

## Stingrays Win All Ontario Squirt Championship

A CACOPHONY OF HORNS greeted Wilson-Niblett Stingrays when they returned to Richmond Hill Saturday evening after winning a knockout tournament at Port Perry to become the All Ontario Squirt Champions. The young champs were encoined in a convertible, with the Lauria Trophy, for a parade along Yonge Street. They ended up in the town park where they received an ovation from the crowd gathered to watch the Hughes Shell game.

In the Port Perry tournament winners of the four provincial zones met to decide the championship.

**IN THE FIRST GAME,** at one o'clock, Stingrays, with Val Steffan on the mound, handed Peterboro a 23-4 setback. The boys from Eastern Ontario pushed across

two unearned runs in the first inning, which went unanswered until the second inning when the Stingrays came to life and all of a sudden the score was 7-2. The local lads splurged again in the fourth and fifth innings to roll up a most impressive score.

Defensively, Terry Haviland came up with THE play of the game as he went backwards into the screen to snare a fly ball with one hand.

Bobby Clement collected five hits, including a home run; Tommy Sanlon got four hits, including a homer, and drove in eight runs; Craig Foss had four hits; Steffan had two home runs and a single; and "Digger" Dunkley got one hit and four walks.

**IN THE THIRD** and final

game of the day, the Stingrays took the measure of a tough little team from Wingham with a 13-4 score. Wingham had knocked out Burlington 4-1 in the second game.

Again the opposing team scored an unearned run in the first inning as they took advantage of a couple of infield boos. Steffan had opened the scoring for the Stingrays in the first inning with a home run with none on. The score remained tied at 1-1 until the fifth inning, when the local lads went ahead 5-1 on home runs by Haviland and Baillie. In the sixth Tod Price beat out a bunt and came galloping home ahead of Steffan who collected his second homer of the game. Five runs in all were scored in this inning. And so the game went until the final score of 13-4 gave the Stingrays the Ontario

Squirt Championship and the Lauria Trophy.

**BIG GUNS** of this final game were Haviland with four hits, including a home run; Steffan with three hits, including two home runs; Baillie with three hits, including a home run; and Foss and Sanlon with three hits. Baillie contributed three good catches in the sun field to aid his team's cause.

During the two games, Steffan pitched 14 innings, striking out 20 opposing batters and issuing only one walk. He contributed four home runs, a triple, a single and a walk to his 15th and 16th wins of the season.

During the season Val pitched 131 2/3 innings, struck out 195 and walked only 27 batters. His record is 16 wins and three losses and only 3.28 runs per seven inning game. He led the team

in runs with 65, in home runs with 12 and in batting average with .573. Tommy Sanlon led in hits with 73 and Craig Foss in runs batted in with 55.

**THE TEAM PLAYED** 32 games this season, winning 28 and losing 4. They scored 397 runs and had 123 scored against them.

Besides being All Ontario Champs, they are champions of the North York League, won the East Gwillimbury and Etobicoke Tournaments and were semi-finalists in Preston and Markham Tournaments.

**FINAL AVERAGES**

	R	R	RBI	HR	AV.
Steffan	63	65	48	12	.573
Sanlon	73	62	53	10	.557
Haviland	62	39	30	3	.544
Clement	58	42	44	5	.535
Foss	51	39	35	9	.481



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Sporting Championship Smiles

Nine trophy-winning members of the Richmond Hill Tennis Club are shown in their most smiling fashion here as a result of their annual tournament on Labor Day. Winners and runners-up are (left to right): Dave Punter, Men's Doubles; Sam Malcomson, Mixed Doubles; Kieron Lennon, Men's Singles (Winner); Lou Holland, Ladies Singles; Joan Freeman, Mixed Doubles and Ladies Doubles; Judy Litt, Ladies and Mixed Doubles; Pat Robinson, Ladies Doubles; John Marais, Mixed and Men's Doubles; Dennis Stainer, Men's Single and Doubles.

## Hughes Shell Near Beaches Title, Also Lead Hamilton 1-0 In OASA

The back-to-back shutout hurling of Reg Martin sparked the Richmond Hill Tom Hughes team to 1-0 and 2-0 wins over Shopsy's 7-Up last week in Beaches Fastball playoff action.

The wins gave the Shellers a two-game lead in the best of five playoff series.

Martin, who has looked stronger every time out in the latter stages of the schedule, started off with a 1-0 win hit effort which saw the win go to companion-pitcher Rene Pettenuzzo who replaced Martin in the 13th to pick up the win.

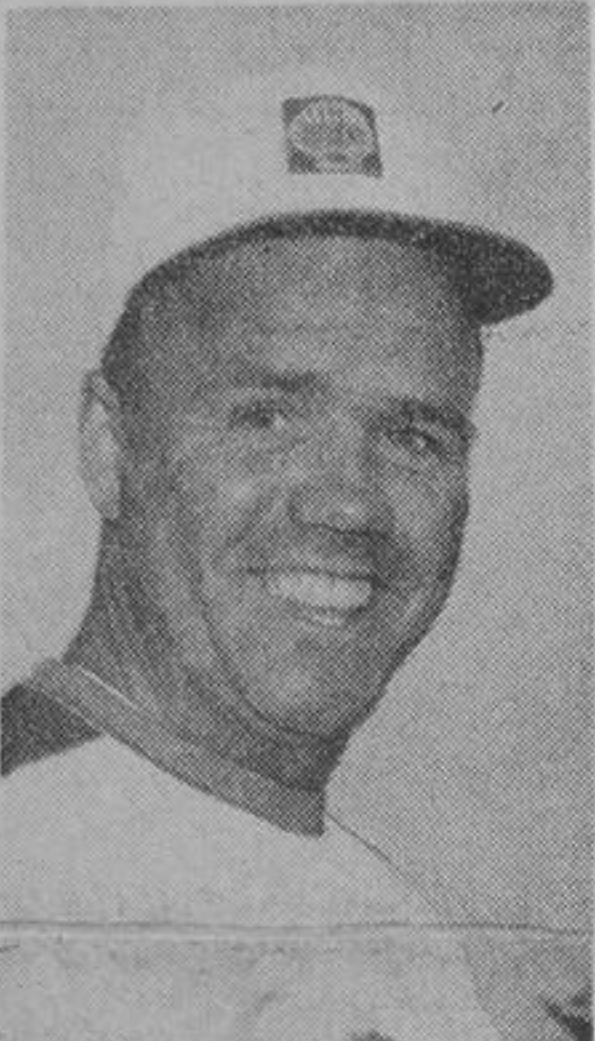
But it was Martin's hurling through the first 12 innings that kept the Shell team in front of 7-Up's. He struck out 16 and allowed four hits and walked just two. Pettenuzzo struck out the side in the 13th to pick up the win.

"Skip" DeGeer, the Shell lead-off batter in the 13th, singled but was called back because Coach Bob Kennedy had called time.

DeGeer promptly took the goal's horns away from Kennedy as he tripped and stole home on a passed ball. Kennedy later explained facetiously that he "didn't like Skip's first hit and

man while allowing four hits and striking out 11. Moe Zabaturk was touched for seven hits and he struck out six. He walked no one.

Shell's scored in the fourth as Kennedy and Hancock singled and Kennedy scored on DeGeer's single.



BRUCE STAUGHTON Hitting Well

Shell's added their second run in the ninth when Doug Watts singled along with Staughton. Wait scored on a perfect squeeze bunt by Kennedy.

Staughton led the Shell hitters with three and Watts had two DeGeer and Kennedy getting the others.

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Hughes Shell edged Hamilton Dr. Brake 2-1 at the town park Saturday night opening up the second round of the OASA Senior "A" finals.

The game was even until the fourth inning when Hughes got one run across. Al Mugford walked and was sacrificed to second base by Bob Kennedy. Bruce Staughton then drove a sharp single through the box driving in Mugford.

The Hughes nine scored their second and what proved to be the winning run in the seventh inning. With two out Skip DeGeer hit a screamer to deep centre field.

The Hamilton fielder raced back and appeared to get his glove on the ball but fell at the same time. He retrieved the ball and threw to the plate but DeGeer beat the throw.

Hamilton got one run back in the eighth inning as Brunetti walked and scored when Appleby stroked a long triple to the fence in right field.

Reno Pettenuzzo pitched strongly throughout the game and gave up only two hits, walked four, while striking out 21 batters.

DeGeer collected two of the six hits Hughes picked up. It was the third game in a row in which DeGeer had either scored or driven in the winning run.

On Friday Martin was the whole story again as he pitched his third consecutive shutout at the Toronto team as the Hughes crew took a two-game lead.

Martin had perfect control as he did not walk a

## Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson



### Down With Tyranny

Storm the ramparts. Down with tyranny. And all that.

That's quite a rebellious beginning but couldn't help it after reading about the furor caused by ex Maple Leaf Carl Brewer's decision to ask for his NHL release to enable him to don skates for Canada's National Amateur hockey team.

The NHL frowned upon this, of course, because Brewer is too valuable a chattel to let get away by the Leafs especially if another team claims him on waivers which they could. So it's play in the NHL playgrounds or no play at all.

And it's an infringement of a citizen's right to freedom all over again but that doesn't seem to matter too much these days.

Most of us accept it docilely because it would be too much bother to do otherwise or adopt the 'who are we' to fight the great gray Establishment attitude.

But Brewer represents a threat. He's a name hockey player and therefore the impact and the publicity.

### Chained To Contracts

But this has been going on for years and for many years a lot of not-so-big-name athletes in hockey have been forced into early retirement simply because they wanted to go back to their hometowns, hold down jobs, and play for local teams. No sir. You play with us or you don't play at all. We've got you chained and nailed to a contract.

Such was the case in Kingston in the hockey season of 1965-66 when I sojourned on a newspaper there in the sports department. Professional hockey had fled the city and a group of interested, hard-working citizens were attempting to get amateur hockey back into the limelight.

There was a great lack of a lot of things but especially money to run such a team in a day where amateur hockey often draws a mere 500 fans — or less — to a game. And you can't import players without some kind of financial recompense.

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### Triple Play Pulled As All-Stars Win 2-1

A triple play highlighted proceedings last week as the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League All Stars downed the league champions by a 2-1 score.

The play, a rarity in softball, came in the eighth inning when lead off batter Paul Hawker tripled. Phil Melanson walked, and Mike Thompson was struck by the pitcher.

Gerry Bouraue then hit a long fly ball to right centre which forced Bill Rice to make a spectacular catch on. Hawker scored from third when the throw in from Rice went to Tony Berry on short who relayed to Bill Savage on second tagging the runner: for the second out.

Savage then threw to Catcher Bruce Teetzel tagging Melanson to retire the side.

Pitching duties were shared by Pachal and Ash for the All Stars and Morland and Hawker for Ric's.

The semi finals have started and pit Pinecrest against Surf. The second game in the best of three series will be played September 18 at 1 and 3 pm.

### Power Squadron Holds Boat Safety Courses

The third annual Richmond Hill Power Squadron winter courses — designed to save lives on the water — begins September 27 at Richmond Hill High School. Registration date is September 20.

This is the third year of operation for the squadron in Richmond Hill after developing out of the North York unit. The first year saw 20 persons sign for the courses and this increased to 40 last year.

The courses are held every Tuesday at 8 am for about 22 nights.

"We teach people," said Mr. Hunt, "the equipment necessary for boats in government regulations, rules of the road, seamanship, safety at sea, the use of the marine compass, and aids to navigation and piloting.

"There are many things you can do wrong through lack of knowledge," he said, "including going on the wrong side of buoys, forgetting to take the proper equipment with you such as a compass in case a heavy fog sets in, or not checking to see if the bilge is clear of gas fumes."

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