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It rained on Niblett's parade

The best thing that could have happened to the Wilson Niblett fastball team on the holiday weekend would have been to be rained out in the All Ontario finals at Kemptonville.

It rained, but not enough. The Niblett team got to play two games losing the first one 6-0 to Cardinal and the second one 4-1 to Brockville, Outsville.

ST. KITT'S
 Big tournament winner was St. Catharines who outlasted Grimsby in a two-game marathon concluder which didn't grind to a close until 2:20 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Grimsby, who had lost one game, had to defeat St. Kitt's in both games. They managed to win the first one 2-0 behind the pitching of Ed Unrau as he bested Ed Ringuette.

The second game saw St. Catharines' Dennis Amell, picked as the best pitcher in the tour-

namment, outduelling the same Unrau who was selected as the tournament's most valuable player.

Hal Kemp hit in the winning run in the seventh and last inning on a high fly which brought in Larry Christie.

As for the Wilson Niblett hopes?

Their hopes were dashed early and decisively by the 6-0 loss to Cardinal.

ERRORS GALORE
 "Errors killed us," commented manager Russ "Casey" Cripps. "We just fell apart."

The Niblett team committed five errors, all of them costly, in the seven-inning game behind the pitching of Paul Wannamaker who was touched for six hits while walking one and striking out three. Richmond Hill could only manage two hits off Ted Hoy.

Richmond Hill trailed 1-0 in the

third inning on a single, error, passed ball and two walks to load the bases. A single brought in a run.

It was 3-0 in the fifth on back-to-back Cardinal singles, a fly-out and another single.

The chiller came in the sixth

amid comedy of errors as Richmond Hill collapsed defensively.

A single and a walk started it off. Then a pop fly was caught by second baseman Bob McLellan who threw wildly to third base in attempt to catch the runner heading there. Shortstop Colin

Wood retrieved the ball and fired it off the screen at home plate with the runner scoring from third.

Then came a short pop fly to right field with Gary Preszcator getting a glove on it and dropping it for another run-scoring effort.

A subsequent fly to right field was also dropped with no run scoring this time out.

The final game saw Richmond Hill's lone run coming off a fourth inning homer by Preszcator. They only managed a total of three hits.

Mike McLeod started for The Hill and only lasted one and a third innings giving up no hits, walking two, and charged with one run. Wannamaker came in and took the loss allowing three runs on five hits. He struck out four and walked one.

Dynes ready for All Ontario

Dynes Jewellers Junior fastball coach Jimmy Cairns figures his squad has "an excellent chance of winning the All Ontario next week in Grimsby if we play the kind of ball we're capable of."

Cairns figures to find out the

team's prospects in a hurry as they open the double knockout tournament Saturday morning at 8:30 against the potent Owen Sound crew featuring hurler Tommy Underwood.

"If we can get by Owen

Sound," reasons Cairns, "we should get the necessary momentum to keep rolling."

Cairns classifies Underwood as one of the better pitchers around in junior ball. "He has lots of

speed, that's his main pitch, but it's fast."

It's that same type of pitching that makes Cairns optimistic regarding his team's chances.

"We've got two of the hottest pitchers around ourselves," he

said referring to Glen Moreland and Blair McBratney.

"Both Moreland and McBratney are pitching tremendous ball at the moment in the Beaches league and that's a great combination," he said.

"McBratney in particular has come on strong of late and, of course, Moreland is doing his usual excellent work."

Getting by Owen Sound won't necessarily open any wide doors for the Jewellers.

TOUGH FOES
 They'll also have to face powerful entries from Oshawa and Ottawa.

"Most of those guys are veteran junior players," said Cairns, "and our guys are experiencing their first year in top competition in the Beaches league after playing last year in an industrial loop."

Cairns notes he's still lacking a couple of "big bats but our pitching helps compensate for that".

He's particularly elated with the play of Richmond Hill native Greg Walton in the outfield.

WALTON SHINES
 "Greg had trouble coming out with us early in the season due to work conditions but he's been a solid member in all of his appearances."

"He's a great defensive player but he's particularly fast on bases. One of the fastest runners I've seen around. We use him a lot as a pinch-runner."

SPLIT
 The Jewellers warmed up for the Ontario's by splitting a doubleheader last Thursday with Midas Muffler.

They lost the first game 5-1 but came back to win the second one 2-0 behind the pitching of McBratney.

The Jewellers were trying out Gary Wilkinson of Aurora on the mound in the first game with Moreland coming on in relief.

A home run in the second inning and another run via an error in the fifth hurt the Jewellers' cause.

Shortstop Paul Philips scored their lone run in the bottom of the sixth on a sacrifice fly.

The second game saw third baseman Ben Bourget singling in the first run in the fourth inning and also responsible for the final one in the sixth inning.

EXHIBITION
 The Jewellers will play Kinnear Leasing of the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League in an exhibition doubleheader tomorrow night (Thursday) at the Town Park with the first game slated for 7:30 p.m.



It's a steal

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' Paul Philip is safe on a steal at second here in first game of last Thursday's Beaches doubleheader against Midas Muffler. In fact, the throw was wild and Philip scurried to third and later scored the only Dynes' run in a 5-1 loss. Dynes won the second game 2-0. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Niblett's defeat All-Stars

Two all-star teams from the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League found the air a little rarefied last week when they met the Wilson Niblett entry in the OFL in an exhibition encounter.

They suffered a 4-1 loss in the first game of a doubleheader and then had a no-hitter spun at them in the second seven-inning game losing 6-0.

Big winners of the night were three usually unsung villains wearing the uniforms of umpires. They were John Place, John

Monkhouse and Tom Price, umpire-in-chief of the Richmond Hill Umpire's Association.

All three went together on a ticket draw for a 1979 Wilson Niblett Chevy Chevette — and won. Reports have it that Place agreed to take the car and buy out his two partners.

Back to the ballgames.

TWO HITS
 The first game saw Wilson Niblett's Mike McLeod limiting the all-stars to two hits while walking four and striking out 13. Meanwhile his opponent, Rob

Clephan, was being touched for six hits in his four-inning stint before giving way to Dave Webster. Clephan gave up all the runs while striking out two and walking as many. Webster went two innings and struck out four batters allowing no hits.

The all-stars got their only run in the very first inning as Rod Chapman walked, advanced to second on an infield out, and came home on Terry Haviland's double.

Wilson Niblett got that one back in the bottom half of the

same inning as Ron Schnobb walked and Colin Wood singled him to second. The next two batters were out but Enzo Fedrigo's single brought in Schnobb.

The third inning saw Schnobb walking again, going to second on a sacrifice, and then scoring on a single by Gary Preszcator. Wilson's scored their final two runs in the fourth inning as Terry O'Kraffa was hit by a pitched ball. Bob McLellan then singled him to second. O'Kraffa was out on a force at third. Two runners

advanced on a passed ball and scored on Schnobb's single.

NO HITTER
 The Niblett team introduced new pitcher Harold Passmore in the second game and he held the all-stars hitless in a four-and-two-third inning stint allowing only two walks and striking out five. McLeod finished the job striking out five.

Webster started the second game but was treated rather unkindly giving up four runs and four hits in two innings. Dave Forget replaced him and allowed two runs off eight hits in the next four innings. He struck out one and walked one.

Only two all-star runners reached first base in the game. One was Gordie Woolnough who walked in the fourth inning but was nailed for a lead-off. The other was Grant Rose who drew a walk in the fifth with two out but died at first base.

Niblett's struck for four big runs in the second inning with Bill Jandcui hit by a pitched ball and Andy Purmals safe on an error. Catcher Brian Harris then scored the two with a single. Paul Wannamaker then doubled home Harris and came home himself on Marty Tweyman's double.

Wilson's scored another run in the third inning as Fedrigo singled, went to third on Colin Wood's single and scored on an error.

The final run came in the fifth as Andy Purlmans singled, got to third on a passed ball and scored on Harris' double.

Men's fastball

Diceman's tough to beat

By DAVE BARBOUR
 Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League pitcher Wilf Diceman has emerged as an awesome opponent on the rubber to those facing him in contests with the Town Auto Body club this season.

Town Auto, with Wilf throwing last week, blanked Linear Sound and Video 2-0, yielding only one hit. The previous week he allowed the powerful Barrow squad just two hits in blanking them as well.

Against Linear, Clay Chapman bunt-singled home Larry Black for the winning run in the first inning. In the fourth, Rod Chapman scored from third as Barry Hartnett got a life on an error.

Brian Madeley gave up only

four hits in a losing cause for Linear.

Barrow's Insurance kept pace with Town by dumping Richmond Hill Auto Body 5-3.

Paul Hunter doubled in two runs, and Gord Wright tripled in one run. The others scored on an error and a fielder's choice, respectively. For the Hill, Barry Locke and Val Steffan knocked in a run each. Their other run resulted during a fielder's choice play.

Al Underhill was the winning pitcher. Steffan, with relief from Jim Clement, takes the loss.

R.H. Auto Body maintained 50-50 pace by stopping Pizza Press 7-5.

Val Steffan and John Hitch paced the winners at the plate,

while Pizza countered with homers off the bat of Terry Haviland, Blair Robson and Dave Roberts. Jim Clement the winning pitcher with relief from Steffan. Terry Legge suffers the loss.

Jack Blyth Real Estate advanced in the standing as they upset Kinnear Leasing 6-4.

Doug Farrell continues to be the big gun for Blyth as he contributed five rbi's on two singles and a homerun. Gary Russell singled in the other run. For the losers, Dave Webster tripled scoring a run and Dave Berseth and Bob Howard each singled home a run.

Jim Cook tossed the win; Bill Fox, in his first outing, with relief

from Berseth, took the loss.

Kinnear Leasing, earlier, downed Pizza Press 4-2, as Mike Thompson tripled in a run and Dave Berseth singled in a pair. Terry Legge and Blair Robson each knocked in a run in a losing cause.

Berseth gets the win in relief of Dave Webster. Legge was the losing hurler.

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	P.
Town Auto Body	7	3	14
Barrow's Insurance	7	3	14
Richmond Hill Auto Body	5	5	10
Jack Blyth Real Estate	4	4	8
Kinnear Leasing	4	5	8
Linear Sound & Video	3	5	6
Pizza Press	2	7	4



fred simpson

Lost weekend

I've lost a few weekends along the way but this is the first time a weekend has lost me.

In a word: Rotten. Nothing but rain or rumors of rain. I almost burnt out my windshield wipers turning them off and on enroute to London, Ontario, where a big Slo-Pitch softball tournament was slated for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

I managed to get to London but I missed most of the tournament which is pretty bad. Especially since I was supposed to play for one of the teams.

I don't know what happened. They had these ball parks marked out on a tiny map and I've never been able to read maps. Hell, I used to get lost in my hometown.

Got to the first game by way of Lake Erie which must be 50 miles south of London. Should have stayed there. Our team, the second all-stars I guess, lost something like 10-0 in their first game. The score would have been higher except I didn't play.

RIVER'S END

The second game was scheduled between rainfall number 10 and rainfall number 11 at No. 33 ballpark. I couldn't find it. My map had the dot right in the middle of the Thames River which apparently runs through London.

So I looked for a bridge with a ball diamond on it. No luck. I couldn't even find the river let alone the park. And I'd probably be still wandering around London if a flash flood hadn't washed me back to Woodstock and thence to Richmond Hill.

After some diligent indepth digging I found out that both our Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch League all-star teams lost out. The first team managed to win one of three games while our second team lost both theirs. Well, at least no one drowned.

LUCKY

Let's see now, I should mention here that fortune smiled on three Richmond Hill and District Umpire Association chaps last week.

The three, Umpire-in-chief Tom Price, John Place and John Monkhouse, split a ticket on a new Chevy Chevette car up for grabs at the Wilson Niblett-Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League exhibition doubleheader at the Town Park last week.

Fortune smiled and they won the car. Word has it that the car was kept by Place who subsequently bought out the rest of his partners. Who says wrong doesn't win out some time? Only kidding. Congrats.

HOLE-IN-ONE

Let's see now, a golf item here. The Richmond Hill Summit Golf and Country Club was the scene last week of another hole-in-one.

This one was bagged by Kirstie Scullion who hit the jackpot on the 172-yard hole with a five-iron. She was also playing with the flag pole set for men's distances. She shot an 85, by the way, over the whole course. Nice going, Kirstie. By the way, it was her first hole-in-one.

SUSAN HOLVIK

I should also mention that another miss, 13-year-old Susan Holvik of 332 Kerswell Drive, Richmond Hill, was named "Athlete of the Year" for her achievements in sports at her Crosby Avenue Public School. Susan is in Grade 7. And, of course, congratulations to Susan.

I've been putting off this last note to the last.

It was bad news for the Wilson Niblett fastball entry in the All Ontario at Kemptonville. It didn't rain enough. The Niblett boys lost 6-0 to Cardinal and 4-1 to Brockville and that was it.

The big winner was St. Catharines who will now travel to Newfoundland for the Canadian championships. As I said, it was a rotten weekend. Thanks a lot, weatherman.

CINDY NEALE

Finally, Cindy Neale of King won the Grand Prix Monday at the Goodwood, England, equestrian show. Neale, 27, won the main dressage event on Martyr, owned by Charles Burns of Toronto.

She also won the Grand Prix Kur (dressage ridden to music) and placed second in the Intermediare II event on Martyr. Riding a second horse, Equus, Neale won the Prix-St. George, placed second in the Grand Prix Kur, and first in the Intermediare I.

Really, finally, boys and girls: Don't forget the York Central Anglers and Hunters' "Fisherama" next Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Mill Pond. It's for boys and girls under 15 years of age.

Prizes and trophies for the biggest fish caught by a boy and the biggest caught by a girl will be up for the taking. Be there. Fun.