

# Town Auto Body Trounces Joe's

As the Richmond Hill Industrial Softball schedule goes into the home stretch, with only two weeks left, the better teams, with the exception of Joe's Garage firmly established in first place, are jockeying for playoff positions.

At this point, Town Auto Body is in the driver's seat in the race for second place with Barrow's Insurance. Three clubs are scrambling for the fourth and final playoff berth.

The Black Hawks find themselves in the more enviable situation at this time, after last Friday's defeat of Kents, who represented a major threat; then comes Richmond Hill Auto Body, trailing by two points and Kent's Clothes another two points down.

Kent Clothes 12, Lake Wilcox 7. In the first tilt of the week, Kent Clothes, at the town park Monday, pounded out a 12-7 win over Lake Wilcox to even up their win-loss record at six of each.

All the scoring for both sides took place in the first and the last two innings, curiously enough. The Lakers, with three hits and a two-base error charged against the centrefielder, came up with three runs in the top of the first.

Kents bounced back in the bottom half with seven big runs off four hits including a triple by Billy Richardson, three bases on balls and two sacrifices.

In the fifth inning Lake Wilcox managed to come up with three runs to tie the proceedings at seven runs each. Les Hunter and Barry Bingham drew consecutive walks, then Rick Collins singled and advanced to second on Ray Marlok's second error of the match, scoring two runs. Collins scored as Loren Maves singled and event-

ually scored himself. Pitcher Dennis Sexton singled and scored on Phil Bellavance's triple and Barry Hartnett doubled, bringing Phil home, to put the Lakers ahead in the count.

The Clothiers piled up three more runs in the bottom of the fifth at which point the game was curfewed. Steve Simpkin went the route for the Lake on the mound.

Barrow's Insurance 7, Richmond Hill Auto Body 3. In the nightcap Barrow's Insurance cancelled the RH Auto Body team 7-3 to enhance their chances of obtaining the second place slot.

Here again the eventual losers jumped into a three-run lead early in the game only to blow it. Barrow's flexed their muscles and held a two-run advantage at the end of two innings of play as they pounded out five hits, including a two-run double by Pitcher Roger Ball.

With Ball on base on a walk and Dave Joslin on base on a

error to the pitcher, the insurance men scored as Larry Black and Eric Hillaby fled out. The Hillers' three runs came as Ray Richards, Paul Williams and Ken Roberts singled and Pete Gould tripled.

Both hurlers, Ball and Roberts, went the route. **Town Auto Body 8, Joe's Garage 3.** In the Tuesday night affair Town Auto Body surprised Joe's Garage by outpointing the champs 8-3.

Homebys by Andy Gribbon in the first inning and Pitcher Bruce Sim, with Doug Carter and Steve Black on base in the fifth, plus a polished pitching performance by Sim paved the way for the upset.

Coach Matt Kinnari credits, also, the return of Ernie McKee to the Town infield, as a positive factor. Bob Howard homered, with a man on, early in the match to account for two-thirds of Joe's offense. Their third run came in the seventh.

Doug Webster started on the rubber for Joe's and was replaced by big brother Dave in the fifth. For the youngest Webster, it was his first loss of the season in league play.

The Wednesday contests were cancelled due to wet grounds. Please note a couple of corrections in last week's column. The July 24 game between Town Auto Body and Richmond Hill Auto Body was reported as a 2-1 win for Town. This game was reviewed by League President Bruce Thompson, who decided to disallow the winning run and declared the score to be a 1-1 tie.

In the July 26 game between Town and Barrows, it was reported that Town Auto Pitcher Gary Oliver suffered his first loss. This should have read Bruce Sim entered the game in the seventh inning in time to be charged with the 7-4 loss to Barrows.

**Black Hawks 4, Kent Clothes 1.** The opening game of the Friday double bill was a battle for undisputed claim to the fourth and last playoff spot between the firemen of the Black Hawk Motor Inn and the surging Kent Clothes club.

The Black Hawks, behind the spotty but effective pitching of Bob Kennedy, who had just returned from a stint at the fighting school, prevailed 4-1. The Hawks opened the scoring in the first as Dave Bagley tripled and scored as the throw from the outfield went wide of the target.

Kents tied up the count in the second stanza as Phil Bellavance drew a walk, then stole second.

# Minor Soccer Results

**HOUSE LEAGUE**  
**SQUIRTS**  
**Baifs 1, Dynes Jewellers 0**  
Joeln Weippert scored the only goal of the game as Dynes came up with a very good effort. Mike Rae stopped Dynes from taking one point by stopping a penalty shot.

**Ratcliff's 3, Dan's Esso 0**  
Ratcliff's continue to win as Tom Kurisit collected two goals while Chris Buck notched a single. Best for Dan's were Chris Wanschura and Richard Barth.

**Lazenby's Leaders 1, Travelways 0**  
A goal by Anthony Cronin in the last minute of the game broke the deadlock to earn two points for Lazenby's.

**Travelways 1, Dynes Jewellers 0**  
Travelways came up with their most spirited exhibition to date to edge Dynes on a goal by Steven Fraser. Both teams are to be commended on their efforts in a well-played game.

**Ratcliff's 0, Baifs 0**  
In a battle between the league leaders and their closest rivals neither team could crack tough defences. Baifs had more scoring opportunities but Ratcliff's almost pulled it out in the last few minutes by banging a shot off the goal post.

**Dan's Esso 1, Lazenby's 0**  
Dan's edged Lazenby's in a spirited effort by teams weakened by the absence of players on holidays.

**Travelways 2, Ratcliff's 1**  
Travelways made it two in a row as they edged the league leaders on goals by Terry Bunker and Steven Fraser. Bart Graham replied for the losers.

**Dan's Esso 2, Baifs 0**  
Dan's surprised Baifs as they dominated the play. Outstanding for Dan's was Reg Golab who collected both goals.

**Dynes Jewellers 1, Lazenby's Leaders 0**  
Dynes collected both points from Lazenby's who were again short on manpower due to the holidays.

**ATOMS**  
**Sanderson Gulf 7, Emerald Isle Motel 1**  
Sanderson Gulf again displayed fine passing and with the good defensive work by Paul Morris and Kent Dinning Emerald Isle found the oilmen too strong. Lorne Baxter played an outstanding game and scored a picture goal for Emerald Isle. He shot from the 18-yard line and gave the Gulf goalie no chance on the play. Steven Harris scored five goals for Sanderson with Harry Stel coming up with two.

**Priority Travel 3, Spartans 2**  
Priority Coach Moebus was determined to get a win for his boys as his forward line came up with a fine team effort. Spartans played well in midfield but lacked the finishing touch in front of the goal. Spartans applied pressure late in the game but David Lamb and Murray Scott defended strongly. Stars of the game were Glenn Dunford and Ross Walton.

**Expos 3, Tornadoes 1**  
Tornadoes are the only team to have defeated the Expos this year but they found the opposition stronger on this occasion. John Paul Farrell and Paul Harrietha both played well for Tornadoes and only a good Expos' defence, spearheaded by Kevin Washington, kept them from scoring.

Both coaches and players are to be congratulated on playing well before a large crowd. Stars of the game were Keith Whiting and John Paul Farrell.

**MOSQUITOS**  
**Deciantis Construction 8, Tournaments Inc 0**  
Three players each scored two goals as Deciantis blanked Tournaments. The trio were Doug Chrepytk, Donald Ippolito and Russell Moreland. Rene Messier added a single and Joel Reeves notched his first of the season.

**Go Go Contracting 3, Pirris Fruit Market 1**  
Danny Iafano, David Cates and Gary Bubeloff scored for Go Go and Peter Tipold replied for Pirris.

**Flyers 3, Avenues 2**  
Alan Clark, Neil Rothwell and David Nelson scored for Flyers while Randy Johnston and Don Moshur replied for Avenues.

**Belgian Art Studio 4, Falcons 3**  
Robert Hughes counted twice and singles went to John Pennyfather and Jimmy Mark. Paul Skippari tallied three times for Falcons.

**Go Go Contracting 4, Deciantis Construction 1**  
David Cates scored twice and singles went to Marty Green and Danny Iafano. Ricky Clendenning tallied for the losers.

**Pirris Fruit Market 3, Tournaments Inc. 0**  
Two goals by Norman Murphy and a single by Mike Creti led Pirris to the shutout.

# Unbeaten Hill Lions Beat Stouffville

The Richmond Hill Peewee Lions continued to roll on undefeated in league action downing Stouffville 11-4 at Crosby Park July 31 and then up-ending Thornhill the next night by 16-3 in Thornhill.

It was the 16th and 17th straight league victory for The Lions. Dale Strang, normally a shortstop, hurried four innings against Stouffville allowing two runs on three hits as he struck out five batters. Glen Doyle pitched an impressive three innings as he allowed the other two runs on four hits.

**BIG HOMERUN**  
The Lions scored four runs in the first inning as lead-off batter Pete Tipold doubled, Strang singled, Chris DeGeer reached first on an error, and Phil Wood and Randy Martin walked. Peter Beatty then clouted a solid homer.

Richmond Hill added two more in the second as Tipold and Greg MacMillan got on base on errors and DeGeer trip-

led. Leading by only 6-4, The Hillers erupted for five runs in the sixth. Tipold doubled, DeGeer, Wood and Steve Madden all singled, while Diego Minchella and Strang walked.

**THORNHILL STRIKEOUTS**  
In Thornhill it was Dale Strang pitching another six innings as he gave up four runs on four hits while striking out nine batters.

With several players on holidays, Dale Moreland, a first year Squirt for Baker's Sales and Service, played the whole game and saved The Lions from defaulting it. Young Dale pitched the last inning shutting out Thornhill. He allowed one hit.

Chris Nye and Randy Martin belted homers with Dale Moreland going two for three with two walks. Chris DeGeer earned three runs batted in while Nye, Greg MacMillan, Martin and Phil Wood each knocked in two runners. Nye, Wood and Dale Moreland all scored three times, Martin twice. Every other member of the team crossed the plate once and included Queregensser, Strang, DeGeer, MacMillan and Peter Beatty.

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**PEPPERLAW** — By freezing certain areas of Island Grove for parking, Georgia Council has ensured continuance of ferry service to Snake Island, now being provided by Jim Day and Andy Maroni, for two years. This will give the Georgia Indian Band time to establish its own ferry service.

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"In other years we would simply pick out a team from the House League," explains Howard, "and then enter the Ontario championship tournament. It was sort of a one-shot effort."

**ALL-ONTARIO CHAMPS**  
That "one shot" effort turned out to be a winning one last season as his girls won their "Ontario, 'D'" division and he's hoping to repeat again this time out.

"We did so well I thought it would be good to form a team right from the start of the year, play together, and see what happened."

What happened was the birth of the York District Girls Softball League with entries from Maple, Woodbridge and Thornhill.

Richmond Hill has dominated the fledgling league this season with eight wins and no losses. Their over-all tournament, league and exhibition win-loss total is 24-4.

It's really not too difficult to see why Howard's girls are winning and against some higher classification teams.

His line-up includes Barbara Jean Moss who "averages a couple of homers a game" plus people like Miss Queregensser, Darline Harrison, hitting .800; Carol Hunsdale, .774, and Vicky Robinson, .745 and on and on. The team has scored 653 runs and allowed 239 runs.

Back to Miss Queregensser. "Our main problem," says Howard, "is that we tend to rely too much on Donna. Our fielding gets shaky sometimes and that's why we have to score a lot of runs. Our hitting is our big thing."

Howard also has a standing joke going in regards to Donna's prowess. She (at writing and I must say some of the stats may be slightly out of date as her team has played some games since time of writing) has only struck out twice this season. "I keep saying that I'll go out and shake the opposition pitcher's hand every time she strikes out. It's good for a chuckle." He didn't say whether he has condescended to do any "shaking" yet. Not too much shaking, anyway.

Coach Howard, who is a schoolteacher and who has coached in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball system for a number of years, is pointing to another "D" division championship again this season.

**TOURNEY SATURDAY**  
His team participates in a qualifying tournament in Richmond Hill Saturday against such teams as Peterboro, Oshawa, Uxbridge and Ajax. After that, hopefully, it will be on to the finals and a repeat provincial championship for Richmond Hill. Hey, we're doing pretty good these days.

But the key has to be Miss Queregensser. There's only one of her. Howard hopes that's enough to go around.

**ON TO THE ODD-NOTES**  
Yet another big softball event will be happening Saturday when the Richmond Hill Mic Macs play a doubleheader against Ottawa Astros at Crosby Park at 2 pm and 7 pm. This will be the All-Ontario playdowns and the local lasses have got to win to stay in there.

They could use your support. So get out and support and see some fine ball by some fine girls. That's at 2 pm and 7 pm, at Crosby Park.

**WOULDN'T YOU KNOW**  
Here's a "that's life" note. Mike Norman of 55 Church Street North in Richmond Hill has been golfing for 30 years and has never had a hole-in-one. So what happens?

Wednesday of last week he takes his 13-year-old son, Paul, out for a game of golf at Buttonwood Fairways. They are playing on the 90-yard Par 3 green when young Paul proceeds to get a hole-in-one with an eight-iron.

It's only his first one but then he's only been golfing for two years. That's two years, not 30. Paul also plays for the Richmond Hill Hockey Peewees. Two more hole-in-ones (just to make Father Mike real happy) at Summit Golf and Country Club at Richmond Hill. Dick Ross picked one up on the 15th at 141 yards, and Alan Glover aced one on the 201 yard second hole. Now for the cruncher. Alan is only 13 years old. Finally, the Richmond Hill Power Skating School will hold a registration August 14 at the old arena from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

**All Sorts Of Sports**  
By BOB CARTON

## Hardball In Richmond Hill

It is a well known fact that Richmond Hill is one of the top softball towns in Ontario. People in and around York County are generally softball crazy.

But, in recent years, particularly since the inception of the Montreal Expos in 1969, hardball has become increasingly popular not only in this region, but throughout the country as well.

Softball, which until recently had been more widely played than hardball, is slowly losing ground to the new-found craze of hardball.

Not that people are turning from softball to hardball, in fact I feel that more people are playing softball now than a few years ago.

It is just that more young prospective ball players who are about to join an organized league for the first time are choosing hardball over softball, whereas just a few years ago the trend was the opposite.

So, when you come right down to it, both brands of ball are flourishing. It is just a matter of hardball increasing faster than softball.

**CO-EXISTENCE POSSIBLE**  
So, with such vast numbers of people increasingly joining ball, I feel that it is quite possible for the two types to co-exist successfully in the same town or area.

Examples of this are not all that difficult to find. Toronto, for instance, has numerous softball and hardball teams and leagues, and yet neither one seems to be suffering from the other.

Of course Toronto is a large urban area with millions of people to draw from. Examples of this peaceful co-existence can be found in smaller, more rural like areas, such as Thornhill and Newmarket - East Gwillimbury. Thornhill has hundreds of youngsters playing softball, yet they still manage to operate a limited but very active hardball league.

An even better example is the Newmarket - East Gwillimbury situation. Softball is a big sport in this more northern community, as they have a senior "A" team and a well established minor softball program which engages hundreds of youngsters. Yet, there is enough interest to successfully operate and stock hardball teams.

**NOT ENOUGH INTEREST**  
I have been told by several people over the last few years that hardball would not be successful in Richmond Hill, because we are too crazy about softball. This may be true — it may not succeed at all. But, I have a very strong sneaking suspicion that if properly organized, hardball could and would get off the ground in Richmond Hill. Softball would definitely lose some of its players if a hardball league were around. But, softball, I believe, would always be more popular in this town than hardball, even though the fact remains that the two could succeed together.

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