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# Hill Track Meet is 'for the birds!'

The 1979 District E Legion Track and Field Meet fired off 30 minutes late last Saturday because of a small bird.

Prior to the official march-past of athletes and a color party, from the Richmond Hill Legion, a ground nest with four eggs was discovered in the pebbles on the first lane of the 100-metre spring track at Thornlea High School.

While the officials pondered and phone calls were made to various local bird lovers for advice, color party and athletes were detoured to parade through the infield rather than disturb Mother Nature's work.

Finally, at 10 o'clock, 30 minutes past official starting time, Meet Director Bob Thompson ordered the one lane closed off and all races for the balance of the day were adjusted to accommodate five runners, instead of the six originally planned.

"It sure caused us a lot of fast shuffling," Thompson told The Liberal. "Our original seeding had allowed for six athletes per race, then just before starting time we had to tear everything apart and re-schedule for five."

**FOR THE BIRDS**  
 The initial confusion caused a few delays and when one visiting coach suggested that the District E Championships was, as he called it, "for the birds" Meet Director Thompson could not have agreed more.

The Championships attracted 250 young athletes ranging in age from 11 to 16, all more than attempting to gain a berth on the District Team that will travel to the Ontario Championships on July 27.

The top two athletes placing in each event will be asked to participate in the Ontario competitions while the third place competitor was listed as an alternate in the event the front runners were not available.

More than 50 events were contested during the day-long affair which was hosted by the Richmond Hill Legion Branch and organized by local track enthusiasts Bob Thompson and John Monk.

Entries from 12 communities from as far north as Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, and west to Orangeville and Tottenham, took part.

For local interest 11 young athletes represented Richmond Hill and Thornhill, of which, nine gained berths on the District E team, and the other two were listed as alternates.

**BANTAM**  
 Bantam boys Dryw Thompson and Mark Dimpfell dominated the javelin event with Mark squeezing out his team-mate by 12 inches to record a winning toss of 34.54 metres. Thompson was also listed as an alternate in the shot put and discus competitions.

Eleven year old Mike Schmidt, running in his first legion meet, did not let the much older boys in his races leave him too far behind. Mike who stands about four feet high and weighs less than a bag of wet sponges, recorded a fifth place finish on the 1500 metres and a strong third place effort in the gruelling nine-lap 3000 metre race. Schmidt was listed as an alternate for the 3000-metre competition.

**MIDGET**  
 The lone midget boy entry for Richmond Hill was Brian Beresford who won the right to represent the District in the 1500 metre steeplechase. Beresford

also took a run at the 1500 and 3000 metre affairs but found the competition too tough to break into the top three rankings.

Two Bantam Girls carried the area name into the High Jump, long jump and sprints. Melissa Barker won a place on the team with a second place effort in the girls 400 metre race, and a fourth in the 200 metres.

Partner, Elviga Sprogis ran into all sorts of trouble in her events, bowing out of the high jump in sixth place, and placing third in the long jump. Miss Sprogis was listed as an alternate for the long jump event.

**BIG NOISE**  
 Biggest noise was expected to

come from the five-girl Midget entry and they did not disappoint with all girls registering efforts that won positions on the District Team.

Lori Bordignon won the high jump, and placed second in the 100 metres sprints, sister Dianne Bordignon placed second in the 400 metres, and teammates Nicole Masil with a second in the 800 metres, Patti Murray with a victory in the 1500 metre walk, and Pauline Roelveltdt in the javelin and shot put, all qualified.

The girls ended their day-long efforts with a third place in the 4x100 metre relay, and a second place in the medley relay, (200x200x400x800) that closed out the track meet at 3:30.

**TROPIE TROPHIES**  
 In the race for team trophies the Richmond Hill athletes surprised by being in the hunt for two of the four awards.

The three man bantam boys team was ranked second, behind a large (30 entries) Tottenham, team with the relays and throwing events yet to be recorded.

The five-girl midget team was giving the Orangeville and Barrie entries a good run for the top team award with the three teams within 20 points of each other with the relays and some throws yet to be recorded.

Final standings will not be available for another week as

District E Track and Field Chairman, Ray McFadden of Stouffville, had the Championship Team entries to process to insure that all entries were filed on time.

"The team results will be carefully tabulated once I have completed the championship entries," said Ray. "We want to make sure that all our figures are correct before we make any announcement concerning both the Ontario Team Entry and District E team winners."

For those athletes who can win at the Ontario Finals in Burlington July 27, an all-expense trip is waiting to St. John's Newfoundland and the National Bantam-Midget Track and Field Championships for 1979.



Richmond Hill C & J Investments' Jeff Stewart (left) isn't giving up the ball for anyone in last week's minor soccer town rep match with Stouffville. He later took to the offence and scored one of the goals in a 2-0 victory. See B-2. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg).

## Great record

By PAT KELLY  
 The name Dynes Jewellers has always been associated with successful teams and this year's Richmond Hill Minor Mosquito soccer team is no exception.

Under coach Art Gossman these 10 and 11-year-olds have run up a record of six straight wins in Region of York league play amassing a total of 56 goals in the process while conceding only one.

They have extended their unbeaten streak in league and cup play into its third year. The Jewellers have yet to meet Thornhill in this year's league program but all other Region clubs have gone down to defeat.

On the Ontario Cup front the locals have also done well and have reached the last 16 of this Ontario championship. GREEN MACHINE To do so the green machine scored impressive victories over strong opposition from St. Andrew's Scarborough 6-3 and Brampton 5-2. In both cases they came from behind to do it.

Next round in the Ontario Cup goes July 21 and 22 with the opponents as yet unknown. So here's wishing the Jewellers the best of luck for the balance of the season. They are carrying on the Dynes tradition with honor.



fred simpson

### It's Superman?

If you don't see this column for the next week or so it won't necessarily be because I've been hit by Skylab.

It'll probably be because I'm on holidays but, then again, you never know.

Actually, Skylab is small potatoes compared with the things I've been hit with over the years. Those labels can hit you pretty hard.

Especially last Saturday morning. I was awakened by a horrible crash. Thought maybe Skylab had made a premature landing on my head. Turned out to be one of my eyelids opening before the other one.

I'd have welcomed Skylab just to put me out of my misery.

It was one of those times you check the obit column in the morning paper before bothering to get out of bed. Just in case your name's there.

**GOOD FISHING**  
 In any case, to get back down to earth while there's still time, I'm informed that the York Central Anglers and Hunters' "Fisherama" at the Mill Pond in Richmond Hill was a considerable success.

Some 200 girls and boys 15 years-of-age and under turned out to dunk for 200 Trout and Bass dumped in the pond for the occasion by the YCAH.

**PRIZES**  
 There were prizes in abundance including such things as gift certificates to hamburg heaven, tackle boxes, rod and reels and so on.

Highlight was the awarding of two big trophies to the girl and boy hooking the biggest fish. Winners were Craig Turner, 9, of 147 Chassie Court, Richmond Hill, and Robin Dietrich, 8, of 225 Beech Drive, Richmond Hill.

Craig snagged a 1.8 pound Sucker while Robin came up with a 1.75 pound Bass. Not world-record catches by any means but very nice. Congratulations.

The anglers' organization expects to make this an annual bash and it sounds like a great idea. Organizers were Ross Hodson, Eugene Storzinski, Roy Watson, Bill Fleming and Frank Traverse.

**TENNIS**  
 A quick turn to tennis here and good news re a couple la femme members of the Richmond Hill Tennis Club.

Monica Vermeulen and Joyce Jones teamed up to win the Intercountry Tennis Association Ladies' Doubles on the weekend at Mississauga.

Monica was particularly elated because she's "been trying to win it for years but for one reason or another, cancellations or such, I've never managed it."

The twosome won their final match 7-6 and 6-4. It was especially pleasing because Monica is director of the Ladies' League. Again, congratulations.

A bit of slo-pitch news here before we don the safety helmet.

**SLO-PITCH**  
 Last Sunday's pieces of resistance in the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch League at the Town Park saw The Bombers deciding the Misfits 10-7 in the first game, the Ball Machine crunching the Old Jays 27-5 and the Red Eyes doing it to The Sudsers 16-10.

Highlight of the Bomber-Misfits game was an inside-the-park homer to centre by Barry Read. I was playing centrefield at the time. Nothing wrong with that. Except I was on the wrong side of the fence. When the coach tells me to play deep I play deep.

The other highlight of the game was Bombers' pitcher Bruce Weir. He survived.

Other home run hitters during the night included Al Kent and Doug Ramer of the Ball Machine; and Jimmy Lane of the Red Eyes.

Finally, don't forget to duck.

## Webster hurls perfect game

By DAVE BARBOUR  
 Pitcher Dave Webster tossed a perfect game last week as his Kinnear Leasing team stayed on the move last week in the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League with two more wins.

Webster's epic came in a 3-0 win over Jack Blyth Real Estate and it saw him striking out 11 of the 21 batters he faced.

It was his first perfect game. Kinnear's winning came in the second inning on a home run by

Dave Berseth with pitcher Webster on base. Clyde Dimmell scored the other run on an error.

Kinnear's other victory saw them downing Pizza Press 2-1 on a sixth-inning homer by Steve Woods. Dave Berseth scored

Kinnear's first run and Terry Legge tallied for Pizza.

Richmond Hill Auto Body won two of three games downing Jack Blyth 3-1 and then losing 3-2 to the same team. They dumped Town Auto Body 4-2.

Glen Polhamus doubled in two runs and Ted Gallone came in for Hill Auto after tripling. Rick Collins doubled in Blyth's lone run.

Val Stefan picked up the win on the mound while Len Hughes was tagged with the loss. He was relieved by Jim Cook.

Rob Forget came in on a walk and later was scored by Glen Polhamus to give the Hillers a two-run lead. Blyth erupted in the sixth inning as Glen Wright knocked in a run and Neil Roberts and Gary Russell scored on errors.

Len Hughes was the winning pitcher. Jim Clement the loser.

**ERRORS**  
 Finally, Town Auto Body committed two errors in the first inning which cost them four runs against Richmond Hill Auto. Billy Hunter also singled in a pair and John Finney banded in another one. Town's Steve Black and Rob Hartnett each knocked in a run.

Val Stefan got the win assisted by Gary Wilkinson. Rob Clephan took the loss.

Barrow's Insurance trounced the struggling Linear Sound and Video team 10-3. The victors were paced by Doug Bell with two hits, two errors and three rbi's. Luke Lefevre also had two hits including a triple and two rbi's.

Craig Shuttleworth homered for Linear while Wes Berseth and Phil Bellavance also scored.

Lefevre took the win and Shuttleworth the loss. Town Auto Body whipped Pizza Press 4-1.

Larry Black and Scott Mabley paced the winners scoring a pair in the third and sixth. Al McKenzie slammed an in-the-park homerun for Pizza's lone score.

Wilf Diceman took the win on a three-hitter. Terry Legge was the loser.

Standings	G	W	L	P
Barrow's Insurance	8	3	16	
Town Auto Body	8	4	16	
Richmond Hill Auto Body	7	6	14	
Kinnear Leasing	6	5	12	
Jack Blyth Real Estate	5	6	6	
Pizza Press	2	9	4	

## Dynes lose All Ontario

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' dreams of winning the All Ontario Junior championships at Grimsby on the weekend died fast and early. The team opened with a 2-1 loss to Owen Sound and then bowed out of the tournament via a 4-1 loss to Packenham (near Ottawa). Ponderosa Juniors of

Metro Toronto went on to win the tournament.

"We made errors at crucial times and we just didn't have the bats," commented coach Jimmy Cairns. "However, we were a first-year team and it takes time."

Cairns certainly wasn't blaming the efforts of his pitching

team of Glen Moreland and Blair McBratney.

"They both pitched terrific games for us," he said. "They did their part along with catcher Chris DeGeer who catches every game and comes up with solid performances in every game."

Moreland took the 2-1 loss to Owen Sound despite matching

ace Brad Underwood pitch for pitch. Moreland gave up three hits while Underwood reciprocated with only three of his own.

Two Dynes errors and a double by Bill Slumskey in the second inning spelled doom in the Owen Sound encounter.

Dynes' only run came in the fifth inning when Chris DeGeer walked and eventually came home on Greg Walton's single.

McBratney only allowed six hits in the second game but the big one was a two-run homer by Barry Melanson.

An exhibition doubleheader against Kinnear Pontiac of the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League last Thursday night saw the juniors winning the first game 2-0 with the second one ending in a 0-0 tie.

Dynes' two runs in the first game came in the first inning as Paul Philip reached first on an error and eventually came home on a passed ball. Harold DeGeer homered in the sixth inning.

Moreland was the winning pitcher striking out 12. Loser was Bill Fox who was relieved by Dave Webster.

Newmarket pitcher Doug Webster toed the rubber for the Pontiac team in the second game going four innings with brother Dave pitching the other three. The two of them only surrendered four hits.

McBratney threw for the juniors allowing seven hits.

The Juniors resume their Beaches play tomorrow night (Thursday) with an 8 p.m. game at the Town Park against Fred's Sports.

## Niblett's struggle

The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett Seniors continued to take one step forward in the Ontario Fastball League last week and four backwards.

Niblett's could only come up with one win in four trips to the well.

Their sole victory in the most recent five games came in the second half of Saturday's doubleheader at the Town Park against Oshawa.

They beat Oshawa ace hurler Pete Landers 4-1 after being drubbed 9-2 in the opener.

Previous games saw them losing 7-0 to Oshawa and 1-0 twice in a doubleheader against Owen Sound.

Saturday's late-game triumph over Oshawa was a Paul Wannamaker Triumph all the way as he allowed only five hits, walked one and struck out 11.

Landers only lasted four-and-two-third innings giving up six hits, all the runs, while striking out eight. Russ Korbak pitched the final one-and-a-third innings striking out two.

**HOMERUN**  
 Carl Alhsten got the Niblett team off to a good start with a homerun in the second inning.

Wilson's wrapped the game up in the fifth inning. Enzo Fedrigo singled and Brian Harris was safe when the second baseman dropped the ball on an attempted force play on Fedrigo. Harris was eliminated on a fielder's choice to Wannamaker but Ron Schnobb singled scoring Fedrigo.

Bill Jandciu then doubled home Wannamaker and Gary Preszcatior singled in Schnobb.

**3-RUN BLAST**  
 The opening game saw Richmond Hill's Mike McLeod take his lumps with the key blow a three-run homer by Bob Solomon.

Korbak was the winner giving up only four hits. Wilson's got their runs in the third inning with two out as Schnobb and Jandciu singled. Schnobb came home on an error and Preszcatior doubled him home.

Other games:  
 Oshawa 7, Wilson Niblett 0.