



LET'S PLAY TENNIS

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Aurora Suffers First Set-Back Of Season

Richmond Hill teams saw relatively limited action this past week, as both the Inter-County "B" and Ladies squads received byes. However, two key matches were played, our York North team hashing it out with the Aurora forces on June 29 and our Inter-County "A" contingent clashing with North York's very competent representatives on Dominion Day.

Aurora, who many armchair prophets feel could shake the York North title this year, met an obviously fired-up Richmond Hill team, being deposited to the tune of 7 sets to 3. This was Aurora's first set-back of the 1971 season, having handled previous opposition in the league with comparative ease. Dennis Stainer and John Beck, playing first mens', maintained their winning consistency as a tandem, downing the duo of Phil Blanchard and Griff Platt, 8-3.

Other winning combinations were: Frank Robinson — Karl Allison (2nd and myself) 4th mens', 6-3; Joan Freeman-Lou Holland (4th and myself) 4th mens', 6-3; Joan Freeman-Lou Holland (4th and myself) 4th mens', 6-3; Joan Freeman-Lou Holland (4th and myself) 4th mens', 6-3.

The perspiration was flowing profusely in this one as the evening temperature hovered in the high, humid seventies, making for exhausting play.

In the contest involving North York on Canada's birthday, our team just managed to eke out a 3-3 draw. With four matches left on the boards and the teams deadlocked at two matches each, it appeared that Richmond Hill had a golden opportunity to take the remaining two matches for an outright win. However, Richmond Hill players and supporters obviously underestimated the staying power and ability of the opposition. Henry Smith and Bob McKee made a valiant attempt on centre court to overcome their rivals Norval Scatergood and Vern Sagar, starting out on the right foot with a 6-3 first set win, but failing to adjust to the unorthodox play of their opponents, succumbing 6-0, 6-2 in the latter two sets.

With all eyes glued to the first court, the Hillers pairing of Phil August and Barry Munroe remained as Richmond Hill's sole hope. A goodly gathering of spectators was on hand for the entire match, and although the temperature was progressively dipping into the frigid zone (quite a change from the blamy evenings of the past week) very few left their seats, the final match captivating the naturally partisan home audience. On paper, it appeared that August and Munroe would have little difficulty in handling their opposition, John Swindells and Tim Pellow, although it was apparent in the early going that Swindells, in particular, was a wizard at making consistent retrieves, thus keeping the ball in play. August and Munroe started off strongly, blanking their adversaries 6-0 in the first set. However, Swindells and Pellow were not to be denied, their early consistency at keeping the ball in play, obviously putting them in good stead as the match wore on. The next set went to the North York Pair, 6-3, setting the stage for a most tedious final. In the 3rd and final set those on hand observed a classic example of one team forcing

the hand of the other into playing their style of game. In this instance Swindells and Pellow resorted to very cautious, defensive tactics, throwing up lob after lob, keeping their opposition back and away from the commanding net position. August and Munroe attempted initially to counter this manoeuvre by smashing almost everything in sight, a generally unsuccessful tactic. Thus Munroe and August were forced to retreat from their usual power-finesse type of game and follow the defensive lobbing measures of their rivals. This certainly didn't make for exciting tennis viewing, in fact at times it was downright nerve-racking! Fortunately August and Munroe's tactical adjustment did pay off in the end, as they pulled out the third set, 6-5.

Karl Allison and Judy Litt (6-3, 6-1) and Helen Buttner, worth and Eleanor Lloyd (6-0, 3-6, 6-5) were Richmond Hill's other wins on the night's play.

On Saturday, the ICTA Junior Singles Tournament was held — the boys section being played at the North York courts (clay) and the girls section contested at Three Valleys (asphalt). The Richmond Hill Club had a handful of entrants in this event, namely Pat Lohman, Neil Collins, Tony Robinson, Vicki Robinson and Andy Cook. Pat Lohman fared the best out of this grouping of juniors, losing a close one, 8-6. Although Vicki Robinson was unsuccessful in this event, it is apparent that this youngster has the natural talent to become a top-notch player. With proper coaching and guidance, as soon as possible, she could develop into a real champion.

The Girdler brothers, Mark and Andy, along with Greg MacMillan also competed in this contest, although regrettably out of clubs other than Richmond Hill. Young Mark Girdler was most successful of the three, advancing to the 3rd round of his age group and still fighting it out on Sunday.

In regards to tennis instruction, Ian Griffin, teaching 6-0, 6-2 in the latter two sets.

COMING EVENTS
Wednesday, July 7 — ICTA Ladies' Day League, against Credit Valley (home).
Thursday, July 8 — ICTA "A" League, against Oshawa (home).
Saturday, July 10 — ICTA Ladies' Singles at O'Connor Hills.
Sunday, July 11 — YNL Men's Doubles at Barrie.
Monday, July 19, July 24 — Etobicoke Open — Singles for junior boys and girls, age groups: Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 years. For entry form contact John Beck at 884-2940. Entry fee \$1.00. Entries close July 14. See inside hut for where to mail entries. Tourney sanction by the OLTA.

In closing I would like to leave you with an old adage (slightly modified) which has become quite applicable to our club of late. It reads: "A new ball in the hand is worth two in Mrs. Hamilton's bushes." Which reminds me, I better fix that d— fence!

Kent Juniors Continue To Lose Potential Still Shows Through

In last Tuesday's game with Bradford, Kent Juniors remained in solid contention for five innings. Kent Starter Robbie Clephan, was touched for nine hits and was trailing 3-2 as the Queen's Hotel boys came to bat in the top of the sixth. The visitors managed two runs off four hits and added three more in the seventh to wrap up the win.

The Clothiers managed single counters in the seventh and ninth but it was a case of too little, too late. Scotty Striratt relieved Clephan in the seventh and was bothered by wildness but managed to get out of the inning, allowing just one run. He then pitched scoreless ball for the last two frames.

The Bradford Team had on their hitting shoes and managed 17 hits altogether. Catcher Wally Kemp led the assault with four singles. No less than five players cranked two hits for the winners. Colin Jack's home run and double accounting for most total bases of the quintet.

The juniors managed seven hits off Dan Skelcher, who went all the way for the hotelmen. Bill Mouncey led Kents with two hits including a two-run four-bagger. Eric Gawley had a pair of singles.

Final score was 8-4 for Bradford.

UNIONVILLE 6, KENTS 4
The following evening the Kentsmen visited Unionville to take on the powerful league leaders. Again, the local remained in the game until the sixth inning. In fact they went into the sixth leading 3-2 with Martin Cook having allowed only two Unionville hits to that point.

The big fellow weakened and before he was relieved had given up four runs and four hits. Scotty Striratt came on and pitched scoreless ball over the last two and two-thirds innings, allowing just one safety.

Kents fought back in the ninth and narrowed the gap to 6-4 on Barry Upshaw's solo home run. With one out Colin Wood singled to deep short. Striratt struck out, but John Richardson singled, sending Wood to third. With the tying runs on base Randy Giesecke popped out to the Unionville first sacker, Ron May.

Ken May went all the way for Unionville and earned the victory although the Clothiers managed to out-hit the slugging Unionville gang, which was somewhat of an accomplishment.

Kents accounted for nine hits to Unionville's seven. Catcher Paul Turley and

Martin Cook had a pair of singles each but the big blow of the game from a Kent standpoint was Randy Giesecke's two run homer in the fifth which gave the juniors their shortlived 3-2 lead.

Bill Mouncey's triple in the first, followed by Turley's single, gave Kents their other run. Bill Hunter was the only Unionville player to get more than one hit — he had a single and a triple. Powerful catcher Lawrence Drew also had a triple and was thrown out at the plate trying to stretch it into a home run. A brilliant relay throw by Colin Wood cut him down. Another great throw by Centrefielder Richardson saved a run later in the game. Kents played errorless ball and made several other fine fielding plays.

Next Tuesday at 8:30 pm in the town park Kents will take on Aurora Rolling Hills.

Maple's Bill Burrows Wins Pincrest Race

Maple driver Bill Burrows waged a neck and neck battle with Jim Ward of Toronto Saturday night at Pincrest before racing ahead to stay for the \$425 win in the feature race.

Ward finished second and Vic Parsons third.

A pile-up involving 10 cars, including Burrows, occurred in the feature. It was Burrows second major pile-up of the night but he bounced back to win.

The feature was a treat for the fans with only one minor stop after the initial pile-up with only two cars forced out of the nights action.

Burrows and Ward battled side by side for five laps in a great duel before the Maple veteran finished in front.

In the O'Keefe \$10,000 point fund completion, Norm Lellett is first with 346, followed by George Rueffer with 345 Burrows with 312, and flyin' Howard with 312.

The July 17 race meet will see the drivers competing for the Mid-Season championship trophy and its accompanying \$450 first prize award.

A total of 22 drivers will go 30 laps in the main event and it should be a good one.

The top 10 drivers automatically qualify for the Mid-Season and it will be hotly contested. A total of nine races make up the Championship card.

... Spot Spots ...

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I guess that's about all. Years do change things. Of course, Richmond Hill played host to the tournament in 1970 and, as was well chronicled, the Jewellers treated the opposition with scandalous politeness.

I picked the Jewellers to win it. Then they went out to lose it. What can you do? Two games they played, two no-hitters thrown against them. But enough of the past.

Maybe this year? Sorry, no predictions.

FORMER DYNES PLAYERS

An interesting item for local fans re the tournament in Newmarket has to do with the appearance of at least six former Dynes players of last season and other seasons.

They include Mickey Hancock and George Dickey for North York; Glen Van Every and Vere Small for Scarborough, and Lorne Russell for Newmarket.

Just to make it even more interesting, the Scarborough squad will play Oshawa Tony's Friday night at 7 pm on Diamond 1, with Newmarket going against North York at the same time on Diamond 2. And just don't ask me where Diamonds 1 and 2 are located with regard to one another. Don't know.

A combination of congratulations and condolences for the Richmond Hill Legion Intermediate girls who are having another great season.

Congrats to Coaches Tom Mashinter and Shorty Bowen for leading their league with one victory after another; condolences for not being able to pull out a victory weekend at the Oshawa Tournament. You can't win them all. Where have I heard that phrase before?

Another congrats to Eppie Weitzes of Thornhill, who finished third in the L & M Grand Prix for the Continental Formula 5000 championship at Lexington, Ohio. Eppie won \$2,500 for his efforts in a brilliant effort in his McLaren M-18.

It says here that he finished fourth in the first heat and a strong third in the second after leading Hobbs for 25 laps.



RICHMOND HILL Minor Ball Results

RICHMOND HILL MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION (Week Ending July 3)
TYKES

Fred's Towing 8, Ramsey Rec 7; Kent Clothes 4, G. S. Wood 4; Tony's Esso 5, Photique Studios 3; Rumble Transport 8, Richmond Hill Auto Body 8. Glen Apps had 12 strikeouts for Tony's; Mike Mulvihill hit a homerun.

Jan Ball had a grand slam homer for Kent Clothes to tie the game.

Gord Fournier of Rumbles also had a homerun.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Tony's Esso	5	0	0	10
Kent Clothes	3	1	7	8
Ramsey Rec	3	2	0	6
Rumble Transport	2	2	1	5
G. S. Wood Optician	2	2	1	5
R.H. Auto Body	1	3	1	3
Photique Studio	1	4	0	2
Fred's Towing	1	4	0	2

PEEWEEES
Richmond Hill Music 8, Kenzie Pharmacy 5; Rendezvous 2, Ando Cast Sanitation 1; Dynes Jewellers 7, Mac Heating 4.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Richmond H. Music	4	1	0	8
Rendezvous	4	1	0	8
Ando Cast San.	3	2	0	6
Dynes Jewellers	3	2	0	6
Mac Heating	1	4	0	2
Kenzie Pharmacy	0	5	0	0

BANTAMS
Kinnear Pontiac 6, Charlton Hardware 2; Eric's Cycle 10, Richmond Hill Billiards 5.

Terry Klauke hit a homer for Kinnears.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Kinnear Pontiac	5	0	0	10
Eric's Cycle	4	1	0	8
Charlton Hardware	1	4	0	2
R. H. Billiards	0	5	0	0

JUNIORS
Village Coiffure 9, Richmond Hill Jaycees 7; Bennett Textiles 10, Powell Fencing 7; Rice's Flowers 11, Perry Hill 10; Apollo II Coiffure 7, Village Pizza 7.

Homeruns were by Karen Smith and Gayle Clephan for Bennett's; Tracy Francis for Apollo II.

Karen Noekles pitched six strikeouts for Village Pizza.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Bennett Textiles	4	1	0	8
Jaycees	4	1	0	8
Perry Hill	3	2	0	6
Village Pizza	2	1	2	6
Apollo II Coiffure	2	2	1	5
Village Coiffure	2	3	0	4
Rice's Flowers	1	4	0	2
Powell Fencing	0	4	1	1

SENIOR GIRLS
The Pant-In 5, Aloï Bros. 3; Allencourt Pharmacy 6, York Simcoe Sports 4; Micro-Mets 20, Loughlin Lumber 4.

Anita Greenfield had a homerun for losing Aloï Bros.

Linda Glass pitched an excellent game back by two doubles off the bat of Sherri Robinson for Allencourt.

Louise Brewer was the winning pitcher for Mets recording nine strikeouts. Wilma Bolderhey hit two homeruns for the winners. Vicki Robinson and Kelly Corkin each had three hits.

Sisters Anne Marie and Barbara Jean Moss each hit homeruns for Loughlin Lumber.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Micro Mets	5	0	0	10
The Pant-In	3	2	0	6
York Simcoe Sports	3	2	0	6
Allencourt P'macy	2	3	0	4
Loughlin Lumber	1	4	0	2
Aloï Bros.	1	4	0	2

27,200 Patrons Centennial Pool

Richmond Hill Centennial Pool opened its doors to the swimming public as a closed-in recreation facility May 11 and from that date until June 28, 27,200 people had paid to use it. Recreation Director Al White, told Richmond Hill Council during its budget session June 28.

Total receipts this year so far are \$11,000 including payments for the summer program of swimming lessons. Last year, when the pool operated as an open-air facility, the total take was \$19,667.

Travelways Trail 1-0 At Halftime But Rally To Edge Don Mills 2-1

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
It was a sparse week in North York League play as the long holiday curtailed action.

ATOMS
Travelways 2
York Mills Rovers 1
The Travelways TRT journeyed to Don Mills June 29 and were fortunate to pick up both points. The York Mills Team scored in the first half while the busmen took life easy displaying a lack of enthusiasm.

However, Coach George Barr's pep talk at half time worked wonders as Travelways roared back with two unanswered goals from the toe of Jamie Tuok.

HOUSE LEAGUE
Squirrels
Ratcliff's 2, Bai's Bombers 1
Stephen Semple and Eddie Main scored as Ratcliff's edged the Bombers in a squeaker. Doug Rae scored the lone goal for Bai's. Billy Stonehouse, the Bombers' goalie, was outstanding in defeat.

Rangers 3, Dynes Jewellers 3
The Jewellers notched their third tie of the season against Rangers. Scoring for Dynes were sharpshooters Harold Thornhill with two and Bruce Jacobson with one. Another high scoring forward, Andrew Don, notched a pair of goals for Rangers. Kevin King counted the third Rangers' goal.

Red Barons 2
Industrial Life 1
The Barons continued to roll over the opposition as the Lifers were unable to best the Redmen. Goals by Billy Lazebny and Paul Ollis for the Barons and Ken Jensen for Industrial Life counted the scoring.



ATOMS
Emerald Isle Motel 2
Dan's Esso 1
The green and whites under Coach Paddy McNamara chalked up their fifth win of the season against no defeats. Scorers in this cliffhanger were Gary Bubeloff and Danny Busnello for Emerald Isle with Russell Thornhill counting for Dan's Esso.

Lazenby's Leaders 4
Richvale Scaffold Rentals 0
The Lazenby's Team finally broke into the win column in a big way as they blanked RSR on two goals by Stephen Shannon and singles by Kelly Far-

Joe's Lose First One Still Leading League

Joe's Garage got back on the win track with a 6-3 win over Eric Cyclic and Sports Friday night of last week after earlier losing a 1-0 game to Richmond Hill Auto Body.

The loss to Auto Body was their first one in Richmond Hill Industrial League softball after winning their first eight games in a row.

Dave Webster was the winning pitcher for Joe's against the Cyclic boys. Bruce Sims took the loss.

The 1-0 game saw Bob MacKenzie credited with the win striking out 11. Dave Webster was the loser. He whiffed 16.

STANDINGS

W	L	T	P	
Joe's Garage	9	1	0	18
Hill Auto Body	6	2	0	12
Eveready Flooring	5	4	0	10
Eric's Sport	3	5	0	6
Mr. Transmission	0	9	0	0
Elgin Auto Service	3	5	0	6

FUTURE GAMES
July 9, Town Park, 7 pm, Eveready vs Hill Auto; 9 pm, Transmission vs Eric's.
July 12, Town Park, 7 pm, Joe's vs Hill Auto; 9 pm, Elgin vs Transmission.
July 14, Crosby Avenue, 7 pm, Eveready Flooring vs Elgin Auto; 9 pm, Hill Auto vs Eric's.

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Legion Gals Lose Oshawa Tourney But Big Winners In League Play

The Richmond Hill Legion Intermediate Ladies ended up losers in the Oshawa Softball Tournament over the holiday weekend but they've been consistent winners in league play to top all teams in the East York Ladies Softball League.

Richmond Hill won three games in the Oshawa Tournament but also dropped two.

They opened the tournament Friday night downing Cobourg 4-2 behind the 10 strikeout pitching of Marion Fox.

Saturday's festivities saw the Legion girls play four games losing by 10-7 to Oshawa in the first one only to come back to wallop Sudbury by 13-1.

Their next game saw them downing Scarborough by 14-1 with the win going to Fox who tossed 13 strikeouts. Catching for her was Sharon Clarke.

It was a different story in the Legion's last game against a tough Kingston team which saw a tight duel between opposing pitchers Fox and Mary Skeggs with Kingston pulling the game out in the late innings by a 2-0 score. Fox struck out nine batters.

Also welcomed back to the team for the weekend was Judy Hopkins who helped strengthen the pitching department.

League action last week saw the Legion girls easily maintaining their hold on first place with 12-1 and 13-2 wins over Queensville and Alpha Billes.

Tuesday evening's game in Queensville saw Fox registering eight strikeouts while allowing only three hits.

The Legion Ladies' hitters were Sue Dawson, Cathy Boag, Lyn Olsen, Sandy Glass and Fox. Muriel Mortson also had a two run home run.

Wednesday evening the Legion Ladies were sparked by hits by Dawson, Mary Williamson, Mortson, Linda Elliot (homerun) and Judy Elliott.

Previous league wins saw Richmond Hill downing Barrie 12-3 behind the pitching of Fox who allowed only four hits while striking out 12.

The Legion team started off on the right foot with a homerun by Linda Elliott in the top of the second inning. Muriel Mortson also had three homeruns with Sharon Clarke also knocking out one. Other hits were by Mary Williamson.

It was a wallop-villain all the way in a game against Aurora as Richmond Hill downed them 28-5 at the town park.

LINE DRIVE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By BOB CARTON

MacKillop Diamonds Now Excellent
ALL-STAR BREAK
Just call me "Super Manager" (look out Earl Weaver and Sparky Anderson).

With the All-Star game between the National and American League coming up July 13, there has been quite a bit of optimism in the past few weeks as to who would be the starting nine on each of the teams.

This year the fans have been able to vote for the starting eight players (excluding the pitcher) by sending an all-star ballot into the baseball commissioner's office. The trend so far has been to pick the old names, the popular players from other years, regardless of how good or bad they are doing this season.

During the past two weeks the NBC Game Of The Week has had Carl Yastremzski and Hank Aaron on to pick their own all-star team. With a few exceptions, their teams were fairly close to what the voting baseball public have picked.

Now, without further ado, I will pick my personal choices for both the American and National League teams.

First, my favorite league of the two: American — Catcher Ray Fosse, Pitcher Vida Blue, First Base Norm Cash, Second Base Dick Green, Third Base Brooks Robinson (who else), Shortstop Bert Campaneris, Outfield Bobby Murcer, Tony Oliva and Reggie Jackson. Special Mention: Thurman Munson (C), Sal Bando (3rd), Roy White (OF), Dave Johnson (2nd).

National — Catcher Johnny Bench, Pitcher Tom Seaver, First Base Lee May, Second Base Glenn Beckert, Third Base Joe Torre, Shortstop Maury Wills, Outfield Willie Stargell, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron. Special Mention: Manny Sanguillen (C), Willie Davis (OF), Bobby Bonds (OF), Orlando Cepeda (1st).

There they are, hope you like them.

PLAYABLE NOW!
Congratulations are in order for the town works department. Last week I had a chance to see the marvelous job they did on the two diamonds at MacKillop School. They improved the shape of the diamonds so much, that for the first time they are actually playable.

GOOD LETTER
In response to the Letters To The Sports Editor last week: interesting letter you wrote Bill, very funny. Have you ever considered writing as a career?

MIDGETS LOSE TOURNAMENT?
Last Thursday the Richmond Hill Midget Team (World Wide Window Cleaners) travelled to North York to participate in a one-day, 16 team tournament.

They did not play bad ball, but are capable of much better. They lost the first game to Willowdale Vets 7-5. Being demoted into the "B" group consolation they staged a seventh inning rally and came from behind to defeat Eringate 6-4. Moving on to the consolation semi-finals, they were edged by Quinte Machine (Trenton) by a score of 5-4. Quinte eventually lost the consolation final to Amesbury Sporting Club 10-9.

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