, Gary Palmer, Roy Finlayson and to coaches Joe Cormack and Al Wenster.

A team has seldom if ever played any better brand of softball in Richmond Hill. This game will be talked about for a long long time.

Announce Opening Date For Fox, Rabbit, Raccoon

Open seasons in Ontario for fox, rabbit, raccoon and squirrel were announced recently by Minister of Lands and Forests, J. W. Spooner.

Fox and raccoon may be trapped or hunted in any part of Ontario from Sept. 1, 1962 to Aug. 31, 1963.

A resident trapper's licence is required to trap fur bearing animals.

The following are open seasons for squirrel and rabbits in the Lake Simcoe district:

Black, grey and fox squirrel may be trapped or hunted, except in the County of Dufferin, from Sept. 22 to Dec. 15.

In Dufferin County the season is Oct. 6, to Dec. 15.

Soccer Results & Standings

Maple 3 - Newmarket 1; Richmond Hill Roma 1 - Aurora "A" 0; Uxbridge 3 - Etobicoke 3; Barrie 9 - Midland 0.

Team	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pst.
Roma	11	8	2	1	51	10	19
Maple	10	8	0	2	49	10	18
Aurora "A"	12	8	2	2	42	18	18
Newmarket	12	6	2	4	37	23	16
Barrie	11	7	4	0	77	15	14
Uxbridge	12	4	7	1	30	56	9
Etobicoke	12	2	8	2	19	46	6
Midland	11	2	9	0	13	45	4
Aurora "B"	11	0	11	0	7	102	0

Olympia of the National Soccer League defeated the Newmarket & District Soccer League All Stars by a 5-2 score at Maple last Saturday.

Richmond Hill Minor Ball Results

Standings as at August 4	Indians	4	2	0	8
GIRLS 11-15	Yankees	4	2	0	8
Teams	Red Sox	4	3	0	8
Rubies	Twins	1	5	0	2
Diamonds	Tigers	0	7	0	0
Emeralds	Senators 9 - Twins 8				
Pearls	Indians 9 - Tigers 0 default				
Emeralds 15 - Diamonds 5	Yankees 12 - Red Sox 11				
BOYS 15-18	Red Sox 15 - Tigers 7				
Teams	Game of July 25				
Bayview B.A.	5	0	0	10	
Beresford	2	3	0	4	
Bork	2	3	0	4	
Union Fuels	1	4	0	2	
Bayview 12 - Beresford 8					
Union Fuel 11 - Bork 8					
BOYS 10-11	DIVISION A				
Teams	Teams	W	L	T	
Mets	33 - Colonels 14				
Giants	Royals 41 - Chiefs 26				
Phillies	Bisons 9 - Leafs 0 default				
Cubs					
Dodgers	4	3	0	8	
Red Legs	4	3	0	8	
Colts	2	5	0	4	
Braves	2	5	0	4	
Cardinals	1	6	0	2	
Pirates	1	6	0	2	
Phillies 30 - Cubs 23	DIVISION B				
Red Legs 48 - Pirates 13	Teams	W	L	T	
Giants 9 - Colts 0 default	Bears	5	2	0	
Mets 5 - Cardinals 4	Jerseys	4	3	0	
Braves 31 - Dodgers 21	Virginians	4	3	0	
BOYS 12-14	Leafs	2	5	0	
Teams	Bisons	2	5	0	
Senators	6	0	0		
(Scheduled Replay - defaulted)					

Golf Scholarship

Brian Wilcox To Study In Houston

Eighteen year old Brian Wilcox of 15 Vista View Drive, Thornhill, has already turned the game of golf into a paying proposition. Upon graduating from grade 12 at Thornhill High School this summer he received a bid to attend Houston University, Houston, Texas, on a four year golf scholarship. He'll be majoring in two fields at Houston — business administration and golf. That's a pretty good record for a boy who took up golf only five years ago!

Over the past three weeks the world of golf seems to offer untold rewards for the talented Thornhill youth. He has four years of university ahead of him and he says that his education definitely comes first. After graduation he will make up his mind whether to pursue golf as a career or to enter the more mundane world of business.

Aurora Archers Garner Host Of Bowmen Awards

Three club members were winners at this year's field championships of the York County Bowmen. Some 50 archers from across the province took part in the event.

All three were Aurora residents. Keith Fisher won the men's instinctive title with a score of 646 and topped one of two Carling's Awards. Gebhart Wense, Toronto, won the other Carling's Award.

The ladies events were both taken by Aurora residents. Bernice Annett, with a score of 259, took the ladies' free style championship. A score of 281 placed Phyllis Tutton first in the ladies instinctive.

Other winners were David Livingstone, Oshawa, with a score of 800 in the men's free style and Dick Tone, Willowdale, with a score of 714 as top junior boy.

George Austen and Hugh Lee, Islington, won Molson's Awards. The O'Keefe Award went to Jack Chapman, Toronto.

Present Town Crests To Softball Winners

On Wednesday last week, Mrs. Jean Thomson presented town crests to winners of the Playground Softball League. Each team member received a crest bearing the coat of arms of the Town of Richmond Hill and the motto "En le rose je fleuris".

Mrs. Thomson made a point of explaining to each crest recipient just what the crest symbolized and explained the great importance of the rose growing industry to the Town of Richmond Hill. Now each child understands just what "in the rose I flourish" really means.

The boys' senior champions were the team from Walter Scott with boys from Pleasantville winning the junior title. MacKillop girls were the winners on the distast side of the house.

Last Friday, Mrs. Thomson entertained playground leaders at a luncheon in her home. She personally thanked each and every one of them for a summer's job well done and making this the biggest playground year to date. And already she has plans formulated for next summer's effort.

The Sioux City, Iowa, Cowboys, softball team extraordinary, will make their second appearance in Richmond Hill tonight against Dynes Jewellers. Many of the present Jeweller team were with the club that played against the Cowboys last year as the local club came out on top with a 5-4 win.

Admission is \$1.00 and is well worth the price. The Sioux City team play as good a brand of softball as you'll ever see and combine it with some of the zaniest antics imaginable. Their shadowball game alone is well worth the price of admission.

Game time is 8:30 p.m. tonight and the Jewellers will be going all out to defeat the visiting club. This should be one of the high spots of the local sporting year.

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The annual auction sale and fun fare sponsored by the Victoria Square District Lions Club will be held Aug. 10 and 11, in the Victoria Square Community Centre Park.

Goods will be on display from 8 p.m. Friday. A rummage sale of good clothing and small articles will be held at the same time. Sales will be held inside in case of rain. There is also many antique articles for sale.

There will also be many games in operation and pony rides for the children. The auction sale commences at 2 p.m. Saturday. At 10 p.m. Saturday, a lucky draw for a TV set, bicycle, mixer, transistor radio, will be held.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Victoria Square District Lions Club is having a bake sale at the auction sale Aug. 11. Any donations of baking would be appreciated.

Sunday School will be held every Sunday morning in August at 10 a.m. There will be only one church service, Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m., with the Rev. Douglas Davis, Stouffville, in charge.

The Victoria Square Baseball team won both of its semi-final games last week with Gormley. Headford won both of its games between Buttonville. Now it is Headford vs. Buttonville in the finals. The games will be played Aug. 7 and 9.

Birthdays will be celebrated by Wendy Hart, seven; Aug. 9; Paul Barker, six; Aug. 11; Patsy Boynton, six; Aug. 14; Fraser Gee, Aug. 15.

Mrs. Seekel, Welland, is visiting her grand-daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brumwell and Mark.

A son was born July 26 to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bader. Alvin Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bartlett, former resident of the community, died recently. He was in his 34th year.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson has sold her house in Toronto. She will now be making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stong.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fawcett, Brantford, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mortson, have returned from a motor trip through northern and eastern Ontario.

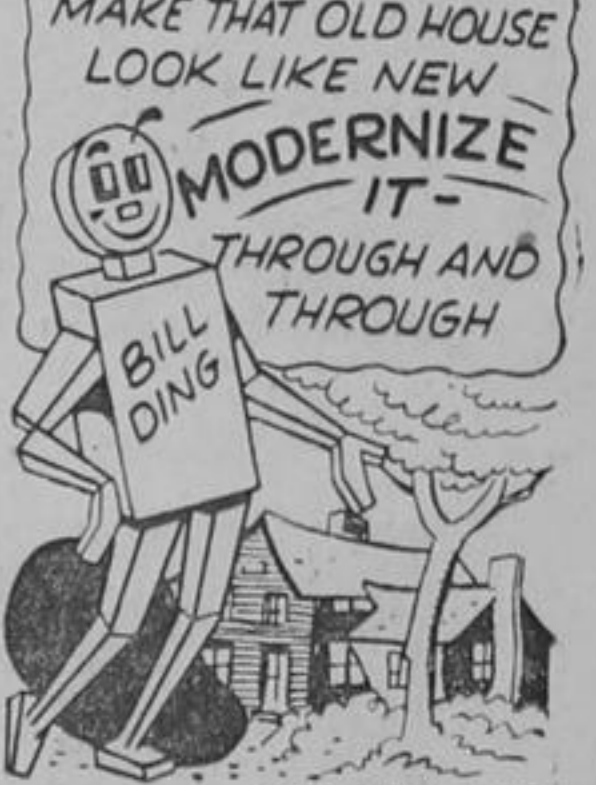
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Collins attended the Gravette-Coleman wedding in St. Mary's Immaculate Church, Richmond Hill, Saturday.

The all stars did credit to the league, but lost 5-2 to the more experienced Toronto side.

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