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Town Auto Hill softball champs

By DAVE BARBOUR

Luke Lefevre tossed a no-hitter and his Town Auto Body teammates scored 13 runs against Richmond Hill Auto Body last Wednesday night.

What it spelled was a 13-0 win for the Town Auto crew and the 1978 Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League championship at the Town Park.

It was the final game in the best-of-five final series and Town Auto Body literally exploded after their sluggers had been held in check for most of the gruelling post-season playoffs.

The new champs went to work on the Hill early piling up four runs in the first.

Steve Whitaker, the first man to the plate in the game, slammed a homer, the winning run of the contest. Whitaker who went four for five on the night, had three rbi's and scored from first

base on a three-base error.

Terry Haviland homered, doubled and singled collecting three rbi's; Scott Mabley homered and singled twice for two rbi's. Cliff Hartnett doubled and scored on a two-base error; he also singled and had a sacrifice. John Rumble and Steve Black each had run-scoring singles. Errors accounted for the other three runs.

Val Steffan, having a very infrequent off night took the loss and was lifted in the second in favour of Jim Clement with the Hillers down 7-0.

Jim put out the fire and pitched two scoreless frames before the "wrecking crew" got to him in the sixth for four runs. This sent Clement to the showers as the Hillers blew the dust off the long inactive pitching arm of their third baseman Kenny Roberts and sent the veteran to the rubber.

Kenny's slow 'junk' was enough to thwart Town for the balance of the game.

AWARDS NIGHT

A close to capacity crowd enjoyed a lively Friday 13 night and buffet at the Richvale Community Centre, and saw President Paul Ortiz announce all of the award winners and handout the trophies.

First, the most sportsmanlike

award went to pitcher Brian Madeley, of Galaxy Tavern. Accepting the trophy for Brian in his absence was his teammate and manager, Bernie Hough.

Next, the most valuable player, yes, pitcher Glen Moreland of Joe's Garage Juniors, again, for the second time in a row. The trophy he received is the Doug Buckley Memorial award, donated by the Town Auto Body club some years ago, following

their former member's untimely death. This award was made by Clay Chapman and Bill Kisok of the Town team.

Both of these awards are decided by the players of this league by a post season vote.

The league championship trophy went next. President Ortiz presented it to the Video Real Estate team. Accepting the trophy was Harv Nirenberg, the

team's sponsor.

Dave Barrow and Paul Hunter for Barrows Insurance accepted the President's trophy as consolation champions.

Finally, the presentation of the championship trophy plus individual trophies to each member of the team.

The 1978 Championship team — Steve Black, Steve Whitaker, John Rumble, Luke Lefevre,

Gord Wright, Gary Oliver, Rob Clephan, Terry Haviland, Jim Henderson, Cliff Hartnett, Doug Carter, Clay and Rod Chapman, Greg Foss, Dwight Powell, coach Bob Vivrette and manager Bill Kisok.

President Ortiz concluded his official address to the gathering by offering his thanks to the Richmond Hill Umpires Association.



New Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller goalie Gerry Kofsky comes up with a nice stop here but it was too little and too late. Burlington won handily by 6-3. Kofsky went into the nets in the third period and played brilliantly. (Photo by Hogg).

Kofsky shines

Going tough for Jewellers

Oak Ridges Dynes Jeweller coach Pete Artemchuk figures its going to be a "long, tough winter" in the Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League.

Any doubts were probably dispelled the last few days as the Jewellers lost two of three games. The losses were against two of the top clubs in the league, Acton and Burlington.

"Burlington has to be one of the clubs to beat along with Acton

and Streetsville," observed Artemchuk after his team had been soundly beaten 6-3 Monday night by Burlington.

Said Artemchuk: "They're simply a good, solid club with three well-balanced lines. Our guys gave it a good shot but it just wasn't enough. We simply have to do some improving."

Earlier in the week the Jewellers were thumped 9-3 by

Acton after beating Brampton 8-4 at home.

Monday night's game against Burlington saw the visitors leading 1-0 at the end of the first period and then breaking the game open with five in the second period. Dynes could only get three.

HAT-TRICK
Burlington's Mike Kinnear was the big force with three goals in that period.

The killer was the one that made the score 6-3 with only seven seconds remaining in the second period.

Kinnear grabbed a loose puck in the Dynes corner, came out to the side of the net and flipped the puck high as goalie Dave Heisey went down.

"That put an end to any hope for a third period comeback," said Artemchuk.

KOFSKY HOT

The Jewellers unveiled newcomer Gerry Kofsky (he was with the Thornhill Thunderbirds last year) in the nets for the final 20 minutes and he came up with a spectacular display.

"He was simply phenomenal with his saves," said Artemchuk. "He was one of our bright spots in the game. Gerry's a leader and we need his experience out there."

Dynes goals went to Brent Dobson from John Murphy and goalie Heisey; Cam Reston from Dobson and Len Hachborn; and a shorthanded goal by Mark

Crawford from Dave Baker and Craig Halliday.

OOPS

The game against Acton was practically over before it started. Acton scored after only 21 seconds and that was that. It was 3-0 at the end of the first and 6-3 going into the third.

Blair Sutherland led the Dynes offensive with two goals while Baker got on. Glen Murray and Glen Picard each scored three goals to lead the winners.

The Jewellers had little difficulty subduing Brampton with goals going to Dobson from Reston and Murphy; Reston from Hachborn on a power play; newcomer Andre Daonze from Andy Hawe; Damonze again from Jim File and Sutherland; Hachborn from File; Reston from Dobson and Damonze; and Reston from Dobson; and Dobson from Murphy.

Oak Ridges is at Thornhill next Tuesday night for an 8 p.m. game and are at home to Oakville next Monday night.



fred simpson

Uuuuh!

I did something on the weekend I very seldom do. Got thoroughly saturated (you can take that word any way you want to) watching sports on television.

Now I realize why certain wives are often described as "television widows" thanks to the drawing magic of sports. My heartfelt condolences go out to all those poor, beleaguered housewives out there. Like you married a television set and got a husband thrown in on the deal.

It has always puzzled me how normally kind and considerate and loving husbands turn into inconsiderate "Frankensteins" with the first batter up, the first drop of the puck, or the first kick-off on television.

For example: You're a husband (I'm not, but what the hell?) and you're watching the New York Yankees playing the Los Angeles Dodgers.

CHEWING NAILS

You're sitting there chewing your nails because your favorite team is behind with runners on second and third. Get a hit, get a hit, please get a hit.

Then you're shocked out of your reverie by a honeyed voice which says, "I'm on my last cigarette, would you mind running down to the store for me, please." Please is a word that's supposed to break down the mightiest of barriers.

Naturally, the inconsiderate husband breaks into a volley of curses screaming he'd only been to the store an hour ago and no one mentioned anything about cigarettes at that time.

FRIGID SILENCE

What is known as a female frigid silence settles over the room. So much so the livingroom thermostat turns the heat on. The husband, beast that he is, feels pangs of guilt wash over him. He goes to the store. Misses the most dramatic moment of the game.

Gets back, settles down again, calm prevails. Then: "I don't know how you can watch baseball. It's such a dull game. I don't understand it, what are they doing now? Maybe if you explained it to me, I'd get to like it." Grrrrh. More frigid silence. Thermostat on again.

Two innings more and another dramatic moment. Then, "What are they doing now? When's it over, are you going to stay plastered to that set all day? No, there's no more beer in the fridge, don't you think you've had enough?" Grrrrrrh.

Finally, the game is over. Another agonizing scene follows.

The insensitive husband carefully announces there's a hockey game coming on right away between the Maple Leafs and New York Islanders. Maybe, just maybe, he could watch

SLAM, BANG

The frigid silence is broke by a volley of curses. Husband sighs, gives up, says, diplomatically, "Alright, alright, big mouth. I can't stand it anymore. Let's go out."

Then he adds petulantly not knowing when he's well off. "But don't expect a rose from me next month."

That does it. Final word, "I don't want to go out now. You're in no condition to go out anyway. I hate you." Bedroom door slams.

Peace reigns. How was your weekend?

SHORT NOTES

Have been remiss in not mentioning the upcoming big meeting of the Richmond Hill Sports Council. It's tonight (Wednesday) at Richvale Community Centre at 8 p.m.

The council's constitution will be presented for consideration and ratification and an executive elected. It's important, be there. My wrist stands slapped.

SOFTBALL

Once over lightly on softball. The Dynes Jewellers fastball team is now officially out of the Beaches running. They lost their second game in Newmarket by 4-3 (I think) the other night. Peace.

Finally, girls, don't forget that big "Ringette Hockey" Clinic coming up next Saturday at the Richmond Hill Arena. It's for girls ages 10 to 15. It runs from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

At least 60 girls are needed. Teams will be formed at the clinic with registration to cost \$40 per girl. There will be one game a week, no practices. Sounds like fun.

For more information call either Ed Sackfield at 884-1368 or Lynton Friedberg at 884-8101.

Really, finally, under the category of girls will be girls. A Richmond Hill soccer team, the Gary Owens team, played a marathon benefit game with Newmarket at Newmarket. It went from 10 a.m. Saturday to 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Phew. Proceeds went to the Cancer Society. The women got a line in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Tie Markham Rams dumped 8-5

The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams' great beginning ran into some more stumbling blocks as they could only manage a tie in two games.

Richmond Hill forgot all about defence in Sunday's 8-5 loss to the North York Rangers and forgot all about staying out of the penalty box in a 5-5 tie with Markham Waxers last Tuesday night.

"There's not much you can say about the North York game," reasoned coach Ken Brookes. "Our defense suffered the 'Middle Period Blues' and that was our downfall. Other than that our defense has been playing reasonably well."

Coach Brookes was referring to the second period blues when the Rangers broke open a 2-2 tie with four goals with the Rams able to reply with only two.

The Rams got on the scoreboard early with Phil Wood triggering his eighth goal of the season (he leads the Rams in goals) from Greg Walton and Mike Walker. Time was 5:50.

North York's Bill Burkholder got that one back soon after but Ram's leading pointgetter Paul Gallagher flashing the light from Walker again and Dave Campbell. R. Dzatkowicz tied it for the Rangers before the period ended.

CRASH

The second period started out hopefully for the Rams as they fell behind 3-2 on a goal by Bill Wensink but tied it seconds later on Bill Colville's unassisted tally.

That was the beginning of the end as the Rams' defence went into a state of depression and goals by Dave Wilson, Ron Leaf, and Dzatkowicz made it 6-3. Ken Elson's third goal of the season closed the gap at 17:51 of the same period from Coville and Mike Walker.

Two more goals by Wilson and Bernie Nicholls finished North York's scoring in the final 20 minutes. Wood replied with his second goal of the game at 5:54 from Walker and Gallagher.

"Our line of Gallagher, Wood and Walker really stood out for us," said Brookes. "We moved Walker up from defence and that line really clicked. Eddie Gundersert also played a strong game for us."

Last Tuesday night's game against ex-Ram coach Karl Brimblecombe and the Markham Waxers seemed to be Richmond Hill's for the taking.

The Rams fell behind 1-0 in the first period on a goal by Markham's Keith Bernier from Chris DeGeer and Dale Roffey. Came the penalty-laden second period with the Rams coming to life with four straight goals before the Waxers could catch their breath.

Newcomer Larry Beelik started it off with an unassisted goal at 1:37. This was followed by Gundert's score at 4:24 from Walker and Coville; Bob Elson at 10:14 from Mark Lang and Coville; and Bill Hanlon at 12:53 from goalie Rick Warren.

Markham fought back on two goals by Ken Blendick but Richmond Hill's Gallagher scored his fifth of the season at 19:34 from Hanlon and Wood.

The Rams were shorthanded at 10:29 of the final period as Dale Roffey scored from DeGeer to make it 5-4.

Then came the big letdown at 18:49 at Markham's Tim Bailey pumped the tying goal behind Warren from Bernier and Blendick.

WARREN STARS

It was a tough fate for Rams' goalie Warren who was up from the Richmond Hill Juniors and

stood out particularly in the second period with one, two and three saves at a time. Shots on goal were 31 apiece.

The Rams are in Hamilton tomorrow night (Thursday) and are back at home next Tuesday to Newmarket for a 7:45 p.m. game.



Award

Russell "Curly" Lynett (centre) displays his award for "loyal and valuable services to the Richmond Hill Curling Club" while former president Gloria Crotin (left) and Orton Beaumont, president look on. (Photo by Hogg).