



LINE DRIVE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By BOB CARTON

Hill Girls, Gwillimbury Boys Win Tourney

The 1970 minor baseball season is over. And there is no better way to end it, than with the fourth annual Richmond Hill-East Gwillimbury House League Tournament. There were a total of 54 teams from the two municipalities competing in this day long marathon.

With roughly 700 ball players and over 100 coaches and tournament officials on hand, there naturally had to be a large amount of food on hand. Each player and coach present received five free food tickets, which were good for hot dogs, ice cream, and pop. To accommodate the large demand for food, both the snack bar at the booth and a trailer in the parking lot next to the arena were open.

Unfortunately rain almost postponed the tournament until the next day, Sunday. If that were the case only the Richmond Hill teams would have taken part in the tournament. Several of the area ball diamonds were washed out by the rain, and were not put into use until after mid-day. Consequently a last second rescheduling programme had to take place, which meant that many teams played their games much later than originally planned. So many ball players came up to me that day to ask when they were going to draw or play, and I could not tell them, as not one person in the whole ball park knew exactly when a certain team would be playing.

One of the major complaints that I heard from the players, was that for the first time in this tournament no participation crests were handed out. Only the champions and finalists in each league received crests.

As for the games themselves, Richmond Hill won two of the five categories. It is a lucky thing that for the first time East Gwillimbury brought down their girls' teams, otherwise Richmond Hill would not have won anything, as the Gwillimbury boys walked away with the tyke, squirt and peewee divisions.

As would be expected, the East Gwillimbury umpires were of a much lower standard than our Richmond Hill ump's. Several of our own ump's seemed to be trying to prove that they were unbiased. In fact they tried so hard that they kicked several Richmond Hill players out of the game.

A Kinnear Pontiac player was kicked out of a game against Mac's Heating for doing virtually nothing. The Dynes Jeweller catcher was thrown out of a game against an out of town team, Caradonna's Fruit Market. Although I did not see the play myself, I heard several accounts of the incident, and from what I am told that player should never have been thrown out.

Following are some of the outstanding or interesting occurrences that I witnessed throughout the tournament.

Tony's Esso of Richmond Hill pulled off a triple play against Civitan Club of East Gwillimbury. But that was not enough, as Civitan made a last inning comeback to defeat Tony's 7-6.

Craig Foss of Dynes Jewellers pitched a two hitter against Charlton Hardware to defeat them 7-5.

Gillcraft Photo of East Gwillimbury withdrew from the tournament for a short period of time. Not because they did not have a full team, but because they could not use midgets, and could only use three bantams, of which Gillcraft is stacked with.

Bennett's Textiles played their best game of the year for about five innings, but they could not keep it up and the game ended 10-2 in favor of an East Gwillimbury team.

Town Auto Body pulled what I consider a surprise defeat out of the hat, as they beat Newmarket Sports and Cycle in the first round. The cycle team were finalists in the East Gwillimbury Tournament in July. It must have been Mrs. Lewis, who coached third base, that gave the team inspiration.

The tyke finals were won by an out of town team, as Civitan Club of East Gwillimbury defeated Kent Clothes of Richmond Hill 2-0.

Now when 6, 7 and 8 year-olds can play this type of ball, they need some credit, because they certainly deserve it.

In the first four innings Kents had a man on third base, but in each case they could not score a run. Time finally ran out on them, as Civitan scored one run in both the third and fourth innings.

Civitan had also won the East Gwillimbury Tournament over Ramsey Rec. of Richmond Hill. I do not know if its true or not but I heard a report that the Civitan team had not lost one game all season. If this is the case they certainly deserve a hand.

The junior girls' finals were somewhat erratic, as they definitely had the most noisy crowd of the night. Halls Fuels of Richmond Hill led all the way, until the bottom of the fifth inning. At that point another Richmond Hill team, Village Coiffure, came from behind to win, as they scored six runs in that inning. Bette Jean Blanchard was the girl who crossed the plate to give Coiffure the championship, by a score of 15-14.

Hitting homers in this slugfest were Barbara Jean Moss for Halls and Susan Chepelsky for Coiffure.

The squirts were somewhat of a disappointment as far as the coaching went. Longhorn Tavern of East Gwillimbury had an illegal pitcher hurling for them. Since no one made a strenuous complaint against this pitcher, Longhorn beat out two of Richmond Hill's top teams, Hodgins and Bob's.

The pitcher looked to be of peewee age because he was so big and because he was so talented for squirt house league. But even if he was not a peewee, he should not have been playing, as he was wearing a different sweater from a different team. Richmond Hill could not use players from different teams, so East Gwillimbury should not be allowed to.

In the semi-finals between Longhorn and Richmond Hill's championship team Bob's Boys, that pitcher could have made the difference.

At one point Longhorn had a commanding lead of 6-3. Bob's fought back and tied the score in the last inning, as they scored three runs. In the eighth, Bob's were held scoreless. With two out in the bottom of the eighth, disaster struck. The next batter got a walk, the next a single, and then the next batter also got a hit to bring in the winning run.

This extra inning game seemed to tire out the Longhorn team, as they were demolished in the final game by Anthony's For Datsun, also of East Gwillimbury, by a score of 14-0. Six of Anthony's runs came in the last inning.

Richmond Hill's Senior Girls teams were too much for the teams from the north, as both finalists were from the Hill.

Richmond Hill

Hockey Openings For 12, 13, 17, 18 Years

At the completion of formal registration time the Richmond Hill Hockey Association is somewhat behind last year in registrations. Though there are limited openings in every league the basic shortage seems to be in three main areas: pee-wee, age 12, and of course juvenile, age 13, and of course juvenile, age 17 and 18. While there is some reason for a shortage in juvenile division, as many of this age group are trying out for junior clubs, there does not seem to be any good reason for the shortage of 12 and 13 year olds.

President Tom Graham said in a statement this week: "As has been stated before the Richmond Hill Hockey Association will not see a boy left out of hockey for financial problems. Contact any member of the board of directors or drop a line to PO Box 85 in strict confidence and that problem will be solved."

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that they had a few dozen mirrors — going against them. They were drubbed 53-0.

Which brings us around to Monday of last week when I was invited to a "meet the coaches" luncheon at Seneca. Coaches being head man Ted Sommerville and Assistant Dave Waud, and General Manager Larry Dorkin.

The Sir George game was still pending then and everyone was hopeful that all would be for the best. But there was an air of realism about the affair.

It would be strictly a "test" to see what the situation was. You don't come on cold and be a winner. But you've got to start somewhere. At least, now, Coach Sommerville has something to work on. It'll take time, but they'll be there.

OTHER NOTES

Other notes to conclude: Dick Brocklehurst of the Cedar Rod and Gun Club is on the lookout for new members. The club, as the name would indicate, is devoted to the outdoor life which in the coming weeks will include fishing, hunting, etc. It's an all-season deal with various events being staged throughout the winter months to keep the interest of everyone.

There are regular meetings once a month at 439 Fernleigh Circle, Richmond Hill, an annual dance, wintertime bowling and euchre games for the whole family, and so on. All for \$25 a year, \$15 to join. You're also taught gun-handling and other safe hunting procedures. If you're interested, contact either Murray Kidd at 884-3158 or Jack Peck at 884-7345.

CALLING GIRLS

Also, the Newtonbrook Girls Club is on the look for females from the ages of 7 to 17 for hockey action this winter.

Date of registration is September 30 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at 273 Pleasant Avenue, Willowdale. For further info call 223-1997.

In their first two games Stoney Tourist had outscored their opponents 45-2. It looked like they might walk away with this one also, as seven runs in the bottom of the fifth put them ahead 18-12.

The very next inning Perry Hill came up with nine runs, and they also got three in the last, while they held Stoney scoreless for the last two. The final score was 24-18 in favor of Perry Hill.

Homers for Perry Hill were supplied by the Coyne sisters, Debby and Terry.

The peewee finals were simply disgusting, as an East Gwillimbury team defeated the Richmond Hill finalist.

Caradonna's pitcher was supposedly a peewee, so he got to pitch from peewee distance. Kinnear Pontiac started Wayne Hillaby, why, I will never know. Wayne is a good pitcher, but he has had only three innings of pitching experience this year.

Caradonna's grabbed a quick 4-0 lead in the first inning, and never looked back. They added four more in the second, and two more in the third, for a real close game of 10-0. Finally, in the fifth inning Rick Carton got a walk and ended up scoring Kinnear's only run of the game. The final score was 11-1, as Rick Dale pitched a two hitter for Caradonna's. The only players to hit safely off of him were Tim Fleming and Wayne Hillaby.

The pitching team of Rick Carton, who came in in the second inning, and Wayne Hillaby threw an eight hitter.

On the whole, I would say that this has been a very successful baseball season. I only have two complaints. To prevent rained out games in the future, the town should work on all the other diamonds as much as they do the town park. Many times this year I blew my stack because a game was rained out, and the town didn't come and try to fix it up. A good example of this is just last Saturday, when the tournament was almost rained out. The night before no one bothered to come out and at least try to get the diamonds in shape.

The other complaint is, that for the last three tournaments we have been dominated. Out of nine boys' categories, East Gwillimbury has taken all nine. In fact, out of the possible 18 finalist categories, Richmond Hill has only had six of them, while East Gwillimbury has had 12.

It is time the minor ball association realized that East Gwillimbury does not have such a word as "Sportsmanship" in their dictionary. One lady in the crowd summed it up perfectly, "Richmond Hill teams play for the fun of it, East Gwillimbury teams play to win."

You cannot just tell them not to stack their teams and expect them to do it, you have to stack your own. Other years they just stacked their peewee teams, this year they started the same thing with their squirt teams.

All in all, it was still a great season, and already I am looking forward to next year, as it promises to be even better.

Starting next week I will be switching from baseball to high school sports.

Rams Lose To Toronto 7-5, 3-1 Exhibitions

The Richmond Hill Junior "B" Rams have had their first taste of combat in the pre-1970-71 hockey season and looked good in losing causes.

Richmond Hill dropped 7-5 and 3-1 games to the powerful St. Michael Buzzers.

Hill crew got off to a shaky start in last Tuesday night's 7-5 loss at Richmond Hill Trailing 3-0 at the end of the first period and dropped behind 4-0 early in the second.

Then came the comeback which saw them narrow the margin to 6-5 by the 11-minute mark of the third period.

The Rams fought hard for the equalizer and had some excellent chances before the Buzzers salted the game away on Neil Korzack's third goal of the game at the 17:53 mark.

Korzack found himself alone in front of The Ram goal and blasted the puck through Ram goalie Gary Wedgewood who got a piece of it but was unable to hold on.

Richmond Hill was trailing 4-0 when Paul Turley, an impressive newcomer who played last year with Aurora Tigers, put the Rams on the scoresheet at 8:45 after taking a pass from returnee Dave Lovely.

Steve Lyon's scored again for Richmond Hill but St. Mike's got that one back and the period ended 5-2 for the visitors.

St. Mike's made it 6-2 before goals by Lovely (2), and Turley narrowed the game to 6-5.

Sunday's game at St. Mike's saw Coach Scotty Watson choosing to get a look at his rookies as he went with a lineup devoid of any Junior "B" players.

The Rams came out in the first period and held a wide edge in play and with Goalie Danny Brennan looking after the twines in flawless fashion, skated off with a 1-0 lead.

Centreman Bill Mounsey got the draw on a face-off, slipped the puck to leftwinger Pat Wright whose rising shot found the rigging.

All of the St. Mike's scoring came in the second period as the inexperience of the fledgling lineup started to show.

Pete McCann, Pete Brerrer, and Paul Carpe scored to give St. Mike's a lead they never relinquished.

The Rams will be practicing twice this weekend in preparation for next Tuesday's exhibition game against arch rivals Aurora Tigers in the Richmond Hill Arena at 8 pm.

Richmond Hill will go to Hamilton the following night to meet the Mountain Bees, last year's Ontario semi-finalists in the final tune-up for the season's opener which is against Whitby October 6 at 8 pm in the town arena.

Laun Bowlers Tourney Prizes

Richmond Hill Lawn Bowlers continued their winning ways last week.

At Newmarket, September 16, in a men's doubles tournament, Floyd Perkins and James Grainger took the top prize and Graeme Bales and Larry Wales took the prize for high for one win.

At Oshawa September 19 Mr. and Mrs. James Grainger won the Hopps Trophy in a mixed doubles event which had an entry list of 62 couples.

On the local greens on Sunday, in a mixed doubles tournament, top prize (high for three wins) went to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rayson of Leaside, second to Glen Paton and Mrs. Mary Henderson of Brampton, and third to Mr. and Mrs. Al White of Richmond Hill.

High for two wins was won by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lynett of Richmond Hill and high for one win by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marshall of Glebe Manor, Toronto.

The next tournament here will be held October 3 when the Walker Hall Trophy will be up for competition by men's trebles.

Unionville Skaters To Open 21st Season

A registration tea October 4 will kick off the 21st season of the Unionville Figure Skating Club.

The tea will be held from 1:30 to 4 pm in the Unionville Arena.

Returning to the field this season will be the club's professional staff comprising Hans Ahlgren, Brenda Ramsey, Janice Mather, Dale Murray, Mary Jane Oke.

The new professional will be Jack Belec.

A "skate-in" was held September 12 and 13 at Lake Couchiching attended by a number of Unionville members.

Featured was a weekend of lectures, demonstrations and a "hot seat" discussion.

Results from summer competitions held at Lakeshore Arena were: Juvenile Girls, Michelle Koutnik, a third; Pre-Novice Ladies, Karen Newton, a third.

The Western Ontario Niagara Dance Competition at Niagara Falls saw David Porter and Barbara Berezawski picking up a third.

At the annual meeting May 13 the following board of directors were elected:

President: Ken Page, Past President: Jim Irving, Honorary Vice-President: Ruth Wilkes, 1st Vice-President: Carole Hale, 2nd Vice-President: Norma Craib, Treasurer: Gordon Boag, Secretary: Pidge Harrington, Test Chairman: Emily Mulholland and Ice Show Chairman: Dorene Trunk. Other executive members are: Bernie Bradley, Rod Brooks, Gail George, John Haining, John Heighway, Anne Stephany.

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EXHIBITION METRO JUNIOR "B" HOCKEY AURORA TIGERS

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Civitan Football

Southern Blues Show Prowess, Win 28-0

The Southern Blues showed great depth of personnel last Saturday when they won a 28-0 game over the Brown-dale Bombers despite a number of injuries to key players. Missing for the game from the league leading Blues were Marco Kovacic, Ollie Nelson, Don Pridham and Paul Walker. A three touchdown performance by Bruce Bailey and a single score by Shawn Martin were sufficient to stop the bewildered Bombers who are still in the throes of organizing for the season.

Coach Ray Kyte of the Bombers had 26 boys on hand for the game and he was continually juggling his line-up to insure that all boys got a chance to play. It was the concensus along the side lines that the bombers showed a definite improvement over the week before when they dropped a 54-0 game to Westsiders.

Newcomer Joe Moore for the Bombers looks like a real find and he should supply the outside running needed to compliment Rick Berezouskis' inside threat.

In the other match of the morning the favored Westsiders were surprised by a fired up Crosby Park team and defeated 19-8 in a fast wide open game. Mike Copping with two majors and Jeff Snook with one score were the leaders for the Parkers in this upset and Coach Ray Sullivan was expounding loudly at the end of the match about his special defence which held the Westsiders.

The one score for the Westsiders was scored by Jim Simpson as the Westerners stary

long passes that resulted in touchdowns, and when Coach Dennis Young made personnel changes to strengthen this defence the opposition would start running with success.

With a bit of concentration the Raiders could have won this match and from this performance they look to be two games away from their first victory in the Scarborough League.

Next Saturday at 9 pm at Richmond Hill High School the Brown-dale Bombers will meet the Crosby Park team and at 10:30 Westsiders will tackle the Blues.

Lorne Shulman scored for the raiders in the third quarter and later in the same quarter a fumble washed out a second chance for the local team to draw even when they were on the Vikings five yard line. The deep pass defence of the Raiders was once more exploited by the opposition for

close watching by the opposition and failed to make any long runs as he had done in the previous games. Coach Bruce Yenn was optimistic about the loss claiming it would settle his team down to earth once more after their initial 54-0 win over Brown-dale.

The Juvenile Raiders team travelled to Scarborough last week and received their second set back in as many games with a 21-8 loss to Scarborough Vikings. With two plays left in the game the defence yielded and the Vikings scored a touchdown to settle a closely fought battle which was 15-8 at that time.

Next Saturday at 9 pm at Richmond Hill High School the Brown-dale Bombers will meet the Crosby Park team and at 10:30 Westsiders will tackle the Blues.

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Future Games: 9:00 Saturday; Brown-dale vs. Crosby Park; 10:30 Saturday; Southern Blues vs. Westsiders; Thursday, September 24; Raiders vs. Scarborough Wildcats.

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