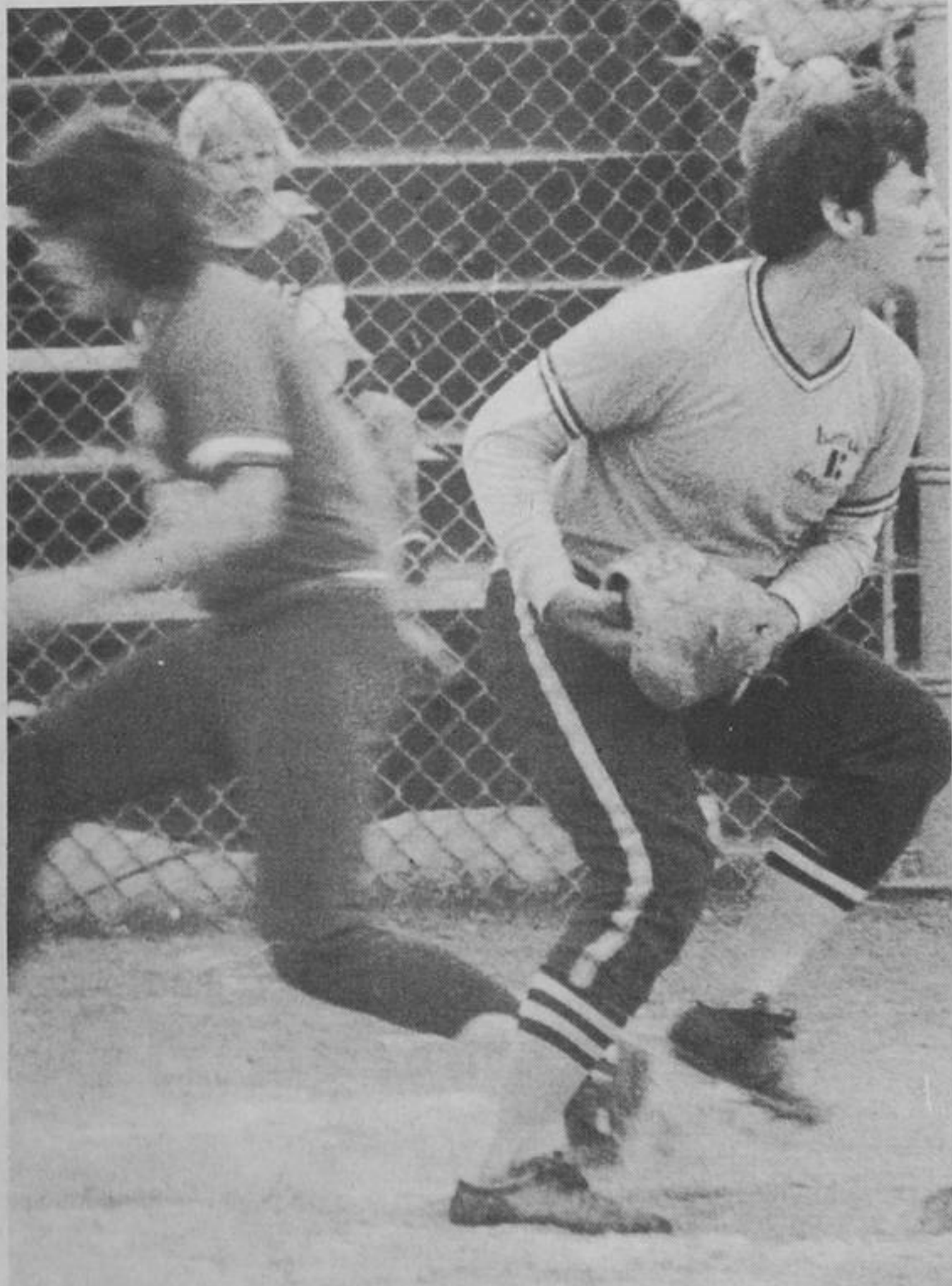


Joe's 'wreck' Aurora Car Care



(Photo by Hogg)

Get that blur

The unidentified St. Clair Paint and Wallpaper runner (left) is just a "blur of speed" here but he was still too late as Paul

Hunter of Barrow's Insurance has ball for force-out at home plate. Alas, St. Clair won the game and 'B' title.

By Dave Barbour
RICHMOND HILL — A repair crew from Joe's Garage wrecked Aurora Car Care Club 7-1 last Sunday night to win the championship in the sixth annual Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League tournament here.
 The 'B' honors went to Toronto St. Clair Paint and Wallpaper who defeated Barrow's Insurance by 5-2. Both Joe's and Barrow's are members of the sponsoring Richmond Hill softball league.

Errors tell tale
 That big championship game saw Joe's taking advantage of a tired, error-prone and youthful Aurora club to win handsly.
 It was Richmond Hill's Steve Wood shooting a booming drive out of the park to get his team off on the right foot in the second inning.
 Aurora bounced back in the third with the tying run as Kerry Heintzman reached first on a fielder's choice and was knocked home by brother Dave who singled.

Dimmell gets winner
 Joe's Clyde Dimmell then got what turned out to be the winning run as he reached first on an error, to second on a single by Don Campbell, and scored on Gordie Woolnough's sacrifice.
 Campbell scored from third when the Aurora catcher threw the ball wildly to third base.
Explode
 Joe's exploded for four more runs in the fifth aided by two Aurora errors and a homerun.
 Woolnough singled and advanced on

an error to centre-fielder Doug Waller. Bob Ritchie got a life on an error to the catcher and Steve Wood knocked in Woolnough with a single. Jeff Wood followed with a three-run homer.
 Joe's got their runs on six hits and four Aurora errors.
Berseth goes route
 Dave Berseth went the route for Joe's giving up five hits with his teammates committing two errors behind him.
 Joe's coach, Dave Webster, accepted the \$250 first prize check from league (continued on B-2)



(Photo by Hogg)

Got dust in your throat??

A typical action scene here as Town Auto Body's Larry Black is out by a cloud of diamond dust in game against Bryant's

Braves in the sixth annual Richmond Hill Men's Softball Tournament. Town Auto won the game but by the time all the dust

had cleared Sunday night it was Richmond Hill Joe's Garage declared the 'A' grand champions of the weekend.

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Fred Simpson

Positive losing

MONTREAL — I'm actually writing this article from the Richmond Hill Town Park, not Montreal, but I just want to be one of the guys.
 It seems every sports page I turned to on the weekend had some article from a sportswriter datelined Montreal. Something about the Olympics.

That was all right with me because I enjoyed myself at the town park where the sixth annual Richmond Hill Men's Softball Tournament was held on the weekend.
 It was especially gratifying because the good guys, Joe's Garage, won the 'A' championship by upending Aurora 7-2 before an enthusiastic gathering. You can read the details elsewhere on these pages.

The Blues

The tournament reminded me of a somewhat unfortunate situation, as of now, which finds the first-year Ken Blyth Real Estate team holding down last place in the Richmond Hill Men's Softball League.

It's not so much that they're in last place. That can happen to anyone of us. What caught my eye is the fact the team has compiled a record of no wins and 16 losses to date.

That's awful discouraging. My record is similar to that this year (maybe I've recorded one or two more losses) so I decided to call the team coach, Gilles Beauvais, and find out the grim details.

I'm tired of always writing about the winners in sports. Thought I'd have a toast to the losers on this occasion.

Out of the oven

Gilles was a trifle annoyed at first because I caught him at an inopportune moment. He had his head in the oven and a losing coach doesn't like to be bothered at times like this.
 But his innate good humor soon got the best of him.

"Yes, it's been a rough year so far," he sobbed. "But you can expect that when you're a new team in any league."

Expos did it

I tried to console him by pointing out that the Montreal Expos had got off to a rocky start years ago in the National League but have come on strongly. They've cut their winning streaks from something like six in a row to two or three.

"What's essentially wrong?"
 "We have a couple weak spots," Gilles continued. "Pitching and hitting. The pitching has come on

strong lately but we're still having problems hitting.

"We've got a couple of 400 hitters on the club but our inability to hit with runners on has killed us. For example, we get two on and then get two hits. Then we're out."

Got to adjust

Gilles admitted the players were somewhat dispirited at first, but have adjusted to the situation.

"We've had some close games and I'm sure we're due to come up with a big win which will start us on our way. That's all we need us. We might not win everything, but we're going to cause some trouble."

What mystifies Gilles, and all coaches of losing teams, is the fact the players come up with their best games against the top teams such as league-leading Barrow's or Joe's Garage.

"I guess it's a case of getting up against those teams. When we meet a poor team we tend to get overconfident and end up losing badly."

There's light

But there's light at the end of the tunnel. Just recently the team participated in a tournament near Barrie and came up with its first win over . . . 5-0 shutout.

They lost the next game but that didn't matter.
 "You would have thought we'd won the title," said Beauvais. "Maybe that win was what we needed to get on the track."

Hang in there

Needless to say, my best wishes go out to Gilles and the boys. It's always rough to lose but that is also the name of the game.

I once played on a team that had a similar losing beginning. After awhile, it didn't hurt anymore. We relaxed and, lo and behold, the wins started coming.

So hang in there, Gilles. And keep your head out of that oven.

Finally

Re that coaching clinic mentioned in a story last week. Seems like the reaction has been promising that there's a distinct possibility of it being held here.

Some 25 persons, I'm told have indicated interest.

Anyone interested should contact Richmond Hill Recreation Superintendent Lynton Friedberg at 889-4928. One more thing, Lynton wants your \$5 fee just to make sure you're really interested.
 It's a good deal so sign up.

Garage boys winners 8-2

RICHMOND HILL — League-leading Joe's Garage downed Ronald's Federated 8-2 last week in Richmond Hill Men's Fastball league action at Crosby while Lake Wilcox was trouncing Jack Blyth Real Estate 13-1.
 The Lake pumped in 3 runs in each of the first, third, and fourth Innings plus four runs in the sixth.

Bob Bartlett had a homer and two rbis, Jim Robinson drove in two runs and Rick Collins hit four for four at the plate.

Ken Sommers smashed a spectacular home-run blast for Blyth's lone run in the fifth.

Rob Milligan was the losing pitcher and he got relief from Jim Cook. Tom Dukelow picked up the win for the Lake.

2-run homer

In the second game, a single by Dave Black gave Ronald's a short lived lead as he was driven in by Bob Bourke.

Jim Anderson opened for Joe's with a single and scored on Steve Wood's homer in the bottom of one. In the fourth, Dave Berseth blasted a two-run homer.

Bourke homers

Bourke homered for Ronald's in the fifth. Joe's tallied three more times in their fifth highlighted by a two-run double off the bat of Berseth.

Berseth wins it

Berseth was the winning hurler for Joe's while Dave Tatum was tagged with the loss.

In a rescheduled game, due to rain, Joe's Garage moved into first place as they pounded Town Auto Body 9-2.

Jim Anderson, getting a life on an error in the first frame, scored Joe's first run. In the second, Don Campbell put Joe's two up as he scored in similar fashion as Anderson. The fifth saw doubles by Bob Ritchie and Dave Berseth, singles by brothers Jeff and Steve Woods, plus a hit batter, and two walks adding up to seven runs.

Town got on the scoreboard in the third as Doug Wright drew a walk and scored with assistance from Steve Whitaker. Their other counter came in the sixth as Terry Haveland tripled and was scored on Cliff Hartnett's sacrifice.

Fox wins it

Bill Fox picked up the win for Joe's, he shared the pitching with Dave Berseth. Gary Oliver was tagged with the loss and was relieved by Rob Clephan. This game was played at the Town Park.

The first game on Thursday at the Town Park was also a makeup game. This, having Town Auto Body eking out a hard fought 2-0 decision over McKinlay Drywall.

Doug Carter singled, in the third, and scored the winning run on a hit by Steve Whitaker. In the sixth, Carter scored again on a sacrifice fly by Terry Haveland.

Attempted steal

The brightest moment for McKinlay was when Dennis Loughead reached third base. He went out on a very close call at the plate as he attempted to steal home.

Rob Clephan hurled shutout ball for Town while Gord Somers was the loser for McKinlay.

1-hitter Berseth

The second half of the twin bill saw Joe's Garage blanking Jenkin's Garden Supply 6-0 on a one hitter tossed by Dave Berseth.

The first three innings was a tight pitchers duel between Berseth and Bruce Stevens of Jenkin's. In the fourth, Joe's exploded for four big runs as Bob Ritchie walked, Steve Wood sacrificed, Jeff Wood singled scoring Ritchie. Bob Howard got a life on an error and D. Berseth singled, then Pete Hanam's triple scored two runs. Bob Smith singled, knocking in the fourth run. With two away, Stevens was relieved, on the away, by Scot Ferguson. Joe's added two more runs in the seventh on a triple by Howard.

Jenkin's only hit came early in the game off the bat of Ray McWilliams.

Barrow's over Auto

Meanwhile, over at Pearson Park, Barrow's Insurance moved within 2 points of first place as they dumped Richmond Hill Auto Body 5-2.

Doug Bell scored in the first for Barrow's; the Hiller's tied things up in the second as Bill Hunter singled and came home on Ken Robert's bunt single. Dave Bell tripled with the bases loaded, in the fourth, accounting for 3 big runs.

In the top of five, Rob Forget turned a life on an error into homer for the Hillers.

Roger Ball closed out the scoring as he scored on a throwing error.

On the rubber Billy Hamilton claimed the victory while Alex Smith took the loss for the Hillers.

3-run triple

In the nightcap, Lorne McLean smashed a three run triple, in the first, to get Mill's Roses on their way to a 10-6 win over Ronald's Federated. Moe Williamson, with a life on an error, scored McLean. In the next frame Jack McLean put Mill's five up with a solo home run blast.

Bounce back

Ronald's bounced with two runs in the bottom of two, Dave Black and Dave Tatum each with RBIs.

The third inning saw Mill's pile on four more runs on singles by Lorne McLean and Vince McLean plus a double by brother Jack.

L. McLean with a double and Williamson with a single drove home two runs in the fourth.

In the bottom half of the inning Dave Black singled and scored on a series of errors for Ronald's. The bottom of sixth saw Al Mounstevan banging home 3 runs with a bases loaded triple for the losers.

Gary Robinson, on the rubber for Mill's, went the route while Craig Shuttleworth took the loss. He was relieved by Dave Tatum.

Standings

	G	W	L	T	PTS
Joe's Garage	14	11	3	0	22
Barrow's Insurance	14	10	4	0	20
McKinlay Drywall	13	8	5	0	16
Town Auto Body	14	8	6	0	16
R.H. Auto Body	13	7	5	1	15
Lake Wilcox	12	7	5	0	14
Jenkin's Garden Supply	12	6	6	0	12
Ronald's Federated	15	5	9	1	11
Mill's Roses	14	5	9	0	10
Jack Blyth Real Estate	16	0	16	0	0

Whittingham tops javelin

By Bob Thompson

BRAMPTON — It was a day of surprises for the Richmond Hill track and field athletes competing last Saturday in the provincial semi-finals here.

The greatest surprise, not a happy one, was the failure of Jane Toporowski to qualify in the midget girl javelin event in which she had registered well in the previous two years.

The pleasant surprise in the same event was Richmond Hill's Lynn Whittingham winning it. Between the dynamic duo, Whittingham and Toporowski, RHAC captured four first and two third place awards in the first events.

The other Hill midget to survive this elimination was Steve Charles with a first place timing of 10.60 in the steeplechase.

Advancing

Other athletes who competed but failed to gain advancement were bantam Doreen Gaughan, and midgets Mike Smith, Rosemary Polczer and

Lindsay Gaughan.

The juvenile-junior section saw Marg Shorten throw a personal best in the shot put of 10.60 metres to gain second place and a trip to the finals.

Monk tops

Another winner was John Monk in the hammer, shot put, and discus, who found competition lacking and gained a berth to the juvenile finals in August.

Richard Gaughan and Cheryl Paxton did not fare well enough for champion Richard Gaughan and Cheryl Paxton did not fare well enough for championship acceptance but young Paxton is training specifically for the pentathlon (a five-event test over two days) and used the region meet as a testing ground for her efforts.

Gain experience

With four of her five events scheduled within a two hour period, the local girl gained great experience in the art of competing in two competitions at the same time.

It is expected that Paxton will be representing Central Region at the Ontario Games over the Labour Day weekend.

Ontario Games over the Labour Day weekend.

Richmond Hill's dynamic duo, as Toporowski and Whittingham have been named, qualified in the discus, shot put, javelin and high jump.

Whittingham won the javelin and placed third in the discus, and Toporowski, showing more poise than most athletes at the meet, won the shot put, high jump and discus events.

Falls short

Jane's attempt to set a new world record in the discus fell 22 inches short with her toss of 39.90 metres but all are confident that the 40 metre mark will be bettered within the next two weeks.

In an unexpected turn of events, Toporowski also regained her form and composure in the shot put, winning with a personal best throw of 10.40 metres. The high jump height was 5 ft. 1 in. which was more than enough to win this competition.

Next week the 'dynamic duo', along with Steve Charles, travel to Cambridge for the OTFA provincial finals.



John Monk tops with hammer