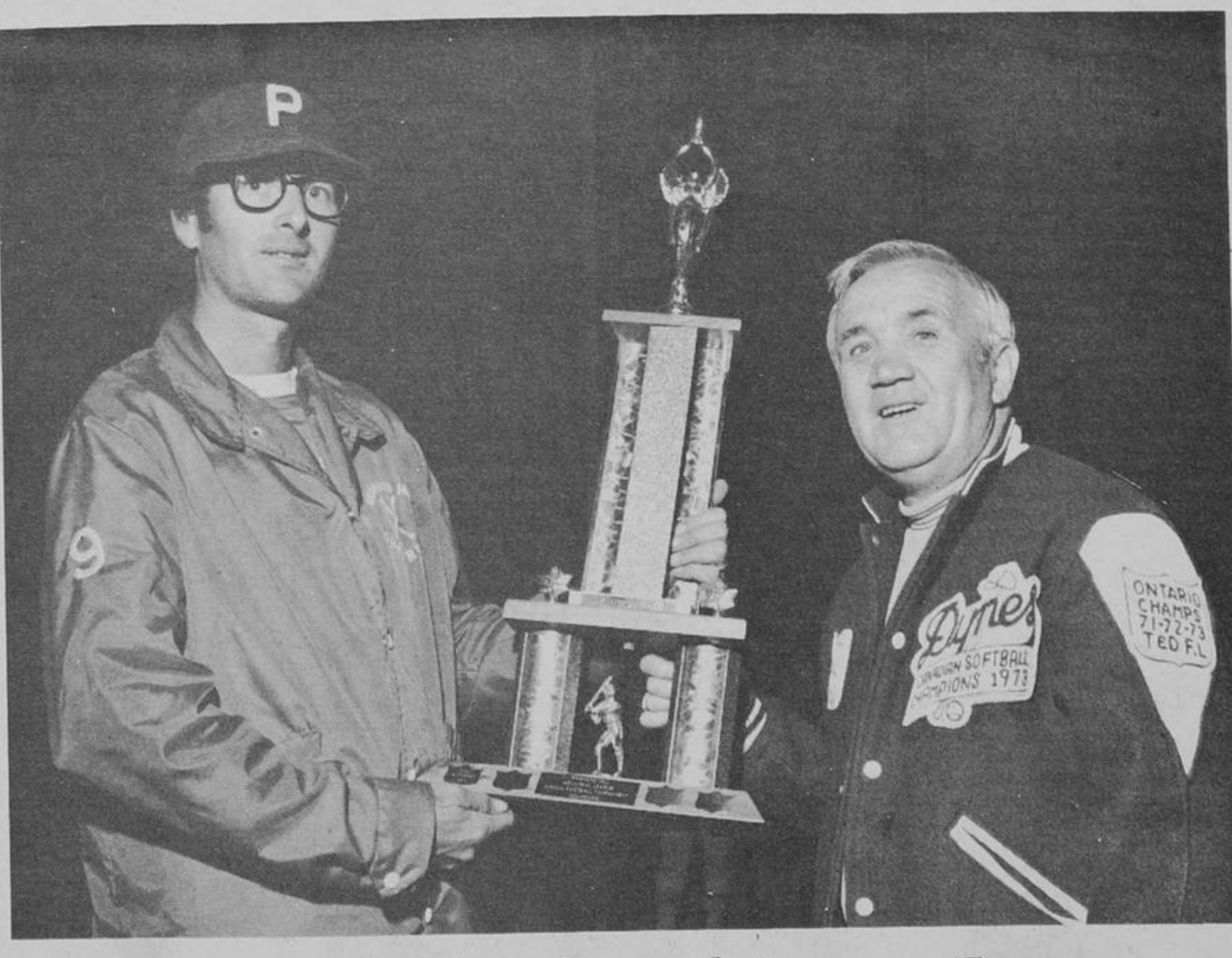


# Bantam Tourney This Saturday

This coming Saturday (August 10) will bring the 1974 bantam boys' tourney, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Ball Association. Activities will get underway at 9 am. Both parks (Town and Crosby) will be used, going full tilt, as eight teams fight it out to see who will capture the top spots this year. Top calibre entries will come from Oshawa, East Gwillimbury, Willowdale, Peterboro, Fort Erie, Scarboro and Malton.

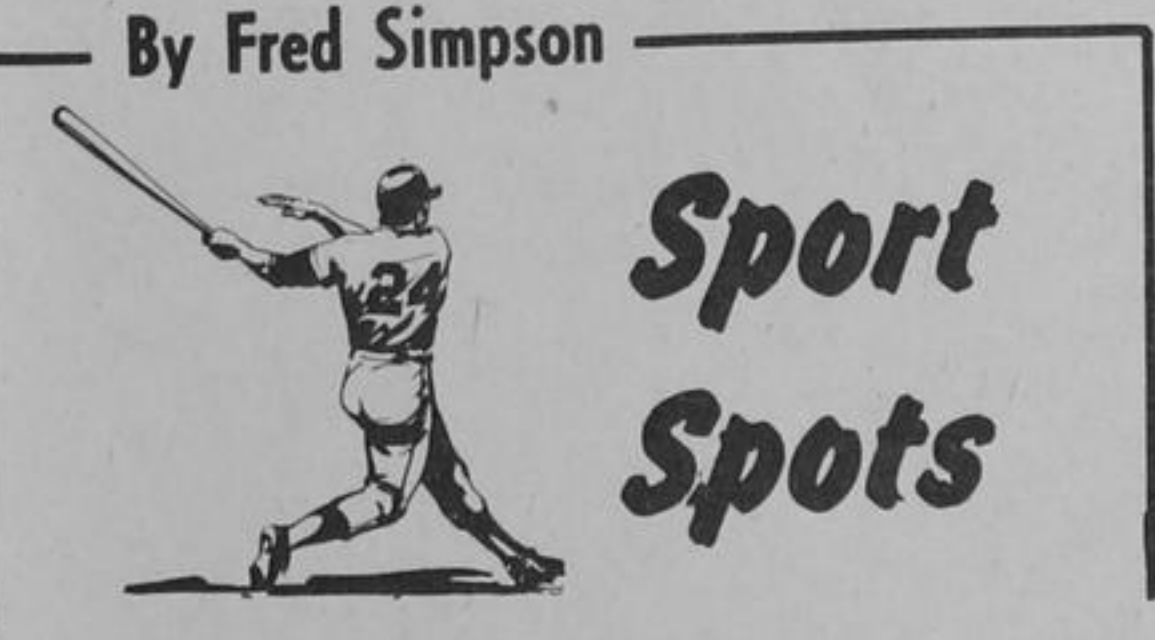
- Schedule**
- 9 am
    - Oshawa vs. Richmond Hill
    - Town Park — game 1
    - East Gwillimbury vs. Willowdale
    - Crosby Park — game 2
  - 11 am
    - Peterboro vs. Fort Erie
    - Town Park — game 3
    - Scarboro vs. Malton
    - Crosby Park — game 4
  - 1 pm
    - Winner 1 vs. Winner 2
    - Town Park — game 5
    - Loser 1 vs. Loser 2
    - Crosby Park — game 6
  - 3 pm
    - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4
    - Town Park — game 7
    - Loser 3 vs. Loser 4
    - Crosby Park — game 8
  - 5 pm
    - "A" Championship
    - Winner 5 vs. Winner 7
    - Town Park — game 9
    - Consolation Championship
    - Winner 6 vs. Winner 8
    - Crosby Park — game 10
  - 7 pm
    - Grand Championship
    - Winner 9 vs. Winner 10
    - Town Park — game 11



## Champions Of Industrial League Tourney

Richmond Hill Auto Body Fastball Team were the winners of the recent annual tournament sponsored by the Richmond Hill Industrial League of which they are a member. They had to defeat the Town Auto Body Team in two games which left the results of the tournament in a hiatus for a couple of days, until the deciding game could be scheduled.

In the above picture Casey Cripps, coach of the World Champion Dynes Jewellers Fastball Team, (right), who substituted for ailing league President Fred Simpson, is seen presenting the Labatt trophy to Coach and Manager Bob Whitmarsh of the Richmond Hill Auto Body team, this year's champions.



## Sport Spots

**By Fred Simpson**

**Summer Doldrums**

I've got that disease again. Old devil summer doldrums. Here we're into August, holidays are shot, life is ebbing, sifting through my fingers, winter will soon be here.

It's awful. I shouldn't be this way but that's me. I'm always happiest before the start of something. Simply big, bubbling over in the Spring. Summer is coming. All my life is before me. Holidays dead ahead, rest, relaxation, a chance to get away from it all. Then the first week is over and I start to brood during the second week. Just never want my holidays to end.

Then it's August and everything goes wrong. The girl that gives me my morning take-out coffee starts to do me in. I always like my coffee with cream but only a touch of sugar. Soon as August starts she forgets and puts the sugar bowl and label in. Keep telling her but it doesn't work. Just keeps dumping the sugar in.

**NO TEA BAG**

At home the other day I reached for a tea bag and the box was empty. A friend of mine had two cats in June and none in July so she got another one. The other two had mysteriously disappeared. This made me happy because I dislike buying cat food. Come August the other two returned and there are now three cats. See what I mean? The final blow came the other day when another friend of mine announced he was getting married. Who will I play chess with now? Woe is.

**AH, DYNES**

There was a time I could rely on Manager Russell "Casey" Cripps and his Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller fastball team in August. At least they were winners. Not any more.

This past weekend saw them take their lumps at the annual Richmond Hill Carling-O'Keefe Fastball Tournament at the town park. The tournament was won by Angus. Hadn't even heard of the place before.

I'd always thought Angus was the first name of Mr. Philip who is president of the local umpire's association. Everything happens to me in August.

**SUMMER OF DISCONTENT**

Yes, it's been a summer of discontent. Have been so used to the Jewellers winning that it comes as a distinct physiological letdown when they lose. What's happening? No Ontario championship this season, no Canadian Championship, no nothing? Right.

I guess I knew it all along but it became really painfully obvious on Sunday that the Jewellers lack that one or two big "name" hurler. You might not win with them, you sure won't without them. Hence that 7-3 loss to Winston Park Caterers which eliminated Richmond Hill who had lost their opener 3-1 to Scarboro and winning their second one over Chiovitti Bananas. In all due respect to Winston Park, can you see them getting seven runs off Wally Dick in a seven-inning game? Oh, well.

I hope I'm not being unfair to the Jewellers' staff of Frank Marshall, Andy Gionette, and Martin Cook. All three have had their fine games and are solid hurlers. But they had less than perfect efforts in the Ontario and the weekend tournament here. You've got to be there for the big ones. Then again, you can't win all the time. Defeat has to come and undoubtedly this is a "summer fallow" season for Mr. Cripps.

**YIPPEE!**

One final remark on the tournament which, all in all, was a fine one and viewed by a sizeable crowd on Sunday. Yes, the good old LCBO came through. They allowed a permit for a "hospitality room" at the near-by arena.

Mind you, it was only good from 9 pm to 11 am Saturday and from 7 pm to 9 pm on Sunday. But they allowed it. Of course not too many turned up on Saturday because of the late starting time. Most people like a cool one during the long, hot afternoon of a long tournament. That's heresy, however. Imagine having a drink between ballgames in the afternoon? Horrors Mother Temperance, horrors. Just not done. Okay, okay, I'll leave quietly.

Like I said, it's August, doldrums time.

**MR. METHE**

Elated to hear that Gerry Methe has signed with New England Whalers (terrible, terrible name, sounds like a sequence from Moby Dick?) of the World Hockey League. They now play in Hartford, Conn.

Will always remember Gerry's game with the Legion Midgets in that first international hockey tournament when he was the star of the tournament. That was the one, of course, that saw

## York Simcoe Play Hill Peewee Lions First Place Finish

Richmond Hill Peewee Lions sewed up first place in the York Simcoe Softball League with back-to-back 9-6 and 14-8 wins over Bradford and East Gwillimbury last week.

The Bradford game saw Richmond Hill finding the going tough in the early stages July 29 at Crosby Park despite jumping into a quick 4-0 lead. Ted Inch reached first base on an error and eventually scored on a passed ball. The second inning saw Tim King, Gord Fournier and Matt Zurich singling while Inch tripled.

Pitcher Inch gave up two walks, two singles, one double in the third inning only to see Bradford tie the game.

Leading hitter Dave Allen and King single and were sent home on Billy Madden's double.

Bradford rebounded with one run to narrow the Lion's lead to 6-5 and then tied the game in the top of the sixth. They might have taken the lead except for a fine catch by Madden in deep centre-field to retire the side.

Madden and Fournier walked in the sixth and Matt Zurich reached base on a fielder's choice. Matt Zurich then drilled the ball into

centre for a game-winning three-run homer.

Inch retired the side in order to pick up his 7th win. Second baseman Allen led the Lions defensively as he engineered a double play, and he combined with Jamie Tuck at first for seven outs.

Against East Gwillimbury the Lions smashed out three home runs off the bats of Matt Knights, Matt Zurich and Dave Allen (his 10th one) as well as a double by Tim King as Richmond Hill garnered 15 hits.

Dave Allen picked up his ninth win as he struck out seven while giving up only five hits. Zurich scored five times, Fournier and More-

land three, while Knights, Tuck, Allen and Madden all scored once.

Knights drove in three runs with Allen and Moreland two and one to Zurich.

The Lions now meet Aurora in the league quarter finals and North York in the OASA playdowns.

**FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	T	P
Richmond Hill	14	2	0	28
East Gwill.	11	5	0	22
Bradford	10	6	0	20
Aurora	9	6	1	19
Oak Ridges	8	7	1	17
Pottageville	7	7	2	16
Keswick	3	13	0	6
King City	0	16	0	0

**LEADING HITTERS**

Allen	.442
Gleason	.416
Zurich	.403
Tuck	.382
Inch	.376
Dave Kane	.348
Fournier	.337

## Dairy Queen Mic Macs Take Second Round

Richmond Hill Dairy Queen Mic Macs took the second round of the PWSU Playdowns last week. The juvenile girls played back to back games with Toronto Sherway, previously known as Alderwood.

On Wednesday, in Alderwood, they defeated them by a score of 8 to 5. In this game the calibre of ball these girls are playing showed strongly when they executed a seldom seen triple play in the first inning. With runners on second and third bases, a line drive was fielded, on her knees, by short-

## Enter Third Round W&P Beetles Win Second Series Take Bay Ridges In Two Straight

The Bantam W&P Beetles continue to come up with the big innings as they swept the second series of their PWSU Playdowns against PMA Realty from Bay Ridges 11-7 and 16-8.

The Beetles travelled to Bay Ridges July 30 and started right off with their big bats. Lori Mason walked but was thrown out trying to steal second. Vicki Robinson tripled, scored on Beth Shadoff's single who in turn stole second and scored on Lorretta King's long fly ball. Cindy Sutton reached first on an error, and the girls all advanced when Laurie Barnett walked to load the bases. Brenda Buchan stroked a long fly ball which was caught by a tremendous effort by the centre fielder to end the inning.

Bay Ridges came back with one run in the first. Neither team scored in the second, but the Beetles when Shadoff led off with a single, advanced to second when King grounded out, was sacrificed to third by Sutton and scored on Martha Dynes' double. Cheryl Clack got on with an error which moved Dynes to third, but Buchan struck out to end the inning.

Bay Ridges scored one in the fourth and the Beetles came up empty to make the score 3-2. Neither team scored in the fifth, but in the sixth the Beetles started to find their batting eyes. Buchan led off with a single, moved to second when Janine Bromley grounded out, then three consecutive singles by Lori Mason, Robinson and Shadoff started things moving. Loretta King smacked a long triple scoring three runs and scored herself when Sutton singled. Dynes and Cheryl Clack singled to load the bases but were left stranded when Buchan struck out, but not before five runs were scored.

## Signs With New England Whalers Product Of Richmond Hill Minors



GERRY METHE Signs With WHA

The first graduate of training in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association's program to sign a major league contract is Gerry Methe, who has signed with the New England Whalers of the World Hockey League. The Whalers will be playing in Hartford, Connecticut, next year and when they come to Toronto to play the Toros, there will without a doubt be a large contingent from this town on hand to cheer for their favorite hockey player.

Gerry, who was known in his minor hockey days by a nickname which he does not want to hear anymore, played on the town representative teams in all age groups from novice through to midget. "If I had to miss a dance one night, I had a trip to Montreal that weekend, so I didn't make any sacrifices. In fact I think I got much more from hockey than I might have lost through the years," he told "The Liberal".

In 1968 Gerry went to Oshawa to play for the Oshawa Generals, a major Junior "A" Club and after three years was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins and was sent to Fort Wayne, Indiana, a farm club in the international League. For the past two years he has been in Hershey, Pennsylvania, as defenceman for Pittsburgh's chief farm club. In fact, in 1972-73 he was the team's top scoring defenceman.

Three years ago he married Susan Cooper of Richmond Hill and they are expecting their first child about October 1. They now live in Minden, but still consider Richmond Hill their home town. The Methes have found Hershey a very pleasant city in which to live and have made some close friendships which they hope will continue through the years. However, they believe is advisable to keep their friendships within hockey, to prevent running the risk of being used by outside interests.

Gerry reports to training camp about September 20, but doesn't yet know where the camp will be held.

Asked for advice for the young hockey player who is considering professional hockey as a career, Gerry replied, "If a kid doesn't like rough going, then pro hockey isn't for him. It's a rough life. It's hard on the body and the average guy can only last about 10 years. There are lots of things that go on behind the line that people can't see that cause

the brawls that people do see in pro hockey. A player comes out of a game, if he's lucky, only aching from head to toe."

"I don't know whether I can last that 10 years or not," he said later, "But once I start getting tired of the game, I'll hang up my skates. That is I will unless the money offered is so tempting I can't turn it down." Gerry missed about 35 games last season from injuries, although he shows few scars from the hockey wars.

"Hockey is a big business," he continued, "and the money is the name of the game now. It used to be fun, but now it's just a job." Asked about his salary with the Whalers, he was hesitant about naming the exact amount but said, "I can say I will be making more in my first year there than I have made in all three years with the Pittsburgh organization."

The facts of life for a young hockey player entering professional ranks, as explained by Gerry, are that the drafting major league club owns the player body and soul. "You're really just like cattle. O, they do let you skate around at training camp but they know when they draft you where you're going and that's where you go. You can't compare junior with pro hockey. If you go into pro hockey chippy, they'll flatten you. You're fighting for a job and for your life. It's strictly a dog-eat-dog world. The most satisfying thing is the pay cheque, winning the league title and the summers. My biggest asset is the fact that I don't back down. Once you back down, they'll run you right out of the rink."

A professional hockey team plays about 100 games a season — 78 league, 10 exhibitions and the playoffs. Besides this the players must attend a daily practice session lasting an hour and a half to two hours, which is strictly a work session, he explained. In his first year at Hershey, Gerry was in top condition at the beginning of the season and weighed 180 lbs. At the end of the season his weight was down to 163 lbs.

Gerry reports that his most memorable moment in hockey to date occurred during the 1967 Tournaments Inc. Midget Tournament in the local arena when Richmond Hill and Ottawa were tied at the end of regulation time in the final game. The decision (by tournament rule) was arrived at by a shoot-off. Gerry shot the puck for Richmond Hill Legion — and missed. McSheffery, who is now playing for Vancouver in the NHL, shot for Ottawa and scored giving Ottawa the championship of this town's first midget tournament. Methe thinks that the shoot-off rule is a good one, although he was the victim of it, "When you come to the end of a major tournament the players are so tired that if a game has to go into overtime the best team does not necessarily win," he said.

His most vivid memory of his years in Hershey will be the time he put a puck through the top window of the arena, "and it's a long way up, and I still have the puck. It landed in the parking lot and I got a trainer's helper to go out and get it for me."

And, of course, the day he signed the contract with the Whalers will also always be a big day in his life.

stop Bonnie Bryan, who played the ball to Katie McManara, catching the runner off third base, Katie then fired the ball to Second Baseman Cheryl Lance for the third out. This play by these three girls set the tempo for the rest of the game.

Donna Queregensser pitched for six innings, having seven strikeouts, allowing five hits, and giving up three walks, and was credited with the win. Bonnie Bryan came on in relief in the seventh inning of the eighth inning game. The game had to be called after eight innings due to curfew. Big hitters for the night were Ann McIntosh with a triple, and two singles, and Fran Berthelotte with a double and a single.

The second game of the series played Thursday night at Crosby Park, was a low scoring, hard fought game with Mic Macs playing catch-up ball all the way to the ninth inning. With the score tied 4-4, Ann McIntosh scored the winning run from first base on an error by the Alderwood pitcher, who overthrew first on a single hit by Cheryl Lance.

Donna Queregensser went all the way on the mound, registering nine strikeouts, five hits, and giving up three walks. Due to injuries, Cheryl Lance, a centre fielder turned second baseman for this round, accredited herself both defensively and offensively, with six putouts, and hitting two doubles, a single and a sacrifice. Big hitter for the night was again fleet-footed First Baseman Ann McIntosh, with a homerun, a single and a sacrifice, accounting for three of the five runs scored.

The girls are now waiting for the start of the third round, when a winner is declared between Brampton and Woodbridge.

## Rangers Sweep To Four Wins Take Local Soccer Tourney

The Richmond Hill Rangers put together four big wins on the weekend and it was good enough to win them their second straight local soccer tournament against fierce competition.

It was the 1-0 final game win against a rugged Aurora United squad that told the tale as the Rangers took advantage of the one break in the game to capitalize.

Enroute to the championship the Rangers edged Newmarket 1-0, Richmond Hill United 1-0, Markham Select 2-1. In the meanwhile Aurora was disposing of Bradford 4-1, Collingwood 4-0, and Aurora Rangers 4-1.

That one break in the final game saw Richmond Hill inside right Christy Nolan putting the ball home.

The Rangers' defensive corps played their positions perfectly throughout the contest. They were assisted ably by Goalie Ron Binzell who came up with a solid effort.

Richmond Hill opened the eight-team tournament Saturday with a 1-0 win over Newmarket in a rough contest which saw Allan Martin scoring a beautiful goal.

It was another 1-0 win for Richmond Hill against Rich-

mond Hill United with Jan Dorst scoring on a penalty shot.

Then came a 2-1 victory over Markham Select with Jim McKeegan and Andy Brennan being the big marksmen in this one.

Aurora United, meanwhile, was winning against three to reach the finals.

The Ranger executive would like to offer a big thanks to all the teams that participated and made a great tournament possible... a special thanks to the three referees, John Hilley, Don Ellis and George Reynolds for their excellent officiating of all the games... to everyone for their fine sportsmanship throughout.

**TOURNAMENT SCORES**

R. Hill Rangers 1, Nmk. 0  
Aurora United 4, Bradford 1  
Markham 3, R. Hill United 1  
Aurora 3, Collingwood 2  
Bradford 3, Aurora 2  
Aurora 4, Collingwood 0  
R. Hill Rangers 1  
Richmond Hill United 0  
Markham Select 1, Nmk. 0  
Aurora U. 4, Aurora R. 1  
Bradford 1, Collingwood 0  
Newmarket 1, R. Hill U. 3  
Richmond Hill Rangers 2, Markham Select 1

**SINGLE GAME**

# FASTBALL

Toronto & District  
Softball League  
THURSDAY, AUG. 8  
Time: 8:30 p.m.  
WINSTON  
CATERERS  
vs.  
Dynes Jewellers  
At Town Park  
Admission \$1.00  
Students 75¢  
Children & Pensioners  
Free