



## Legion 'Fuddle Duddles' Win Their Own Softball Tournament

The Richmond Hill Legion Fuddle Duddles staged their first annual softball tournament at the town park and Crosby on the weekend and also turned out to be very ungracious hosts. They won it.

Led by the pitching of Gary "Oly" Oliver and the hitting of Dan Ritchie, the Legion boys came from behind a 2-0 deficit to down Aurora 9-3 to win the championship.

For their efforts they received the Norm Realty Trophy. The runners-up trophy, also donated by Mr. Smith, went to Aurora.

Enroute to their win the legion team opened the tournament with a 13-6 drubbing of Stouffville, lost 6-4 to Aurora, and came storming back to take East Metro Police 12-0.

This qualified them to meet Aurora in the finals after the former squad had shutout Downsview 10-0.

Oliver was the defensive man in the final two games Sunday as he tossed 14 innings in winning the final two games. He had a total of 3 wins and no losses in the two-day tournament. Only Legion loss was the tournament was charged to Don Quinton.

The 12-0 win against East Metro saw Oliver allowing only two hits while striking out 15.

Ritchie was the big hitter of the final game with his two homers and two doubles. The championship trophy was presented to the team in a post-game reception.

Team coaches are Earl Freeland, Marsh Thompson, Cliff Dunbar. Bat Boy is Gario Robson. Manager is Don Quinton.

## Final Peeewe Game Saturday

The All-Ontario Final Championship game will be played in Jordan this coming Saturday at 2 pm between that town's peeewe ball team and their counterparts from Oak Ridges.

Oak Ridges won the first game in Oak Ridges, but lost the second game played last weekend in Jordan by a 6-0 score. This tied the best of three final series at one game each.

## Kleinburg Girls Capture Juve Honors

The Kleinburg-Nashville girls juvenile softball team won the All-Ontario PWSU Championship recently when they downed St. Catharines 18-6 in St. Catharines.

That final game saw the eventual winners experience a shaky first inning falling behind 3-0 to St. Kitts.

That turned out to be the final runs scored by the locals as the locals started hitting, scoring runs to romp home the winners.

Susan Hilliard and Kim Lostchuck rapped homeruns and drove in five and four runs respectively. Patsy Maw added a bases-loaded triple and Chris Veenstra drove in three runs with four hits and made outstanding catches in centerfield.

Sam Cherofer, Peggy Maw and Lynne Lostchuck combined to score five of the runs. Sonya Lostchuck had three key hits and scored three runs.

Winning pitcher was Pat Purves who came up with a top effort allowing only nine well spaced hits over as many innings. It was her 18th win of the season.

They opened the series with a 13-6 win in St. Kitts. Enroute to the championship they eliminated Woodbridge, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Grimsby.

Bob and Dee Woodley are coach and manager.

## LET'S PLAY TENNIS

Richmond Hill Tennis Club

By Brian Bullock  
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## The Gals Win This Tennis Match Too!

I didn't paint. It didn't rain. And the men got clobbered in the singles handicap event. That was last weekend.

Saturday's event attracted a good entry of around 40 sports persons and it wasn't long before the Billy and Bobby syndrome was very much in evidence. But the cheers of the men were stilled by the hurrahs of the ladies as Eleanor Lloyd beat John Beck, and June Beck beat Derek Smith to set up an all ladies final. Eleanor was the ultimate winner.

However the sexes were reunited on the following day, another sunny and warm one, for the mixed doubles handicap. This event was won by Karl Allison and Joan Lennon, with Al and Eileen Lennon runners-up

## TOO MUCH 'BIGNESS'

Nothing wrong with that. Except it causes you to sometimes lose your perspective. Get carried away with all the bigness.

The Legion ball team was enroute to winning their own first annual tournament and, man, there was excitement in the autumn air. Fans were screaming, the pressure building. I began to think I was at the most important event of the year, like the World Series even.

It started to get to me. The pressure. It was deadly serious out there but it was a different kind of seriousness. There was no money on the line, no world-wide fame to achieve.

But there definitely was excitement, and fun. And when the Legion guys came up with that 9-3 win over Aurora I thought the place would explode. It was like winning a world championship or a Grey Cup.

## LONG AGO

It reminded me of a long time ago, a more innocent time ago when I was a member of a team that won a local championship. Somehow I'd forgotten what a thrill it was. The weekend brought it back to me.

Talking to Legion Coach Earl Freeland at a reception after the tournament was like interviewing someone who had just achieved immortality. Well, something like that.

"The fellows came up with the best ball they've played all season," he was saying. "We got some great pitching and great hitting."

He was talking especially about Burly Gary "Ollie" Oliver who pitched and won the last two ball games on Saturday; and, of course, Bob Ritchie who smashed out two homeruns and two doubles to lead the offensive.

## TURNING POINT

"The turning point," he continued, "was that first homerun Ritchie hit. We were losing 2-0 and it just seemed to pick the whole team up." The celebrating went on in the background as a freelistener.

He was telling me that just a couple of seasons ago "the fellows got together to form a fun-team. We played in a league that didn't even have a name." A pause. "In fact it still hasn't got a name."

"We called ourselves the 'Fuddle Duddles' and most of the fellas were old guys, around 47 (I can hear the gasp from you old fellows of 47). It was a lot of fun."

"Then we just got better, got some more younger players. Now we've got a pretty good ball club."

But the "old fellows" haven't been forgotten. States Earl.

## YOU OLD FELLOWS

"We're contemplating getting another ball team going at the Legion. We're thinking of starting a lob-ball team. You'll have to be 40 or older to play on the team, something like that."

It all sounds great to me. Keep it going for everyone. Maybe even eventually they'll have a lob-ball tournament and the excitement will be just as great.

Hope so. I might even start getting into shape for that time (not really, very far) when I'm 40. Get back into harness.

Well, enough of the rambling. Hope you get what I mean. Blame it on the season, that beautiful late September weekend. Man, it was exciting. Most of all. Fun.

## Sport Spots

By FRED SIMPSON

### It's Still Fun

You're going to have to excuse me if I tend to ramble more than usual this time around. Blame it on the season if you will. I mean late September, early October. All that October color explosion dead ahead, rattling leaves that tend to, well, rattle me.

I can even remember when bringing leaves used to conjure up all kinds of nostalgia in a fellow. Now it brings the pollution-squad running onto the scene. Screaming, naturally.

Anyway, so it was this past weekend when I wandered down to the town park and took in some of that first annual Richmond Hill Legion Ball Tournament.

I must admit to being rather blasé about the whole thing at the beginning. Guess it's the times we live in. You've got to either be playing for the world championship, reading about some guy making \$100,000 a season (or is that figure out of date, I just can't think on that rarified plane), or whether Hank Aaron will break Babe Ruth's all-time homer record.



Calling the signals is Quarterback Glen



(Photo by Ron Fawn)

## Touchdown Territory Ahead

Argos they're not but they probably have all or more of the same-type enthusiasm. That's the Richmond Hill Bantam Football Club. Four members are shown going through their paces behind the town arena in preparation for an upcoming game in the Scarborough Football League.

Moreland of 49 Rockport Crescent while preparing to lead the blocking (left to right) are Steve Wood, 253 Harrygan Crescent; Doug McNaught, 55 Inverlochy Drive, Thornhill, and Mark Marshall of Richmond Hill. This is the team's first year together and in the Scarborough League. The boys are coached by Ray Kyte and Don Ireland.

## Jewellers Tie Series; Whip Welland 6-5

Richmond Hill Dynes' Hurler Wally Dick survived another bases-loaded homerun Sunday as his teammates eked out a narrow 14-inning 6-5 victory over Welland Dycks in Welland.

The win tied their best-of-three OASA Senior "A" playoffs at a game apiece. The third and deciding game was scheduled for Wednesday of this week at 8:30 pm, also in Welland.

want to load the bases. He got DeRuiter to hit into a force-out at the plate. Then came Williams and he cracked Dick's first pitch high and far over the left field fence.

Rhora was sensational all the way in this game striking out 21 Dynes' batters, walking two.

Dick also came through with a fine effort striking out 10 and walking one.

It was a different story in Richmond Hill Thursday night of last week when another bases-loaded homerun in the top of the ninth stunned the Jewellers with a 4-0 defeat.

That loss was Dick's first in 12 games as he has been forced to carry the entire pitching load in the absence of Bob Domik who is recuperating from an operation.

Sunday's game saw the Jewellers coasting along with a 5-1 lead in the seventh inning when the roof caved in on Dick.

scoring in the fifth inning as George Teasdale led off with a homerun. Wally Dick was safe on an error and Frank Lederer singled. Mickey Hancock also singled to load the bases.

The next two batters went out on a fielder's choice but Russell then singled driving in two runs.

Welland scored its first run in the fifth as Larry Christie singled. He then scored as Brian Stewart's high fly dropped between Hancock and Russell. There were two men out at the time and Christie was running.

There was one out when Paul Roach singled and Larry Christie was safe on an error. Brian Stewart then singled to load the bases.

Up steps Ted DeRuiter and guess what? DeRuiter proceeded to whack a Dick pitch out of the park to score four runs and tie the game at 5-5.

The score remained tied at 5-5 until the 14th inning when Dave Russell doubled with two batters out. He came home with the winning run as Bruce Staughton singled.

The Jewellers scored their fifth run in the seventh as Catcher Mike Thompson singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice. He then came home on Staughton's ground-rule double.

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Thursday of last week's game was a pitching duel between Dynes' Dick and Welland's Rhora for the first eight innings with the score 0-0.

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Losers were Ted DeRuiter who replaced Ken Rhora in the seventh inning with two out and went the rest of the game. He walked no one and gave up six hits, striking out seven. Rhora went six and two third innings, gave up nine hits and five of the runs. He struck out eight while walking two.

Richmond Hill opened the

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