



Richmond Hill Legion Ladies captured the championship trophy of the first Richmond Hill Ladies Invitational Softball Tournament, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Ball Association, the other weekend in four straight wins. On their way to the top, they defeated Oshawa Ladies 1-0, Eringate 4-3, Oshawa Woodview 8-2 and Toronto Darts 11-7.

In the above picture are seen (left to right) Coach Shorty Bowen, Playing Manager Mary Williamson, Captain and Catcher Merrylynn Henry and Tom Mashinter. Vice-President Eric Stoness of the Richmond Hill Ball Association (in the background) presented the "A" and "B" Championship Trophies.

(Photo by Dave Barbour)

Legion Ladies Win Big Tournament

By DAVE BARBOUR
Richmond Hill Legion Ladies overpowered the Toronto Darts 11-7 July 9 in the final game of the first Richmond Hill Ladies Invitational Softball Tournament, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Ball Association, to take the championship.

The 16-team tourney was played at the town park with some of the "B" games being dispatched to Crosby Park. Play got underway Friday evening and concluded in the championship round on Sunday, July 9. Participating were Eringate, Canada Sport (Scarboro), Oshawa Ladies, Oshawa Woodview, Waterford Motts, Cooksville, Thistleton Tigers, Queensville Clippers, Bridlewood, Lakefield, Toronto Community Merchants, Oshwegan Mohawks and Tonawanda, New York.

There were no out-of-park homers, but a chick from Queensville socked an in-the-park homer and there were about half a dozen three-baggers pounded out.

Richmond Hill's tall, blonde second sacker, Muriel Morton, hit, reached second and was able to score on an error in the team's game against Eringate of Etobicoke.

More than 3,000 people crowded the park to enjoy these games.

Richmond Hill reached the finals by turning back Oshawa Ladies 1-0, Eringate 4-3, Oshawa Woodview 8-2. Toronto Darts won their first round game by default as the Brantford Debs failed to show, defeated Tonawanda 3-2 and Queensville 15-4.

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP
In the grand championship game, against Toronto Darts, the Legion Ladies exploded for five runs in the third inning, putting them in command and definitely having a demoralizing effect on the Toronto girls.

The home towners crashed home two more runs in the fourth to hold a 7-1 stranglehold on the match.

Two runs in the fifth for the Darts breathed a little life back into the visiting girls and they came back in the sixth with

four runs. This prevented a complete rout by Richmond Hill and produced some mild concern for the eventual winners, making for a more exciting finish.

However, Richmond Hill's four runs in the sixth put the championship out of reach for Toronto.

The Darts had plenty of opportunities to get going, having the bases loaded on three or four occasions. The Hillers tightened up to escape with little or no damage in each case.

In this slug-fest final, the local girls smashed out 19 hits which worked out to two each per player. Mary Williamson, team manager, who played a stellar game in centre field, managed three singles.

Linda Elliott was the winning pitcher and yielded 11 hits in going the route for the champions.

Losing hurler was Nancy Brink who was yanked in the sixth.

Gail Foster was the top Dart hitter, banging out three singles.

At the end of the game the players lined up on the foul lines with Richmond Hill on the left side, to receive the trophies and congratulations of the sponsors. Representing the Richmond Hill Ball Association was Vice President Eric Stoness, who presented the trophy to Legion Ladies' Captain Merrylynn Henry and Manager Mary Williamson.

Earlier he presented the "B" championship trophy to Joyce Craddock and Sharon LeGros of the Waterford Motts.

R. HILL 1, OSHAWA 0
In the first round of the tournament Friday evening, the Legion Ladies went against the Oshawa Ladies and edged them 1-0 on seven hits against four for Oshawa.

Richmond Hill's lone, but winning, tally came in the bottom of the sixth as Cathy Boagey singled, the next two batters went down and Linda Elliott got on base on an error, scoring Boagey. Marion Fox, on the mound for the Hill, recorded 11 strikeouts.

R. HILL 4, ERINGATE 3
The Richmond Hill girls were pitted against Eringate in the first contest of the second round on Saturday—a real squeaker.

In this game Marion Fox started on the mound for the locals and Eringate knocked her for two runs in the initial inning. She was then shifted in favor of Linda Elliott. Both clubs scored one, making the score 3-1 against the local ladies.

Then, in the sixth inning, Marion Fox singled and Muriel Morton doubled, but advanced all the way home on an error to tie the score. The game ended this way after the regulation seven innings and was sent into extra innings.

In the ninth Merrylynn Henry drew a base on balls, advanced to third on a double off the bat of Joanne Gallagher and scored the winning run as Judy Elliott singled.

R. HILL 8, OSHAWA 2
For the Richmond Hill Ladies, their next opposition was Oshawa Woodview, at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

Four scoreless, fast, well-played innings went by before Richmond Hill ended the string of goose eggs, exploding for seven runs.

Merrylynn Henry walked, Judy Elliott singled, Mary Williamson got on an error, Liz Fyffe and Joanne Gallagher hit into fielder's choices with the play being made at the plate in each case.

Lynn Olsen got on by the error route, scoring a couple, Cathy Boagey hit, Muriel Morton got a life on an error, driving home another run. Linda Elliott singled as did Merrylynn Henry, making her second appearance at the plate in the inning, each driving in runs. Finally Mary Williamson flied to short to end the inning, which salted the game away for the locals. The Hill team scored once again.

For the Oshawa team it was Cathy Stead scoring in the fifth and Lorraine Marchin safe on a fielder's choice in the seventh. She managed to find her way across the plate.

WATERFORD MOTTS 6, BRIDLEWOOD 5
The consolation finals saw Waterford Motts roar up from behind, go ahead, get tied up, and then, in the third extra inning, push a run across the plate to defeat a game Bridlewood team 6-5.

Trailing 3-4 in the fourth, Sharon LeGros singled and was scored on a hit by Joyce Craddock. Joyce managed to manoeuvre herself to third base and scored the go-ahead run on a passed ball.

This lead increased in the top of the sixth as Sue Imrie, who singled for Bridlewood, was pushed to third. In a subsequent play to throw out a batter at first, which went askew, Sue dashed home to force extra innings.

Each of the pitchers, Karen Pim of Bridlewood and Barb Columbus of Waterford was exceptionally effective until the fateful tenth.

In the bottom of that inning, Jeanie Baert crossed the plate to conclude the "B" championship game, when Mary Lou Pursley flied to left field with a hard hit shot. Making the play, the centre fielder muffed the catch, allowing Mary Lou to score from first base.

TOURNAMENT SCORES
Friday
Eringate 9, Canada Sport 4
R. Hill 1, Oshawa Ladies 0
Saturday
Oshawa Woodview 3, Cooksville 1
Thistleton Tigers 7, Waterford Motts 5
Tonawanda won by default as

the Oshwegan team from the Six Nations Reserve was late. Toronto Darts won by default as the Brantford Debs failed to show.

Queensville 4, Bridlewood 2
Lakefield 2, Toronto C. M. 1
2nd Round "A"
Richmond Hill 4, Eringate 3
Toronto Darts 3, Tonawanda 2
Queensville 4, Lakefield 2
2nd Round "B"
Oshawa Ladies 3
Scarboro Can. Sport 1
Waterford Motts 9, Cooksville 3
Bridlewood 7, Com. Merchants 6
Oshwegan 4, Tonawanda 0
3rd Round "A"
R. Hill 8, Oshawa Woodview 2
Toronto Darts 15, Queensville 4
3rd Round "B"
Waterford Motts 1, Oshawa Ladies 0
Bridlewood 9, Oshwegan 6
Consolation Final
Waterford Motts 6, Bridlewood 5 (10 innings)
Final
R. Hill 11, Toronto Darts 7

Toronto & District Softball League
N.Y. C.C.M.
vs.
Dynes Jewellers
Time: 8:30 p.m.
THURS., JULY 20th
At Town Park
Admission 50¢
Students 25¢
Children & Pensioners Free

Perkins Rink Wins Trebles

A Richmond Hill rink, skipped by Floyd Perkins, won the Men's Trebles District Tournament held on the local greens July 12. Other members of the rink were Ted Mansbridge and Dan Boyle.

Second prize for three wins went to the Harry Bramar rink of Stouffville. High for two wins went to the Doug Skelly rink of Agincourt and high for one win to the Bert Green rink of Cosburn Park, Toronto.

Mic Macs Beat Bolton In Three Hour Game

Richmond Hill Mic Mac girls' softball team won again last week.

This time they beat Bolton 38-6 in a game that took three hours to play the seven innings. The Mic Macs went for nine runs in the first inning and never looked back.

Two home runs were hit by Nancy Stoness, while Louise Brewer and Cheryl Lance each accounted for one.

Pitching duties were shared by Louise Brewer, Bonnie Bryan and Carol Ann Rogers.

This game was considered a practice session by most Mic Mac girls and there was a lot of fooling around, both on the field and on the bench.

Bolton was playing under the worst conditions—their coach had just quit and they had exactly nine players. No doubt they were tired after such a long, depressing game for them, but they took their defeat well. The next Mic Mac game is July 27 at 8:30 at Crosby Park.

Car Talk

By IAN NEILL



Automotive Research Intensifies

There's no doubt about Nineteen Seventy-two being a year for record expenditures by research teams in the automotive industry. Nissan — the makers of Datsun cars and trucks — and all the other car manufacturers are busy with a number of major research projects in the fields of vehicle safety and pollution control. I'm sure many of you are familiar with significant advances made during recent years. While considerable headway has been made, there are a number of areas that merit watching in the months ahead.

Reports from the United States indicate that a seat belt interlock system is going to be on 1974 model cars there. This system will prevent drivers from starting their cars until everyone in the car has put on the seat belts. Research regarding this has been going on for some time, but, many difficulties have been encountered and it was only recently that important advances were made by engineers. When perfected on 1974 vehicles, the system will increase the rate of seat belt usage to more than 90 per cent, officials estimate. Unit cost is expected to be between \$35 and \$70 depending on whether the system is used in the front seats only, or in front and back seats.

I note American plans to require car manufacturers to install air bags as the form of passenger protection replacing seat belts have been set back two years. Target date is now 1976. Federal safety officials in the States said "time and money were the real problem. It could have been done by 1974, but, at enormous cost..." They expect the industry to begin offering air bags—which inflate upon impact and cushion the people in the vehicle — on some models in 1973.

A battery company official has forecast that electric cars will be in use for limited purposes within five years. Edward J. Dwyer, who heads the firm making Exide batteries, said existing technology will be enough to produce practical electric cars to operate at limited distances. While these could be important in areas where traffic congestion and related air pollution are major factors, it is likely to be some time before the cars have been developed to the state where they can go for many miles without recharging. Car makers are undertaking a number of related research ventures. In addition to possible electric cars, industry teams are also looking into other means of propulsion as well as refinements to the conventional internal combustion engine.

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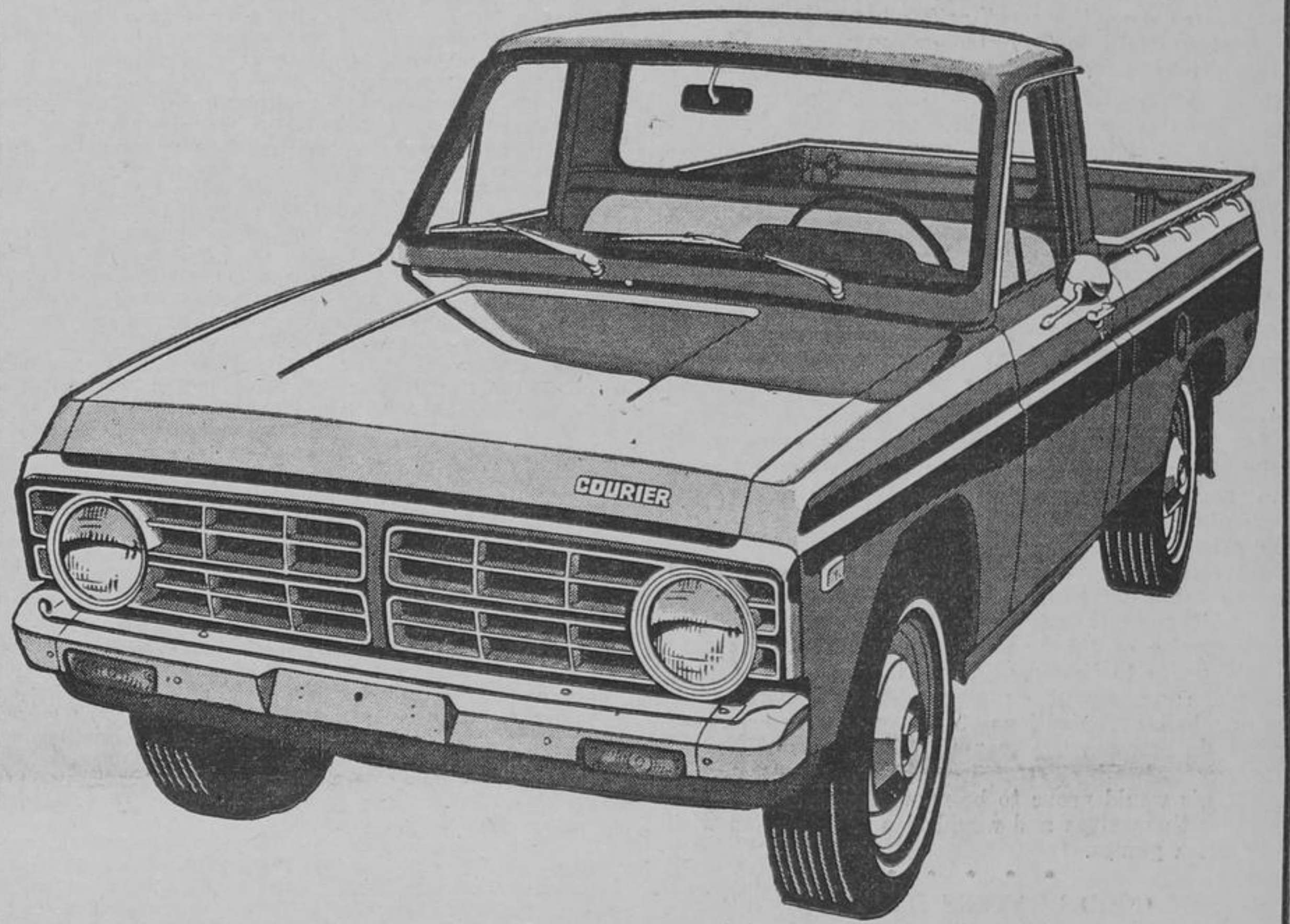
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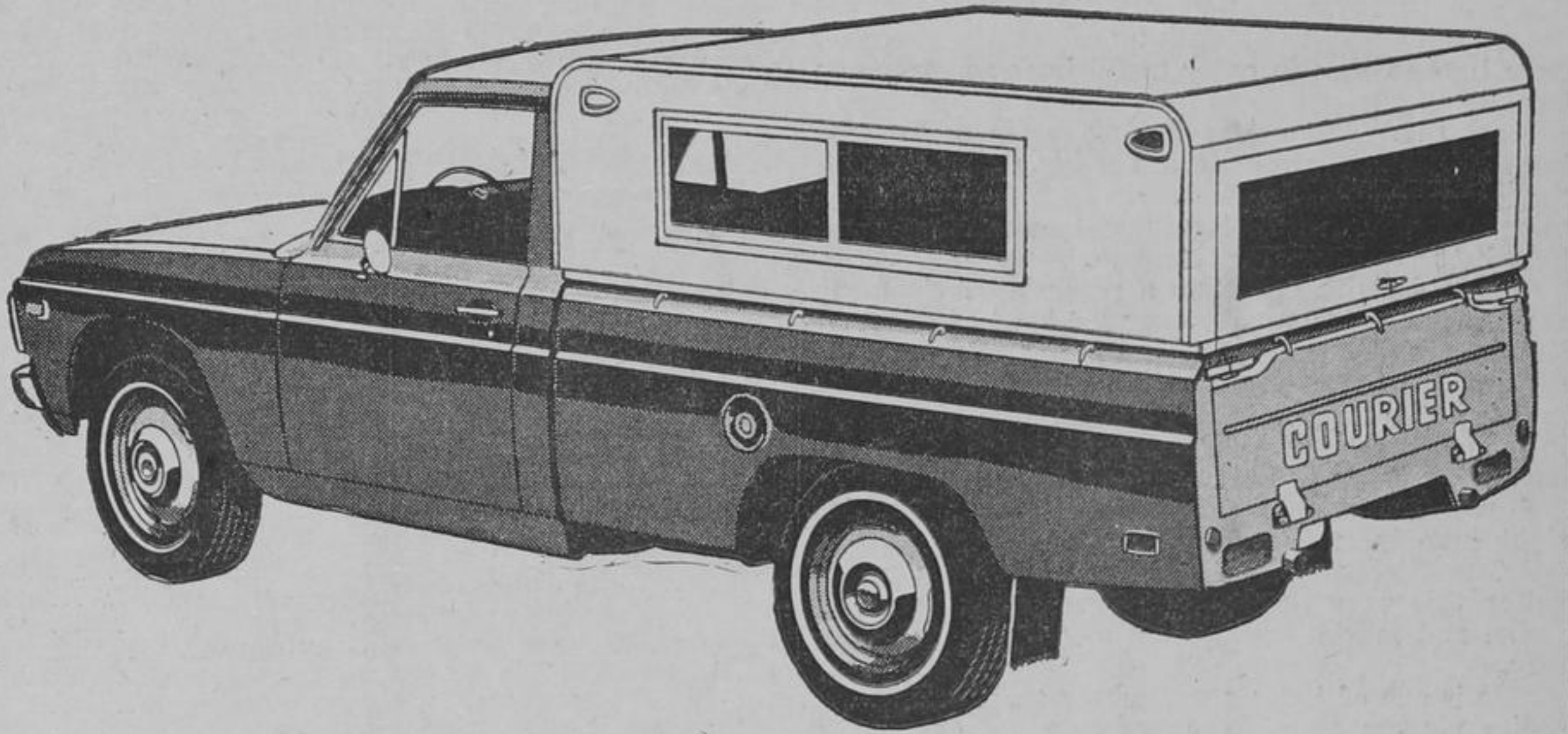
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LETTERS TO THE Sports Editor

NEEDLESSLY INJURED

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

A news story was recently published by several local weekly papers, about a nine-year-old Markham area girl who was accidentally shot in the back while watching a baseball game in the Dixon Hill Public School playground. Two youths were arrested and charged with the dangerous use of a firearm. It is unfortunate that this girl was needlessly injured by the hands of an untrained and unsupervised youth who, if convicted, will carry a police record for the rest of his life, and, probably, a great many re-occurrences of a bad memory.

As a member of the Whitchurch Conservation Club, I would like it to be known that a course of instruction will be held by our club under the Hunter Safety Training Program of the Ministry of Natural Resources starting July 25 at 8 pm at Vandorf Community Hall, Don Mills Road, one mile south

of the Aurora Sideroad. There will be one course only with a fee of \$5 which covers literature and instruction for at least eight hours by qualified instructors. The course will be concluded August 15. For further information call 727-5996 — 888-5996 — 888-1214 or 640-3738.

It is the hope of our club that accidents such as this will not be repeated and that youths may enjoy the out-of-doors in safety and with the knowledge and good practise of firearms which will allow others to enjoy it safely, whether hunting, hiking, watching a sport or the pleasures of the playground at home. The use of firearms can be a safe and enjoyable sport, whether used in hunting or target shooting. Let us encourage the inexperienced to spend the time to learn the proper and safe methods which, if applied, will eliminate these needless accidents.

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