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St. Mary's takes track duel

It was a good going away present for Sister Stella Marie of Richmond Hill's St. Mary Immaculate Separate School. Her track and field team won their division of the annual York Regional Roman Catholic Separate School Board com-

petitions last Saturday at Aurora High School. It was their seventh win in the last eight competitions and probably the best yet for Sister Marie who coaches the team along with teachers Vic Ohinski

and Michael Campbell. She leaves the school later this summer to take up duties in Kenya, Africa. "It was a good way to end it here," she said. "The team performed very well although the

competition was a lot stiffer this year than others. The other schools are getting better." St. Mary's finished first in the B or middle-sized school division with 142 points. Second place went to John the XXIII of

Unionville with 112 points. Individual St. Mary accomplishments saw Linda Martin collect the highest point total in the junior division with two firsts in the high jump and 200 metre and a second in the 100 metre. Anna Barry won the 200 metre in the girl's intermediate section and gained two seconds in the 100 metre and running long jump. Cathy Lawlor won the shot put section for the third straight year and set a record the same number of times.

Danny Bilotta finished second in the intermediate high jump division but broke the old record while doing it. Other results saw: A Division (Large schools): Peter's of Woodbridge finished first with 153 points with St. Charles Garnier of Richmond Hill second with 90. C Division (Small schools): Our Lady of Good Counsel of Sharon finished first with 86 points. St. Joseph's of Richmond Hill had 71½ points.

Softball

Hill bantams win tourney

A sizzling Richmond Hill Bantam softball team won its own tournament grand championship taking all four games including a 4-1 wind-up victory over Napanee.

The bantams opened the tournament with a 7-4 triumph over Corvette Park, followed it with 5-3, 4-2 verdicts Bridlewood and Oshawa respectively before meeting Napanee head on.

This game saw both clubs playing excellent defensive ball and committing no errors. Napanee opened the scoring with one run on three hits in the top of the fourth.

A RECORD

Richmond Hill picked up three runs when Lawrence Millard and Paul Harrietha singled. Up came Wes Whitaker who, with two strikes against him, laced the ball over the new fence in the Town Park some 230 feet away. He's the first Town Rep player to put it over the new fence.

The bottom of the sixth inning saw Richmond Hill scoring one more run as Millard singled and came home on a triple by Harrietha.

Winning pitcher was Mike Smith with 10 strikeouts and no walks. He allowed five hits.

The Richmond Hill Carpenters jumped into a first-inning 3-0 lead against Corvette Park in their first game. J. P. Farrell singled, Glenn Apps, Harrietha then singled and Wes Whitaker doubled.

Corvette Park closed the gap in the second with two runs on two hits and one Richmond Hill error.

The Hill came back with one more run on hits by Mike Smith, John Adams and Pat Lawlor and one Corvette error.

Corvette tied the game in the sixth on two hits and one Richmond Hill error.

The Carpenters put across three more runs in the seventh on a single by Harrietha, a double by Whitaker, single by Smith and a booming triple by John Adams. Winning hurler was Harrietha with Smith coming in for the save. Harrietha was also the big hitter for the game going four for four.

BEAT BRIDLEWOOD

The Bridlewood game saw the Hillers fall behind 2-0 after one inning committing two errors and allowing a hit.

Richmond Hill tied the game in the bottom of the third when Rob McKenzie walked, Gary Armstrong doubled, J. P. Farrell doubled, Lawrence Millard walked, and Harrietha singled. Bridlewood went ahead by one on three hits.

Richmond Hill closed out the scoring with three runs in the fifth as Farrell and Millard and Harrietha singled and Wes Whitaker tripled.

Winning pitcher was Harrietha with Mike Smith coming on for the save. Farrell led the hitting with three for four.

Richmond Hill then met Oshawa in the A final. Oshawa was the defending champ from 1977.

The Carpenters got all four runs in the bottom of the third inning with Gary Armstrong and Farrell singling, Millard walking, and Harrietha doubling for two rbi's. Wes Whitaker then singled for one rbi and Mike Smith sacrificed to bring in another run.

Oshawa came back in the top of the fourth with two runs on two hits and one Richmond Hill error.

The remainder of the game featured excellent defensive ball with both teams only having one error each for the game.

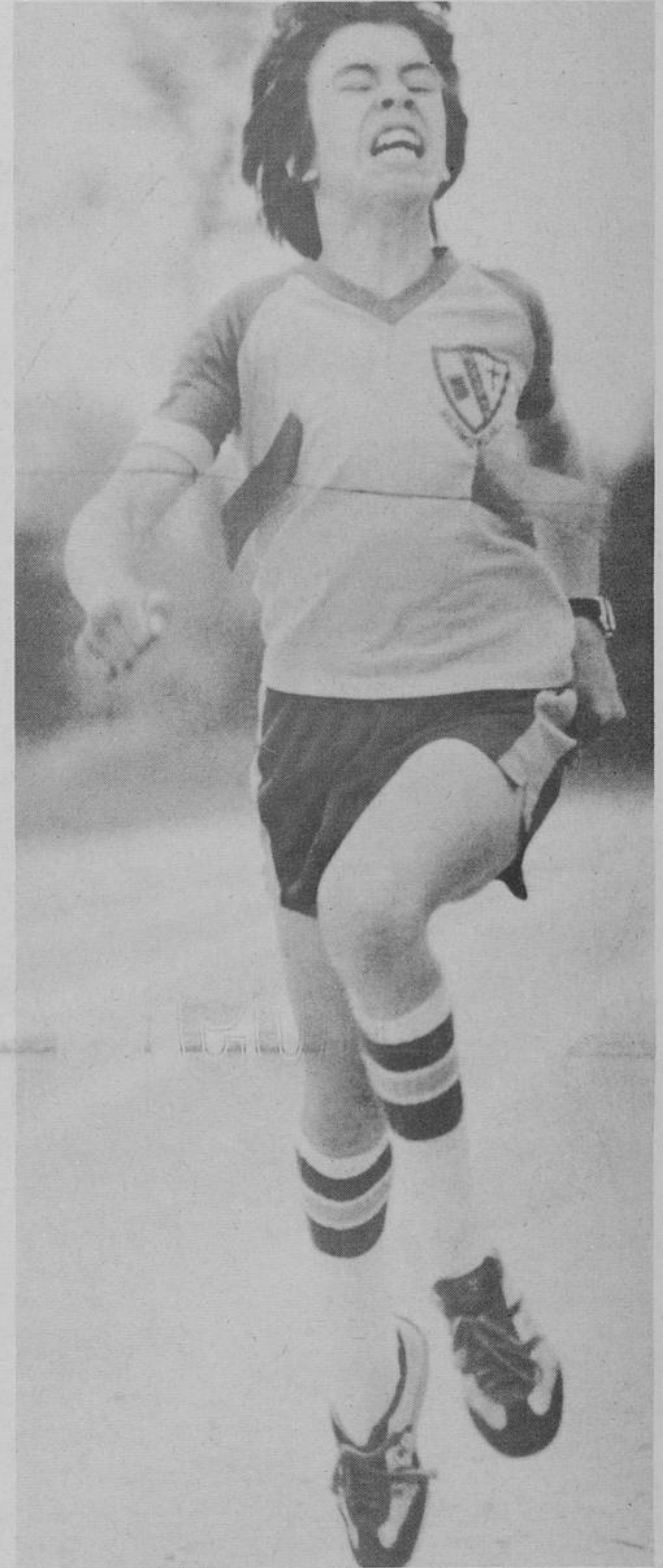
Winning pitcher was Smith who allowed only four hits while striking out eight, walking one. Harrietha and Farrell led the hitters going two for three.

TROPHIES

Then came the big game and following the presentation of trophies and crests to the winning Richmond Hill team. Whitaker received the ball he clouted out over the fence.

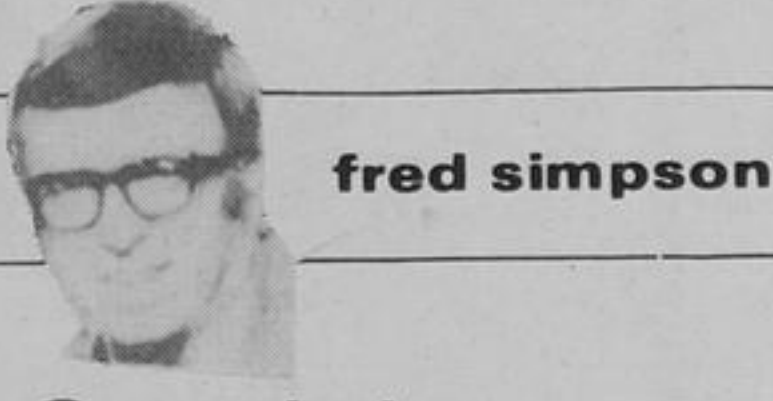
Special congratulations to the whole team from coaches Bob Davies and Bill Armstrong for the team effort put into winning the tournament.

Also a word of praise should go to Danny Smith and family who have been convening all tournaments and living on pizza every Saturday since the tournaments started.



The winnah

Ed Chanady puts on last second burst to win the boys intermediate 200 M event for St. Joseph's Separate School of Richmond Hill at York Regional Roman Catholic Separate School Board meet. (Photo by Lamont)



fred simpson

Speak low

I'm going to maintain a low profile this week. So low I'm doing this column on my knees. Everything has been uneventful and I intend to keep it that way for awhile. I'm not even going to cross Yonge Street.

There's a whole laundry list of sporting items on the agenda and I'll start it all off by reminding you that the All Ontario Senior Men's Fastball elimination tournament kicks off June 30 night at Niagara Falls.

DYNES TIME

The local representative, of course, is the Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller club under the intrepid leadership of manager Russell "Casey" Cripps. How about that?

Here we are in 1978 and Casey is still leading his troops into battle. Who says nothing lasts forever?

I was reminded of all this by the list of familiar names who will be dotting the various teams fighting it out at the tournament. It's consoling to an aging soul that they are still around and viable.

FAMILIAR NAMES

For example: One of the favorite teams is Lambeth (near London) simply because they have a chucker by the name of Metro Szyrek (no, I'm not sure of the spelling).

Metro was one of the leading, if not the leading, pitcher of the early 60's along with such types as Ray Judd (remember him?) and a promising youngster by the name of Bob Domik.

Speaking of Domik, he'll be on hand at this year's tournament wearing the uniform of Oshawa Chubb who won it last year.

I hear that Domik is suffering from some back problems which might hinder his effectiveness, but what the heck? He's still around. What's a little back trouble among fellow mortals.

MICKEY

And the Jewellers themselves will be well-represented by the aforementioned Mr. Cripps and veteran Mickey Hancock.

Not that Mickey's all that old. It just seems that he's been patrolling centre-field forever in his as usual formidable fashion. And he's still doing it up good. Like I said, it's all so very comforting. Just keep it up, Mick.

As for the Jeweller's chances? No predictions. Anyone can win a 26-team tournament.

Pitching is the main factor and the Jewellers have the potential in Paul Wannamaker (as good as anyone when he's in the mood) and a young just-out-of-junior chucker by the name of Mike McLeod.

No less than an authority as Bob McLaughlin of the Jewellers says he has a style reminiscent of Dick Hames and could "be a big surprise."

So there you have it. The Jewellers haven't had a drink out of the All-Ontario well since 1973. That's a long time to go without a drink.

The Jewellers open against Niagara-on-the-lake at 8:30 p.m. Drop around.

NOTES

Slight notes here: Sunday night Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch softball action saw the heroes (I play for them) losing 5-4 to the bad guys, Old Jays (Stan Thornton plays for them). Someone said we had tied but I don't know. You can't win them all.

The other game saw The Sudsers edging Ball Machine 4-3. And how about those scores? That's class. Standings, by the way, go like this. Sudsers are on top with a 3-1 record, Ball Machine and Bombers are tied for second at 2-2, and the Old Jays are 1-3.

EDDIE FEIGNER

More on this later, but an interesting evening will be coming up September 5 at the Town Park when King Eddie Feigner and his Court will be on hand to play an all-star team from the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League.

The Court, by the way, has ex-Montreal Expos John Bateman on the team. He's clouted 88 homers to date since last February. As for Feigner? He turned 100 the other day.

FOOTBALL

Finally, the Newmarket Steelers' football team will hold a final registration this Saturday at Richmond Hill Arena from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you're 18 and over interested in playing tackle football, be there. Cost is \$25. You get that back if you don't make the team. Practice sessions open July 4 at Newmarket High School at 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Really finally, the Richmond Hill Junior Girls will be in Oshawa this weekend in the All Ontario zone softball finals. The two winners of this and the other zone finals at St. Catharines go on to meet in the four-team finals at Burlington the July 1st weekend.

Lots of luck to Mary Williamson and her players.

Ridges upsets Town

By DAVE BARBOUR

Lead-off batter Dale Roffey blasted a Rob Clephan pitch high over the fence last week and that was all that was needed as his Oak Ridges team blanked Town Auto Body 1-0 in Richmond Hill Men's fastball league action.

It was more than just a win. It ended Town Auto's unbeaten record at four games.

Oak Ridges pitcher Don Walker gave up only two hits in blanking the mighty "wrecking crew". Clephan also tossed an excellent game in a losing cause allowing just three hits.

Earlier in the week, Town crushed H. J. Mills 9-4. Town opened with four runs in the first, added two more in the second, and cashed in an additional three late in the game for good measure.

Scot Mabley knocked in three runs, Gord Wright had two rbi's and Steve Whitaker socked a two-run homer.

All Mill's runs came in the third, with Vince McLean driving in one and Barry Mathews knocking home a pair. Gary Oliver, making his first start on the rubber for Town, picked up the win. Barry Mathews hurled for the losers.

Video Real Estate, against the leagues "weak sisters", picked up a pair of easy wins. The first was a 6-1 over York Regional Police. Winning pitcher Dave Berseth was the star, doubling in two of the victor's three runs in the first frame and He surrendered only two hits to the Police.

For the losers, Bob Mills singled in the final frame and was knocked in by Gary Moss to spoil Berseth's shutout bid. Bruce Stevens, in his first start of the season, took the loss and was replaced by Bruce Thompson.

VIDEO WINS

Video flattened Lake Wilcox 7-1 as Mike Thompson drove in three runs, Steve Woods and Dave Webster each had doubles, and Denny Loughead scored a run with his triple. Bob Smith also tripled. Dave Webster was the winning pitcher.

He saw his shutout bid vanish in the final frame as Neil Roberts reached base on a fielder's choice and scored as Jim Robinson was blessed with a two-base error. Jim Cook suffered the loss and was relieved by newcomer Glen Wright.

UNDEFEATED

Richmond's Hill Auto Body, with its 4-3 win over Ronald's Printing, is the only undefeated team left. Due to rain, they have played only three games. This tight contest was broken as Glen Polhamus tripled to score the tying run and then he scored the winner on a passed ball. Ronald's three runs were all unearned and came in the first inning in which Wilf Diceman singled in a pair. Jim Clement tossed a five-hitter in claiming the win. Diceman

fanned 11 Hill batters in a losing cause.

JOE'S WIN

Joe's Garage Juniors enjoyed two wins last week. They downed Oak Ridges 3-0 in a pitchers duel between winner Glen Moreland, and Don Walker. Harold Degeer broke the ice in the fourth singling home Paul Phillip.

In the next inning, Phillip doubled driving in Robbie Dynes and Moreland, each of whom had singled.

They clobbered York Regional Police 8-1 exploding for five runs in the fourth inning. Glen Moreland and Paul Phillip each had two rbi's, Greg Walton hit twice, including a double.

The lone run for the Police came in the second as Ken Harmon singled and Bob Mills knocked him in. Harold Degeer picked up his first win and Drew Laskoski took the loss.

DUEL

Galaxy Tavern claimed its initial win in dumping Barrow's

Insurance 3-1 in a pitcher's duel. Nelson Lund singled, reached third base via an error and a sacrifice, and scored as Barrow hurler Al Underhill made a bad throw to the plate in the second. The fourth saw Barry Pollard and winning pitcher Brian Madely scoring as Al McKenzie's single was expanded to a triple by an error. Grant Rose scored Barrow's lone run in the fourth as he singled and scored on Dale Crouter's sacrifice fly. Madely yielded four hits; Underhill, only three.

STANDINGS	G	W	L	T	P
Town Auto Body	5	4	1	0	8
Video Real Estate	6	4	2	0	8
Richmond Hill	3	3	0	0	6
Auto Body	4	2	1	1	5
Joe's Garage Juniors	4	2	2	0	4
Barrow's Insurance	4	2	2	0	4
Ronald's Printing	5	2	3	0	4
Oak Ridges	5	2	3	0	4
H. J. Mills	3	1	1	1	3
Galaxy Tavern	6	1	5	0	2
York Regional Police	3	0	3	0	0
Lake Wilcox	3	0	3	0	0

Tournament

Dynes lose at Owen Sound

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers were one-runned to death on the weekend at the annual Owen Sound fastball tournament. They won two of their four

Wannamaker wins by 1-0

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers only gave pitcher Paul Wannamaker one run in their Beaches Major Fastball League game against Queen's Hotel of Bradford.

But that's all he needed. Wannamaker spun a neat three-hitter as he blanked the visitors over the nine innings while striking out six.

The Jewellers managed nine hits off losing pitcher Doug Cook.

Chefero hits grand slammer

A grand slam homerun by Sam Chefero in the seventh inning carried the Richmond Hill Le Baron Sports Junior girls to a 5-3 league victory over Agincourt last week.

The Hill team trailed 3-0 going into that final climactic inning.

Lead-off batter Carol Hunsdale was safe on an error as was Kathy Motley and Bernie Thompson. Hunsdale scored when Katie McNamara singled to centre.

Darlene Nelson was then safe on a fielder's choice with Motley forced at home.

Then came Chefero's four-base blow to ice the cake. The same

games but they were sandwiched between an opening game 1-0 loss to Rochester, New York, and a 1-0 loss to the Grimsby Peach Kings which bounced them out of the

The only run of the game came in the fourth inning when Jeff Wood doubled and was singled home by Brian Campbell.

Bradford loaded the bases in the third but left the players stranded.

The Jewellers are at home to The Sox tomorrow night (Thursday) for an 8:30 game at the town park. Friday night they play the Hustlers at the Beach and next Monday go against The Sox at the Beach.

Chefero also contributed a single during the game.

Agincourt scored two runs in the third inning on three hits. Two great catches by centrefielder Gizelle Marchand and right fielder Carol Hunsdale helped the Richmond Hill team escape with just two runs.

Agincourt added one more run in the sixth inning on a single by Gail Milnes and a triple.

Nelson was the winning pitcher allowing only six hits, striking out six and walking none. Richmond Hill could only manage five hits off Agincourt's pitching but they made them count.

tournament.

The wins saw them turn the tables on Rochester by 3-0 in the second encounter with them after blanking Saginaw, Michigan, 1-0.

But it was the loss to the Peach Kings (they would have had to beat them twice to reach the finals) that hurt.

HEY—WIRE

The seven-inning game went to eight innings as the bottom of the latter inning saw Grimsby's Jim Price lift a high fly ball which ricocheted off some telephone wires over the field in left and kept bouncing into a far corner. Price circled the bases for a homer.

The rather unusual ground rules state a ball is fair game even though it hits the wires.

DUEL

That hit broke up a tense pitching duel between Dynes' Paul Wannamaker and Ed Unrah of Grimsby. Unrah was the winning pitcher giving up just four hits while walking two and striking out eight.

Wannamaker surrendered six hits, walked two and struck out one. Both teams committed two errors apiece.

The same Wannamaker lost a tough opening 1-0 game to Zenith of Rochester as he ran into an equally hot pitcher by the name of John Dumaw.

Dynes could only manage one hit off Dumaw who walked three and struck out as many. Wannamaker gave up six hits, walked

two, and struck out four.

Zenith got their one run in the first inning as the lead-off batter doubled, went to third on a passed ball, and scored on a sacrifice fly.

Rookie Dynes pitcher Mike McLeod came up big in the 1-0 victory over The Belters of Saginaw as he allowed but one hit, walked one and struck out two. Dynes managed only four hits off loser Owen Walford.

Dynes only run came in the bottom of the seventh inning with one out as Carl Ahlsten singled. Ron Schnobb then singled to centrefielder with both runners advancing to second and third as the ball was bobbled.

Marty Tweyman then rammed a high drive over the right fielder's head and Ahlsten came in with the game-ending run.

The 3-0 rubber game win over Rochester saw Wannamaker at his best as he limited the American visitors to three hits, walked none and struck out eight. Loser Dumaw went just four innings giving up three hits, and three runs. He was replaced by Fred Gardner.

Dynes opened the scoring in the first inning as Bill Jandciu singled, was safe on second as Mickey Hancock's attempted sacrifice was bobbled. Jandciu proceeded to third on the same play. He then scored on Brian Lancelotte's sacrifice fly.

With two out in the fourth inning it was Schnobb safe on an error. He scored on Tweyman's triple. Mike Crouse then singled Tweyman home.