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Town Auto flushes Water Refining 35-30



If that darn thing doesn't move I bet I can hit it. Vincent Barret of Town Auto Body takes his batting

seriously in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball League.



Keeping your eye on the target is very important. Vince is dug in

and ready to come around. The catcher gets itchy in mid-swing.



That concentration paid off! Vince is on his way around the bags, the first but definitely not

the last time this season. (Liberal photos by Bruce Hogg)

In T-Ball action of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association, Rumble Transport edged Baymar's Sports 28-25 last week.

Lisa Hisey and Freddie McKay each hit four for four. McKay knocked out two homers and Lisa had one. The losers got some great fielding from James Gade and Adam Hook ran the bases like a pro.

Town Auto Body defeated Water Refining 35-30. Vincent Barrot blasted his first home run of the season and Cassie Campbell hit four homers for the winners.

Keith Hood Real Estate won their match against OHEU. Good fielding and three homers by Martin Jelio plus another two home runs by Kim Thornhill, made the difference in the 32-28 score for Hood. Home runs were added by Jason O'Brien, Robert Viverette and Anore Agg for good measure.

In Junior Tyke action, Powell

Fencing defeated Rice's Flowers 17-13. For the losers, Terri Moore and Curtis Mihorean pitched a hard game and Doug Elliott hit well. Tina Weir made the catch of the game for Powell and Wayne Price executed a good double play. This was an all-round team effort by the winners.

Kinnear Pontiac and Powell Plumbing tied their game at 12. Kinnear showed some good pitching and base-stealing for a strong finish in the last inning. For Powell Plumbing, Sean hit a homer, Mike Brown tripled and Paul doubled.

Dairy Queen Onion Rings won their game with Block Parents 28-15. The winning team got some excellent pitching from Kevin Lawlor, Clark Marrin and Cobey Hunter. Shane was strong behind the plate.

In the Squirt division, R. F. Mote Mote beat the Dairy Queen Parfaits 9-4.

Garcone's Esso romped to a 32-21 win over the Richvale team

number two. Doug Hook and Mike Garcone homered once each.

Stereo Factory defeated Guaranty Trust 26-11. Coach Sarah Williamson of Guaranty wishes to thank the players loaned to her team from the Tyke division for a great effort on their part. They are Billy Davies, Todd Mitchell and Bobby Hughes.

The Intermediate Girls team of Record Shop downed Richvale Team number two 38-12. Good defensive play by Sandi Blain and Ann Marie MacKay and a homer by Christine Gotaeleer contributed to the Record Shop's win.

T-Shirt Shoppe handed Dairy Queen Burgers a drubbing, defeating them 36-11. The winners scored 18 runs in one inning and Laurie Ann Bishop hit five for five in the game. The Burgers played well and gave it their best effort, but were out-classed this time.

In Pee-wee Boys action, Dynes Jewellers edged Supreme Towing

6-5 in a hard-fought game. Solid pitching was provided by Glen Gadsby and Roger Thomson for Supreme. Peter Henry and Jim Wiggins of Dynes did well on the mound while Bernard Wintjes showed good hitting and fielding.

Elgin Mills Dodge went down to defeat when they met Richvale Team number two. The score was 19-3. T. Kim and B. Mason of Richvale hit four for four.

Summit Transmission won their encounter with A. Ryman Shoes of Oak Ridges, 12-8. John Gibson pitched a strong game from the mound and Dave Bone blasted a homer for the winners.

In Bantam Boys play, Boyles Shell edged Ramsey Rec. 6-5. Scot Renshaw hit the game-winning home run. Tom Kiris hit three for three and also scored three runs. Mike Smith smacked out three hits for three times at bat and pitched a great game. Honorable mention goes to Sean Thornbert, who played an overall good game.

Town slips into first with 2 wins

Town Auto Body, with two big wins last week, moved into first place alone.

First, they downed Richmond Hill Auto Body 7-5. The winners were paced by: Wilf Diceman with a homer and a run, scored on a throwing error by losing pitcher Gary Wilkinson; Rob Hartnett with a homer, and the Chapman brothers Clay and Rod, each of whom scored.

Billy Hunter put the Hillers on the board with a homerun and Kenny Roberts doubled in Ken Faulkner before their seventh inning rally. Then Val Steffan singled in a pair, and Wilkinson doubled in one.

Diceman pitched the win while Jim Clement started for Richmond Hill Auto.

Next, against Linear Sound and Video, Wilf Diceman poked in Rob Hartnett in the seventh inning giving Town a 3-2 win. Diceman scored their other runs, one with a homer. He also hurled the win.

For Linear, Bob Hendricks was singled in by Bernie Hough, and Al McWilliams banged in Craig Shuttleworth. Shuttleworth takes the loss, though Brian Madeley yielded the game winning hit, in relief.

Kinnear Leasing's upward drive continues as they upset Barrow's Insurance 4-3. Kinnear was blessed with three unearned runs and Gord Woolnough stole home with the game winner. Roger Ball homered in two runs in a losing cause.

Dave Webster pitched the win, Billy Hamilton, with relief from Luke Lefevre, takes the loss.

Jack Blyth Real Estate (Lake Wilcox) fumbled their way to a 5-1 loss to Richmond Hill Auto Body. Ted Gallone and Glen Polhamus each scored on an error as did Val Steffan, who got life on and scored on the same boot. Steffan also tripled and was

knocked in. For Blyth, Gary Russell was knocked in by Rick Collins. Steffan was the winning pitcher, Len Hughes took the loss and was relieved by Jim Cook.

Barrow's Insurance trounced Pizza Press 7-3 as Steve Whitaker homered with a man on; Gord Wright doubled, and stole home, and Grant Rose tripled in another run. For Pizza, Vince McLean scored twice and Terry Legge had an RBI. The winning pitcher was Luke Lefevre and Barry Mathews was tagged with the loss.

Jack Blyth Real Estate jumped into an early two-run lead and coasted to a 4-1 win over Linear Sound and Video. Rick Collins had a pair of doubles for two RBIs and Neil Roberts doubled in Collins for their final run. For Linear, Steve Cyr doubled and Al McWilliams singled him home.

Jim Cook, yielding just three hits, gains the win, and Paul Evans with relief from Craig Shuttleworth, is tagged with the loss.

Pizza Press struck for four big runs in the opening frame and added two more in the third before weathering a late Linear rally, to wind up with a 6-5 win. Terry Legge singled in one run, Larry Shier doubled in a pair and Ted King singled in Shier. Their other runs resulted from three consecutive errors.

For Linear, Brian Madeley homered and singled driving in four runs. Phil Skinner doubled, singled and walked. Legge tossed the win and Madeley was on the losing end.

Standings:	G	W	L	Pts.
Town Auto Body	14	10	4	20
Barrow's Insurance	13	9	4	18
Richmond Hill Auto Body	15	8	7	16
Kinnear Leasing	12	7	5	14
Jack Blyth Real Estate	13	6	7	12
Linear Sound & Video	12	3	9	6
Pizza Press	13	3	10	6

Niblett sets shaky course for playoffs

With 13 regular season games left to go, the Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett Fastballers have a good chance to make the playoffs, but not with the kind of play they showed last week.

The team dropped three out of four games and was rained out last Tuesday night.

Playing the team it has to catch for fourth spot, Richmond Hill split a double-header with Kitchener on Wednesday. Paul Wannamaker led his team to a 4-2 win, striking out four, walking only one and allowing three hits.

Bill Jandciu struck a solo home run and also hit a single. He later scored on an extra-base hit.

Kitchener led 2-1 in the first inning when they decided to yank starter Keith Wagler. Don Yantzi came in but the Hill men scored two more runs in the fifth. It was 3-2 going into the sixth and Niblett then got one more. Kitchener committed one error in the game.

Kitchener came back with a vengeance the twilight game, trouncing Niblett 9-2. Bill Sunstrum took the loss, giving up two walks, four hits and four runs (he allowed two in the third). He also struck out one but was yanked in favor of Mike McCloud. McCloud fanned two but allowed five hits, five runs and a walk.

The winning pitcher was Terry Galimore, who went four innings with a record of five strikeouts, one walk and one hit. Keith Wagler pitched in relief and gave up four hits.

Saturday was grim for Niblett as they lost twice to the Grimsby Peach Kings. The first game, it was 3-0, with McCloud taking the loss. He struck out four, walked three and gave up eight hits. The one bright spot for Richmond Hill was a brilliantly executed triple play.

Grimsby had stuck in their designated hitter Jim Cruso. He lined a shot to Brian Harris at first, who neatly backhanded the ball and then stepped on the bag. He then fired over to the shortstop, who had been covering second, for the third out.

The winning pitcher was Bob Domik, who struck out four, walked two and gave up four hits. Two of Grimsby's three runs were earned and Richmond Hill stranded five men on base.

It was 3-2 for Grimsby in the second game. Niblett had the bags loaded in the first with only one out but finished the inning with all three men still on base.

Wannamaker took the loss with a five-walk, two-hit and one-strikeout recorded. He had a no-hitter going in the sixth but with two out, Grimsby knocked out a two-run homer. Then they came up with back-to-back hits — a walk, a single and a double.

The winner was Eddie Unrau, with seven strikeouts, allowing four hits and three walks.

Of the four critical games left against Kitchener, Richmond Hill played two last night (Tuesday) and has two to go in two weeks on July 31.

Toronto Blizzard no snow job

By STEVE PEARLSTEIN
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You've got to hand it to the Toronto Blizzard Soccer Club of the NASL. Not only have they dispelled any feelings that their sport and the quality of play is the biggest snow-job to hit the city since the Argonauts, but they also deserve an 'A' for optimism and aggressiveness.

The team is drawing more spectators to every game it plays at Exhibition Stadium and while it has won something like 11 of its last 13 games, few recall the dark, early days when fewer than 3,000 showed up to watch a bunch of goofs play in the snow.

It was about that time The Liberal received its official Blizzard press pass. It came addressed to Fred Simpson and he took one look at it and asked me if I wouldn't mind taking it off his hands. (Fred's on two weeks' vacation, so here's hoping he won't read this.)

FOUND OUT WHY

I couldn't figure out why he would want to shun a chance at seeing some professional soccer — not that he would ever write anything about the Toronto club, mind you. Then the answer began to make itself apparent in the following weeks.

We got a call from the Blizzard public relations office: "Please come down to a special press reception for the Blizzard. It's at Exhibition Stadium Tuesday at 2 p.m." Sure. Like that's our slackest time of the week.

Another phone call: "The Blizzard are arriving from San Francisco so we thought you'd like to attend a press conference at 12:30 p.m. Monday. It's at the Molson's building on Fleet St." I could see why Freddie wanted to wash his hands of the whole thing.

But I still had that pass in my wallet and not wanting to cut it up, I thought I'd try my hand at being a big-time sports writer. To do a full job of it, I took along my camera as well as my notebook.

SET UP A PLAN

A friend of mine who comes from a country where soccer is practically the only sport played, inquired if he might come along. Sure, I said, I've got this press pass

So there we were, zipping through downtown Toronto with about 15 minutes left before the opening kickoff between the Blizzard and the Vancouver Whitecaps. Our plan was that Don, my friend, would be the sportswriter and I would shoot some pictures, since I had all my camera equipment.

We were both really quite green at this sort of thing — I was used to writing for a community newspaper and Donny looked like anything but a reporter. Given the proper attire, he'd make a perfect Sumu wrestler.

Upon arrival, we were pleased the press had a special parking lot, for which there was no charge. The first real problem arose at the press entrance. Trying to be logical, I took it for granted the security guards would understand that our small paper was issued with only one press pass. I was depending on their charity to allow "my writer" and myself into the press box and onto the field.

No dice. The guard called the Director of Public Relations and made us sweat it out. In those brief moments I could see myself being banned from any future activity at the Exhibition, losing my job and a good friend, whom I was trying to introduce to the wonderful world of journalism.

HE WAS GRACIOUS

James Gray, the PR guy, was gracious. He let us both in but asked that I call him for another pass. We thanked him and no sooner were we into the press box, we were given field-level passes and a nice Italian dinner. Having no conscience whatever, Don went back for seconds.

I roamed the field all night and got some good pictures. I even ran into a friend who writes for the Globe and Mail. Don wrote a story that was so subjective it will unfortunately never see the light of print.

Oh yes, a minor detail: Toronto beat Vancouver 2-1 in a nice come-from-behind effort.

I think I would go again.