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Sil Steffan "helped get the first lights at the town park ball diamond. That must have been in the late fifties. Do you know they're using the same poles for the lights at the main diamond now?"

Then he was a member of the arena board when the first artificial ice was installed in the old arena; and he was one of the original members of the Richmond Hill Curling Club.

On and on and on. "You don't realize how fuzzy you get on exact dates," he said. "I've been involved in so many things over the years."

Al's other-than-sports activities also included three years as a town councillor and a short stint as a welfare administrator.

"Come to think of it I've been involved in sports most of my life."

What about retirement? Al shakes his head.

"Oh, I'll keep on enjoying myself. We've got a cottage and, of course, I'll still be lawn bowling. I've been a member of the club for, gosh, 35 years."

He was still shaking his head when I left. Where do all the years go?

I should definitely add that Al is of the opinion that the citizenry of Richmond Hill should be reasonably happy with the recreational facilities available.

"There are still things to be done," he said, "but I think we compare equally with any other community of this size. We have swimming all year around. There are facilities available in the schools for physical education programs, and so on."

He added that "we are also getting tremendous tennis facilities with four new courts at Crosby Park. There will also be lights at Ozark Park at Bond Lake."

Al's wife's name is Rena and he has two daughters. Daughter Mary White (along with Mary Ann Palmer) is also active in helping to direct the recreational activities in the town.

So, in a way, like dad, like daughter.

ALL-ONTARIO

My, how time flies. Have hardly got the softball season going when I receive a schedule for this season's OASA Eighth Annual All-Ontario elimination tournament.

The Jewellers have won it the last two seasons and should have a good go at making it three in a row.

At writing, the line-up is still in a state of transition but there's no doubt they have the pitching in Bob Demik and Wally Dick.

The date for the tournament is June 28 to July 2 at Burlington. Don't forget to mark that down on your calendar.

Should be a wowsa of a tournament with such powerhouses as Oshawa, Tony's, Newmarket Rays, etc. . . . not to mention a fellow by the name of Billy Drennan pitching for Burlington. And then there's Lefty Pete Landers. Mmmm.

Sue O'Connell Stars

Bantams Beetle Girls Smithville Tourney

The Richmond Hill W & P Motors Bantam Beetles squeaked to an extra inning 14-13 win over Mississauga Saturday to win the "A" Championship in the Smithville Softball Tournament.

It was their fourth straight win of the day. They opened with a 107-win over Bertie, walloped Burlington 22-12 and Sarnia 25-14.

That final game was a thriller all the way and went into extra innings before Richmond Hill could come up with the win.

The Beetles held a 6-4 lead after five innings thanks mainly to the big bats of Vicky Robinson and Sue O'Connell and the errorless play of the Beetle fielders.

But the final innings saw the game break wide open as Mississauga scored five in the top of the sixth and it had Richmond Hill come right back with five of their own to tie the game.

The game went into extra innings with O'Connell firing fine ball for the Beetles to put Mississauga down in order. The Beetles came to bat needing only one run to win but Nancy Berseth began by striking out. Cheryl Clack came in to pinch hit and knocked a shot to deep centre. She raced around the bases and broke for home as the throw came in the plate. Clack slid in and the catcher dropped the ball for the winning run.

Stars of the day were Sue O'Connell and Vicky Robinson. O'Connell, who was selected by the team as captain earlier in the day, pitched the Beetles to their final two victories. She also hit three singles, a triple and a homerun in a final game.

Shortstop performer was Stedstrop Vicky Robinson, nicknamed "Smoothie" because of the way she handles the ball. She made no errors in the field and hit a single, double, triple and two homers in the championship game.

The Beetles' opening 10-7 win over Bertie saw Debbie Howarth striking out eight batters to register the win. Beth Shadoff smacked a home run and Nancy Schneider hit

Markham Team Wins Guelph Track Meet

The first All-Ontario Girls Track and Field Meet for high schools was held at Guelph, on the weekend and Markham High won top honors for the best track and field showing in Ontario.

Led by Midget Donna Summerland with three victories, and Eleanor Mahal with two wins, the Markham team required but a third place finish in the midjet relay to amass the points needed for victory.

Donna won the 100 metre hurdles, the 100 metres, and the long jump, a personal record which will stand a long while in high school competition. Eleanor won the junior girls 100 and 200 metres in record times of 12.3 and 25.2 seconds.

At the Ontario finals for boys, held in Toronto, local athletes were hard pressed to make the final sessions, with only Greg Binkley of Richmond Hill, in the 400 metre hurdles, and Bill Milley of Woodbridge, successfully avoiding elimination in the semi-finals.

Binkley finished fifth in this event while Milley tossed the shot 50 feet to end up in fifth position also.

The extremely high calibre competition at both the boys and girls final meets must be attributed to the increased interest by track and field clubs in training high school athletes 12 months of the year.

The Toronto high schools were liberally represented by young men who had trained consistently for 12 months and this training made for fast sprint times, and longer jumps.

The only other local athlete to make a final heat appearance was Woodbridge's Liz Erebrounjak with a third place finish in the midjet 200 metre race.

Placing of these athletes supplies an indication where they rate in Ontario with all other high school athletes. Unfortunately none of the local participants came up with their best effort which in most cases would have

been sufficient for a victory. Binkley of Richmond Hill, John Cook of Bayview, and Shot Putter Milley of Woodbridge all performed below their standard. Milley, in particular, has passed the winning toss of 52' 2" on several occasions but failed to put it together last Saturday.

Most of the local types will now concentrate on the Ontario track season where they will have a second chance to achieve the goals which evaded them during the high school season.

The Richmond Hill Athletic Club will be competing on two fronts this coming weekend with 12 junior athletes heading for a meet in Brantford, and the Atoms-Tyke-Mite crowd heading for Toronto for the Moose Club meet.

Leading the juniors will be John Cook, steeplechase, and Greg Binkley, 400 metre hurdles, along with Steve Davenport, Bill Schell, Tim Magee, Joe Durant, Sue Stephenson and Janet Wright. The meet in Brantford is the last chance for junior competition prior to the Ontario championships June 23.

A strong contingent of atoms will be competing in Toronto with Rusty Cochrane a sure bet to win the high jump. Already, 11 year old Rusty has bettered the older bantam standard of 4' 5".

Other local runners competing will be Irene Vandebrouck, Sandy Turner, Kathy Higham, Robbie Steele, Lorraine Davidson, Carrie Collett, Lori Wright and Danny Smith.

The Moose meet starts at 9 am Saturday at the CNE Stadium and runs through until 4 in the afternoon.

Another big event is the Juvenile Ontario trials, at Birchmount Stadium June 16. The juvenile team from Richmond Hill is training intensively in preparation for this test.

The Newmarket games are scheduled for June 23 when Richmond Hill Athletic Club will encourage all athletes to compete in an effort to win the Shannon Invitational Team Trophy.



LET'S PLAY TENNIS

Richmond Hill Tennis Club
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Juniors Urged To Attend Saturday Morning Practices

The Richmond Hill Club got through a full quota of matches last week, in spite of overcast skies and frequent showers. On Tuesday the majors at home to Oshawa played some entertaining tennis although losing the match 2-4. Also the B Team, playing at York-Weston, lost 1-5. Things picked up as the week wore on, the ladies, playing on Wednesday morning, won their match 3-1 against Rosethorn while in the York Simcoe League on Thursday Richmond Hill had a very close win — by two games — would you believe, on Saturday.

On Saturday the juniors won one and lost one. The boys had a 6-2 win at Lawrence Park while the girls went down 3-5 to Ruddington. Two new names on the girl's team are Sandy McMillan and Nancy Shier.

All very competitive of course, but there is still a lot of social tennis played at the club, mostly later in the evenings when it's not so busy, just a few friendly souls and the occasional mosquito. Speaking of social tennis the ladies now have Tuesday morning practice back again for their practice period. Peggy Freeman extends a welcome to any lady who would like to practice her strokes and her chat. Refreshments are planned for these occasions, you lucky

Hill Bantams Start Season With Six Wins, No Losses

Photique Studios Bantam Town Representative Team has started the 1973 baseball season in a winning way. So far the team has a record of six wins and no losses. At Crosby Park last Friday the boys won their first league game against Thornhill 20-3. Glen Moreland went the full nine innings and pitched a good, steady game. Marc Brillinger and Chris DeGeer hit a solid triple. It was a fine team effort, showing that this year's bantams have the makings of a really fine town representative team.

Seven players are first year bantams, coming up from a well-coached pee-wee Lions team of last year. The remainder is made up of second year bantams who, with their experience and

Squirt All Stars Win 1st 3 Starts

Richmond Hill Squirt All-Stars are off to a fine start this season, winning all three games so far in league play by scores of 5-3, 23-7 and 5-1. Coach Bob Davies thanks Frank Gallant, owner of Richmond Hill Dairy Queen for sponsoring the team and promises that the boys will do their best to bring a league championship to the town.

In their first game against Oak Ridges, the Hillers took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on a single by Matt Knights and a home run by Jamie Tuck.

Oak Ridges came back strong in the second with three runs, the score remaining 3-2 in favor until the fifth when Richmond Hill came up with five hits and three runs to end the scoring at 5-3.

Winning pitcher was Glen Apps.

The second game in Keswick was played on a rain-soaked diamond May 28. After the first three innings Richmond Hill trailed Keswick 5-3, then the boys started hitting, including a homer by David Allen, and never looked back until the final score was 23-7.

Winning pitcher was again Glen Apps.

The third game saw the Richmond Hill Squirts go against East Gwillimbury in a close game. The locals held EG scoreless until the sixth inning, then allowed only one run while they garnered five, including a home run by Apps.

Pitching for Richmond Hill were Tim King and Apps.

8-Team Industrial League Is Underway

The eight-team Richmond Hill Industrial Softball League got underway Friday at the town park with Richmond Hill Auto Body playing Joe's Garage and the Black Hawk Motor Inn playing Lake Wilcox.

In the first game Richmond Hill Auto Body defeated Joe's 5-4 in an error-filled game.

In the second game the Black Hawks defeated Lake Wilcox, a very much improved team, 7-5 after being down 5-1.

Black Hawk Pitcher Bob Kennedy started off slowly but settled down after the second inning and threw a solid game. Jim Lawson's throw from deep left field to home plate for a tag out on a Lake Wilcox runner was the big turning point for the Black Hawk club.

Monday night's games saw Jenkin Garden Supply (formerly Kent Clothes and Elgin Auto Service) defeat the Senators (a new team) 7-4.

In the second game Town Auto Body defeated Barrow Insurance 6-0. Bruce Sim was the winning pitcher with 10 strikeouts and Dennis Sexton the losing.

The league resumes Friday night in the town park with Barrow Insurance meeting Richmond Hill Auto Body at 7 pm and the Senators going against Town Auto Body at 9 pm.

SOCCER RESULTS

GIRLS SOCCER (Scarboro League)

May 28
Armourdale Gems 4, BAIF 0

The local girls fared badly in their first league game of the season played under wet, slippery conditions at the Bayview field.

They were also missing three of their defenders which hurt their effectiveness.

Goalie Gabriele Stohr and centre-half Sheila Oakley came up with good displays. Greatly missed were Karen and Cindy Lamoureux. At full strength, however, the BAIFs should have a very good season.

Footnote: Welcome back to Mary Beth Eckersley following a foot operation. Her BAIF teammates sure missed her.

HOUSE LEAGUE—ATOMS

May 29/30
Priority Travel 6
Emerald Isle Motel 0

The Mottl youngsters came up with a good game despite being on the short end of the score.

Scoring for the winners were Steve Harris, two, Doug Macklin, Eddie Main, Tim Rowe and Doug Rae.

Spartans 2, Expos 1

Winning Coach Mervyn Evans had to pull all stops for his to prevail in this one. Expos played a good game. Bobby Petroff and Hugh Fagan scored for the winners with Chris Vamsura for Expos.

Richvale Scaffold 1, Lions 1

The Scaffolders tied the lion's tail in this one and a 1-1 tie was fair. Mention must be made of one outstanding performance—that of Neil Smith for Richvale who scored one goal. A counter by John Luchaschik saved the game for the Lions.

Sanderson Gulf 1, Black Hawk Motor Inn 1

Allen Evelyn scored for the gammen and John McLennan for the Black Hawks. John's and Reno Dimoti's performances were outstanding.

HOUSE LEAGUE—SQUIRTS

Dan's Esso 6, BAIF 0

Three penalty kicks pretty well finished BAIF. There were three awarded and all resulted in goals for the Esso men.

Scorers were Kelly Grams, two, Scottie Ross, two, Glen Strother and Jamie Bakonzi. Jim McCleave was outstanding for BAIF in a losing cause.

Ratcliff's 4, Lazenby's Leaders 1

Defending cup winners Ratcliff's got off to a fast start on goals by Kevin Rowe, two, Dennis Wintjes and James Lazenby. Barton Graham replied for the Leaders and Billy Stonehouse worked hard throughout only to come out on the losing end.

Note: Squirt Division will be playing at Crosby School commencing 6:30 pm, Tuesdays.

WHITBY TOURNAMENT

(July 29, August 6)
CFGM Radio, BAIF, and Scholastic Tab Publications will be teams participating

in the above tournament. Coaching the teams respectively will be Sam Johnston, Jim Wright, and John Elliott.

The senior girls' (also BAIF) will play the girls' team prior to the tournament finals August 6 at noon.

NEWMARKET LEAGUE

League play starts this week for Richmond Hill's three teams (in three divisions) with Orangeville providing with the opposition.

TOWN LEAGUE RESULTS

Town team and other house leagues will be published next week. Convenors please send results to Les Trotman. No phone calls regarding results, please.

OTHER NEWS

Locales for the house league teams are as follows: Squirts, Tuesdays, Crosby Heights; Atoms, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Bayview; Mosquitos, Wednesday and Thursday, Don Head; Pee-wees, Thursday, Bayview; Bantams (to be announced); Girls, Monday, Bayview.

CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT—JUNE 23

Things are progressing for our first tournament in Richmond Hill which is one of the association's Centennial projects. Seven teams have already confirmed their entries from Etobicoke, Scarboro and North York minor soccer associations. The local association expects another nine entries at least.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Perhaps the best news of the week was the final acceptance of three Richmond Hill teams into this International tournament to be played June 29 to July 2.

First and foremost, the Squirt Town Team of Art Gossman's, Dynes Jewellers, which has done remarkably well over the past two years in the North York Premier League, will be participating.

Something new was the acceptance of two of the Richmond Hill's girls teams in the higher age brackets. Both BAIF Associates and Lazenby's Lassies will be entered and can expect to come up against some tough opposition from teams in the United States.

While schedules are not finalized for this tournament it's expected that the locals will play at least some of the teams from Virginia, Ohio, New York, etc. Also, two teams are 'jetting' up from Mexico City for this one.

ONTARIO CUP

Five teams have been entered in this annual event sometime in mid-June. They are Dynes Jewellers, Squirts; Travelways, Atoms; CFGM Radio, Mosquitos; BAIF, Pee-wees; Scholastic Publications, Bantams.

SPONSORS

The association wishes to thank all those who have continued their sponsorships this year and welcomes the following new sponsors: Canadian Legion, Baymar Sports, Concord Auto, Flair Upholstering, Super-Save Food Market, BAIF Associates (Girls).

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BANTAM BOYS

First Round
R. H. Billards 15, Thornhill Baythorn 7
Kinnear Pontiac bye
Kinnear Hardware 10, Kleinburg Expos 8
Commercial Credit 6, Kleinburg Road Runners 5
Top Drug Mart 16, Aurora A & W 5
Rendezvous 11, Aurora Kiwanis 10
Maple 1 7, Stouffville 1 3
Maple 2 15, Stouffville 2 0

2nd Round
R. H. Billards 4, Kinnear Pontiac 6
Commercial Credit 10, Charlton Hardware 5
Top Drug Mart 14, Rendezvous 7
Maple 1 4, Maple 2 3

3rd Round
Commercial Credit 13, Kinnear Pontiac 8
Maple 1 3, Top Drug Mart 0
The championship game June 10 will be Maple 1 against Commercial Credit.

TEE-BALL

Town Auto 20, Loburo Carpet 19
Baymar 22, Westview 21
Winners, Town Auto and Baymar Sports, will play June 10 to determine the champions of this division.

SQUIRTS

1st Round
R. F. Mote 18, Oak Ridges 0
N. S. Smith Real Estate—Bye
Hodgins Hardware 11, Kleinburg Pirates 0
Murphy Real Estate 6, Kleinburg Cubs 3
Thornhill PSA 6, Worldwide Shipping 4
Dairy Queen 2, Thornhill Florist 1
Sovereign Water Conditioners 4, RH Jaycees 1

2nd Round
R. F. Mote 4, Smith Real Estate 1
Murphy Real Estate 4, Hodgins Hardware 2
Dairy Queen 7, Thornhill PSA 0
Sovereign Water Conditioners—bye

3rd Round
Dairy Queen 2, Sovereign Water Conditioners 0
R. F. Mote 8, Murphy Real Estate 2
The Dairy Queen and R. F. Mote will meet June 10 to determine the champions in this division.

JUNE 3 SENIOR GIRLS

1st Round
Micro Mets 16, Markham 1
York Simcoe Sports 11, Oak Ridges Bells 0
Aloi Bros. 10, Stouffville 0
Hanson Flowers 18, Aurora Cable 4

2nd Round
Aloi Bros. 13, Hanson Flowers 8
Micro Mets 9, York Simcoe Sports 4
Aloi Brothers will meet Micro Mets in the finals.

JUNIOR GIRLS

1st Round
Allencourt Fish & Chips 6, Oak Ridges Copacieurs 1
Bramalea Stars 8, Apollo 11 5
Bob's Girls 2, Bramalea Vampires 1
Perry Hill 16, Bramalea Angels 6

2nd Round
Bramalea Stars 9, Allencourt Fish & Chips 5
Perry Hill 17, Bob's Girls 6
The finals will be between Bramalea Stars and Perry Hill.

THAT YOU

Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association expresses deep appreciation to the members of the York Summit Radio Club for helping in communication between parks during the first half of the tournament. The linking of the parks by radio helped in assigning umpires and teams and relaying scores and messages, assisting in keeping things running smoothly. This club does a lot of parking control work as well as search and rescue aid to the police.

Thanks are also due and extended to the visiting clubs who brought along umpires, scorekeepers, etc. to help in this 100-team tourney.

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