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A promise made when the snows of winter covered the ground was fulfilled last Thursday night. Coincident with the signing of Ray Judd as the new pitcher for Dynes Jewellers' softball team, both sponsor Vern Dynes and Coach Russ "Casey" Cripps promised the beginning of a new era for softball in this area. They weren't talking through their respective hats when they made the statement.

Last Thursday night proved that both men were better than good prophets. One of the largest crowds ever to watch a league softball game in Richmond Hill were treated to a real sports spectacle. To add to the glamour and sparkle of a first-class softball game, they also saw Ray Judd pitch a no-hit, no-run ball game.

Consensus of opinion among local fans is that the new brand of softball is as good, or better, than any offered in any Ontario centre. The promise was made, too, that Richmond Hill would become one of the leading softball centres in this province. That promise, too, is well on the way to being fulfilled.

SPRUCE UP PARK

To go along with the new concept of softball, the town park has also undergone a bit of plastic surgery. Old seating facilities have been repaired and repainted and new seating space has been added to ensure more comfort for spectators. When the arena addition is completed, dressing room and wash-room facilities will finish off the area to perfection.

With the advent of more stable, settled weather, more and more people will be turning out to watch games at every level of competition. The end result can only be the continued progress and improvement of the exciting, crowd-pleasing game in Richmond Hill. We feel that the promised new era is off to a fast, flying start!

KNOW ONTARIO

Just how well do you know the Province of Ontario? A lot of you will say you know it well — after all, you were born in Ontario and have lived here all your life — and you ought to know it if anyone should. But do you really know what the province has to offer to all citizens?

There are people in Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Maine, New Hampshire and Illinois who have a better idea of what Ontario offers than we natives do. The reason they know all this is because they took the trouble to send for pamphlets put out by the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity. A note to Ontario Travel, Dept. 444, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2, Ontario, will bring you complete and comprehensive information on Ontario Angling 1963, Camp Sites and Roadside Parks, Recreation Areas in Ontario, and a 40-page booklet complete with marked Ontario tours and maps. Even if you are of the United Empire Loyalist vintage Ontario, there's still a lot to be learned about this great big province.

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SIL STEFFAN
Drove In 2 Runs

Errors Are Costly To Kent Clothes

Kent Clothes are having a tough time in the North York Major Softball Junior League. They lost two games last week - one to Streetsville and one to Galt in Richmond Hill. Same story for both games - costly boots spelled finis for the Clothers' chances.

Streetsville downed the Kent Kids by a 4-2 count while Galt won 4-1 with not an earned run in the carload. Just how a team can beat itself so consistently is hard to figure out.

During the past week coach Joe Cornack has acquired the services of a new pitcher. He is south paw windmill Dave Roberts and will back up Gerry Case and Larry Cuio in taking care of the Kent pitching chores. It would seem that once the fumble bug has been eliminated from the Kent defence they could have a real contender. For everyone's sake let's hope they whip it soon.

Judd Hurls No - Hitter

One of the largest crowds ever to see a regular league game in Richmond Hill saw Dynes Jewellers defeat Gazzola and Allen by 5-0 last Thursday night. The refurbished stands held a crowd of between five and six hundred people. Spectators got an extra bonus as they saw Dynes' mound ace Ray Judd pitch a no-hit, no-run ball game.

Gazzola and Allen chose to start their pitching ace Ross Golden. Golden pitched steady ball in the early innings but was replaced in the seventh by Al Griffin after giving up nine hits and four runs. Dynes' players had brought along their hitting equipment and tagged Griffin for two additional hits to make a grand total of eleven for the game total.

Ray Judd proved to local fans that he is just as potent with a bat as he is pitching strikes. In four trips to the plate he banged out a single and two doubles. The only other time he appeared waving a bat he drew an intentional pass. When was the last time anyone ever saw a pitcher draw an intentional pass?

The Jewellers opened the scoring in the third inning as they pushed in the first two runs of the game. Chico

Fernandez led off the inning with a single and advanced to second as Skip De Geer followed with another single. Bren Selvage grounded out as Fernandez moved into third and De Geer took second. A strategy conference decided to intentionally pass Judd. The strategy backfired as Neb Gayman singled to drive in Fernandez and De Geer.

Inning number five saw the Jeweller score mount to a 3-0 advantage. Ray Judd slammed out a long double and was interfered with as he rounded second base. An umpires' conference moved him to third where a single by Sil Steffan scored an easy run. The final run of the game was scored in the eighth as Bill Robson singled and moved around to score on a single hit by Stan Thornington.

En route to the very convincing win Judd struck out fifteen Gazzola and Allen batters. He pitched in such an easy, relaxed manner that the number of strikeouts at the end was almost surprising.

Judd was in control of the game throughout and only two G & A runners got on the base paths both by the error route. One was a dropped third strike while the other runner got on

due to a miscue at first base.

A bit of a ruckus in the eighth inning saw the Jewellers' Stan Thornington ousted from the game. In a rundown attempt between second and third some elbows flew as Thornington scrambled back to safety at second base, G & A second baseman Gino Guatto retaliated by firing the ball at Thornington. Umpires Pirie and Visconti decided that only Thornington would leave the game and the sparks of revolution were soon squelched.

Fans got a fair idea of the strength and potential of this year's Jeweller team. Gazzola and Allen are rated as one of the strongest teams in the Metro Major Fastball League but the pitching of Judd plus the defensive play of the remainder of the team completely handcuffed the visiting club.

Summary:

	R	H	E
Dynes Jewellers	5	11	2
Gazzola & Allen	0	0	1

Winning Pitcher: Ray Judd.

Losing Pitcher: Ross Golden (Al Griffin).

Plate Umpire: Fred Pirie.

Base Umpire: Lou Visconti.

Peewee Team Plays In Woodstock Tournament

A team of 16 young softball players from the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association took part in the Woodstock Peewee Softball Tournament last Saturday. In order to reach Woodstock in time for the opening game at nine a.m., a small cavalcade of cars left Richmond Hill at 7 a.m., on Saturday morning.

On arrival in Woodstock it was found that the Richmond Hill representatives had drawn a tough opponent. The luck of the draw had them face Preston

on - last year's tournament winner. After seven innings of fast, exciting softball Preston won by a score of 12-7 over the Richmond Hill contingent. Considering the fact that the Richmond Hill representatives were chosen from teams across the R.H.M.B.A. and had never played together as a team the outcome was surprising.

Although the loss to Preston eliminated the Hill team from the championship round the con-

solation series remained to be played. For their first opponents the local kids drew New Toronto and were successful in defeating the west end team by a 5-2 score.

A team from Scarborough finally put finis to the Richmond Hill chances. Two teams, already tired from fourteen innings of ball under the broiling sun, staggered through another long drawn-out seven inning set. Final score, Scar-

boro 20 - Richmond Hill 13.

And that was that for the day!

As souvenirs of the tourney each player was presented with a crest and a tired group of young ball players banded together for the homeward journey. Highlight of the day as far as they were concerned was an impromptu hamburger barbecue staged by a group of parents. With no utensils but a screwdriver and a chrome strip off a car plus a barbecue and hamburger. Mr. Larry Oliver competently saw to the

feeding of 16 children and 10 adults. Truly a remarkable feat! The hamburgers were good too!

It would seem that requiring boys from 11 to 13 years of age to play 21 to 35 innings of ball in one day is just a bit too much. Senior players don't do it as their tournament games are usually five inning affairs. Or are they trying to breed iron men in Woodstock?

Coming Sporting Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 — Metro Major Football League Gazzola and Allen vs Dynes Jewellers

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 — East Toronto Ladies' Softball League Lou Myles vs. Mic Macs Town Park Game Time 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 — Newmarket and District Soccer League Aurora Firsts vs. Richmond Hill Town Park Kickoff 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 — North York Major Softball Junior League, Streetsville vs Kent Clothes. Game time 8:15 p.m. Richmond Hill Town Park.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 — R.H.M.B.A. Juvenile League Bayview Plaza B.A. vs Bork Jewellers; The Liberal vs Reid's Auto Body. Game time 6:45 p.m. Richmond Hill Town Park.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 — Metro Major Fastball League, Franklin's Menswear vs Dynes Jewellers. Game time 8:15 p.m. Richmond Hill Town Park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 — Newmarket & District Soccer League tournament at Midland.

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