

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



It's All In The Game

Phew. Just back from one of those exhausting holidays we humans go on. The kind you try to pack a lifetime into and succeed.

And it was during this time that I picked up a newspaper and read the sad news that Tom Hughes Shell team didn't do so well at that Ontario Fastball Tournament a couple weeks ago at the town park.

Must admit to being disappointed because I figured the team might just come up with some superlative ball and represent the Hill in world championship competition this season.

But it was not to be. And no one really knew too much about the calibre of ball played by Windsor and Welland although everyone knew St. Thomas had pitcher Dick Hames and would be tough.

Get Those Pitchers

So the thing that happened was that most of the touted pitchers — Hughes' Reno Pettenuzzo included — got that ringing sensation in the head that comes from linedrives whistling by your ears.

"No doubt about it that Windsor beat us good and soundly," said an obviously disappointed Shell Manager Ron Nicholson when I contacted him via the phone. "They have one of the best hitting clubs I've seen around here."

And for those who might have missed the scores between the Shell and opposition teams: Shell's got it pretty good losing 8-5 to St. Thomas and getting thumped 9-2 by Windsor.

The question it did bring up was how come Hughes have no trouble in the once powerful Beaches Fastball League and have had plenty of difficulties in tournaments with out of town teams this season.

Weak Beaches League

"I could only state an opinion that the calibre of ball must be slipping in the Beaches League," said Ron.

I think he's 100 percent right. Although I confess not to have any statistics behind this feeling (there probably aren't any concrete ways of drawing comparisons), that's the way I feel.

I've seen some other ball teams in the province (Continued on Page 10)



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Crosby Pupils Show Heels

Crosby Public School students showed their heels to the rest of the pack in the senior division of the public school's track meet last month, and captured the trophy for all-round athletic achievement.

Susan Carruthers, who picked up firsts in the standing broad and standing hop, skip and jump, accepts the trophy from McConaghy Principal Grant Nighswander. Another Crosby pupil, Gary Hall, is shown with his trophy for the outstanding athlete of the meet.

Hughes Shell Running Away With Beaches, 11 & 2 Record

The Tom Hughes Shell team is threatening to run away and hide on the opposition in the Beaches Fastball League this season.

And they did it the easy way last week with two more impressive wins stretching their unbeaten streak to 11 straight games since losing the first two.

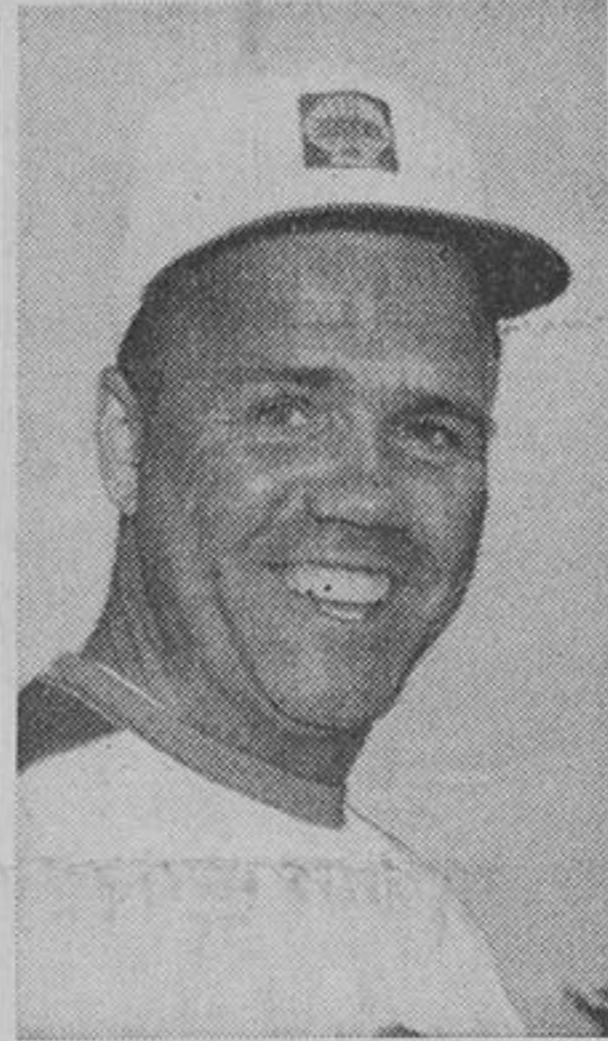
On Wednesday they downed second place Shopsy's 5-1 at Kew Gardens and walloped Toronto Plating 11-1 Friday night at Kinsman Park.

A combination of sound pitching by Reno Pettenuzzo and Reg Martin plus steady hitting have contributed to Shell's opening up a three game lead in the Beaches with prospects that it's

going to get wider and wider. This Friday they play Shopsy's at Kinsman Park and Saturday it'll be another exhibition game at the town park with Welland being slated as the likely opponent.

Wednesday's Game

Reno Pettenuzzo chalked up his sixth victory in a row down-



BRUCE STAUGHTON Hitting Well

ing Shopsy's 5-1 limiting that team to six hits while striking out 11.

Shopsy's started early by bunching three hits in the first inning when Wally Sobchuk, Jake McLean and Phil Waters all hit safely.

The score stayed 1-0 till Shell's batted in the seventh when Mickey Hancock took two bases on a single and scored on Ron Anderson's double.

In the eighth Shell's put the game on ice scoring four runs off seven hits. Al Mugford started the rally with a single and before losing pitcher Moe Zabatuik could get three out Bob Booth, Bruce Staughton, Skip DeGeer, Pettenuzzo, Mickey Hancock and Ron Anderson all followed suit.

DeGeer gave the Toronto fans the price of admission in the eighth inning by lining a single over second after twice being brushed back from the plate by Zabatuik.

Both started the team on to victory with a long three run homer in the third inning.

Big hitters for Shells were Mugford and DeGeer with three apiece. Staughton, Bob Kennedy and Ron Klazer each had a pair.

Maple Driver Bill Burrows Wins First Trophy Success Pinecrest

A new name from Maple was added to the Pinecrest Speedway honor roll of classic victory drivers Saturday night when Bill Burrows raced to a decisive score in the mid-season championship, a 30-lap stock grind. It marked the first trophy success for the popular Maple, Ontario, veteran although he has registered many checkered flag successes in his eight years of campaigning. And 27 points garnered on the night hoisted him from 13th place to a tie for 10th in the O'Keefe championship derby.

4 Area Athletes Shine At Trials

Four area athletes did themselves proud at the Canadian track and field championships and British Empire Games trials in Edmonton.

Participating were Carol Martin, Langstaff, discus shot put, with Don Mills Club; Bill Gairdner, 120 and 440 hurdles, Thornhill, Don Mills; George Neeland, 120 hurdles, North York Achilles Club; and Cliff Nuttall, Concord, 120 hurdles, North York.

Gairdner was a first place winner in the 120 yard men's hurdles with a 14.2 time; Cliff Nuttall placed second with a 14.5 time; George Neeland, placed fourth with a 14.9 time. Gairdner's time of 14.2 equalled the Canadian record but it wasn't allowed on account of wind assistance.

Gairdner, formerly a decathlon athlete par excellence had to give the former up after popping his shoulder while judo wrestling with Doug Rogers, the Canadian silver medalist in heavyweight judo.

But Gairdner, instead of quitting, started to concentrate on the hurdles, his strongest event in the decathlon program. The result speaks for itself.

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Summit To Host 44th Ontario Amateur

By JIM IRVING
STICKING to the straight and narrow may well be the answer for golfers seeking a win in the 44th Ontario Amateur at the Summit Golf and Country Club, July 26 to 29.

At least that's the opinion of Rick Allan, assistant pro at the club, in describing the par 71, 6,550-yard, tree-lined course.

The Summit is situated on Highway 11, about four miles north of Richmond Hill.

"If you go to sleep, you're finished," said Allan. "You can't spray your shots; it's a fairly tight course and you have to be straight."

BESIDES the many trees, golfers have to be especially wary on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth holes, where a bad shot could put them onto Bayview Avenue

on one side and into the neighboring municipality of Gormley on the other.

"You miss one shot and it's a double bogey," Allan said. Allan also had a word of caution for the 16th, which he said was "always tough", described as 595 yards on the scoring card, but "playing 625."

There was also a creek cutting across it 270 yards from the tee, with the green about 30 feet above the fairway level.

One consolation for the golfers, however, is the condition of the course itself.

"It's in the best shape it's been in years," Allan said. "There was a new water system put in last year and we're noticing the difference this year."

PETER GERY, a member

of the club committee for the meet, said the narrow course lent itself well to match play, because it gave every golfer a more equal chance where the score wasn't the important thing.

In match play, the golfers play by the hole, whereas in medal play, the overall score decides.

The Amateur, which is expected to attract some of Ontario's top golfers, including six-time and present champion, Nick Weslock, will also have four members of the Summit Club taking part.

The four who qualified are the brothers Peter, 18 and Brian Turner, 25; John Robb, 20; and Jim Petropoulos.

Another top junior, Jim Dysart of Richmond Hill, just missed the cutoff.

all told qualified, they will have to play an 18-hole medal round at the Summit July 26, with the 64 emerging from that, qualifying for the match play of the Amateur.

Other top amateurs, who along with Weslock, qualified because of their place in the Ontario Golf Association's "top 10," are Tom McAllister, Pine Valley; Gary Cowan, Kitchener; Stu Hamilton, Brampton; Martin Mason, Whitevale; Bill Morland, North Bay; Gordon Ball, Weston; Bob Jamieson, Peterboro; David Lee, Hamilton; and Paul Williams, Burlington.

This will be the second time since 1962 the Amateur has been held at the Summit Club. Last year it was held at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

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