



All Sorts Of Sports

By BOB CARTON

Upsets Abound In Richmond Hill Minor Ball Tournament

The Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association held its sixth annual season ending minor ball tournament September 16. This was the last big fling for the large majority of minor ball teams in Richmond Hill for this season. And a big day it was.

Every house league team in Richmond Hill took part in this annual extravaganza, with softball games being staged almost everywhere you went in town. As usual bad weather was forecast for the day. But the cold and rain managed to avoid us and the climate could not have been better for the tournament.

As has been the case in past years, all of the ball players were treated to free food. This year the delicacies were hot dogs and unfrozen "lolas" for liquid refreshment. After every team completed its first game the players went back to the town park and stuffed themselves on the more-than-appreciated food that was being offered. As has been the custom in this yearly tournament, crests were provided for all of the young ball players.

Except for a short delay early in the morning at Crosby Park, the tournament itself was very well organized and did not run into a great amount of difficulty. Most of the games moved along very smoothly. One aspect that was different this year from those tournaments in the past, is that for the first time no out-of-town teams were invited to participate.

There were some who felt that this might take some of the glamor out of the tournament, but it did not suffer in any way, shape, or form by the lack of "foreign" competition.

SURPRISES

As is usually the case in tournaments, there were a certain number of upsets or surprises as far as the outcome of games. On any given day any team can knock off a much higher ranked team and in essence is the key why tournaments are so unpredictable and interesting.

One of the biggest upsets of the day had to be in the tyke division, where lowly ranked Ziebart Rustproofing downed the previously undefeated Richmond Hill Auto Body 6-2 in the second round of the tournament. Auto Body hadn't lost a single game all season long.

Another game was not as startling, but could still be considered a rather big upset by the way it started off. This was in the pee-wee league where Dynes Jewellers fell behind first place Bob's Boys 5-0 in the first inning, but came back strong to defeat them 8-5.

Another rather unforeseeable event was when weak Rumble Transport of the tyke league downed Kent Clothes and then upset Tony's Esso, both superior teams, to reach the finals for that age group.

Ziebart Rustproofing 9, Rumble Transport 3

The tyke final was the first game to go, as two of the lower ranked teams in the league met for the tournament championship.

Ziebart grabbed the lead in the first inning and never looked back as they coasted to this rather easy victory. Ziebart scored five runs in the first inning on three hits as Scott Mansbridge, Dino Murri and Kevin Pollard all knocked in one run. The next big inning that Ziebart had was in the third as they scored three runs on two hits, with Dino Murri and Kevin Pollard both knocking in single runs again.

Meanwhile Rumble Transport were being limited to one hit by Ziebart pitcher Scott Mansbridge. Scott also recorded 11 strikeouts.

Rumble pitcher Mark Joslin simply did not have any fielding whatsoever behind him. His teammates committed nine errors. Mark did pitch well enough, though, to limit Ziebart to five hits while fanning eight men in four innings.

Allencourt Fish & Chips 12, Village Pizza 3

The junior girls' final was somewhat of a surprising upset in itself as the highly favored Village Pizza team were downed in very convincing fashion by Allencourt. Four big runs in the first inning were all Allencourt Fish & Chips really needed. But they added three more in the third and five in the fifth.

Meanwhile Village Pizza scored single runs in the first, third and fifth innings.

The big hitters for the Allencourt team were Kathy Turner who hit two triples and scored twice, along with Catherine Evelyn who hit a one run homer. Allencourt pitcher Jackie Widdop allowed Village Pizza only two hits as she struck out seven batters.

Allencourt Pharmacy 9, Bayview Coin Laundry 1

Allencourt, the finalists the week before in the intermediate girls' championship, came on strong in the tournament and went all the way to win the championship. This helped to make up for their loss the previous week in the league finals.

Allencourt swept past Wallace Insurance and The Pant-In to reach the tournament finals, where they met with very little resistance from Bayview Coin Laundry.

Murphy Real Estate 2, Town Auto Body 1

Extra inning games are beginning to appear as if they belong in the squirt house league permanently. Only the week before Hodgins Hardware and Murphys engaged in an 11-inning contest to decide the league championship. It happened again in the tournament championship.

Earlier in the day Murphy Real Estate, who have made a habit of playing extra innings games over the past two seasons, were deadlocked with Mr. Transmission 2-2 after the regulation five innings in a first round game of the tournament.

It took Murphys six innings to finally edge out Transmission 3-2. Gary Byer scored the winning run. Town Auto Body had also been involved in an extra inning game themselves during second round play of the tournament.

League champions Hodgins Hardware were leading Town Auto by a score of 3-0 after four-and-a-half innings. In the bottom of the fifth Town Auto put on a tremendous charge and tied the score to send the game into extra innings.

No runs were scored in the sixth, but Hodgins did manage to count one in the top of the seventh. In the bottom of the seventh Town Auto managed to send two runners across the plate and win the game 5-4 after two extra innings.

The tournament championship game was a real thriller as it took Murphys 10 innings to down the Town Auto team. Murphys took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning as Paul Mills scored. Town Auto tied

it up in the bottom of the fifth as Danny O'Sullivan crossed the plate. After this neither team really threatened until the 10th and final inning.

Paul Mills hit a double for Murphy and tried to stretch it into a triple when he was caught in a rundown between second and third. In his determination to be safe, Paul ran over the Town Auto third baseman and went all the way in to score.

This was a superbly played game by both teams, but once again the pitching was the real bright spot. Murphy Real Estate's Jeff Joslin fanned 24 Auto Body batters in 10 innings. Jim Majury for Town Auto struck out 25 Murphy hitters in nine and two-thirds innings.

Richmond Hill Judo 5, Dynes Jewellers 4

Next to the squirt final, this pee-wee final game had to be the most exciting, and possibly even a little more dramatic. Dynes Jewellers, who had knocked off Bob's Boys earlier in the day, were really up for this game. They showed it in the first inning.

David Oakley hit a two-run double from the offerings of Craig Clack and came around to score on an error by the left fielder. Down 3-0, the Judo team went out in order in the bottom of the first as Dynes pitcher Glen Doyle was throwing very fast. In the second inning Judo pitcher Clack experienced control problems as he walked the bases loaded with only one out.

At this point Judo brought in Doug Lewis, a so-so average pitcher during the season, to relieve Craig Clack. Earlier in the day Lewis hurled his finest game of the season. He fired a three hitter at City-Wide and could have easily had a shutout except for the fact his teammates committed six errors in the final two innings.

Lewis promptly struck out the first two batters he faced without allowing a run. The bottom of the second saw Glenn Porter coming through with a two-run single for the Judo team. There was no more scoring until the top of the fifth when Lewis, who had retired eight men in a row, gave up a single to David Oakley. Oakley eventually scored on a sacrifice fly to put Dynes in front by a score of 4-2.

The bottom of the fifth inning was do or die for the Judo team, as they now faced their toughest challenge of the year. Lead off batter Doug Lewis flew out to the right fielder who made a great catch on the play. Craig Clack then singled up the middle and scored on the same hit when the ball got by the centre fielder. Kevin Higgs and Glenn Porter then singled, with both moving up on a wild pitch.

Paul Quance, who came through with several clutch hits during the season, then singled to right field to bring in both runners and win the game for Richmond Hill Judo. This was a very heart-breaking loss for the Dynes team, who seemed to have the game won right until the very end. Losing pitcher Glen Doyle gave up five runs on nine hits and struck out six.

The Judo combination of Doug Lewis and Craig Clack gave up four runs on two hits and fanned nine batters. David Oakley got the only two hits for Dynes, while Craig Clack, Kevin Higgs, and Glenn Porter all went two for two for the Judo team.

Photique Studios 7, Kinneer Pontiac 2

Behind the strong pitching of Ken Topley, Photique encountered only minimal resistance from a rather surprising finalist in the guise of Kinneer. Kinneer, which had been down by as much as 5-0 to Richmond Hill Billiards in the first game of the tournament, came back strong to edge Billiards 7-6.

But they just ran out of gas in the final. Photique won the tournament championship to make up for the fact that they lost the league championship a week earlier.

Aloi Brothers 27, York Simcoe Sports 8

In a rather lopsided affair Aloi Brothers won their second championship trophy in two weeks. They had also grabbed the league championship trophy the week before. This game was uneven from the start. Aloi Brothers took a commanding lead in the first inning and just coasted to a victory there on in. York Simcoe Sports displayed some offensive power in the fifth and final inning.

After scoring nine runs on four hits in the first inning Aloi still persisted in scoring more runs. They counted five in the second, nine in the third, two in the fourth and two in the fifth. After scoring single runs in the first and second innings, York Simcoe was shutout until the fifth when they pushed six runs across the plate.

Susan Chepelsky of Aloi Brothers gave up eight runs on four hits which included three homers and eight strikeouts. The big hitters for Aloi were Anita Dymore with a single, double and three runs, Joanne Taylor with a double, two singles and three runs and Wilma Bolderhey with two singles and a homerun. Anita Greenfield and Cheryl Paxton both scored four runs apiece.

Joanne Oulette was the big hitter for York Simcoe as she had a double and a homerun as well as scoring twice. Lori Donofrio and Ann Marie Moss both homered for York Simcoe as well.

SEASON NOW OVER

For most teams the season is now over. Only a few of the all-star teams are still playing. A few of the house league teams are prolonging their schedules by arranging a few exhibition games.

As usual the tournament was a great success and also a great way to end the season for the many hundreds of youngsters who played softball in Richmond Hill this year. This had to be the most productive and most interesting softball season that Richmond Hill Minor Ball has ever known. The house leagues were a great success. More youngsters than ever joined softball.

But the key had to be the vastly increased amount of tournaments that were started in the Hill this past summer. These more than any other single factor helped to make this the best minor ball season on Richmond Hill record.

If next season can be half as productive and half as interesting as this season, it will still be considered a success.

Jewellers Eliminate North York Winning Last Two Games 1-0, 3-2

The staggering Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers finally overcame their post All-Canadian hang-up this week with two straight wins over North York CCM to advance into the next round of the Toronto and District Softball League playoffs.

Richmond Hill, who dropped three straight play-off games after losing a demoralizing 2-0 championship game to Saskatchewan in the All-Canadian, edged North York 1-0 Thursday night of last week and then eliminated them with a 3-2 win Sunday. Both games were played in Richmond Hill.

It took the superb hurling of Bob Domik in the first game and his equally stand-out relieving in Sunday's contest to do the job.

The first game saw him toss nine innings of shutout ball allowing no hits until the ninth inning with two men out and a strike against North York's Mickey Hancock. Hancock, a former Dynes-man himself, then lashed a clean single and there was the no-hitter. Gone.

The series was tied at 1-1 going into Sunday's sudden death game (North York had won the opener 2-0) and for awhile it appeared The Jewellers might be facing yet another elimination.

North York led 2-0 at one point before Richmond Hill managed to tie the game at 2-2 and then win it in the 10th inning.

Billy Drennan started the game for the Jewellers allowing six hits in six and two third innings before being relieved by Domik. He struck out seven and walked two. Domik tossed no-hit ball for three and a third inning striking out seven and walking none.

Losing pitcher was David Cranston who relieved starter Dwight Vanderveer in the seventh with two out. Vanderveer and Cranston were tagged for nine Dynes hits.

The winning run came in that 10th as Cranston hit George Chapman with a pitch and Bob

Smith sacrificed him to second. He then came home on Les Downing's double. It was Downing's third hit of the game.

North York opened the scoring in the second inning as John Ross led off with a home-run shot off Drennan.

They made it 2-0 in the fourth with two out as Kevin Simpson doubled and Harry Hough singled him home.

Dynes got one run back in the fifth as Gary Jodrell singled and then was safe on second on an attempted steal as the throw from the catcher was dropped. Chapman then singled him home.

The sixth inning saw Downing singling, going to second on a sacrifice. He then scored on Brian Ferry's ground rule double to left centre.

Thursday's game was strictly a Domik-affair all the way as he tossed one hit ball, struck out seventeen, and walked but one.

Losing pitcher was Starter Cranston who went six innings before being relieved in the seventh with none out and two on. He gave up the two Jeweller hits. Vanderveer replaced him and tossed the rest of the way.

Dynes scored their run in the seventh as Donnie Lee led off with a double and ended up on third on an attempted sacrifice by Mike Thompson. Thompson was safe when the first basemen dropped the throw from the infield.

Vanderveer then wild-pitched him home with the winning run.

The Jewellers opened their next series Tuesday night of this week with Oshawa Tony's and play the second game tonight (Thursday) at the town park.

A third game, if necessary, could be played either Saturday or Sunday night. No definite date has been decided upon at writing.

BOWLING RESULTS

ABC BOWLING

After two weeks of bowling for the averages the teams started in earnest Friday night with The Hotshots and The Happy Gang tied for first with seven points apiece.

The Hell's Angels are second with four and Pats Meateads are third with three points.

Isobel Plews led the ladies with 615 (221, 199, 195) followed by Mira Young with 599 (208, 186, 205). Eileen Powell had 583 (228, 191, 164).

Ron Price was the top dog in the men's grouping with 712 (223, 205, 284). John Filkus had 674 (268, 171, 235). Bob Matchett 656 (220, 210, 217).

The next executive would like to welcome all the bowlers and hope they remain with the league for a long time and have a lot of fun.

The executive would also like to thank John Filkus, the past president, and Cliff Garland, past secretary, for the tremendous help the league has received from them prior to the bowling season and also these first three weeks of bowling.

ABC MEN'S MAJORS

Regular season's play got underway Monday night with eight teams in action. ABC No. 1 and Team 3 took the odd game in three from Hall's Fuel and Team No. 4.

Bob Julian rolled the high single of the night at 324 and was followed by Joe Mulzet and Jack Hall with 303. Julie also came up with the night's best triple, a 735. John Moore and Brian Stiver had 728, Stacey Richard 722, Joe Mulzet, 716, and Jim Boseley, 675.

John Moore was the high lead at 251. Garry Palmer had a 247, Bob Julian 246, Gary Richardson 238 and Jim Boseley 230.

Some of the teams are still in need of a bowler or two and if anyone is interested they can be accommodated by phoning either ABC Lanes or the league secretary, Tom MacRae. The phone number is 884-3776. Call any evening.

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Rangers Win 6-1, 5-1 With Markham, Barrie

A shorthanded Markham soccer squad was no match for the Richmond Hill Rangers Saturday night at Langstaff as they bowed by 6-1.

Only eight players showed up but the visitors put on a determined defensive stand as the Rangers poured to the attack. Ivan Brown opened the scoring for the Rangers at the five minute mark.

Billy Keenan made it 2-0 at the 20 minute mark of the first half and added another one 10 minutes later on a fine break-away effort.

Markham fought back to score a goal five minutes before the end of the half. It was all Rangers from there on in as Vince Fortrell scored the third goal and Bobby Zircino the fourth.

The Rangers continued to press in the second half but were unable to put the ball home. They scored their final goals minutes from time as Billy Keenan rapped home two successive goals.

The Rangers downed Barrie City Sunday at Langstaff in an evenly played match.

Both teams maintained a fast pace all the way with the Ranger's forward line combining very efficiently most of the way.

The first goal came at the 10 minute mark and was scored by Horst Olsichegel who never gave up trying.

A barren period followed until the 40 minute mark when Ivan Brown got another one with a fine set up play by Olsichegel.

Richmond Hill continued to roll in the second half and increased the lead to 3-0 at the five minute mark with Ivan Brown scoring on a perfect assist from Right Winger Murwin Evans.

Barrie managed to score on Goal Keeper John Zinderdine for their only goal of the night.

The Rangers came right back with two by Billy Keenan, the first on an assist by Dave Carlisle and the last by winger Evans.

Richmond Hill's next game is against the Richmond Hill United squad Saturday at Thornlea Secondary School. Kickoff time is 5 p.m.

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"I'd like to mention four other Richmond Hill players trying out who might be just a year away from making the club but are undoubtedly future stars.

"They are Jim Clement, Tom Lamb, Kevin Brillinger and Jim Graham. I've got nothing but praise for these fellows and I'm not just trying to be diplomatic."

Karl also stressed that his club has no affiliation with any other "B" outfit and will "strictly depend on co-operating with the Richmond Hill Midgets. The Midgets appear to me to have a top club this season and we're happy to be on a friendly relationship with them."

To conclude:
"This will be a young team, a hard-skating group of boys who will be in top physical condition. For example, we've been working out in the field behind the arena for two hours after every practice. Our trainer, Jack Williams, has been handling this part of it.

"We'll be very aggressive and we'll be tough all the way," he said.

OF CABBAGES AND ARENAS

The hockey season is upon us for real with the Rams and Vaughan Nationals hooking up in a dandy set-up Tuesday night for what could become a great rivalry over the season and, hopefully, the years. Game time is 8 p.m.

The Nats will be playing out of the new Maple Arena which is still being rushed to readiness for their home opener set for October 8. Guess who will be the visitors? That's right, the Richmond Hill Rams. Like drama.

Official opening for the arena is set for this weekend with the Maple Lions combining with the Vaughan Recreation Department to handle the celebrations.

Spaking of arenas, I finally got around to viewing the Oak Ridges edifice and that is certainly a much-welcomed scene in that hotbed of hockey rivalry. It's impressive looking, too.

The Oak Ridges arena will be housing the Oak Ridges Junior "C" hockey team and the action will be something to observe up there this season. More on this next week.

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