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Wednesday, May 30, 1979

Wilson Niblett wins 3 in row

Paul Wannamaker, coming off a three-game suspension, wasted little time getting back into stride with the Ontario Fastball League Wilson Niblett Seniors.

The big righthander tossed his second straight victory Saturday night as the Niblett teams won its third straight game via a come-from-behind 5-3 victory over previously unbeaten St. Catharines.

It followed a 3-1 triumph over

Grimsby Peach Kings last Thursday night with Wannamaker doing the honors once more. He had been handed a three-game sit-out following a disagreement in an earlier game in Oshawa with officials after being thrown out of that contest.

REVERSAL

All in all it was a sudden reversal of events for Wilson

Niblett after a shaky start in the new season with two losses and two ties in their first four games.

The same team had earlier defeated Kitchener 4-2 last Wednesday with Mike McLeod tossing a six-hitter.

Saturday's contest at the Town Park saw the Niblett team fall behind 3-0 in the early going and unable to make any headway against St. Kitt's hurler Dennis Anell until the fateful seventh inning.

BOOM

Gary Presczator and Colin Wood started things off with

singles. Two outs later it was catcher George Dickey and reaching first after being hit by a pitch. Enzo Fredirico was safe on an error scoring Presczator. Marty Tweyman was also safe on an error scoring Wood. Ron Schnobb then cleared the bases with a double.

St. Kitt's got to Wannamaker for a run in the second on a single, sacrifice and a double; another one in the third on a single, error, and a single; and the final one in the seventh on two singles and a double by Bob Stuart.

Wannamaker was touched for nine hits, walked one and struck out two. Anell gave up six hits, walked none, and struck out seven.

BEAT GRIMSBY

The same Wannamaker limited Grimsby to five hits while walking one and striking out 11. Richmond Hill managed seven hits off Ed Unruh who walked none and struck out five.

Wilson Niblett opened the scoring in the third inning as Colin Wood tripled and came home on Fredirico's single. They made it 2-0 in the fourth inning as Carl Alhsten singled, stole second, and came home on Andy Purlman's single.

Their final run came in the eighth inning as Fredirico singled, was sacrificed to second, went to third on an infield out and scored on Alhsten's single.



Batter Bruce Marsh is living proof that the Richmond Hill Minor Ball season is officially underway. Bruce hit the ball, but, alas, was out at first. See B-2. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).



fred simpson

Ill wind?

Yessir, it's an ill wind that doesn't blow someone some good. I'm referring to last Saturday's rather temperamental weather as regards the continual threat of rain.

It resulted in the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club postponing its official opening day until this Saturday. That's good because I couldn't make it last Saturday.

And everyone knows how much I love being on the tennis court. Tennis is a lot like life. You start out volleying over there and then you fall back to rally somewhere else.

Actually, I've just been putting you on. I've never played tennis. I think it must be a psychological thing with me.

TENNIS ELBOW

When I was a kid a friend of mine picked up a tennis elbow and I'm firmly convinced it ruined his life. He went on to get married three times, divorced six times, got fired from three jobs and, just recently, his pet budgie flew away on him. You can't tell me it had nothing to do with tennis elbow.

In any case I was quite cool to tennis club member Eric Handbury's invitation the other night to come out Saturday "and play a little tennis".

He must have sensed my hesitant reaction because he recovered quickly and fought back in the following way.

CHEERS

"Well, if you don't want to play tennis you can partake of some wine and cheese and watch the others." I warmed up rather quickly. To me there's nothing more civilized than sipping wine on a mellow Saturday afternoon at the tennis courts. I might even have some cheese.

My only hope is they don't have a fireplace in the clubhouse. I sometimes get this overpowering urge to fire empty wineglasses at fireplaces. They used to do that in old Hollywood movies.

But I promise to be good. Just to be doubly sure I think I'll bring my own paper cups with me. No one throws paper cups? All in all it sounds like a great day. You can't beat a sunny Saturday at the tennis courts.

SLO-PITCH

Speaking of great days, the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch League commenced its second year of operation last Sunday evening at the Town Park.

I can't remember all the details but Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller put his pipe aside long enough to hit the first ball to officially start things. He later stayed around to heckle the players.

And Councillor Al Duffy was there in an unofficial capacity, or is the word incapacity? Al is a player with one of the two new entries in the league this season, The Misfits. That says a lot.

Seriously though, the league got off in fine fashion with the defending champion Sudsers thwacking newcomers The Red Eyes 26-4, the Bombers 27-6 over The Misfits, and The Ball Machine prevailed over The Old Jays 17-10.

A good crowd was on hand to view the carnage, 20 I'd say, and there would have been 22 there except for threatening weather.

Anyway, the games go at 6 p.m. every Sunday night, 7:30 and 9 p.m. Drop around to the Town Park and watch someone you hate do himself in on the diamonds. It's fun.

NOTES

Some arena notes here:
 Arena Administrator Ed Sackfield took mild umbrage at an item in the column last week stating the Richmond Hill Summer Power Skating School originated with The Town.

Not so. The Arena Board runs it. He also denied the school was started to just fill in spare icetime. "It was started because the need was there," he states. The summer school, by the way, runs from July 3 to August 9. If you want in just call Ed at the arena. It's open for youngsters from 6 to 14.

SEATS

Finally, as to those \$50 arena seat purchases. It looks like Town Council will agree to purchase 20 of the new seats. As councillor Dave Barrow puts it: "It's up to us to show the way as far as community spirit is concerned. This would be an excellent way to do it."

Hockey note: The Richmond Hill Legion Midget hockey team, under new coach Bruce Richter, will hold a try-out camp between August 15 to August 30. It's open to all midget-aged players. Call Bruce at 883-4745 or Sandy Dunlop at 884-4645. Exact date will be announced.

Fishing note: The York Central Anglers and Hunters will be holding a fishing derby in July for youngsters. There will be prizes and everything. The date is July 7. More on this later.



PAUL WANNAMAKER
 Back in action

Dynes Jewellers lose 4 in row

The 1979 junior division of the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers are finding the waters tough swimming in the Beaches Major Fastball League to date this season.

They went down to their third and fourth defeat in as many games losing 8-1 last Thursday night to hurler John Lenneville and the Bradford Queens Hotel and then were thumped 7-1 by Streetsville Sunday night at Kew Gardens.

Shaky is the only word to describe the Jewellers' fielding Thursday night against Bradford as they committed no fewer than eight errors behind hurler Glen Moreland who made a couple himself. He also gave up 11 hits.

The youthful Jewellers were only in the game in the early going as Bradford opened with two runs in the first inning.

Richmond Hill's Phil Wood got one of those back in the second inning on a home run but it was all downhill after that.

Bradford had two more runs in the fifth inning on two errors and a single and then closed out the

game with three more runs in the ninth inning.

That ninth inning saw two more errors and two hits adding up to the three runs.

In the meanwhile, Lenneville, of Oak Ridges, was containing the Jewellers in handy fashion allowing only four hits while striking out 11 batters.

It was hurler Blair McBratney's turn to take his lumps Sunday as Streetsville reached him for eight hits and were aided by three Jeweller errors.

Streetsville scored two runs in the fourth on a triple and single, three more in the fifth on two singles and a walk, and two in the sixth on a triple, single, error and a single to lead 7-0.

The Jewellers got their only run in the seventh when pitcher McGratney singled, Ben Bourget was safe on an error, and came home on Chris DeGeer's triple.

The Jewellers are at home tomorrow (Thursday) to Fred's Sports in an 8 p.m. game. Friday night they compete in the annual Beaches Tournament at Kew Gardens.

Dairy Queen girls down Cawthra 6-3

The Richmond Hill Dairy Queen Bantam Girls Town Team opened the season on a winning note in the Peel County League, as they defeated a very capable Cawthra team by the score of 6-3.

Kathy Chepelsky and Karen McInnis shared the pitching duties, with Patti O'Sullivan and Janet Gerritse sharing the catching.

Big hitters for the night were Chepelsky, who went four for four; Cathy Lawlor, two for three, with some excellent base-running; O'Sullivan two for three; Janey Stephenson, two for four; and Heather Moore played a strong game at short-stop.

The Dairy Queen girls play their home games at Crosby Park on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. Their home tournament is on Saturday, June 2, at both Town and Crosby Parks. Richmond Hill will begin by playing Chinguacousy at 9 A.M. at Town Park.

Other teams taking part will be Oshawa, Bridlewood, Burlington, Don Victoria, North Bendale and East Scarborough.

Team members are Debbie Ceballo, Kathy Chepelsky, Janet Gerritse, Charlene Haviko, Cathy Lawlor, Pam MacInnis, Karen McInnis, Heather Moore, Kelly Nelson, Terry Olczak, Patti

Soccer club tours

The visiting Wilbraham High School soccer team from England competed in the Memorial Day tournament in New Jersey and Washington along with an area York Royal Bantams' team.

Final results were not available at press time but the York Royal Bantams, coached by Ron Sharkey of Newmarket, won its first two games 2-0 and 1-0 in the preliminary rounds.

The Wilbraham team had previously won 4-0 and lost 4-0.

The York Royal Minor Peeewees won their two games 3-1 and 6-0.



Mrs. D. Moore of Richmond Hill accepts \$500 cheque from Mike Mulcahy of the Richmond Hill Minor Peeewees. She won the money in the club's 50-50 draw held to pay playoff expenses. The club went all the way to the Ontario finals.

'Y' Mini-Marathon

The third annual York Regional Family YMCA Mini-Marathon Challenge Cup last Sunday came off in spectacular fashion with previous records falling like rain.

That's the word from Regional YMCA Director Jim Ferguson who noted that a "total of 198 persons were involved this year compared with only 62 the previous year."

Toppling records saw Ted McKeigan of the Waterloo County Athletic Association breaking the

Men's Open Record of 1977 previously held by Fred Robbins of Richmond Hill. McKeigan finished the 12.5 mile run in a time of 1:5.15 seconds. The old record was 1:10.20 seconds.

It was the same story in the Women's Open with Kathe Tanner of Toronto breaking her own 1978 record of 1:38:25. This time out she recorded a time of 1:26.14 seconds.

There was also an impressive turnout of entries in the Male Master competition for ages 40

and over with 27 competing. Winner was Jaan Roos of Toronto in a time of 1:15.47 seconds. Only female competitor was Anna Bruno of Richmond Hill who clocked 1:34.45 seconds which "was a very good time," according to Ferguson.

Slowest finishing time was two hours, 46 minutes and 58 seconds. The runner shall go un-named.

The competition was run from the Richmond Hill YMCA headquarters on Dunlop Street.

Lots of winners in high school track

By BOB THOMPSON

The Georgian Bay championships were held at Etobicoke Stadium last week and, as expected, the usual crop of local young people survived the test in each event advancing to a final elimination meet prior to the OFSSA (Ontario) finals.

Leading the way was Marianne Ball of Langstaff Secondary School who looked most impressive in the senior girl hurdles.

Marianne finished second in overall points in that division with 30 points to the 34 by winner Barb Paul of Almaguin.

Marianne had a record-setting first in the 100 metre hurdles with a 15.9. She also finished first in the 100 metre and the 200 Metre.

Another fine competitor in the senior girls' division was Sue French of Thornlea Secondary School who set a new Georgian Bay record by winning the 800 metre in a time of 2:26.0 seconds. She finished second in the 1500 metre behind Sue Brown of Banting.

Marianne Ball also received encouraging news from afar when national team members Maggie Woods and Julie White announced their withdrawal from high school competitions. Both athletes specialized in high jump and hurdles.

Besides Ball, other local runners expected to survive the final test this week at Niagara Falls and advance to the Ontario high school finals were Heinz Losberg, John Armstrong, Peter McClelland, Liz Marshall, Steve Charles and Lori Bordignon.

Richmond Hill High School received a blow to its track and field aspirations when senior Mike Smith severely strained an ankle in an inter-school lacrosse game.

This injury eliminated Smith from further track competitions. Away from high school competitions, the Ontario track season got off to a shaky start with a cancellation Saturday of

the Mite-Tyke-Atom-Bantam meet in Alliston because of poor weather, and the OTFA Pan-Am Games warm-up meet at Etobicoke which attracted a small but highly competitive field.

Richmond Hill thrower Jan Toporowski showed her growing potential in the senior division with a second place 11.92 metre toss in the shot put and a shaky 39.98 metre distance to win the senior women's discus event.

Toporowski had to revert to a standing throw to register her winning distance as the traditional spin rhythm deserted her at this particular meet and the young thrower registered five faults during her six compulsory throws.

The Mite-Tyke-Atom-Bantam athletes will get another chance to show their heels when the postponed meet of last week is contested this Saturday at Tottenham.

Representing Richmond Hill at its first outdoor test for the smaller set are Jenny and John Stoner, Janice Steele, Mark Dimpfell and Dryw Thompson. Dimpfell in the sprints and Thompson in the throws are expected to show well.

Track and field is available locally Wednesday evenings at Richmond Hill High School from 7 p.m. until dark.

Scott Steckley wins trophy

Scott Steckley of the Richmond Hill Cadillac Baif Peeewe A hockey team was the winner of the Critchton Trophy for the 1978-79 hockey season.

The presentation came at the club's annual banquet attended by the parents and players of the team held at the Richmond Hill Curling Club.

The trophy was originally donated in 1969 by a visitor from Queensland, Australia, who watched the peeewe team of that season and was impressed by its play.

It goes to the player judged to be the one displaying a combination

of desire and ability during a given season.

Other members of the team received awards with the coaches and managers receiving plaques.

The Peeewees played a total of 94 games this past season including seven tournaments.

The boys and parents expressed their gratitude at the meeting to co-coaches Rick Sackfield and Rob Sackfield, manager Ed Sackfield, and treasurer Ed Marchione "for their time and efforts".

Alos commended was the sponsor Cadillac Baif.