



"A lot of fun"

Tom Price enjoys being an umpire

By FRED SIMPSON

There are people who might think Tom Price doesn't understand his job. He's an umpire.

That's all right. The kicker is that he enjoys being an umpire.

"It's a lot of fun or I wouldn't be doing it," said Price without so much as a flicker or feigned emotion.

Tom, of course, is a member of the Richmond Hill and District Umpire's Association.

Sometimes beleaguered

They're the sometimes beleaguered gentlemen you see out there calling the shots in the Richmond Hill minor ball league as well as the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball loop.

Beleaguered isn't really the right word.

"I've been an umpire for eight years, four in The Hill," states Price, "and I'd like to say that the players in the men's fastball league here are all great fellows to work with."

"I think it's something that should be said. They might grouse a little but they don't give us any real trouble."

Doing job

Tom adds that "they know we're just out there trying to do a job. They know we're not professionals. We have our regular jobs to go to in the daytime and then we do our thing at night."

Price admits he's had some rather touchy moments on the bases and behind the plate over the years but "nothing to speak of."

Stick to guns

"An umpire has to stick to his guns. You have to make a split decision and then stick with it. Being an umpire is 80 per cent common sense."

Has he ever made a bad call? "You never ask an umpire that," he said. "Of course I've never made a mistake." A pause. "Of

course it's possible to make a slight error in judgement but a mistake? Never."

Price approaches every game with the same total concentration no matter whether it involves adults or youngsters.

Heckled?

"Even if it's a squirt game you're covering you have to do the job. Those games are important to the kids, too."

Does he get heckled by the fans? "Sure we do, sometimes. That's their privilege. It's all part of the game. You have to have a thick skin, that's all."

The only thing Price won't tolerate is abusive language.

"I don't mind a coach or a player letting off steam. Everyone likes to win and you can expect someone to disagree with you."

The thumb

"But if they start using language they get the thumb. Right away. That doesn't happen often."

Price figures umpires have a better time of it than ball players.

"How long does a ball player last? Just a few years. We love the game and we get to stay around for a long time."

There's also more than one Price to contend with in Richmond Hill. Son Bob is also an umpire.

"I enjoy it when we get to do a game together," he said.

Price figures it's easier to call balls and strikes than to be on the base paths.

"Behind the plate it's just a matter of concentration," he said. "Calling balls or strikes. On the base paths you have to be in position, anticipate plays coming up. You do a lot of moving around."

Tom is one of nine members of the local association which is headed by president Bill "Skip" DeGeer; Vice president is Art Chepelsky; umpire-in-chief, Don Shearer; secretary-treasurer, Harry Bryan.

Come to think of it, Price does understand his job.

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Emotions mixed as Dynes team participates in reunion

There were mixed emotions when Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers visited Dundalk on the weekend to participate in a game at the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Re-union.

The re-union, which is held every 10 years, also marked the return to his old home town for Dynes' owner, Vern Dynes.

And, as it turned out, everybody was happy, the Richmond Hill ball club battling their opponents, the Owen Sound Peers to a nine-inning scoreless draw.

Ace hurlers Doug Webster and Bob Domik pitched for Dynes, striking out 15 men between them, and allowing only four hits.

Brad Underwood went the full nine innings for Owen Sound, striking out 12, walking three and giving up three hits.

The game also marked the debut of Dynes' one-time bat boy, Paul Philip of Richmond Hill, who carried the bats for the Jewellers for nine years, including the year they won the world championship in the Philippines in 1972.

Philip, who now plays junior ball for Joe's Garage in the Richmond Hill Industrial League, played the full game at shortstop.

His performance drew praise from both team manager Russell "Casey" Cripps and business manager Bob McLoughlin.

Cripps said he was "amazed at his range in the field", while McLoughlin said "the bat boy has come of age. We should be seeing him in green (Dynes' colors)".

Paul's father, Angus Philip, who is secretary-treasurer of the Dynes, was on hand to watch his son in action, and was reported to have enjoyed his performance as much as anyone.

In their only Beaches Fastball league game last week, Dynes were shut out 5-0 by Oshawa Merchants at Oshawa.

Winning pitcher Russ Korbach gave up just four hits, while losing pitcher Bob Domik was tagged for seven.

Three of the five Oshawa runs were unearned, and Dynes left runners stranded with the bases loaded in both the seventh and eighth innings.

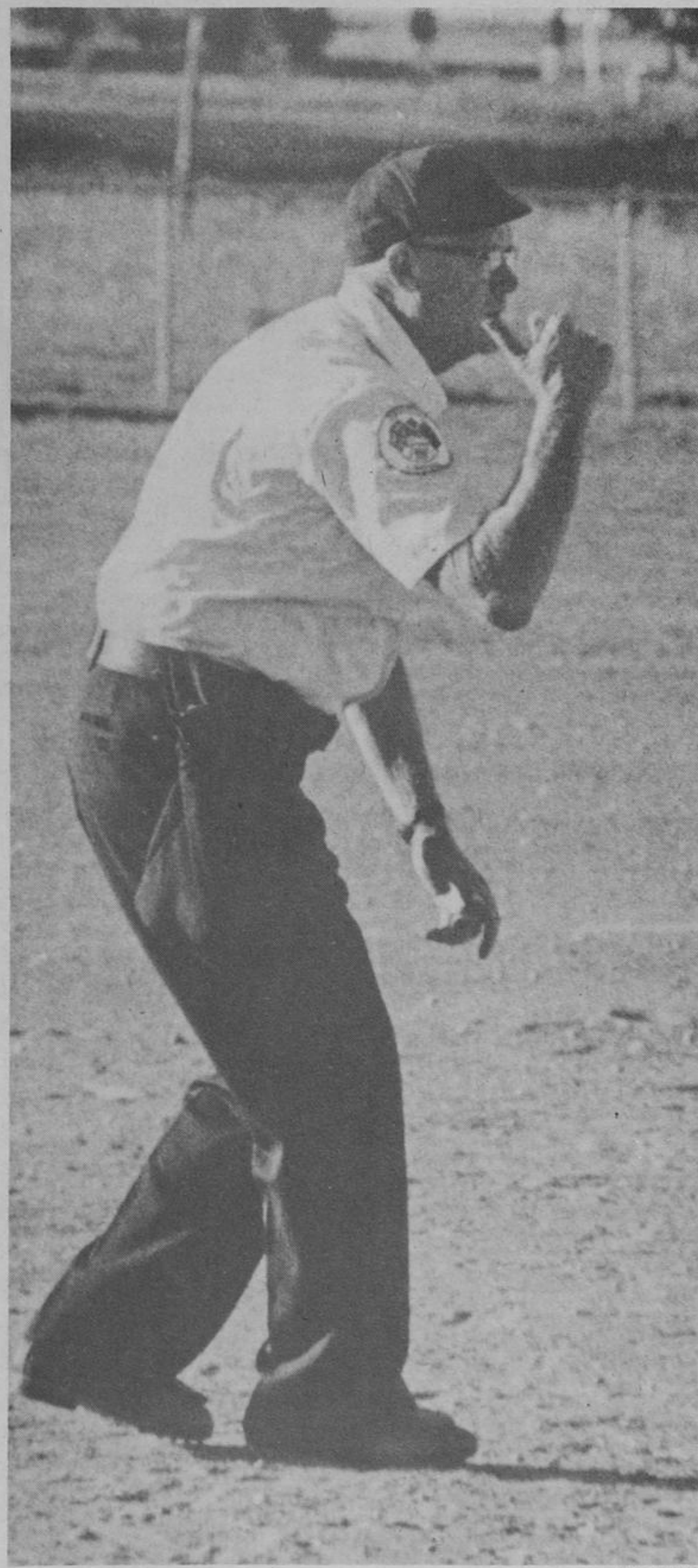
Dynes next home game is tomorrow night (Aug. 4) at 8:30 p.m. at Town Park against Beaches A.C.

They also play tonight (Aug. 3) against Harper Diesel at the Beaches at 8 p.m.

Finger of decision

You have to be decisive to be an umpire and that's what Tom Price looks to be right here. Oh, oh, someone's in trouble. Tom is

a member of the Richmond Hill and District Umpire's Association.



Yer out!

...Someone's out here. Either out on base or out of the game? Umpire Price shows perfect

form here in recent softball chore in Richmond Hill.

Men's fastball

Joe's Garage Juniors still class of the league

By DAVE BARBOUR

Joe's Garage Juniors are still the class of the league as they played to a 0-0 draw with Video Real Estate.

Glen Moreland hurled for Joe's and allowed four hits.

Bill Fox tossed a three-hitter for Video.

The kids came close to winning as they had a man reach third in the final frame. Video batters picked up a pair of doubles.

In a re-scheduled game, Joe's decked Richmond Hill Auto Body 7-2. Moreland was the winning pitcher, with a two-hitter and he recorded 11 strikeouts.

Ben Bourget homered and Phil Wood had two hits.

For the losers, Glen Polhamus homered and Rob Forget hit twice. Jim Clement was tagged with the loss.

Town Auto Body, now with a slim hold on second spot, dumped McKinlay Drywall 3-0. Steve Whitaker got the decisive blow for the winners with a two-run homer. Rob Clephan claimed the shutout. Gord Summers took the loss on the rubber.

Richmond Hill Auto Body took a pair from Mill's Roses 6-1 (a re-scheduled contest), and 10-2.

In the first, winning hurler Jim Clement had three hits, while Rob Forget and Val Steffan each hit home runs. Bill Jackson absorbed the defeat.

The Mill's lone run was scored when Dave Bagley was knocked in by Dave Olson.

Val Steffan hurled the second win, while Forget homered and singled; Glen Polhamus, Clement and Ken Faulkner all hit well.

Jackson was the Roses' top threat, scoring a run with a triple. Barry Mathews was the losing pitcher.

POLICE SHOT DOWN

Jenkin's Garden Supplies mauled the York Regional Police 20-0. Phil

Bellavance homered for the winners in the fourth inning, which saw 10 runs scored; Brendan Wood's triple, doubles by Nelson Lund and Al McWilliams, plus three police errors contributed to the scoring spree in that fourth. Bob Ellement had two doubles. Brian Madeley was the winning pitcher, with relief from Scott Ferguson, who preserved the shutout.

Each hurler gave up a double, Madeley to losing pitcher Bruce Stevens. Dennis LaPlante hit Ferguson, representing the total offence by the police.

Barrow's Insurance downed Jenkin's 2-1, as the umpires discussed whether or not Jim Barton's hit (a single) was fair or foul.

Jim reached home by the time the ump declared the hit was fair. Bruce Sampson socked a homer in a lost cause. Billy Hamilton threw the win and Brian Madeley took the loss.

Brothers Lou and Jerry Chaison, plus Bob Carton and a good team effort led to a 7-3 win for McKinlay Drywall over Ronald's Federated.

Mike Daggett homered in a lost cause and Bill Robson and losing pitcher Dave Tatem knocked in Ronald's other runs.

Craig Shuttlesworth earned the win. Jack Blyth Real Estate and Ronald's wrestled to a draw.

All Friday games washed out.

STANDINGS TO AUGUST 1

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Joe's Garage Juniors	16	13	1	2	28
Town Auto Body	15	11	3	1	23
Video Real Estate	15	9	3	3	21
Richmond Hill Auto Body	15	10	5	0	20
Jenkin's Garden Supplies	16	8	6	2	18
Barrow's Insurance	15	8	7	0	16
McKinlay Drywall	16	8	8	0	16
Jack Blyth R.E.	14	6	7	1	13
Ronald's Federated	16	5	10	1	11
Mill's Roses	14	4	10	0	8
Lake Wilcox	17	2	13	2	6
York Regional Police	13	1	12	0	2

Inter-district Soccer standing

MAJOR BANTAM					
	W	L	T	A	P
Richmond Hill	6	0	1	41	5
Aurora	4	2	1	30	14
Newmarket	4	2	0	13	17
Markham	3	5	0	17	22
Thornhill	2	4	0	14	14
King	0	6	0	1	44

MINOR BANTAM					
	W	L	T	A	P
Thornhill	5	1	1	17	11
Markham	3	2	1	21	12
Aurora	4	2	0	16	12
Richmond Hill	2	3	1	12	13
Newmarket	6	0	0	6	13

MAJOR PEEWEE					
	W	L	T	A	P
Aurora	7	0	0	35	6
Richmond Hill	3	2	1	21	11
Newmarket	3	2	1	12	9
Markham	2	4	0	17	16
Thornhill	0	7	0	4	47

MAJOR MOSQUITO					
	W	L	T	A	P
Richmond Hill	7	0	0	33	4
Thornhill	3	3	1	13	19
Aurora	3	3	0	12	9
Markham	3	4	0	9	14
Newmarket	2	2	1	6	12
Whitchurch Stouf	0	6	0	2	22

MINOR MOSQUITO					
	W	L	T	A	P
Richmond Hill	7	0	0	27	4
Thornhill	4	2	1	24	7
Newmarket	4	2	1	21	19
Aurora	3	4	0	14	13
Markham	1	5	1	5	19
Whitchurch Stouf	0	6	1	3	25

MAJOR ATOM					
	W	L	T	A	P
Richmond Hill	6	1	0	38	3
Markham	6	1	0	31	3
Newmarket	4	3	0	26	17
Thornhill	3	4	0	5	18
Aurora	1	6	0	6	30
King	1	6	0	4	38



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Ups and downs

Frank Juhasz has been trying to take me "flying" for the past five or six years but he won't co-operate and let me wear a parachute.

I refuse to go up without one. Even up a flight of stairs.

This causes him to scoff because the flying he's referring to is the kind you do on a trampoline. I suppose he's right. It would be rather difficult to gain sufficient height with a chute holding you down.

So, as usual, I compromised. I'll do my flying on a typewriter, or elsewhere, and he can have his trampoline. Here goes.

Alive and well

The point of the above flamboyant beginning is to tell you that Frank and his Richmond Hill Trampoline Club are still alive and doing wonderful.

Witness his latest coup.

Gold medalist

Two of his prize pupils, Tom Green, 20, and Rick Cleland, also 20, of King City, carried the Richmond Hill colors in grand style at the recent Canadian Trampoline championships at Edmonton.

Green bounced off with a gold medal for winning the senior championship and Cleland was right behind with a nice, silver one.

Was he surprised? Sure but not the way you think.

"The surprise was that Tom finished ahead of Rick," admits Juhasz. "Rick was the favorite but Tom just went out and came up with a good routine and won it. He's really improved since joining the club a few seasons ago."

Old Hat

Even winning a gold medal was something "old hat" to Frank. It was in 1971 that son Steve brought home the gold in the same championships.

That was only one year after Frank actually put trampolining on the map in Canada on a regular competitive instead of mainly showbusiness basis.

First club

"My club in Richmond Hill was the first registered one of its kind," Juhasz said. "The big job has been to form a coaching program right across Canada with the idea of qualifying for Sport Canada grants."

Juhasz, who is finishing out his stint as chairman of the Trampoline Council of the Canadian Gymnastics Federation, knows his business. He's been bouncing off tram-

polines since 1948 and in 1954 won a scholarship for same to Florida State. He was ranked No. 10 that year in the state.

"For years trampolining was thought of as simply show business, something you'd see on the Ed Sullivan show," said Juhasz. "But

now it's being recognized as a sport and a very competitive one."

Back to flying.

"I guess it's appeal is a lot like flying," he said. "When you're up in the air there's a sense of freedom. You should come down to the club and try it sometime."

I reprimanded him for straying from the interview again and he grudgingly apologized.

In any case, Frank's club consists of six competitive members and five others who do it "just for fun."

He's branching out too.

"This fall we'll be having trampoline sessions every Wednesday night at the Richvale Community Centre. We'll have two trampoline mats set up and it should be a lot of fun."

Frank has also set up — in conjunction with the Richmond Hill recreation department — some trampoline activities on the local playgrounds.

Which is all good news for those who like to fly with their feet, for the most part, steadfast on the ground.

As for myself, I'll stick to falling down stairs. At least I'll be on familiar ground. I'm getting too old to change my habits now.



FRANK JUHASZ
..... flying high