

It's playoff time again

Ziebart Tykes dump Powell Plumbing

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House League Playoffs - September 6 Tyke Boys
Ziebart Rustproofing 12, Powell Plumbing 2. Powell took an early lead in the first inning with Toddy Robinson walking in but Ziebart struck for two on runs by Paul Josling and Jim McKinlay. Powell went ahead 3-2 but down came the roof as Ziebart scored

five in the second and five more in the fourth. Jim McKinlay registered 13 strikeouts for Ziebart. Kevin McInnis had eight whiffs for Powell.
Junior Girls
Nelson's Contracting 12, Bob's Girls 5. An exciting game between these two with both teams playing heads up ball. This game saw another team, Perry Hill, presented with a trophy as league champions.

Squirts
N.S. Smith Real Estate 6, R.F. Mote 1. The winners jumped into a three run first inning lead with Joslin and Paquet

singling and Robert Strang walking, to come home on passed balls. Mote got one in the third with Dunnett scoring. Smith added three more with Strang hitting a two-run homer to score Veitch and Paquet. Joslin had 13 strikeouts for the winners while Dunnett of Mote struck out eight.

T-Ball
Fisher Sports 15, Town Auto Body 8. Jones, Buchanan, Chafe, Turner and Steele put Fisher Sports ahead in the first inning and added five more in the second. Jones, Ceballo, Nelson, Repath and Cook did the scoring.

Town Auto couldn't get on the scoresheet until the third when Hughes and O'Leary hit and Nelson belted out a three run homer.

Fisher Sports was too much for them with two double plays in the first two innings. They scored four more runs in the third and another in the fifth.

Chafe of Fishers hit two homers and Repath one. Town Auto never gave up getting five runs in the fourth courtesy of Chepelsky, Plaxton, Cross, Hinks and Apps.

Senior Girls
Ben Mar Appliances 2, Hanson's Flowers 0. An exciting game with MacInnis putting Ben Mar on the scoresheet in the first inning. The score remained the same until the last inning when Connell made it 2-0. Hanson's had 11 strikeouts while the winners whiffed 16.

Peewee Bantam Boys
Rumble Transport 6, Charlton Hardware 4. There was no score until the third inning when Munsdale put Rumble ahead 1-0 on Shipcott's double. Farrell and Querengesser scored for Charlton, Querengesser on a triple. Rumble got four runs in the fourth with Walke, Munsdale and Apps with singles and Nelson with a double. Abma and Redermeier kept Charlton in the game to make it 5-4 for Rumble. Walke added an insurance marker in the final with a homer. Rumble had 10 strikeouts while Charlton registered 15.

Coaches Night
The executive committee of the RH-MBA is having an open meeting Thursday night at the Consumers Gas Company, Blue Flame Room on Elgin Mills Road from 7:30 to 10:30.

All coaches, conveners and interested parents are asked to attend and bring

with them suggestions on improving minor ball in Richmond Hill. Coffee will be served at the end of the meeting.

Tournament
The 34 house league teams in RH-MBA will participate in a one-game knockout tournament this Saturday with games being played all day at Bradstock Park, MacKillop School, Crosby Park. The finals will be held in the Town Park.

Team Schedules
T-Ball, 10:30 a.m., Diamond No. 4, MacKillop, Fisher vs Town; No. 5, MacKillop, Shoe World vs Sovereign Water Cond.; No. 3, Bradstock Park, Baymar Sports vs York Prov. Ambulance. Town Park, 12 p.m. semifinals at 1:30 and the finals at 4:30.

Tykes, 9 a.m., Diamond No. 4, Bradstock Park, Ziebart Rustproofing vs Powell Plumbing; No. 5, Bradstock Park, Photo Hut vs Ramsey Rec. Lunch, Town Park, 11:30 a.m. eliminated teams. Finalists at 1 p.m. at the Town Park.

Squirts, 10:30 a.m., Diamond No. 1, Bradstock Park, N.S. Smith vs R.F. Mote; No. 2, Bradstock Park, Bender Rugs vs R.H. Auto Body. Lunch, 11:45 a.m., eliminated teams. 12:30 finalists, Town Park. Final game to be played at 3 p.m. at Crosby Park.

Junior Girls, 9 a.m., Diamond No. 1, Bradstock Park, Perry Hill vs Bob's Girls; No. 2, Bradstock, Nelson's vs Powell Fencing; No. 3, Bradstock, Rice's vs Loughlin Lumber. Lunch, 11:30 a.m., for eliminated teams. Finalists at 1:30 p.m. in Town Park. Semi final game to be played at 12 p.m. on Diamond No. 4 at MacKillop School. Finals game at Town Park, 3 p.m.

Senior Girls, 12 p.m., Diamond No. 1, Bradstock Park, Rudy's Esso vs Edwards Enforcers; No. 2, Bradstock Park, Hanson's vs Jiu-Jitsu Kai; No. 3, Bradstock Park, Benn Marr vs Aloi Bros. R.E. Lunch, 2 p.m. for all teams at the Town Park.

Peewee Bantam Boys, 9 a.m., Bob's Boys vs Dynes Jewellers in Town Park; Fuddle Duddles vs Kinnear Pontiac in Crosby Park, 10:30 a.m. Rumble vs Summit Transmission at Town Park; Charlton vs City Wide at Crosby Park. Semi-final games to be played at Crosby Park at 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Final game to be played at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Park. Lunch, 12:15 and 4:30 in the Town Park.



(Photo by Hogg)

Just one of those days as Mike Stonehouse of Powell Plumbing is tagged out stealing third in Tyke

playoff action. Alas, his team lost 12-2 to Ziebart Rustproofing.

Ian Millar top horseman

It was all Ian Millar and his horse Fox Fire at the Benson and Hedges Mini Grand Prix competitions on the weekend at Sundance Farms in Gormley.

Millar, a member of the Canadian Pan-American riding team completely dominated the day in a spectacular performance which saw him win the grand championship in the Mini Grand Prix as well as a third in the same event riding Springer.

Second place went to Jim Elder of Aurora, captain of the Pan-Am team, on his horse, Boyne Valley.

Millar went on to also take the grand championship in the three jumper divisions—preliminary, intermediate and open—all aboard Fox Fire.

He wasn't finished yet. Millar also finished on top in the green hunter division riding Brother Sam and got a reserve in the open hunter.

Horse show at Elderberry

The last competition in which the Canadian Pan American Equestrian team will participate before leaving for the Mexico City Games to be held October 12-26 will be held at Elderberry Hills Farm, Aurora, this weekend.

This second annual Tournament of Champions Horse Show featuring the Canadian Jumping Derby runs Saturday and Sunday.

Events get under way Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with a modified jumper sweepstake and continues in the afternoon with the National Junior Jumper Championship. At 10 a.m.

Elder got a fourth in the Grand Prix riding Snowitch plus a sixth place finish, good for three ribbons.

Out-of-sight
Not so fortunate was hard-luck Jim Day, formerly of Aurora and now of Hornby, who was out-of-sight in ninth place riding "Out of Sight", a former Olympic horse.

A Gormley equestrian, now semi-retired, Tom Gayford, won the Open Hunter division on Rhudhu. It was the only event he entered.

Gayford's daughter, Margaret, age 12, also had a good day taking top honors in the junior hunter division atop Royal Tudo.

Sundance Farms owners Mr. and Mrs. Peter Annette described the two-day annual event as one "of the most spectacular yet."

There were a total of 140 jumpers and hunters competing on the Saturday and Sunday at Sundance Farms, which is located on the Gormley Sideroad at Leslie Street.

Sunday the Owner Jumper Classic will be staged followed at 2 p.m. by the Canadian Jumping Derby.

The show will be a salute to the Junior International Team as well as a salute and send-off to the Canadian Pan-American Jumping Team riders who will be in training at Elderberry Hill Farm the week before the show.

As individual riders they will all compete in the Canadian Jumping Derby.

Elderberry Hills Farm is located on the west side of Yonge Street between Oak Ridges and Aurora.

Soccer Rangers whip Orangeville 3-1

The Richmond Hill Rangers, fresh from a week's layoff, downed Orangeville 3-1 in Newmarket and District soccer league action last weekend.

The game started out pretty shaky and after 10 minutes of play, Captain John White put the ball in his own net to give Orangeville a 1-0 lead.

From this point on the Rangers settled down and the tying goal came on a rush downfield by Bobby Zircicchio who passed it over to Jimmy McKeegan. He slammed it home.

Neither team was able to score again before the half due to a strong wind. Just after the half, Phil Headridge sent George Artemiu in all alone to give

the Rangers the go ahead goal. Richmond Hill continued to press. Near misses by McKeegan and Welsh could have put the Rangers way out in front.

Alex McNally finally did score only to have his goal disallowed with the referee claiming it was off-side. The Rangers, however, were not to be

denied that third goal as Artemiu scored his second goal of the game.

Peter Robinson played a great game in goal for the Rangers replacing the injured Ron Binsell. Tommy Wilson played a strong game at fullback.

The Rangers' next game will be Saturday at Aurora against Aurora United with kick-off time at 4 p.m.

Hill United in 0-0 tie with Orillia City club

The Richmond United II soccer team tied Orillia City 0-0 Saturday in Newmarket and District Soccer action in the second division.

A fairly strong cross-wind made ball control difficult in this one for both teams.

Richmond United had most of this

wind advantage in the first half of play and should have gone out in front on several occasions.

Experiencing near misses on good setups were Horst Oelschlegel and Bruno Di Giovanni. They were foiled by a sharp Orillia goalkeeper.

The United's Frank McCloskey also had plenty of work in the Richmond Hill

net, stopping some lively Orillia attacks.

Orillia had the slight wind advantage in the second half but United's defence of Frank McCloskey, Hugh Miller, Jimmy Brown, James McCafferty, Klaus Schumann, and Mickey Murphy held firm.

It was able to contain the strong

Orillia team.

United had a chance to go ahead near the end of the game when Reggie McKnight was put right in the clear with only the Orillia keeper to beat. But his shot was off target.

United II's next game is against Orillia Twin Lakers at Orillia on Saturday.

Aurora Rangers nip United in 1-0 contest

AURORA Rangers came up with a strong defence Saturday to shutout Richmond United 1-0 in first division Newmarket and District Soccer League action.

The first half found both teams attacking. But two good defences coupled

with poor finishing added up to a scoreless first half with United holding a territorial advantage on play.

The second half continued much the same with United having some excellent opportunities only to see the Aurora defence kick two off the line.

An excellent cross from Alan Martin found Barry Fowler off balance and leaning backwards, heading wide of an open net.

Midway through the half a free kick by Aurora was taken and an excellent shot was slammed home to make it 1-0.

United did not give up at this, and came back to the attack, but unfortunately had a man sent off and this proved too much.

Next game for United is Saturday against Newmarket Athletics at Bayview Secondary School at 4 p.m.

Hill Cadillac Gals edge Uxbridge 8-7 to wind up in first

The Richmond Hill Cadillac Baif Midget Girls ended up atop the heap in the Lakeshore Softball League via a close 8-7 sudden death win over Uxbridge.

Richmond Hill now opens the playoffs with a best three out of five series against Oshawa. They had previously warmed up for that key final game win against Uxbridge by downing Weston 6-5 in an exhibition match. Weston is the current PWSU Juvenile 'C' champions.

This contest saw the local gals going without their number one pitcher who had been loaned to the juveniles.

Start early
But the big win was against Uxbridge as the first batter, Vicky Robinson, lined a double to centre field. She scored on another double by Kelly MacInnis. Then came a walk by Susie O'Connell and a bunt single by Lauren MacInnis which brought in another run.

The second inning saw singles by Steph Clarke, Robinson, and MacInnis to load the bases. Up stepped clean-up batter O'Connell and she proceeded to drive a long triple into the darkness to give the Swingers a 5-1

lead after only two innings. **Keep on scoring**
The fourth inning saw MacInnis doubling to centre and Christy bunting safely to move the runner. O'Connell then grounded out to bring in a run.

Lauren then bunted safely to bring in the second run. The score was 7-3 after the fourth inning.

She was robbed
Richmond Hill had a labelled homerun taken away from it when a 'Moose' McLeave shot in the fifth inning was grabbed by the Uxbridge centrefielder on a spectacular play.

The Swingers got their final run when Darline Nelson grounded a three bagger down the line and was driven in by Steph Clarke.

Uxbridge staged a rally in the seventh with the Swingers leading 8-3 when Pitcher MacInnis walked a batter and the next one singled.

This was followed by another walk to load the bases which brought O'Connell in to relieve. She proceeded to walk the next three batters to force in as many runs and make the score 7-6.

Shoestring catch
MacInnis was brought back in again with the bases still loaded. The day was saved then as Richmond Hill's Vicky Robinson made a shoestring catch on a hard-hit liner through the infield.

The bases were still loaded with two out when a ground ball was hit to Robinson at shortstop. Her throw to second for the force out was late and another run scored to narrow lead to 8-7.

The ball was then thrown to McLeave at home and the runner on third was trapped. A throw to Stephanie Clark got the runner and the championship was Richmond Hill's.

Bridlewood Tournament
The Bridlewood Tournament this weekend will pit Richmond Hill against the PWSU 'B' finalist Cedar Hill in the first game Friday at 8:30 pm.

Sarna, who won the gold at the Ontario Summer Game, and Uxbridge, still in the finals of the PWSU will also be playing along with Bridlewood.

Bridlewood has won the PWSU 'A' championship. Also participating will be Don Victoria who were also at the Summer Games.

Rumors are vicious

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By Bob Reeves

I have just hung up the telephone after a long chat with Herb Walton. Herb, as you probably remember, is our equipment manager.

He also has a philosophy of living that is based on total honesty, hard work and of being direct and to the point — I don't think he will really like my saying this — but he is rapidly becoming the conscience of the executive.

Our conversation centred around the loss of two of our longstanding 'A' team sponsors and the reasons for it.

At that time it appeared they were persuaded to withdraw by a person or persons who were disgruntled with our change of management of the Midget 'A' team.

Rumors insidious

To say the least, both of us were disturbed at this possibility and more than a little angry. Now, rumor is a terribly insidious thing and we all know how prevalent it is around sporting circles.

Like an avalanche, it grows and changes with each re-telling and we determined to find the truth behind the whole situation and stop the whole mess before it went any further.

During the course of registration I was fortunate to be able to talk to three people.

'Concerned' people

One was apparently the appointed spokesman of a group of "concerned" people. We talked about the reasons for change on the Midget team and I believe some satisfaction was reached. During the weekend I had the more pleasant experience of having one of our long-time supporters approach me for a chat.

During the conversation I was told that although stories were going around about this chap being the instigator of

one of the local fables, there is no way he was involved.

Well, I was happy to hear this especially from a person for whom I have great respect and especially since he took courage to find me and air the problem.

The rumor machine

Finally yesterday we had a very direct conversation with a third party and were assured he was in no way responsible for any decision by any of our sponsors.

Well, I was more than pleased to hear this and it certainly appears we fell victim to the rumor machine.

But these three conversations pointed out a simple truth. Rumors can easily be quashed by coming to anyone of us directly and having a frank talk.

It's not difficult and it is effective. The board of directors have volunteered to help young people play hockey. From time to time decisions will be made that some people may disagree with. There are two avenues open to air your views.

See and talk to one of us at any time and secondly come on in and join the board — we always need help.

Coaches together

Finally, the coaches of the RHHA are coming together much like a team themselves. Their Saturday meeting was a most successful, learning and give and take session.

Like any team there is little room for a dissident member. For the last time then the board made a decision with the Midgets and as Herb would say, "That's a fact of life, we'll carry on from here."

Registration

My thanks must go out to all the conveners and members of the board who worked so hard this week at registration. A very special thank you to all the ladies who helped out at a very successful skate exchange.

It was so successful that we are going to continue with it next Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the new arena.

Registrations will also continue during the same hours.

That's it for this week. Remember, if you have a "beef" come and see us.

Open new gym club

A new gymnastics club is opening in this area.

The Langstaff Gymnastics Club will be under the direction of Tom Zivic, the Canadian national men's coach and Naosaki Masaaki, the national senior mens' champion and a finalist on the still rings in the pre-olympic games in Montreal.

Masaaki is also the assistant gymnastics coach at York University.

The club will offer olympic (artistic) and rhythmic gymnastics and a fitness-recreational section for adults. Tamara

Bompa will be in charge of the rhythmic gymnastics section of the club.

Mrs. Bompa has been the national womens' coach for modern and artistic gymnastics for the last two years.

Mrs. Bompa is currently working as a coach at York University.

Registration will be at Langstaff Secondary School on Garden Avenue in Thornhill from 6 to 10 p.m. on September 29. For further information call 889-6877, Monday - Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Badminton season starts

Thornlea Badminton Club will begin its new season September 24 at Thornlea High School, with members meeting every Wednesday night from then on.

Jack Abas, president of the club, said an announcement to that effect was left

out of a list of community organizations and events sent out recently by Markham Parks and Recreation Committee.

Anyone wishing further information about the club can contact Mr. Abas at 889-9924.

Three Richvale clubs in York Minor Finals

Three Richvale minor softball teams have battled their way into the finals of the York Region House League playoffs to be played Saturday at Maple.

Suburban Radiator Peewee Boys guaranteed themselves a final playoff spot with a two-game sweep of its semi-finals series with Maple.

This week they won a squeaker over Maple by 9-7.

The game was featured by homers by Mason and Masturmartine, a triple by Adams, and doubles by Stewart and Jesson.

Other finalists included Guaranty Trust bantam girls and Somerville

Pipeline bantam boys as Richvale representatives in the playoffs. Other divisions have not yet finished their semi-finals.

The highlight of the week for Richvale baseball occurred Sunday at newly opened Pearson diamond when a good crowd turned out for the T-Ball

playoffs.

One cannot imagine the progress these 5 to 7-year-old youngsters have made in a few short months.

In the first division playoffs, Milvan won a 16-14 squeaker over Emerald Isle Real Estate in the last inning. Emerald Isle had two men on base and the

winning run at the plate with two out when Danny Thompson of Milvan made a beautiful defensive fielding play to snuff out the rally.

The second division playoff was also close with Richvale Block breaking a third inning tie to win over D & D Excavating by 18-15.

Next week we will bring you the results of the final playoffs.

Get out and support Richvale Saturday at Maple.

Dates to remember

Annual meeting . . . Sept. 22 at 8 p.m., Hillcrest Auditorium; Fall Dance, Sept. 27, Richvale Lions Club.