

Maple takes baseball title!



The champs

The jubilant Maple Cheferos hug, cheer and generally congratulate themselves after their victory Monday in the Ontario Minor Baseball

Association championships. The Maple's scored four runs in both the seventh and eighth inning to eliminate Strathroy by 11-5 to take the series in two straight.

There are teams that have taken years to get to a Stanley Cup, a Grey Cup or a World Series title and others which have never come close.

But, last Thursday night, the Maple Chefero Midgets team won the Ontario Minor Baseball Association final championship in its first year of operation.

The Maple team locked up the championship in the second game of a best-of-three series with Strathroy, scoring four runs in both the seventh and eighth innings, to grab an 11-5 come-from-behind victory.

Earlier in the week the Chefero team had come back from the first game in Strathroy with an 18-7 victory.

With rain threatening and temperatures below normal, Strathroy took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second when a batter reached base on an error and scored on a triple.

However, Maple came back in the bottom of the inning to lead 2-1, when catcher Blair Sutherland and walked, stole second and scored on a home run by pitcher Dave Massarella.

Massarella, who went all the way on the mound for Maple, pitched one-hit ball in the last four innings, allowing a total of seven Strathroy hits in the game, while striking out nine and walking three.

Massarella also helped himself at the plate belting the homer and a sacrifice fly as well as scoring three times.

Maple held the lead until the top of the fourth, when Strathroy pounced on a hit and three errors to push in three runs and

take a 4-2 lead. Maple came within one in its half of the fourth, when Massarella walked, stole second and scored on a fielder's choice.

However, a Strathroy home run in the fifth put the score at 5-3.

Maple, had its chance to score in the bottom of the fifth, as left fielder Dave Cook, short stop Scott Wilcox and Sutherland walked, but Massarella was the third out with a bases loaded strikeout.

Strathroy scored once more in the sixth before Maple took control.

In the bottom of the seventh, Wilcox led off with a single followed by rightfielder Wayne Boudreau's base hit.

Sutherland walked and Massarella stroked a deep fly to left to sacrifice Wilcox from third.

First baseman Scott Lawson followed up with a single to score Boudreau, before he and Sutherland scored on a base hit by Horner, putting Maple ahead, 7-6.

Strathroy threatened with a lead of double in the eighth, but a sparkling unassisted double play by Maple second baseman Kim Weese ended the inning.

Weese nabbed a line shot next to the bag and retired the runner who was half way to third.

In the last of the eighth, centre fielder Paul Hoare was hit with a pitch and stole second before scoring on a base hit by Wilcox.

Wilcox was then thrown out at choice off the bat of Boudreau.

Sutherland collected his fourth walk of the game and Massarella took a

base-on-balls, before Lawson was hit with a pitch to allow Boudreau to score.

Massarella and Sutherland both scored on a fielder's choice by Weese.

Wilcox and Horner each had two hits in Maple's seven hit attack.

Other hits went to Massarella, Boudreau and Lawson.

Referees needed

The Ontario Hockey Association will be conducting a "Try-out Clinic" next Saturday at the Dunlop Street Arena in Barrie.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

New prospective referees will be required to referee part of a hockey game commencing at 4:30 p.m. The rule's interpretive session will be conducted from 2 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

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Richvale dominates

The York Region House League playoffs may have to be renamed the "Richvale Minor Ball-Fest."

For a good reason. Richvale teams won five of the six final softball games played at Maple last week.

Nine Richvale teams made it to the finals which means that the peewee boys, peewee girls, bantam boys and bantam girl finalist teams were all from Richvale.

Like a sweep. In addition the all-Richvale T-Ball and tyke

Ray Payne to coach at Seneca

Ray Payne has been named the new hockey coach at Centennial College for the 1977-78 season.

Ray coached the Seneca College hockey team from 1974-76 and prior to that was assistant coach with the North York Rangers.

He is a physical education and math instructor at Sir Robert Borden Secondary School in Scarboro.

finals were played at Boyle Park before a large contingent of parents who appeared to enjoy it all.

Final game results were: T-Ball, Downtown Offset 31, Fisher Bros. Sports 28; Tyke, Econo Gas 10, McKay Excavating 7; Squirt Boys, Maple 11, Jen-All Outerwear 9; Pee-wee Boys, Richvale Lions 11, Victoria Square 3; Peewee Girls, Hillcrest Mall 12, Consolidated Bathurst 4; Bantam Boys, Richvale Lions 12,

Litho-Web 9; Bantam Girls, Epic Real Estate 13, Rose Trailers 5; Midget Boys, Emerald Isle Real Estate 7, Nobleton 6.

The executive wishes to thank all the coaches, umpires, players, fans and, of course, sponsors who helped make the 1977 season the best one ever for Richvale Minor Ball.

The Richvale Minor Ball Fall dance will be held Oct. 15 at the Richvale Community Centre.

For tickets, call Carol at 883-1146 in the evening.

Anyone interested in getting involved in minor ball in Richvale is asked to attend the annual general meeting Oct. 18 at the Hillcrest Mall auditorium at 8 p.m.

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