



A pretty batboy

Richmond Hill Auto Body batboy, uh, batgirl Darlene Whitmarsh, 8, adds a touch of prettiness to the scene at Friday

night's Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League encounter at the Town Park.



Back in time

York Regional's Ray Bunce gets back to first base just in time as Richmond Hill Auto Body's Gary Russell almost catches him napping in Friday night's game Rich-

mond Hill Men's Fastball League game at the town park. Being safe didn't matter much for the policemen over the long run. They ended up on the short end of a 10-0

drubbing. The same Hill Auto Body team went on to win the Bradford tournament on the weekend. See story elsewhere.

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Still on top

Joe's dump McKinlay 6-1

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Joe's Garage Juniors dumped McKinlay Drywall 6-1 to maintain a four-point lead last week in the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League.

Kevin Mathews showed the way at bat with three for four and Glen Moreland had all the answers on the mound. Gord Summers took the loss.

Other league action saw: Town Auto 6, Jack Blyth Real Estate 1. Town Auto erupted for three runs in the third as Cliff Hartneet doubled twice and scored twice to pace the winners.

Blyth's lone run came in the last inning as Harold DeGeer singled and scored on Glen Wright's sacrifice fly. Gary Oliver took the win, Dopug Walker the loss.

Like Clobber

Video Real Estate 12, Ronald's Federated 4. The word is clobber as Steve Wood showed the way with a three-run homer to head a four-run first inning. Gord Woolnough doubled and winning pitcher Dave Berseth knocked him in to highlight a three-run second inning.

Ronald's runs came in the first inning on a fielder's choice, Bill Robson's double with Reg Armstrong knocking in

both runs. Mike Daggett followed with a double scoring one and Wes Berseth drove in the final run.

Video wins 5-4

Video 5, Mill's Roses 4. Steve Wood tripled home two runs to show the way with Dave Webster taking the win, Barry Mathews the loss.

Richmond Hill Auto Body 3, Jenkin's Garden Supplies 2. Phil Bellevance got Jenkin's off to a fast start with a homer in the third inning and Brad Madely made it 2-0 in the fourth on Al McKenzie's triple.

Back to back doubles by Jim Clement and Barry Locke got Hill Auto on the scoreboard in the fourth inning.

The next inning saw Rob Forget singling and scoring on Val Steffan's sacrifice. Bernie Hough doubled and crossed the plate with the winner as McKenzie was safe on an error.

Scott Ferguson relieved Brian Madely and was credited with the win. Jim Clement took the loss.

Hill Auto 10, York Regional Police 0. Glen Polhamus went three for three to pave the way. Vel Steffan hurled the win.

2 homers, Bellavance

Jenkin's 4, Lake Wilcox 4. Phil Bellavance's two home runs enabled

Hill Auto Body boys do job on Bradford

The Richmond Hill Auto Body fastball team invaded Bradford on the weekend and breezed to five straight victories and their second tournament title this season in three tries.

Sil Steffan's Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League squad was the only undefeated nine in the 14-team tournament.

They ripped through Persechini Fitness Centre of Newmarket 4-2, Mt. Albert 7-2, Cookstown 6-4, Toronto Central Y 4-3, and, finally, Ronald's Federated of Richmond Hill Y by 3-0.

Pitchers Val Steffan and Jim Clement combined forces for the sweep with the former handcuffing Ronald's in that big final game in a duel with Tommy Drennan.

Drennan, incidentally, was chosen the tournament's most valuable player to make it a clean sweep for Richmond Hill entries.

That final game saw Steffan hurling a three hitter while striking out five and walking only three. Richmond Hill Auto Body stroked Drennan for 12 hits.

Big homer

Richmond Hill Auto's Glen Green-slade decided the issue in the very first inning. He was the first man up and he planked a home run over the left field

fence. Rob Forget then doubled and came home on Billy Hunter's single.

The third and final run came in the sixth inning as pitcher Steffan singled and was doubled home by Kenny Roberts.

Clement wins

Clement was the winning chucker in the 4-3 win over Central Y allowing four hits while striking out four. Glen Polhamus homered with one on in the first inning to give the Hill a flying start.

Rob Forget was a big batsman against Cookstown going four for four while Greenslade was credited with two triples.

Clement came on strong to toss a one-hitter against Mt. Albert striking out five batters. He aided his own cause by driving in three runs on three singles.

Steffan opened the tournament against Newmarket in great fashion as he spun a six-hitter while striking out seven.

Two hits each were contributed by Gary Russell, Roberts, Ken Faulkner and Glen Polhamus.

"We do all right in the tournaments," said coach Sil Steffan, "but we seem to have trouble getting up for our league games."

Golfer loses ball... has hole-in-one

Golfer Gerry Hamby of Richmond Hill was philosophical when he couldn't find his ball on the 10th hole at the Don Mills Country Club last Saturday.

He just reached down in his bag for another one.

Then he was informed by his playing partner that the lost ball was in the cup. He'd got his first hole-in-one.

"It was amazing," said Hamby who has only been golfing for three years and doesn't even own his own clubs.

"I thought I'd made a straight-ahead drive but I just couldn't find the ball. Looked all over for it. I never thought of looking in the cup."

Hamby's dream shot was made with a No. 1 Wood on the 192-yard par 3 hole. The golfing jersey he was wearing that day had a "hole-in-one" lettering across its front.

Honest. Hamby lives at 278 Cedar Street in Richmond Hill.



fred simpson

Hold the hour

I've had a bad week and it's not over yet. Everyone I've met so far has been younger than I. Maybe it's just over-sensitivity but I think someone's doing it to me on purpose.

Not that I've got anything against getting old. I think it should happen to everyone else. That's all. Why me? Just when I've started to get my lines right.

Don't worry I'll be all right a few paragraphs down. Get this way sometimes. Look back and all there is, is memories. Like singers. Sinatra under the lamp post back in the 1950's. Sinatra's still here but the lamp post is gone. Some of you people might know what I mean.

That's why I'm happy to report that all is not lost. Bob Domik of the Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller fastball team is still around and still going strong.

Till he's 50

"You can rest assured," Bob assured me the other day, "that I'll still be around pitching when I'm 50."

That was great news because I really think the problem these days is that there are no heroes, just anti-heroes, or ordinary guys.

Nothing wrong with ordinary guys except that I'm one of them myself. I need to identify with someone just a touch above the ordinary in his line of endeavor.

I don't mean to glorify Domik or anyone else. Heaven forbid, life's tough enough. It's just nice to watch an athlete come along that provides that little extra thrill that comes with anticipating that maybe, just maybe, something special might happen tonight.

The 60's

I was here in the mid-60's when Domik first joined the Jewellers. I expected him to strike everyone out. And, more often than not, he did. It was exciting, it was me out on the mound doing it, too.

So that's why I'm glad Domik is still around here in 1977 and still getting people out although maybe with not quite the same speed as former days. Keeps me young.

All Canadian

And it's also why I was glad for Rapid Robert getting yet another shot at playing in the Canadian finals in Hull, Quebec this year. He was picked up by the Oshawa Merchants who won the All-Ontario.

Domik, who has only missed one Canadian since 1968 with one team or another, has a long string of impressive appearances behind him including being named World's top pitcher back when the Dynes Jewellers won it all in The Philippines in 1972.

A few seasons ago he was picked up by Kitchener for the Canadians and was named top pitcher. He also set a Canadian record for con-

secutive strikeouts, 14 in a row. His earned-run average was 0.

That's why his number with the Jewellers is 14.

Glad to be back

"I'm enjoying my return with the Jewellers this season," states Domik. "I had my best years here and I hope to have some more. I'm relaxed and enjoying myself."

Domik's record, along with counterpart Doug Webster, has been just about the best you could expect.

In league and tournament play he's compiled 20 wins against only five losses including a no-hitter. He's struck out 269 batters in 190 innings and has an earned-run average of .076.

"I'm a little different pitcher than a few years ago," he admits. "At one time I tried to strike everyone out. Not anymore. These days I relax and get them to hit the pitch I want them to. It really makes me a more effective pitcher."

Domik still has that speed when he reaches back but he also has the experience to go with it.

That's why he expects to be pitching when he's 50 and that's good news for softball watchers.

Keeps you young

Notes Speaking of ball players, do you remember an ex-Dynesman of a few seasons back by the name of Joe O'Neill? Sure you do.

Joe toiled with the Grimsby Peach Kings in the Ontario tournament this season and was named the leading fielder in it. Joe was also injured when he made one of his patented never-say-die lunges at a long fly ball. He bounced off the fence suffering a badly sprained back.

Joe was a member of that World's champion Dynes team.

He obviously hasn't changed a bit. Great competitor at all times.



Bob Domik ...going strong

Town Auto's Oliver tosses no-hitter

Richmond Hill Town Auto's Gary 'Ozzie' Oliver was a Gruen watch richer after participating in the Lindsay fastball tournament on the weekend. Justly so.

Big Gary threw in one no-hitter, along with a one-hitter, as he pitched his teammates to four straight wins in the Lindsay tournament.

Town Auto opened with a 9-0 drubbing of Peterborough and followed it with a 5-1 victory over Lindsay, 5-3 over McKinlay Drywall, also of Richmond Hill, and a 6-2 win over Port Perry in the final championship game.

No-hit

Oliver's no-hit game came in the 5-1 triumph over Lindsay which saw him strike out 11 batters while walking only four. The one run against him was unearned.

His cause was aided and abetted by homers by John Rumble (plus a triple) and Terry Haviland. Scott Mabley had three singles.

One-hitter

Oliver opened the tournament with a one-hitter against Peterborough

insurancemen exploded for 10 runs in the first inning to more than decide the issue.

2 homers Crouter

The same inning saw Dale Crouter socking two homers. Paul Hunter had two doubles while Jim Barton and Carl Young contributed triples.

Neil Roberts was the big man for the Lake with three rbi's with Tom Dukelow and Gary McTaggart also banging in runs. Billy Hamilton was the winner, Dukelow the loser.

Barrow's 10, Lake Wilcox 5. The

striking out 12 batters. He was amply aided by his teammates who drilled opposition pitching for 12 hits including two each by Oliver himself and Haviland.

He surrendered five hits in the 5-3 win over McKinlay and struck out 10 while chipping in with two hits of his own. Jim Henderson had three hits and Steve Whitaker a triple.

His big final win against Port Perry saw him giving up six hits while whiffing 11 batters.

This game saw Henderson doubling twice with homers each to Rumble and Haviland.

2 double plays

Defensively it was second baseman Steve Whitaker starting two sparkling double plays.

Coach Gord Wright commented that "our team was really up for this one and we have a couple more tournaments coming up and I hope our streak continues."

The Town Auto "wrecking crew" has won the Barrie tournament twice and the Richmond Hill tournament once in the last three years.

Touch of Mexico for Hill soccer

If you can't go to Mexico, bring Mexico to you.

That will be the philosophy of the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association starting Friday when they welcome a "south of the border" team of youngsters to town.

Object will be a series of exhibition contests on "Richmond Hill Festival Day" next Monday at Crosby Park beginning at 9:45 a.m. and running through to 5 p.m.

The festivities will be launched with an official opening at 9:45 followed at 10 a.m. with a game between the Richmond Hill Major Mosquitoes Liberal team and Sella Mexico City.

This contest will be followed at 11:15 with a game between York Region and the Cabbagetown Royals.

Following this match the Mexican visitors and their parents will get a chance to cool off via a swimming session at Richmond Hill Major Pool from 12:30 to 1:30.

From 1:30 to 2:30 it will be family barbecue time at Crosby with the

town providing, courtesy of Klees Wholesale Meats, stacks of hot dogs and hamburgers.

Then it's back to serious soccer action at 2:30 as the two losing teams of the first four games go at it followed by the two winning teams in the finals.

Closing ceremonies will be held at 5 p.m.

All members of the visiting Mexican team and their parents will be billeted with Richmond Hill parents during their stay.

Included among the sojourn-highlights will be a special free dinner at 7:30 Monday night at McDonald's Restaurants in Richmond Hill.

Tuesday will see the Mexican youngsters travelling to Stouffville for another day of soccer in honor of that community's Centennial Celebrations; Wednesday to Thornhill for more soccer activity; and Thursday to Markham.

On Friday the youngsters will get a bus tour to Niagara Falls courtesy of Travelways.

All in all, quite a festival.