

Action - Packed Tourney Ends Minor Ball Year

By FRED SIMPSON

A mid-summer weather made a certain Saturday as over 300 youngsters wound up the 1968 Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association with the second annual tournament in the town park.

Some 33 teams from Richmond Hill, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury vied for honors in the day long tournament before a good gathering of parents.

Richmond Hill teams won three out of the four classifications.

For the girls it was Powell Fencing walking away with top honors as they downed the Richmond Hill Police Association 18-16 in a run-spattered contest.

losers it was Sue Stephenson, Nancy Stoness. Losing pitcher was Linda Fraser.

Richmond Hill Recreation Chairman Angus Philip and League Publicity Chairman Mrs. Jean Merritt presented the trophy to the winning coach Mrs. Stirling Reid.

The Tom Murphy Real Estate team of Richmond Hill edged Town Auto Body 4-2 to win top honors in the squirt division.

Winning pitcher was Kyle Chaffield. Losing pitcher was Steve Wolfrey. Outstanding players for the winners included Catcher Scott Dewsbury and Richard Kern. Brian Charles and Rick Carton also played fine games for the losing team.

Mr. Mansbridge is also a member of the town recreation committee.

An outside team, Longhorn Restaurant from East Gwillimbury had way too much power going for it in the Tyke Division out-distancing Kent Clothes of Richmond Hill 12-2 in the finals.

Winning pitcher was Doug Dunc. Losing pitcher was David Forbes. Outstanding for the winners was Cal Cullingham with Peter Tipold also standing out for the losers.

Dr. Cameron Cowan of Richmond Hill presented the winning trophy along with Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association President Wes Berseth.

The day was a big success in every way with President Berseth complimenting all

the persons who contributed to the day's program.

Opening ball was tossed out by Dr. Cowan who, along with the late businessman Bing Lew, was instrumental in getting minor ball started in the Hill.

Marty D'Alessandro acted as master-of-ceremonies for the day's events which were held simultaneously at the town park, Bradstock Park, MacKillop School, Walter Scott School and Crosby Park.

"We ran only a half hour behind," said Mr. D'Alessandro who felt the second tournament was even more successful than the first one.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the second annual appearance behind the plate in the garb of an umpire of Russell "Casey" Cripps.

Mr. Cripps, who is a well known coach of the Dines

Jewellers as well as umpire-baiter, received his share of cat-calls as he took up his unaccustomed role as game arbiter.

"I got quite a kick out of it," he said, "with the summation of the experience."

There were also a lot of active stomachs at the tournament.

Mrs. Merritt reported that 125 hotdogs bit the dust, 600 ice cream cones and at least 2,000 cold drinks. Each of the players attending the tournament were given two free tickets for hot dogs, cold drinks, and ice cream.

Convenor of the tournament was Ed Banks. Also contributing to the success of the day was Past President Paul Binckley and Convenor Gary Greenwood.

A complete breakdown of the game statistics will be found on Page 13 of this issue.

Reid's Industrial Loop Champs As Defeat Brenan 3-0 In Finals

Reid's Auto Body came from behind Monday night to down Brenan TV 3-1 and win the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball Championship for the second year in a row.

The auto body men took their best-of-five series with Brenan three games to nothing.

Again it was Pitcher Bob Kennedy making the win possible as he held the losers to one run and four hits, walked three, and struck out seven.

Losing hurler Bob Thompson allowed seven hits, walked none and struck out seven.

The championship drive culminated in the presentation of the Guaranty Trust Co. of Canada Trophy, Richmond Hill Branch, as presented by league President Andy Chateauvert.

Rod Anderson singled, Wayne Kelly singled, and Terry Adkins walked to load the bases with none out.

Pitcher Kennedy then retired the next two batters before walking Gary Stewart to score Anderson.

Reid's tied the score in their half of the fourth when Duane Reid doubled, advanced to third on Stu Hollingsworth's sacrifice and scored on a single by Moe Williamson.

The score remained tied until the sixth when Reid's scored two runs on three successive doubles by Williamson, Kennedy and Pete Gould.

Registration Closes 800 Play Minor Hockey Might Accept More??

The Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association officially closed off its registration date for 1968-69 Saturday but officials are undecided as to whether they should open it again.

"Let's just say we have enough players to go ahead on the same basis as last season," said President Harold Barnett. "But we were hoping to expand... if the interest was there."

Some 300 youngsters registered Saturday bringing the total to 800 which is approximately the same number of youngsters who played last season.

"We had decided," he said, "to expand teams in the minor-bantam, bantam and midget bracket this year to catch players just over the age-limit."

"But as of now the in-

terest hasn't been evident in the registrations. We've got a large number of boys in the six to eight year bracket but interest seems to be dying off with the older boys."

Mr. Barnett said that if any further registration interest was forthcoming it would have to be forthcoming quickly.

"We have schedules to draw up and we're ready to start now. We're not going to wait longer."

He's not even promising to re-open registration. But if the demand develops quickly enough the possibility is there.

Anyone interested in playing hockey in the higher-age groups this season — as mentioned above — is asked to call the association's registrar, Sandy Dunlop, at 884-4645.

Sport Spots (Continued from Page 13)

Inhabited only by wild animals. "The whole area," he said, "is just sand, rock and cactus. It wouldn't be a very desirable place to live. There were a lot of wild burros in these canyons."

WHIRLPOOLS

The most anxious moments come, naturally, on the river when the raft gets caught up in a whirlpool. "You just have to hang on and it whirls you around for a while then spins you out of it. This Georgie knows every ripple in the river and there isn't much danger when she's around."

But just to add to his sense of adventure, Doug decided to make the trip down the 12-mile stretch of water by himself. Yes, by himself.

"Several of us went down the river on separate air mattresses of our own. Of course, we go alone at a time when Georgie figures the river is at its quietest."

"On my trip I ended up alone most of the way. It's an eerie feeling to be out there by yourself. You can hear the roar of the rapids as you approach. You have some moments of anxiety. But I had no difficulty."

Doug hopes to make the trip again some time but then maybe he'll have other fields of adventure to traverse.

It all depends on the type of travelogue film he might see next at the Richmond Hill Rotary Club's series of adventure films.

Sky-diving, wild Africa lion hunting expedition, a climb to Mount Everest. Well, not likely. But then...

JEWELLERS REBOUND

The Dines Jewellers managed to rebound from St. Catharines and a first game OASA lost to Village Caterers to win their first series.

But there's a real toughie coming up in the second round of the OASA Senior "A" Playoffs. Namely Oshawa Tony's and ace hurler Pete Landers.

The series started last night (that's Wednesday, I think) and continues tonight (that's Thursday, I think) at the town park. Should be a... humdinger. S... Shh... See you there.

HOCKEY NOW

A little hockey note here from Johnny Drummond of the York-Simcoe Senior Hockey League. John informs us that there will be six teams going in the league this year which will see triple-headers at the Richmond Hill Arena every Tuesday night.

The Dines Jewellers are no more. This season the Jewellers will be sponsored by East York Lynets but should be comprised of basically the same team as other years.

Other teams include returning champs Don Mills, the Toronto Shultons under another sponsor, Willowdale Rangers, Lake A.C., and the Knob Hill Farm Firefighters. The season will start about October 15.

FINALLY

The Cedar Rod and Gun Club will be holding a hunter safety training program September 24 at the Hill municipal building starting at 7.30 p.m.

Gary Bowerman of Maple Downs, who narrowly missed qualifying for Carling's Canadian Tour Championship later this week at Board of Trade Country Club, won the Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Pine Valley.

Bowerman shot a five-under-par 66, but was only one shot ahead of Moe Norman from Gifford and Cedar Brae's Ken Duggan in the field of 64 pros.

Jewellers Oust Village Caterers - Tackle Oshawa In Second Round

The big bat of Les Downing combined with the big arm of Bob Domik Monday night to propel Richmond Hill Dines Jewellers into the second round of the OASA Senior "A" playoffs.

Richmond Hill tumbled Village Caterers of the Beaches Major Fastball League into 1968 OASA oblivion with a 4-0 victory at Agincourt Park. It was the Jewellers second straight victory after losing the opening game 7-5. They won the second one Thursday night of last week by 12-2.

The Jewellers now meet the powerful Oshawa Tony's in the second round which began last night (Wednesday) in Oshawa at 8:15 pm and continues tonight (Thursday) at the town park. Game time is 8:30 pm.

Monday's deciding game against Village Caterers was much closer than the 4-0 score might indicate.

Both Domik and opposing hurler Bud Kemp fought through three innings of scoreless ball until fate in the formidable form of Downing took over in the fourth inning.

Bill "Skip" DeGeer started off with a sharp ground single into centre which was Dines first hit of the game. Bob Kennedy was out trying to bunt on a third strike. This brought Downing up and he lashed a scorching wrong-field drive to left field which bounced merrily into the fenceless dark with two runs scoring easily.

That was the end of the scoring until Dines came up with two in the ninth as Domik and Kemp held off the opposing batters with some fine hurling.

Domik was especially effective as he hurled four-hit ball over the nine innings, walking only two, and striking out 18 batters.

He was in trouble on only two occasions. The first was in the third inning when Derek Kinnersley tripled with two men out. But Domik got Hal Smith to fly right to right field.

Difficulty arose again in the fourth when first man up Kemp walked, went to second on an error, then to third on an out. Domik stifled this threat by striking out the third man.

Kemp surrendered only six hits but was hit solidly all night.

Dines scored their final two runs in the ninth as Downing led off with a single to right for his second hit of the night.

He chugged all the way home as Al Mugford "pool-cued" a dying double over the second baseman's head. Mugford's hit

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Petes vs. Oshawa On Saturday

Junior "A" exhibition hockey comes to the Richmond Hill Arena this Saturday when the Peterboro Petes take on the Toronto Marlies.

Game time is 8 p.m. Of special interest to local fans will be the appearance of Doug Acomb in the uniform of the Marlies. Doug, who resides at 362 Sugar Maple Lane in Richmond Hill, has been a standout for the Marlies for the past three years.

Another local player, Steve Johnson, will be in the lineup of the Petes.

Steve, who attends Richmond Hill High School, played midget hockey in the Hill one year and in 1967-68 played Junior "B" hockey out of Aurora. He's a goallender.

On September 27th the Petes will be entertaining Oshawa at the local arena. Game time is 8 p.m.

Gerry "Beanie" Methe also of Richmond Hill will be in the Oshawa lineup that night. Gerry was one of the outstanding midget players in the province last season.

Admission to the games will be \$1.75 with a special rate for high school students.

Avengers Undefeated Soccer Season Ends

The Avengers wound up the 1968 Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association in the best way possible.

They wound up unbeaten. The Atom team blanked the Green Hornets 3-0 on two goals by Billy Dickenson and one by Glen Mowland. Player of the game was Graham Hobbs on defence.

In a second game the Red Barons tied the Blue Bombers 4-4. Lou Kennedy led the win with three goals followed by Mark Kernohan with one.

Matthew Nicholls scored twice for the Bombers with singles going to Robert Griner and Eric Pelletier.

Mosquite action saw Richmond Hill lose a 4-0 game to Aurora in the second round of cup play.

A parent and players presentation night is planned for early in October.

Prizes, trophies and refreshments will be distributed. Anyone interested in attending is asked to phone Tom Young at 884-6857 or Rob Kernohan at 884-2788.

O.M.H.A. Team Try-Outs Richmond Hill New Arena Sun., Sept. 22

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