

Play Ball!



THORNHILL MINOR BALL RESULTS

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This column will not appear next week due to vacations. All the scores and standings and some of the highlights will appear the next week.

Beginner Boys (6 and 7)
With good fielding and hitting all around, first place Border City Holland Excavators defeated Maio Excavators 24 to 10. Ed MacDonald hit a homer and a double. Joseph Foti hit a home run and two singles. Mike Harvey tripled and doubled. Sheldon Birse got to third base on one hit and to first base twice. Mike Troiano consistently hit singles. Steve McFailane hit 3 singles. Paul Harrington and Scott Greer, 2. The Maio boys could not get going. Lawrence Cross hit a triple and 2 singles. Jimmy Houghton hit 2 singles and was good on defense.

Baker Trailer Sales outplayed Everturne 34 to 20. Mark Wilshire tripped the bases twice. Robert Common hit one homer and two others. Kevan Goebel hit a homer and four others. Dave Smith, John Masson, David Sawyer all scored five times. Mike Ford, Peter Webb scored four times each. Although Bruce Cameron and John Kalm caught two flies, Everturne didn't stop enough. Jim Stever hit a home run, a double and three singles. Paul Danis hit three singles. Robbie Hemstock hit a double and a single as did Eric Nesbitt. Greg Daurio singled twice.

Standings as at July 31

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Kelson Plumbing	10	7	3	14
Clutchey's	10	5	5	10
Bill Best's	10	5	5	10
Marshall's Shell	10	3	7	6

Senior Girls (10 and Over)
The senior girls have not been able to get their games played lately. Saynor Electronics and PSA did manage one this week, Saynor winning 21 to 9. There were four homers for Saynor, Diane Diggins contributing two. Corene Clatworthy and Meegan Hinds one each. Pat Tuck and Lynne McVie scored three times each. Karen Booker and Merry McLean both scored twice. Carrie Common and Nancy Palmer homered for PSA. Carmel O'Neil, Wendy Rider and Angela Watts all scored twice.

Junior Girls (8 and 9)
Did not play their games.

Intermediate Boys (10 and 11)
Did not get straightened out after being rained out Tuesday night.

Senior Boys (12 and over)
CDJ defeated John's BP 20 to 18 to tie them for second place. Nick Cole homered and doubled for CDJ. Phil Bodaert hit a home run and scored on three walks. Daryl Courts added to the score five times, three on walks. David Gourley doubled. Kevin Peterson singled. George Bobrovski hit the gamson's only homer. Dan Tuck hit a double and two singles. Greg Thomas hit two triples and two singles. Tim Cowan and Chris Atkinson tripled. John Dunk hit two singles. Dave Greig doubled.

Standings as at July 31

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Border City	10	7	3	14
Baker	10	6	4	12
Everturne	10	4	6	8
Maio	10	3	7	6

Junior Boys (8 and 9)
With the score 7 to 6 for Clutchey's Sun Lifters over Marshall's Shell, Marshall's loaded the bases. Duane Harriott got a hard hit, but the runner from first base kicked the ball, and all scoring stopped. Clutchey's won 7 to 6. Ken Gallant homered and doubled for Clutchey's. Stephen Wildish hit a double. Kelvin Green was good

Planning Boards Warned To Have No More Secret Meetings

Ontario municipalities that have planning departments working in secret and planning boards meeting behind closed doors, have been told to do their work openly.

The reprimand has come in an Ontario Municipal Board decision recently circulated to municipalities.

The decision grew out of a controversy that involves the North York Planning Department and residents of southern Markham Township. Residents of southern Markham Township who own recently constructed rural single family dwellings, successfully opposed a proposed 16.7 acre development. Included were three 12-storey buildings with 630 apartment suites and 32 town houses. The site is across Steeles Avenue from Markham Township at Bayview Avenue.

At first the Ontario Municipal Board blocked the development proposal altogether. Subsequently the board modified its judgment slightly, saying the apartments would be permitted if agreement on the siting of the apartment buildings and other areas of controversy, could be reached with the homeowners in adjacent areas of York and Markham.

Homeowners in the vicinity built without being told the nearby single family dwelling zone was to be changed to allow apartments. This was even though they asked the North York Planning Department about the zoning before buying or building. They are particularly concerned that the high

buildings will cast shadows over their properties, in addition to severely changing the character of their neighborhood.

Not only did the Ontario Municipal Board block the proposed development as the ratepayers requested. The Borough of North York and the three developers involved were ordered to pay the ratepayers' legal costs.

Two ratepayers' associations and several individual citizens were involved in the costly proceedings, including the Bayview Glencrest Ratepayers Association in Markham Township and the Steeles Heights Community Association in North York.

The developers are Grosman Holdings Limited, Bleeman Holdings Limited, and J. Silver Holdings Limited. Markham Township's Planning Board and Council didn't oppose the final development proposal that went before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Markham Township did intend to oppose the project if its requirements were not met. The Markham objections mainly involved the distance the proposed buildings were to be set back from the Markham Steeles Avenue boundary and the traffic pattern.

ham Township on the north side of Steeles Avenue East.

Protected Markham
Markham Township also required that there should be careful control by North York of the bulk of the buildings. So there would be no detrimental effect on Markham Township, North York was required to designate the project area as a special development area. This was so the plans would get more careful attention in regard to development standards and location of buildings.

At one point Markham Council was so concerned that a special meeting was proposed to allow preparation of an official resolution opposing the development. But assurances of the increased setbacks were subsequently received and the council decided not to oppose the project.

Reporting the OMB ruling blocking the project, OMB Chairman Al Kennedy criticized North York borough officials. He said they broke faith with people who bought homes in the area. Prospective home buyers asked the borough what was planned for the neighborhood and were told only that it was zoned for single family homes. They weren't told that plans were then under consideration to change the permitted use to high density development.

In circulating its decision to Ontario municipalities, the OMB warns members of municipal councils to pay attention to the requirement that planning departments

and planning boards must work openly.

Local councils are asked to implement a procedure that will assure citizens the right to know what is being planned when they make enquiries about property and neighboring lands.

Markham Solution
Markham Township Planning Director Kunio Hidaka says the solution is for planning departments to require that all inquiries be made in writing. There is no way to ensure that adequate information is provided if casual and informal inquiries are made verbally, or over the telephone, says Mr. Hidaka.

In its decision the OMB says North York's planners for running rough-shod over the local ratepayers. "At meetings of the (ratepayers) association the members received advice that apartments were inevitable and they would be wise to compromise", says the OMB decision.

"Most of the ratepayers in Markham (Township) swore that before purchasing in the late 1960s, they enquired and were told the permitted use of lands here in question was for single family (dwellings) and they weren't told that plans were then under consideration to change the permitted use to high density development."

"As noted above in this decision, as early as June 1963, the considered intention was to permit apartments on these lands. Then why were these citizens not advised when they made enquiry, especially since the purpose of their enquiry must have been obvious? Their evidence as to the information they received was not questioned, let alone denied."

ing the huge Steeles-Bayview Avenue project continues as follows:
"Dealing now with the merits of the objections — a planner and architect called on behalf of the objectors sounded, perhaps, the basic and vital issue in this case. This is an extremely attractive area developed largely in very good quality rural or semi-rural homes. These are gracious and attractive in character, and because of these amenities offer an atmosphere of delightful suburban living. To inject high density apartment development would seriously impair this character."

"In the opinion of the board, it would be most unfair to impose such an intrusion on persons who made enquiries before purchasing, and had been given reason to believe this would not occur. There does not appear to be any doubt that the application for approval of the bylaw should be dismissed and proposed District 11 Plan modified to designate these lands as residential density one."

"In these cases the board, in recent years, has made costs follow the event. The objectors represented by counsel will have their costs as between party and party on the Supreme Court scale to be taxed by the Taxing Officer at Toronto against the borough and against the three developers. The borough should pay the cost of reporting", concludes the Ontario Municipal Board decision.

"Planning should never be done in a vacuum! Never behind closed doors! The people, often a minority, are vitally interested and must be informed!"

The OMB decision block-

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ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF Section 30 of the PLANNING ACT (R.S.O. 1960, c. 296), - and - **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by The Corporation of the Township of Whitchurch for approval of its Restricted Area By-law 1992 passed the 27th day of December, 1968.

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Monday, the 24th day of August, 1970, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, (local time) at the Council Chambers in the Township of Whitchurch, (at Vaudor) to hear an application for extension of the temporary approval granted herein to By-law 1992 as amended by By-law 2028 until the 24th day of August, 1970;

Let all persons interested then and there attend.

DATED at Toronto this 14th day of July, 1970.

R. Scott, SECRETARY

The Corporation of The Township of Whitchurch BY-LAW NUMBER 2028

A By-law amending By-law No. 1992 prohibiting the making of pits and quarries.

WHEREAS by By-law No. 1992 enacted on the 27th day of December, 1968, the Council prohibited the establishment of pits and quarries in the Township of Whitchurch;

AND WHEREAS The Ontario Municipal Board has approved of the said by-law subject to its being amended as hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH ENACTS as follows:

1. Clause 2.1 of By-law No. 1992 is hereby repealed.

2. Clause 3.1 of By-law No. 1992 is amended by deleting "grave" before "pits" in the first line and inserting after "pits" the words "and quarries" so that the said clause as amended hereby shall read as follows:

"3.1 The making or establishment of pits and quarries by any person in the Township is hereby prohibited."

3. This By-law shall take effect from the date of its passing by the Council and shall come into force upon the approval of The Ontario Municipal Board.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 12th day of August, 1969. Stewart Burnett, REEVE Thomas Kerr CLERK

Explanatory Note
By-law 2028 amends By-law 1992, which was designed to prohibit the making or establishment of pits and quarries in the Township of Whitchurch. The Ontario Municipal Board approved these by-laws for a temporary period expiring the 31st day of July, 1970. Upon application by the Township of Whitchurch an extension has been granted until the 24th day of August, 1970.

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Two Prize-Winning Stories

In our July 16 issue we printed the prize-winning poems in the recent children's writing contest sponsored by the Thornhill Branch of the Markham Public Library System. This week we are running two of the prize-winning stories: "The Teddy Bear's Wish," by Elise Poscente, aged 7 of 67 Royal Orchard Boulevard; and "St. Michael's Bridge," by Cathy Matyas, aged 12, of 68 Roosevelt Drive.

Judge of the contest was Miss Ronwen Stock of Toronto, a retired librarian and a superb and well-known teller of children's stories. She was extremely impressed by the standard of the entries.

Incidentally Elise Poscente also won a first prize for her poem, "The Snow", in the seven to eight year old group.

The Teddy Bear's Wish

By Elise Poscente
Once upon a time there was a teddy bear. He had buttons for eyes and he was fluffy and brown with a big red bow. He lived in a big department store. Many people shopped there. Lots of other toys lived with him, so he was never lonely. But still that teddy bear was sad. Many of the other toys were sold. People picked him up and said, "He's nice, but he's too expensive."

One day there was a big sale. Most of the toys were sold. He and a little dog were the only ones left on that shelf. The teddy bear began to cry. "I'm never going to be sold," he sighed.

"Me neither," said the little dog. A few days later, a lady came into the toy department and went straight to the shelf that the bear was sitting on. "Well, isn't he cute," she said.

She picked him up and brought him to the counter. Before the bear knew what was happening he was in a bag. It was dark. He was scared. He didn't know where he was. All of a sudden he was thrown on something soft. He heard the motor of a car start. He was bounced around. Then the car stopped. He felt himself being picked up again. In a minute he could see light at the top. A little girl took him out of the bag.

wanted right then. He plunged down into the blackness. Suddenly he was afraid. He didn't want to die; he wanted to live and be the man of the house and care for his mother. Peter cried out in fear, but only the night heard.

He landed on a hard surface very unexpectedly, and he wondered what had happened. He could not have hit the bottom, it wasn't water where he was. Peter groped around in the darkness for a few minutes before he realized what had happened. He couldn't believe it; the chances to one hundred for this to happen were approximately one! But it had happened! Peter had landed on a small "balcony" jutting out from the side, and best and most unbelievable was the fact that he was all in one piece!

Peter studied the situation he was in carefully. He had fallen 2/3 of the way down before he had been spared. A shudder raced through him and he looked down to see what he saw before — blackness, and remembered what a lucky break he had had.

With a deep sigh Peter started to climb the steep bank, his only escape as of then. It was tough climbing. The rubble and loose stones made his hands red and ache. The only relief he could find was to lick them. His mind urged him on, telling him to keep climbing for his life.

When, an hour later, he sank down on the muddy ground on top of the bank, all he could think to do was pray. He was exhausted and a few seconds after he closed his eyes he was asleep.

Peter's eyes blinked open. The sun was an orange fireball peeping over the trees to see the world awake. The morning air smelt as sweet as honey and dew drops played on petals of nearby daisies. It was a wonderful day and Peter was glad to be alive. He elbowed himself up so that he was propped up on his hands. He planned to take Sally Ann fishing down at Mill Wheel Lake. She always wanted to come with him and dad. Anxious to get home, Peter gave a great push and heaved himself onto his feet. Once up, he gave another look down the side. In his haste he tripped over a large stone.

Peter frantically tried to catch his balance, but it was too late. The last thing he saw before falling over the bank was his mother, sisters and police round the corner, a look of shock on their faces. Mrs. Standard then collapsed and Peter joined his father.

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Neighborhood Notes
Mrs. Jim Dysart of Glasgow, Scotland, is spending the summer months visiting her son Jim and his family on Morgan Avenue and her son Johnny and his family on Crestwood Road. She will be joined by her son Bill from Scotland and her Canadian sons are looking forward to a good family reunion.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lefler of Morgan Avenue on the arrival of their first grandchild. A daughter was born July 28 to Tanya and Jimmy Lefler of RR 2 Guildford.

Learning about Canada at first hand as part of the Carousell of Travel program which marked the 60th anniversary of Guiding in Canada, was a very happy experience for two girls from 4th Thornhill Guide Company.

Jane Goodyear of Henderson Avenue spent three weeks in British Columbia. She flew there July 9 and was taken directly to "Tsoona", the Provincial Guide Campsite near Rossdale.

During the three weeks stay in Canada's west coast province, she travelled by bus through the Fraser canyon, camped in the West Coast's magnificent forests, visited Pentiction, the Richter Pass, Manning Park near Hope, travelled by ferry across the Straits of Georgia to Vancouver Island, visited beautiful Victoria, camped near Nanaimo and saw many other island beauty spots.

Back on the mainland she had a trip into the interior, went swimming and riding in the White Rock Area, near the American Border, marvelled at the Indian carvings in the Totem Park of the University of British Columbia, shopped in downtown Vancouver, lunched in Chinatown, went sightseeing in Stanley Park, Little Mountain (Queen Elizabeth Arboretum), and across Burrard Inlet in North and West Vancouver. All in all a most unforgettable experience for a 13-year-old girl.

Susan Carr, also of Henderson Avenue, was a Carousell traveller in Nova Scotia.

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