



LINE DRIVE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By BOB CARTON

You want to know who won the game, who pitched for that team, or who is in first place? Well that is what my job is for the coming summer. My name is Bob Carton, I live at 52 Maralim Road, Richmond Hill, and attend grade 10 at Bayview Secondary School.

In my column each week you will find scores, commentary, and standings that are as up to date as possible.

If the coaches of the squirt and pee-wee All-Star teams would be good enough to drop any information about their teams at my above mentioned address or call me at 884-2361, I would be more than glad to insert it into my column.

Sorry I can't attend the teams' games myself, but undoubtedly there will be conflicting games on the same night. If there is no other game then I will assuredly be at yours.

Ball In '70 Should Be Great

Despite the Mets' unpredictable rise to stardom, and Dynes' great drive to the finals against Sault Ste. Marie, the 1970 baseball season promises to be even better.

Naturally the RHMBMA doesn't expect to draw thousands of spectators to each game like the pros do, they're hoping to do just that. With an increase of registered youngsters this year, it's not too much to ask for a little support from the parents.

But the RHMBMA is encouraged by this gigantic influx of players, so much in fact, that they hope this will draw out more parents to little league games. Because of this increase, there has been six more house league teams created, and a newly organized Midget All-Star team.

The RHMBMA also has a fairly new executive. This year the President is Bill Fox of 313 Axminster Drive, who, as a sideline, coaches the Bantam All-Stars.

Recently I interviewed Mr. Fox to find out what he is planning on doing during the coming season. The following is a rundown of the most important questions asked during the interview.

Q: There is a definite revival going on this year in baseball. Is it natural or are you influencing it somehow?

A: I don't think that I influenced it, it's just an abundance of children in the Hill. It's the best year in a good five or six years.

Q: Is there any truth that East Gwillimbury will be holding a house league tournament this year?

A: There will be a house league tournament and we are taking 16 teams on July 11 to East Gwillimbury. There will be Peewee, Tyke and Squirt, but no girls.

Q: When are you going to play rained out games?

A: Rained out games will be played probably on Friday nights or weekends.

Q: What is the playoff setup this year?

A: They start the first week in August and all teams play right through to the end, and then the top two teams will play off at the park.

Q: Is there going to be an umpire at every game?

A: Our Umpire-in-Chief Danny Smith, has a terrific list of umpires, and all we can do is wait and see if they come out. I think there is enough of them that there should be an umpire at every game.

Q: How many innings are going to be played this year?

A: There is going to be five innings.

Q: When do the games start and end this year?

A: Games start at 6:30. We would like to start them by that time, but we will probably have a 7:00 deadline.

Q: Is there going to be a homeplate and pitcher's board on every diamond at Bradstock this year?

A: There will be a homeplate and pitcher's board for every diamond that the convenor will carry with him.

Q: Is there any ruling on sweaters and caps during league games?

A: Sweaters and caps must be worn when they receive them, and if they show up without them they aren't playing ball, regardless of the number of players that are there.

Q: Is the scoreboard that is going to be installed at the town park manual or electronic?

A: It's manual, and all you have to do is have someone to operate it.

Q: How are you going to get more parents out to the games this year?

A: I think the parents will come naturally, but we are going to stress to our coaches to tell the kids to bring their mothers and fathers. Bring your child, don't just send him, but bring him.

(Midgets) Richmond Hill 11, Rogers Cable TV 7

The Richmond Hill squad got their first taste of competitive baseball on Victoria Day, as they attended a tournament held at East Gwillimbury.

Richmond Hill took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Rogers tied up the score in the top half of the second. In the third inning the Hill team exploded for four runs to take a commanding lead. They built up their lead to a humiliating score of 11-3. In the top of the seventh, with a win almost assured, Rogers broke loose for four runs. They were eventually cooled down, and Rob Clephan was credited with the win.

Leading the attack for Richmond Hill was Gord Woolnough who hit two triples. Originally his second triple was a bunt which landed five inches in front of the plate, but thanks to several errors Gord stretched it out into a triple. Vance Atkinson turned in a surprising performance by hitting 3 for 4.

The win sent Richmond Hill into the "A" division, and Rogers into the consolation group.

Richmond Hill 3, Precious Blood 4

Wayne Kirchen hurled this game, as the Richmond Hill crew battled to get into the tournament finals. Wayne was in trouble for the first three innings, as the bases were constantly loaded. But somehow they survived and only two runs were scored in those three innings. The boys from the Hill were also having trouble scoring, as they seemed to cool off during the two hours rest between games.

By the bottom of the sixth things seemed to be looking up for Richmond Hill, but Precious scored two unanswered runs and went on to win the game by a small margin.

JUST NOTES

Colin Wood and Bruce Sheaffer joined the Midgets in time for the tournament on the Victoria Day Weekend, and we hope they will be with us for the rest of the season.

Town Parks, Recreation Wants Preserve Natural Beauty Mill Pond

It's still in the talking stage but plans are afoot to put an extra recreational shine on Richmond Hill's Mill Pond.

Members of the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee held a general discussion regarding future development of the pond area at their last regular meeting.

Committee Member Russell Tilt said that "we're in the process of considering getting a plan made for the whole park area. We feel we would like to make it a bit more useful for the general public while still preserving its natural state."

Mr. Tilt noted that at the present time it was difficult for park users to reach the north end due to the filling-in operations currently underway.

The fill there and elsewhere, will be used to landscape and provide picnic space with tables for parents and their young children.

Mr. Tilt stressed that there were no concrete plans at the moment and that any designs were dependent on the overall makeup of the park.

He said that the committee will propose to town council that it agree to the hiring of professional planners to design the park area.

"We'd also like to provide more walking space along the edges of the pond. There's not

too much room at the present time due to properties which in some places almost run right to the pond's edge."

Portions of the natural landscaped area of the park will also likely be fenced in order to preserve the trees, shrubs, and flowers from being trampled or defaced by hikers.

"We realize we can't preserve all the natural state of the park, it has to be used for the benefit of people, but we'd like to keep some of it the way it is to provide the proper atmosphere," said Mr. Tilt.

The committee also plans to operate a day camp for youngsters from six years to 10 on the west side of the pond.

Members of the local Rotary Club have built a picnic shelter in the same area to be used by the day camp.

Minor Soccer Opens May 23

The 1970 Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association season opens this Saturday at Bayview Secondary School at 7 pm.

Squirt and atom groups, age 6 to 10 years, will be playing every Wednesday during the summer up to mid-September.

Twelve teams will be participating in the house league and seven teams in the Newmarket and District League.

The house league will be broken into a squirt division (six teams ages 6 to 8) and an atom division (six teams ages 8 to 10). The other groups play against squads from Aurora, Newmarket, Keswick, Camp Borden and Markham.

Opening nights for the other groups are: Mosquito, ages 11 and 12, May 25; Peewee, ages 13 and 14, May 26; Bantam, ages 15 and 16, May 28; Junior "B", ages 17 and 18, May 28. Coaches are required for one mosquito and one peewee team.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping out in any other way is asked to phone Robert Kernohan at 884-2788, Les Trotman at 884-6317, or John Pennyfather at 884-5008.

Wimbridge Wins 8-0 From Barrie In Opener

Wimbridge Cleaners Ladies Softball Team opened the 1970 league season May 13 with an 8-0 win over Barrie. Marion Fox, Richmond Hill's new hurler, pitched an outstanding game with 15 strikeouts to her credit. She allowed only five walks and two hits.

Catcher Merrylynn Henry completed the winning battery. For Wimbridge Lynn Olsen and Merrylynn Henry wielded the strongest bats with two hits each. Lynn managed to get on base every time at bat drawing a walk and being safe on an error in her other two trips to the plate. Single hits were garnered by Cathy Buxton, Sue Dawson, June Peck, Marion Fox and Mary Williamson.

Wimbridge hosted Agincourt May 20 and on May 27 will be at home to the Queensville nine.

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DYNES PLAY TONY'S

It's been a long time coming (like all winter) but the softball season is right on top of us. By the time this effort hits the cold light of day The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers will have played their opening game in the Oshawa City and District Fastball League.

Opposition will have been Oshawa Gales in Oshawa Tuesday night. But the big home opener will be the Jewellers versus the Oshawa Tony's May 28 in the town park beginning at 8:30 pm.

There'll be some hoopla involved with the opening game ceremonies with the Markham Girls Pipe and Drum Band and their colorful costumes on hand to start the season off on a musical note.

Mayor William Lazenby and Councillor Lois Hancey will be participating in the "throwing the first ball" ceremony and Ken Foss of CFGM will introduce the players from both teams.

SOCCER

Also some soccer news here. Opening game of the 1970 Richmond Hill Soccer Association schedule will be May 30. The Rangers will be squaring off against Aurora United in Aurora at Fleury Park. Gametime is 6 pm.

Home games for the Rangers will be at Langstaff Secondary School this season and the club's executive are slightly unhappy over what they consider the short shrift they've received from Richmond Hill which has no place for them to play. But more on this later.

Oh, P.S.: Winner of the soccer pre-season ticket sale was Maeve Watton of Owen Sound.

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Plan Mystery Hike This Sunday Glen Haffy Conservation Area

An outdoor hike through the woods with all the elements of a mystery tour is being held for the public this Sunday by the Metro Conservation Authority.

Known as a "Find Your Way Hike", it is being held at the Glen Haffy Conservation Area, and is designed to test one's powers of observation. The Glen Haffy Area is located near Mono Mills and Highway No. 9.

Hikers can start out any time between 10:30 am and 3 pm and should gather in the south parking lot. Each participant will be provided with a list of directions that will take him from point to point along the five-mile route. A simple compass may be useful to bring along to help find your way.

Hikers are also advised to bring their lunch and beverage and wear suitable clothing and footwear for some rugged hiking. The event offers both entertainment and interest to all way 7 at 4 pm.

members of the family, and also provides an excellent opportunity to observe the area in its springtime colors. The authority is also holding its regular series of weekend conducted hikes through some of its conservation areas.

On Saturday they will be held at: **Albion Hills**, five miles north of Bolton, on Highway No. 50, at 2 pm and 3:30 pm.

Bruce's Mill, two miles east of Don Mills Road on the Gormley-Stouffville Road, at 2 pm and 3:30 pm.

Boyd Area, just north of Woodbridge on the Woodbridge-Kleinburg Road, at 2 pm and 3:30 pm.

On Sunday they will be held at: **Albion Hills and Bruce's Mill** at 2 pm and 3 pm. **Greenwood Area**, four miles north of Pickering on the Greenwood Road, at 2 pm and at **Clarefoot** area in Pickering Township, 1 1/2 miles north of Highway 7 at 4 pm.

Beaches Major Season Play Began This Week

7-Up Shopsy's and Knob Hill Ushers opened the Beaches Major Fastball League at Kew Beach yesterday (Wednesday). Toronto Plating and Ray's Gulf Oil of Newmarket are the other teams in the league.

Pete Glen is president of the league for this season. Jimmy James, Earl Dengate, Joe Oster, Ron Chapman, Doug Nadeau and Bill Stone are vice-presidents. John Lipsett is the secretary treasurer.

Games will be played at Kew Gardens each week at 8 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in Newmarket on Thursday.



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