

Sport Spots

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POPULAR AS MINOR HOCKEY

Soccer enthusiasts even claim it's starting to overtake minor hockey in popularity. Especially financially. A parent informed me the main expense for soccer is the boots. You don't have to worry about all that padding, hockey sticks that break, skates that get too small in one short season.

"Another reason why the kids love to play soccer," continued the parent, "is the fact they get to play more. They are on the field all the time. In hockey, you might play for two or three minutes and then it's back on the bench while the next line takes over."

Obviously, both soccer and hockey have their separate appeals and most youngsters will end up playing both.

But it's also nice to see that soccer is undergoing a boom at the minor level in The Hill. My informants tell me that the next big thing will be a proper soccer pitch which is in the works as of writing. The town apparently is intending to supply such a pitch one of these seasons.

RANGERS, UNITED

While I'm at it I'd like to put in a plug for the two men's soccer teams who are currently battling it out for honors in the Newmarket and Distrikt Soccer League.

They are the Richmond Hill Rangers and Richmond United. Both of them are aiming for the finals in that loop and play their final games with one another this Saturday at Pearson Park at 3 pm with the winner going into the finals.

Chatted with Tom Young who has been the guiding spirit of the Rangers since their inception in the early 1960's. They've chalked up quite a success record winning league on several occasions and the Jim Richardson Trophy for three years in a row. They finished second in the league this season.

It was the Rangers who got minor soccer underway in Richmond Hill and it's just continued to grow and grow.

"We play to have fun, we pay to play," said Young. "It can be a fairly costly thing running a senior soccer team, about \$900 a year for registration, balls, equipment, etc. The guys love to play though."

The Rangers have a couple of minor soccer graduates on the team but they, along with United, would like to have a lot more.

NO PLACE TO PLAY

Andrew Graham of the United team thinks one of the problems is the cut-off for players. "The youngsters get to be 16 and there's no place for them to play. And they're still not that ready for senior play in a number of cases. It would be ideal if we could start a juvenile team to keep them playing."

The Rangers' home field is Pearson Park, United plays out of Thornlea. It's no secret they would love to have one central soccer pitch. That is also, hopefully, in the works.

What they would also like is some spectators. It's good soccer. So why not drop in this Saturday at Pearson Park (near Langstaff Secondary School) and see some action. Game time is 3 pm.

This reminds me. I can't figure out why soccer doesn't go in the Toronto area? It's quite an ethnic community but it just won't go.

It suffers much the same fate as lacrosse. When someone sees it, they like it, but they don't go back. Such is life.

But no doubt about it. Minor soccer is here to stay and growing. And this is a good place to finish. Goodbye.

OTHER ITEMS

Wanted, one big old refrigerator with a large-sized freezer compartment. Wanted for the Richmond Hill Rams to store their first-aid medicines in and other items, etc.

Rams' President Richmond Ball said there are probably a lot of old-type refrigerators kicking around. If you have one, want to get rid of it, call the arena, or nail Richard at one of the games. Certainly would be appreciated.

Hill Auto wins all

It looked like it was all over but the shouting when Richmond Hill Auto Body dropped the first two games of their best-of-five series with Town Auto Body in the Richmond Industrial Softball League finals by 6-3 and 9-2 scores.

Then something happened. The never-say-beaten Richmond Hill boys clawed their way back to a 4-1 win in the third game and then blasted the opposition 8-1 in the fourth one to set up a do-or-die sudden death fifth game.

When the dust had settled the Richmond Hill Auto Body boys had won their

BOWLING

YORK SIMCOE ASSOCIATION

This year's Gordon Cameron Memorial Plaque goes to a young Richmond Hill bowler. The award is presented for sportsmanship and conduct.

On Saturday YSBA President Betty Reid presented the plaque to Peter Boos. Peter in his first year of junior bowling won the most improved bowler award. He also helped the Youth Bowling executive and during the chocolate campaign he was an excellent salesman. Our congratulations to Peter Boos.

FRIDAY MAJORS

In this weeks action high team score goes to the 300 club with a 3797 three game total. Bill Best Tire Service had the high single of the night 1396.

Leading the team standings is the 300 Club with 83 pts. followed closely by W&P Motors 81, then Don Mills Trucking 68. Caesars Palace 64, Bill Best Tire 63½, Anderson Heating 46, Creative Decor 44, and Barfoots Sheetmetal 30½.

The top shooter for the night was George (the part-timer) Jordan 917 (356, 295) then Ian Cameron 866 (302, 299), Ernie Hughes 841 (323), Gary Palmer 799 (308), Art McGeachie 793 (279), and Gary Richardson 780 (332). John Shearer had high single of the night 363, then Stan (faster) Foster 338, Scott Park 303, and Roy Thompson 301.

INSTRUCTIONAL TIP

The "explosion point" this is the epitome of timing. You achieve it when you have the ability to coordinate the forward motion of the body with the swing of the right arm so that on the last step your left foot, your body, and your right arm are all coming forward to the foul line at the same time, or as close as possible. The secret of controlling the ball lies in timing, and when the above co-ordination has been achieved you have the "explosion point" and are on your way to good bowling.

third straight game downing Town Auto by 5-2 in a dramatic comeback to win the championship.

This contest saw Town Auto making signs to wrap things up in the early going behind the strong pitching of Gary Oliver.

That first inning saw Gord Wright reaching base on an error, advance to third on two passed balls, and score on a ground ball to the infield which was dropped by the first baseman on the throw.

Richmond Hill tied it in the bottom half of the same inning as Rob Forget singled, was sacrificed to second, and scored as Richmond Hill Hurler Alex Smith helped his own cause with a single.

Town Auto scored again in the second to lead 2-1.

BLOOPER SINGLE
The score remained that way until the seventh when Richmond Hill Auto's Bob Whitmarsh dropped a blooper between third and short for single.

He then stole second, went to third on an infield out and scored on Ken Roberts' single to tie the game.

Richmond Hill locked the game and the championship up in the eighth inning with three runs as Smith led off with a single. Ian Oliver then was safe when he bunted and no one was covering first base to take the throw with the ball going into rightfield. The runners advanced to second and third respectively. Smith then scored the winning run on a bunt by Dave Luke who then scored on a hit by Vanderplug.

Smith retired the side in order in the ninth.

OLIVER SHARP

The final opened on an optimistic note for Town Auto Body as Oliver was sharp and threw a six hitter at Richmond Hill Auto while striking out 10.

Colin Wood led the way with three hits while driving in a run and scoring one himself. The winning run was scored by Oliver on a single by Jim Henderson. Oliver also drove in two insurance runs in the 6-3 win.

Richmond Hill Auto was led by Pitcher Smith with three for four and also scored twice. Ken Roberts scored the other run.

The second game was a breeze all the way for Town Auto as they won by 9-2 scoring six runs in the fourth inning. They were helped by numerous Richmond Hill Auto errors and a three-run triple by Steve Black.

Black also hit a homerun off relief pitcher Kenny Roberts in the eighth inning. Jones and Vanderplug scored the only two runs for Richmond Hill who led by 2-0 going into the fourth.

Then came the start of the big comeback in the third game as Richmond Hill's lead-off man Forget singled and scored on another single by Ken Fulkner to lead 1-0.

Smith singled in the third for Richmond Hill and also scored on Ian Oliver's triple.

They kept going in the fifth inning as Forget singled and Faulkner was safe on an error. Smith singled scoring Forget and Oliver.

THREE HITTER FOR SMITH

Smith was sharp on the mound throwing a three-

hitter and giving up the one run to his rival Gary Oliver who singled, advanced to second on error, and scored on Black's single.

Smith retired the first 14 batters and allowed only four hits while striking out eight.

They tied the series at two games apiece in the fourth game as they jumped off to a three run lead on the first inning.

Forget led off with single, went to second on a ground ball which saw both runners safe. Smith then doubled in the two runs and later scored himself on a passed ball.

Richmond Hill added four more runs in the second on four errors by Town Auto plus a hit batter and a single by Smith.

Ken Faulkner doubled and scored Richmond Hill's eighth and final run in the eighth on a passed ball.

Colin Wood reached first base on an error but Smith went on to retire the next 17 batters before Wood again reached first on a triple and scored Town's only run on a ground ball.

Winning pitcher Smith struck out 10 batters while allowing only two hits. Loser Oliver struck out 12 and gave up only five hits but the six errors behind him were fatal.

BRADFORD: An unconfirmed report last week indicated members of the Bradford Planning Board will hand in their resignations to council. It is believed that the resignation stems from a breakdown in co-operation with members of council. The board is appointed by council.

Now: a new minimum wage in Ontario

Effective October 1st, 1974

Ontario's new minimum wage covers people employed in general industry, construction work, domestic service, ambulance service, funeral service, including students and learners.

If you or your employees fall into these categories, it is important for you to know what the law now requires.

People employed by agencies as domestics, and people working as funeral directors or embalmers must now be paid not less than \$2.25 an hour. Learners in General industry must be paid at least \$2.15 an hour during their first month of employment and at least \$2.25 per hour thereafter. People employed in construction work or as construction site guards are now entitled to at least \$2.50 an hour. There is no learner rate for the construction industry. Ambulance drivers, helpers, and first-aid attendants must now receive at least \$108.00 per week or, if they work fewer than 48 hours a week, \$2.25 an hour. Students under 18 who work 28 hours a week or less, or during school holidays, must receive at least \$1.90 per hour.

When employees occupy a room or eat meals supplied by their employer, \$9.00 per week for the room and \$1.00 for each meal or \$21.00 per week for meals or \$30.00 a week for room and meals may be included when calculating the minimum wage.

As for overtime pay, until December 31, 1974, it will be 1½ times the regular pay after 48 hours a week. From January 1, 1975 on, the time-and-one-half rate will apply after 44 hours a week. And from January 1, 1975 on, there will be three more holidays with pay—New Year's Day, Victoria Day, and Thanksgiving Day—added to the current statutory holidays: Good Friday, Dominion Day, Labour Day, and Christmas.

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