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Richmond Hill Auto Body player Glen Polhamus is safe at second as Robby Hartnett of Town Auto misses the

toss during a battle of the "Bodies" Monday night. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Town Auto Body grabs first place

The story of the past week was Town Auto Body's surge to the head of the pack, tying Barrow's Insurance.

The Town team was virtually left for dead, after losing six of its top sluggers, an ace hurler and a masterful coach. Four of those hitters and the pitcher turned up on the Barrow's team but Town has done a creditable rebuilding job.

It won the three games it played last week, all quite convincingly.

Town blasted Jack Blyth Real Estate 8-3. Clay Chapman knocked in a pair of runs in the first inning sending Blyth starter Bruce Stevens to the showers. In the next frame Blyth bounced back with three runs.

Al Shaw scored on an error and Rick Collins singled in a pair with the bases loaded. Town made a pitching change — Rob Clephan came in for Wilf Diceman, who claimed the win.

Town piled up five more runs as Larry Black scored on a boot and Bill Perry socked an in-the-park grand slam home run. Blyth promptly yanked losing pitcher Len Hughes in favor of Jim Cooke.

King City Press was victim number two for Town, going down 6-1.

A five-run explosion in the third salted the game away. Larry Black and Rob Hartnett each singled, and Barry Hartnett smacked a two-run homer. The

other run came in the final frame.

Terry Legge, for Pizza, was scored from third on a sacrifice bunt. Wilf Diceman picked up the win and the losing pitcher was Barry Mathews.

Town dumped Kinneer Leasing in a re-scheduled game 7-3. The winners exploded for four runs in the second as John Uprichard paced Town with a single and a home run for four RBI's.

Bill Perry tripled driving in a pair of runs. For the losers, Gord Woolnough tripled and scored on an error and Dave Webster and Steve Wood each knocked in a run.

It was Rob Clephan over Webster on the rubber.

Barrow's Insurance took a classic struggle from Linear Sound & Video, 5-3. They also skimmed Jack Blyth Real Estate 7-4 to hold onto a share of first spot.

Back-to-back triples by Dale Crouter and Roger Brain, plus a double by John Rumble, opened the scoring for Barrow's against Linear. Roger Bell's homer in the next inning put Barrow's up by three in the fourth. Linear got the score in the sixth when Bruce Sampson got life on an error, Bernie Hough walked and a double by Brian Madeley scored two.

Billy Hamilton, who was making his first start of the

season for the winners, was pulled after yielding only three hits.

Crouter and Brain poked in a run each in the final inning to seal the victory. Linear's final run was scored by Craig Shuttleworth, who doubled in the bottom of the seventh and then came in on a single by Sampson.

Hamilton got the win with relief from Luke Lefevre and Madeley took the loss.

Against Blyth, Steve Whitaker had a home run and two RBI's. He was two for three at the bats. Gord Wright also knocked in a pair of runs for a similar two-out-of-three evening. For Blyth, Neil Roberts singled in a pair of runs and Al Underhill out-pitched Jim Cooke.

Richmond Hill Auto Body exploded for five runs to overcome a two-run lead and then coasted to a 5-3 win.

Rob Forget singled with the bases loaded driving in two runs and Jim Clement, also knocked in a pair. RBI singles by Dave Berseth and Mike Thompson in the second and third gave Kinneer the early lead.

Steve Wood tripled and scored. Dennis Loodged on a tag fly. Too little, too late.

Val Steffan out-hurled Berseth for the win.

An interesting note: of the 14 games played in the league up to June 10, 12 of the victories went to the visiting club.

Titles could be tough

Hill soccer starts with fury

The action was fast and furious in the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer League last week as 16 games were played in various divisions.

In the Girls' Town Rep. league, Home Improvements atoms dumped the Stouffville team 3-0. Outstanding goalkeeping by Natalie Desarzens earned her the shoutout but she was strongly aided by Lynne Moritsugu and Diane Callas.

On the attack, Robyn McCourt played an excellent game and it was thanks to some of her efforts that Kim Caume was able to kick in two goals and Lee-Anne Dungey, one.

Kiddie Kobbler Peewee girls had a bye and no results were available from teams in the Mosquito and Bantam divisions.

BOYS' TOWN REP.

Scotty MacDonald's A Beattie Minor Atoms romped over Stouffville 6-2, showing more scoring power than in their first outing against Thornhill, a 2-0 win. Pino Decina scored four and singles were kicked in by Jason MacDonald and David Kouase. Defensively, Michael Caume was a standout.

HOUSE LEAGUE — MINI SQUIRKS

Richmond Hill Lions beat Tournaments Inc. 1-0. The teams were evenly matched in this game, which saw Kevin Sodek score the only goal.

The girls played a strong game with goals by Sarah Robbins, Jenny Briggs and also Sean Burke to give Dondeb Construction a 3-0 victory over Leuschner Spraying.

SQUIRKS

Most of the games in this division featured very evenly-matched teams. It looks as if the players are in for a struggle for the championship.

A goal by Jeff Stewart was enough to give C & J Investments a win over Baymar Sports.

Ratcliffe's Canada and Kent Clothes played gallantly to a 3-3 draw. Joe Mazza was the star for Kent, grabbing the hat-trick. Gord Infanti scored two goals and David Gyarmati kicked the other one for Ratcliffe's.

North York Trophies 5, Family Billiards 0. Goals for North York were by Tim Bennett (2), Billy Lucas (2) and a single by Sean Carlisle.

Mac Fleming Paints 2, Fann's Sports Centre 0. Goals by Duncan Peake and Daryl Baxter.

Tree Transplanting edged George Ross Photo 2-1 in a game where several of the players were 'soiled'. Goals for Tree were booted by Rick Paisley and Stephen Lemotte. The lone shot for Photo was by Travis White.

ATOM

Caesar's Palace took Ken Bentham to the cleaners by a score of 3-0. Shawn Mieske, Brian Forkan and Bob Cairns all counted for Caesar's.

Globe Travel 4, Powell Plumbing 1. Goals for Globe were by Peter MacNamara (3) and Neal Cox and Powell's marker came from Mark Stevenson.

Toronto Electrical 4, Travelways 1. A hat-trick for Aldo Teofilo and a single for Alan Poole and Robbie Dawson got one for Travelways.

Casabil Contractors 4, MacLean Furniture 2. Goal-scorers' names not available.

MOSQUITOES

Bill Canada 3, Bone Fencing 3.

Omar Grant got a pair for Bell with Rob Jakma adding a single. Kevin Jenning scored two for Bone and Marcel Bernard kicked the other one in.

Although there were times when Bell appeared to have an edge in play, they were lucky to have saved a tie because of the onslaught of the Bone attack. Bone had an early lead but eventually fell behind. Jenning got the equalizer with only a few minutes left in the game.

Cumbrae Roofing took a 5-1 trouncing at the hands of Silver Acoustics. It was a heartbreaking loss because the Roofers kept hitting goal posts and crossbars. The game was really much closer than the score indicates.

Jason Hails and John Higham each scored twice and Chris Mohl once, for Acoustics. Greg Houston booted the only Roofing goal.

King City IGA battered Allencourt Fish and Chips 5-3. The game was played at King City and Allencourt displayed a good losing effort. Scoring for the local team were Mike Douse, Sean Patrick and Mark Hoffman. Stuart Anderson and Benny Lombardi had outstanding performances.

Ronald's Printing had a bye and there were no reports available for the game between Ken's Beekers and Hair Works, played in Stouffville.

The PeeWee-Bantam division is late in getting their season started but there should be some results by next week.

Rain puts damper on Dynes' sure win

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller Juniors looked like they were on their way to their second straight win of the young Beaches Major Football League season last Thursday night at the Town Park.

They were leading Midas Muffler 4-2 going into the top of the sixth inning when the heavens blew their mufflers and the rain came down. Wash-out.

In a previous wash-out the young Dynes squad, after losing their first five games, had come up with an impressive 5-1 triumph over the tough John Oliver team.

Pitcher Glen Moreland was in fine form as he limited the Oliver boys to four hits over nine innings while striking out 12 batters.

In the meanwhile the Jewellers were cracking out eight hits offensively and only committing one error behind Moreland's efforts.

The same Moreland drove in two of the Jewellers' three runs in the fifth inning with a big single.

Phil Wood made it 4-0 in the sixth with a home run.

Richmond Hill's final run came in the ninth inning on a single and two errors.

John Oliver got their lone run in the eighth on two singles.

Against Midas Muffler the Jewellers ran into some tough luck regarding both the weather and an unusual injury to starting pitcher Blair McBratney.

McBratney had to leave after two and a third innings when he ripped a fourth when his pitching hand.

Explained Dynes' manager Jimmy Cairns "It's the type of ball we've been using. The seams are too rough and he simply ripped his finger. Our other pitcher, Glen Moreland, also got a blister out of it. We'll just have to go to a better ball."

The same Moreland took over for McBratney (who was charged with two runs in that inning) and retired the side and finished the next two innings before the rains came.

Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the second inning when Chris DeGeer singled and came home on Bill Dickenson's triple.

Midas went ahead 2-1 in the third inning but Richmond Hill came back in the fourth inning as pitcher Moreland doubled and catcher DeGeer homered.

The Jewellers got their final run in the fifth inning as Paul Philip doubled, went to third on an out, and rode home on a single by Phil Wood's.

"The team's starting to settle down," commented manager Cairns. "They're young and the Beaches league is a tough one. We're coming. We'll be there by the time the All Ontario comes along in July."

The Jewellers, now 1-5 in the league, play tonight (Wednesday) in Streetsville and are at home tomorrow night (Thursday) to the powerful Sox who, incidentally, eliminated them from a recent Beaches Tournament by 8-1.

As Manager Cairns put it: "At least we were the only team to score a run on them in the tournament."

Good times ahead.



fred simpson

Simpson takes breather

By STEVE PEARLSTEIN
 Liberal Staff Writer

We didn't lose Fred Simpson's postage stamp picture. What we did lose is Fred, but only temporarily. The crusty young fellow has been working kind of hard lately and the long winter had begun to show its toll on him.

"Fred," I said, "why don't you take it easy for a while?" I was always the gracious sort.

Now for the factual version: Old Freddie's no dummy. Every time the editor chanced by the bedroom office, a noticeable rumble seemed to emanate from Simpson's throat. It went something like — "Errr... I need a \$&+? ... holiday."

After about three-and-a-half months I guess the chief got the message and now Fred's off basking in the sun somewhere. For those of you loyal sportspeople who diligently submit their information every week, you can have the pleasure of screaming at the regular sports editor when he returns Monday if, by some quirk of fate, your piece of news didn't make it into this week's paper.

Anticipating the vacation of Mr. Simpson (I had better be nice) I covered a sporting event last week at Richmond Hill High and learned a little humility in the process.

Three groups of Trainable Mentally Retarded students — from Crosby Heights Senior Public, RHHS and Thornhaven School — were participating in their annual field day. I attended the same event last year when it was held at Crosby.

From all indications, the day was a great success. There were about seven or eight athletic events spread out across the high school's playing field. They included such things as a football throw, an obstacle course, long jump and baseball toss. Your basic field day events. Most of the credit for the day's organizational success goes to teacher Don Fleming and the high school's Green & White Society — a bunch of bright, enthusiastic student volunteers who get involved in all types of school and community services, giving freely of their own time.

One of the things they did last week was to organize a poster contest for the pupils participating in the field — each team had its own name and insignia and at the day's end, the best drawing was selected.

Anyway, my job was to watch some of the events and take a few pictures. If you look around, you may see one in this section. I took a couple of shots of one youngster going through the obstacle course.

When the event was all over, I went over to the whole group, intending to get his name. He gave it to me — Jim Hinchcliffe, age 16, Crosby Heights. I was about to pivot and pack up my camera gear, when I heard a voice behind me say:

"My name is Suzanne, don't you want my name too?"

I said to myself, 'I may have to list 35 names and then everyone will expect to see their name in the newspaper.' But then I quickly realized, these kids are just like any other kids — once in a while they like a little recognition. We're all like that, come to think of it.

So there I was, writing down names and ages, of students some of whom I hadn't even taken pictures of. I knew we'd probably have room to publish only one of the pictures but here are some of the students I had a chance to meet: Judy Massey, 19, RHHS; Claire McConnell, 17, Crosby Heights; Dennis DesRoches, 14; and Suzanne Stem, 13, both from Crosby. Sorry I couldn't have all your faces here, too.

CAR DRAW

A commercial note: The Wilson Niblett Richmond Hill Fastball team is holding a special draw for a brand new 1979 Chevy Chevette. They were supposed to play a double-header against the Hamilton Waxman Scrappers but that team has since dropped out of the league.

However, the Hill team promises a good night's entertainment when it takes on the Industrial League All-Stars in a double-header on Tuesday, June 19.

Tickets for the draw are \$10 each and include admission to the game, which will be at Town Park, 7:30 p.m. There'll likely be more on this later, but let's see some support for our fastballers. For more info, call Rod Smith at 884-8181.



Former Canadian Heavyweight champions George Chuvale got so excited at being invited to Richmond Hill and Don Little Car Centre June 16 he had to be restrained by used-car manager Tommy Burns. It'll be a big day

with George signing autographs, giving out free photos of himself and ex-champions plus refreshments and all that. Be there. (Liberal photo by Steve Pearlstein).