



The 1972 World Champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers held their final workout Sunday before embarking for Edmonton and the defence of their title won last year in Halifax. Dynes will be one of 13 teams battling it out for this year's All-Canadian Fastball Tournament honors. Holding a strategy session in the above photo (left to right) are Catcher Bob Shelston, Third Baseman Bob Smith,

Ted DeRuiter (a pick-up from Welland Dycks), Shortstop Duane Reid, Pitcher Billy Drennan, and Coach Stan Thornington. The workout was held at the town park. The tournament will be held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Edmonton.

Dynes Defend Championship At Edmonton

By FRED SIMPSON
It'll be "lay it on the line time" for the World Champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers Wednesday when they take to the field against Edmonton. The occasion will be the start of the 13-team 1972 Canadian Softball Championship at Clarke Field in Edmonton. Up for grabs will be the Jewellers' Canadian title they won in six straight games last September in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "It'll be tough, it's always tough when you're the champions," states Dynes Manager-Coach Russell "Casey" Cripps. "But it can't be tougher than

the World Championship in Manila and we won that one. We don't intend to stop now." The tournament will be a round robin affair with the 13 teams split into two divisions. One division will pit the Jewellers with Nova Scotia, Northwest Territories, Newfoundland, British Columbia, and host team Edmonton. The second has Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Yukon, Quebec and Prince Edward Island. Each team will play one another once with the first two teams in each group entering the sudden death semi-finals.

The Jewellers open Wednesday night against Edmonton and go against Nova Scotia Thursday. On Friday morning it's Newfoundland and that night they'll go against Northwest Territories. They play British Columbia Saturday night. Playoffs begin Sunday morning with the finals Sunday. Manager Cripps figures he'll have an even stronger team going for him this time out. His reasonings are simple and rather logical. He has fulltime Bob Domik going for him this season and a Domik who is probably at the peak of his pitching career

form. Add to this the addition of two pick-up stalwarts from Welland Dyck Jewellers in the person of Kenny Rohr and Ted DeRuiter. Rohr is a pitcher and DeRuiter pitches also but more especially he's a heavy, distance hitting slugger. Dynes can definitely use a dangerous bat man like DeRuiter any day of the week. "At the present time my plans are to mainly use DeRuiter in a pinch-hitting and spot role," said Cripps. "I think his big bat will surprise those westerners."

"Of course," he added, "if he starts hitting too much I'll have to work him into the line-up some way." The Jewellers have a pretty solid line-up the rest of the way too, with the continued sparkling play of Joe O'Neill in left and Lester Downing in right field. Add to this the centre-fielding of Derek Kinnersly and you've got yourself a pretty hot-hand. Kinnersly has been in a slump most of the season but he's always dangerous. Too good a hitter to shut out for too long. Then there's the defensive

work of such as Second Baseman Brian Ferry, Third Baseman Bob Smith, Shortstop Duane Reid, Catchers Bob Shelston (having a good season with the bat), John McDonald, and Mike Thompson. Then there's the recent clutch hitting by utility man Don Lee which bodes well for the much-needed bench strength. In the final analysis Manager Cripps realizes it's his pitching that is going to win it for him or lose it for him. With the aforementioned Domik and Billy Drennan (plus the spot roles to be supplied by Rohr and/or DeRuiter) he has the guns to take it all. The above combination is the reason the Jewellers are

there and they have to be the major cogs. The Jewellers have fashioned 40 wins this season (including regular league games, tournaments, exhibitions) and have suffered 12 losses. Of this total, Domik has won 25 games and lost only five and sports a 1.22 earned run average. He's pitched 256 and two third innings and has 400 strikeouts. Drennan has 15 wins and only six losses for an earned run average of 1.57. He has tossed 183 innings and has 242 strikeouts. That, in a nutshell, is the story of the Jewellers success. It'll have to be that way in Edmonton this weekend.

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