

New 'twist' to Hill minor ball day



(Photo by Hogg)

It's a football kickoff? Naah.

It could be a kick-off or a convert in a football game except that it isn't. It's Adam Cox of Baymar showing perfect style as he puts toe to soccer ball in this Richmond Hill Minor Soccer League game against North York Trophies in North York Premier competition Monday night of this week. It was a good kick but alas and alack the bad guys, North York, won by 3-1.

RICHMOND HILL — A new twist will be added to Richmond Hill Minor Ball's annual Wind-up tournament day for house league players to be held next Sept. 18.

Special competitions will be held featuring a select group of players from each team in each division who will compete in running the bases, distance and accuracy in throwing the softball, hitting for distance etc. A series of try-outs will be held by each team to select eight players out of 15 who will compete on tournament day. These try-outs will be held until the end of Aug. 9 with the competitors to be announced Aug. 15.

Idea behind the new competition is to "encourage the teaching and execution of some of the basic skills of softball."

Tourney data
Tournament sheets that were given out to all coaches, conveners, and players last week on the diamonds have to be changed slightly.

Please make note of these changes on your original tournament sheets and advise all players as well. The changes basically occur only in the number and ages of players to qualify in the different divisions of house league ball.

The changes are as follows:

Changes
One girl player per team, one boy player per team; Junior girls, one player per team, 9 years and under, one player per team, 10 years old and up; Senior girls, one player per team, 12 years and under; one player per team, 13 years and up.

Tyke, one player per team, 7 years old; one player per team, eight years old; Squirt, one player per team, nine years old; one player per team, 10 years old; Peewee-Bantam, one player per team, 12 years and under; one player per team, 13 years and up.

Eligible ones
All girls and boys registered in the house league are eligible to participate in the tryouts for the four events which are:

Running the bases, fastest time; throwing the softball, distance and accuracy; hitting the softball, distance.

All ages as per registration, Jan. 1, 1976.

In divisions such as junior girls where there will be two groups consisting of a girl aged 8 years and one girl aged 9 years old, both girls will be competing together, with one winner in each division.

Conveners
Conveners of each league will choose the night for qualifying rounds.

In any house league players are absent due to the summer vacations during the tryouts there will be three or four days put aside for these boys and girls missing the first tryout.

These dates will be announced later.

The executive hopes that "all coaches and their utmost in assisting us with this tournament, making sure that all children are aware of it and given equal opportunity to participate in each of the four events."

Kinnear is big winner

By Anne Thorpe
RICHMOND HILL — Kinnear Pontiac bombed City Wide Rental 22-7 in Peewee-Bantam action in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association with Don Grasse pitching a solid game for the winners and also tripling.

Big hitter was Gerry Lawlor who went four for four including two homers, one a Jaillslammer, and two doubles. Larry Jaillslammer blasted out two doubles and a triple. Playing rough games for City Wide were Joey Rung, Andy Arai and Brian Dunnett.

Other peewee-bantam activity saw: **Bob's Bottoms and Up 18, Dave's Esso 11.** This was the first win for Bob's and a welcome one. Bruce Routledge led offensively with four for four including a homer, two doubles and a triple. Also hitting well were Gary Sutherland, Paul Buxton and John McLaughlin.

Impressing in a losing cause were Brad Marinoff, Gary Foch, and Pat Guyton.

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Walton homers

Bender Rugs 13, R.H. Auto Body 11. Ralph Durston was the winning pitcher in this one. Andy Walton got the only homer of the game with Tim Van Halteren playing an excellent game at first.

Junior Girls

Perry Hill 20, Loughlin Lumber 19. Perry Hill was short of players due to summer vacations but still pulled out the win due to the excellent playing of Debbie Forsythe, Christine Foch, and Heather McKenzie. They were on loan from their own teams.

Homer for Surowiec

Rice's Flowers 19, Dairy Queen 17. Michelle Surowiec went three for three at bat including a homer and also caught two infield flies. Janet Gerritse went three for three with a single, double and triple.

Good infield plays by Lisa Dunford, Michelle Surowiec and Cheryl Edwards. The Dairy Queen team was playing shorthanded with only eight players.

Rice goes 4 for 4

Powell Fencing 23, Pop City 14. Tracy Rice had four for four for the winners as did Nancy McClelland and Lori Abernathy. Carol Queregesser hit a grand slam homerun for Pop City.

Standings

T-BALL	P	W	L	T	Pts
Baymar Sports	6	4	1	9	
Town Auto Body	6	5	0	11	
Fisher Bros. Sports	6	3	2	17	
Water Refining Co. Limited	6	1	4	3	
Shoe World Raiders	6	1	4	3	
York Prow. Ambulance	6	0	3	3	
SQUIRTS					
Richmond Hill Auto Body	7	4	2	9	
R. F. Mote Limited	7	4	2	9	
N. S. Smith	7	4	3	8	
Bender Rugs	7	1	6	2	
JUNIOR GIRLS					
Dairy Queen	7	5	2	10	
Pop City	7	3	3	7	
Powell Fencing	7	3	3	7	
Perry Hill	7	3	3	7	
Rice's Flowers	7	3	4	6	
Loughlin Lumber	7	2	4	5	
TYKES					
Ziebart Rec.	5	5	0	10	
Rambert Rustproofing	6	4	2	8	
Powell Plumbing	6	1	5	2	
Photo Hut	5	1	4	2	
PEEWEE-BANTAM					
City Wide Rental	7	5	2	10	
Dynes Jewellers	7	4	3	8	
Kinnear Pontiac	7	4	3	8	
Summit Transmission	7	4	3	8	
Dave's Esso	7	2	5	4	
Bob's Bottoms & Up	7	2	5	4	
SENIOR GIRLS					
LeCuyer Electric	6	4	1	9	
Rumble Transport	6	4	1	9	
Hanson's Flowers	6	3	3	6	
Rec'd Shop	6	0	6	0	

Old Dame Rain the winner

By Jane Sel

RICHMOND HILL — Old Dame Rain caused cancellation of several games last week in the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association which will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Mexico

Our Richmond Hill Lions' squad performed in admirable fashion last week in Mexico City winning two games and losing two. A full report on the trip will be available next week.

Girls division — TRT

The bantam and mosquito divisions were cancelled due to the Olympic games at Varsity Stadium.

Mutual Life Atoms 3, Don Mills Kiwanis 1. Allison Kirk was the big gun in this one scoring all three Richmond Hill goals. The girls came through despite the pouring rain that fell throughout the game.

Tournament

Richmond Hill hosted a very successful tournament for the Mosquito and Bantam age girls for the first time July 18 and under, believe it or not, perfect weather conditions at Langstaff, Pearson and Crosby fields.

Our club has been commended by the chairman of the girls' committee, OMSA, for our efforts and only favorable comments have been received from the participating clubs.

Special thanks are due to all those who assisted and supported us in our endeavours particularly Sam Morelli, Joan Cone and Stephen Rowe.

St. Andrews

Bantam
Visiting teams came from Armourdale, St. Andrew and Niagara Falls.

The Richmond Hill Cadillac Baif girls came up with only 11 players but tried hard but were unable to outlast the competing teams with 15 and 16 players in their lineup.

First place in the competition went to St. Andrews followed by Armourdale, Niagara Falls and Richmond Hill.

This was a very well-matched series with no more than two goals scored in any game and five shutouts including a scoreless draw.

Clarkson tops

Mosquitoes
Clarkson walked off with first place honors in this segment of the tournament which included teams from St. Andrew and Armourdale.

Clarkson had the same win-loss record as St. Andrew but were granted top honors by virtue of outscoring the former by 15 goals to 11.

Third place went to Armourdale on the basis of goal average since its win-

loss and goals scored was identical to the Richmond Hill Dan's Auto Service girls.

Joan Cone's girls deserve special recognition because they started the day short-handed and held Armourdale to a tie with only seven players in the final contest.

Minor Mosquitoes TRT

Richmond Hill Liberal 1, Armourdale 1. Both sides showed some fine soccer thrills in the first half.

Richmond Hill's Brian Mason scored direct from a corner kick after nine minutes but Armourdale came back to tie the score on a hard shot just before halftime.

The Hill crew launched an all-out offensive in the second half but couldn't break through despite several close misses.

Major Mosquito

Stevens outstanding

Gamma Foundry 3, St. Andrews 2. A short-handed but determined Gamma gang edged the visitor's in overtime on a well taken penalty shot by Paul Durigon.

The Hill boys found themselves behind two goals to zip but fought back to tie the game before halftime on goals by Jimmy Gourlay and Greg Pearson.

Outstanding for Gamma was goalie Mark Stevens who came up with some daring saves to keep Gamma's hopes alive to the end.

Gamma will be at Port Colbourne on the weekend of Aug. 14 and 15.

3 for Gourlay

Gamma 7, Aurora 0. Another fine display of attacking soccer for Richmond Hill with Jimmy Gourlay coming up with another hat-trick.

The other goals were spread between Kenny Jensen, Danny Summerhill, Neill Smith and Greg Pearson.

Shutout for Briggs

Gamma 1, Armourdale 0. The lone goal was again scored by Gourlay as the Hill crew again survived a lack of players due to the summer holidays.

Outstanding defensively were Kevin McMurray, Stevie Rockkarts and Neill Smith along with stand-in goalie Mike Briggs.

Standings — TRT

(as of July 14)

Squirts	W	L	T	P
Armourdale	4	0	1	9
Richmond Hill	4	2	0	8
Willowdale	3	1	2	6
Yorkville	2	2	1	5
Aurora	1	4	0	2
St. Augustine	1	4	0	2

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Atoms Minor Division

W	L	T	P	
Yorkville	5	0	0	10
Richmond Hill	3	1	0	6
Willowdale	2	1	2	5
St. Augustine	2	3	0	5
Aurora	0	1	3	1

Atom Major Division

W	L	T	P	
Downsview	7	0	0	14
Richmond Hill	4	1	1	9
Armourdale	4	3	1	9
Yorkville	4	3	0	8
St. Augustine	3	3	0	6
St. Jane Francis	3	4	0	6
Flemington	1	6	1	3
Edgely	0	6	1	1

Mosquito Minor

W	L	T	P	
Armourdale	5	0	0	10
St. Jane Francis	4	2	0	8
Richmond Hill	3	2	0	6
St. Augustine	3	3	0	6
Edgely	2	4	0	4
Yorkville	0	6	0	0

Mosquito Major

W	L	T	P	
St. Augustine	4	1	0	8
Richmond Hill	3	1	1	7
Armourdale	3	2	1	7
Yorkville	3	1	0	6
St. Jane Francis	1	1	3	5
Downsview	1	4	0	2
Aurora	0	5	1	2

Peewee Minor

W	L	T	P	
St. Jane Francis	5	0	1	11
Downsview	3	1	2	8
Richmond Hill	1	1	4	6
Yorkville	2	2	2	6
St. Augustine	2	2	2	6
Aurora	2	4	0	4
Edgely	0	6	0	0

Peewee Major

W	L	T	P	
Downsview	4	0	0	8
Yorkville	3	2	0	6
Aurora	2	1	0	4
Richmond Hill	1	3	0	2
Willowdale	0	4	0	0

Bantam Minor

W	L	T	P	
Armourdale	5	0	0	10
Rexdale	4	1	1	9
Edgely	4	2	0	8
Richmond Hill	2	3	0	4
Aurora	0	5	0	0

Bantam Major

W	L	T	P	
St. Francis	4	0	0	8
Yorkdale	3	1	1	7
Willowdale	2	1	2	6

Peewee Lions take 'A' tourney

NORTH YORK — The Richmond Hill Peewee Lions travelled to North York last Saturday and won their second "A" Championship of the season.

The Lions started the day off in impressive fashion as they defeated Grand Ravine 11-0 in a five inning game behind the no-hit pitching of Glenn Apps.

Only three runners reached base via two walks and an error as Apps struck out seven batters.

Offensively the Lions had trouble with the extremely slow pitcher as only Apps and Wayne Smith could come up with two hits.

Apps and Paul Harrietha both tripled while Mike Smith came through with his eighth homerun of the season.

Defeat Barrie

The second game of the day saw the Hill boys come out swinging as they scored seven times in the first inning and then held on for a 13-10 victory over Barrie.

The Lions pounded out 13 hits in this game with Lawrence Millard having a

perfect four for four game while Wes Whitaker was three for three.

Jim Barton had two hits as did Harrietha, Harrietha, Whitaker, and Rob McKenzie all homered with M. Smith adding a triple.

Apps started on the mound for the Hill squad, but a three run homer in the third inning saw him being replaced by Harrietha.

Paul pitched effective ball until the seventh inning when he tired and surrendered a grand slam homerun. He was then replaced by Smith for the final out.

The three pitchers combined to give up 11 hits while walking eight and fanning seven.

Glenn Apps picked up his second win of the day in this game.

Another No-Hitter

The third game saw the Lions unleash a tremendous hitting attack as they scored eight times in the first inning and continued to sail along to a 19-0 thrashing over Galt in only five innings. This game featured another brilliant

pitching performance as Mike Smith hurled his second no-hitter in the process recording 13 strikeouts on the season.

Wayne Smith and Rob McKenzie lead the hitting barrage with three homeruns including McKenzie's second homerun of the day.

Lawrence Millard had two hits and three rbi's while Mike Smith helped his own cause by smacking two hits including a triple.

Edge Grantham In Finals

The championship game was the toughest of the day as the Hill Lions came up against a hot Grantham team. The Lions continued their torrid hitting and it carried them to a 7-5 victory and the "A" Championship.

The Lions broke a scoreless tie in the third inning by stringing five hits in a row together with Millard, Whitaker, M. Smith, and Harrietha all getting rbi's. Harrietha's was a homerun.

Going into the top of the sixth the Hill squad held a reasonably comfortable lead of 7-2. But, three hits topped off by

a homerun put Grantham right back into the game.

Mike Smith then settled down and struck out the next five batters in a row and ended to preserve the victory.

The Lions 12 hit attack was paced by Harrietha with three while W. Smith, Millard, and Whitaker all had two hits apiece.

On the other side pitcher Smith allowed five hits while fanning 17 batters.

Captain Whitaker accepted the trophy on behalf of his teammates for the victory the Lions truly deserved, as they played well from start to finish with no letup in between.

Everyone on the team played well and contributed at some time during the day.

Tournament In Elmvale

The next day the Lions travelled to a little "bush" tournament in Elmvale. The first game saw the Lions play the host team Elmvale and defeat them in

five innings by a score of 3-2.

Paul Harrietha picked up the victory as he allowed only one hit and set down eight men swinging.

The Lions had trouble getting hits themselves as they could manage only six, with Matt Thompson knocking in the winning run with two out in the last inning.

The second game was the "A" Championship which saw the Hill team coming up against a team which had a pitcher and a whole infield with one exception that were Bantam age.

All of these players had been on last season's OASA Peewee "C" Championship team.

Needless to say with a Bantam pitcher throwing from Peewee distance the Lions had their backs to the wall.

The Hill boys could manage only one hit and went down via the strikeout route a total of 21 times including 12 in a row at one point.

The Lions did hold the lead for a while as Harrietha's two run single in the first inning held up until the fifth.

A homerun at that point tied the game and a three run homer in the following inning proved to be the margin of victory.

But, the Lions never said die as they scored a run in the second and had the go ahead runs in second and third but could not push them across.