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Big tourney win for Hill gals

The Richmond Hill Intermediate Ladies outscored St. Jacobs 9-6 to win the 'A' championship at the Walkerton softball tournament on the weekend.

It was a big triumph all the way for the Hill girls who swept through four games without a loss. They opened with an 11-4 trouncing of Edgewood and went on to subdue Barrie 9-1, and decision Moore Centre 3-1 in their toughest game of the tournament.

That Sunday game was followed two hours later with the big one against St. Jacobs which saw them jumping into a three-run lead in the second inning. St. Jacobs had opened the scoring with a run.

This bulge was provided via hits by Darlene Nelson, a double by Monica Germaine and singles from Kathy Motley and Bonnie Bryan. Giselle Marchand then tripled in three runs to give the Hill a 4-1 lead.

Richmond Hill scored five more times in the fourth inning as Bernie Thompson walked and both Monica Germaine and Kathy Motley bunted safely to load the bases.

Thompson scored when Giselle Marchand walked. Germaine scored on a single by Janet Buxton. Motley scored on a single by Katie McNamara. Marchand and Buxton came home on a double by Darlene Nelson.

Richmond Hill let up defen-

sively long enough to enable St. Jacobs to score five final runs. Kelly MacInnis came in to relieve Darlene Nelson and shut down the opposition and wrap up the championship.

Richmond Hill 11, Edgewood 4. The Hill girls scored three runs in the first inning on singles by Sue Taylor and Kathy Motley and doubles by Janet Buxton and Giselle Marchand.

The third inning saw Bonnie Bryan singling and scoring on a

hit by Kelly MacInnis. Richmond Hill scored seven more times including a home run by Bernie Thompson. Lori Willis and Laurie Lansing both played good games in the field.

Richmond Hill 9, Barrie 1. Kathy Motley started off proceedings by tripling to left field. She came home on Sue Taylor's homer.

Darlene Nelson then tripled and scored on Bonnie Bryan's single. Richmond Hill then

scored its last two runs in the sixth inning when Darlene Nelson walked, Bonnie Bryan bunted safely and they both scored on Bernie Thompson's single. Katie McNamara played a strong game at second base.

Richmond Hill 3, Moore Centre 1. Moore Centre got its only run in the first inning but Richmond Hill got that one back when Bernie Thompson tripled and scored on Monica Germaine's sacrifice hit.

The score was tied until the

sixth inning when Janet Buxton made it to third base on a wild throw and scored on a single by McNamara.

Monica Germaine started things moving in the seventh inning when she doubled, was sacrificed to third and scored on Marchand's hit.

Kelly MacInnis and Darlene Nelson combined their efforts for the win. Sue O'Connell played a strong game at first base for the Hill squad.

Hill tracksters do well in meets

By BOB THOMPSON

It was a weekend of close finishes for a number of Richmond Hill athletes in track and field competition, in two separate championships.

In Sherbrooke, Quebec, Graham MacDonald and Jane Toporowski showed well in the Canadian Senior championships with fourth-place rankings while in Burlington, Bantam Drew Thompson was also moulding a fourth place finish in the Ontario Legion Championship javelin throw.

At the senior contest, MacDonald ran an excellent steeplechase race to place fourth, five seconds behind the leaders, conserving his energy for a fast closing 800 metres.

Jane Toporowski failed to gain the medal list by seven inches, the difference between the second place discus throw and the fourth place toss of 42.24 metres. Both local athletes were competing for the North York Track and Field

Club.

Over in Burlington, 13 year old Thompson, followed the example of the older athletes in Sherbrooke by registering a 38 metre javelin throw which fell three inches short of third place at the Ontario Finals for the 12 to 16 year-old set.

Other athletes competing in Burlington tried hard but failed to capture any of the top six awards. The sister duo of Lori and Dianne Bordignon ran and jumped well in the Midget girls events but recent holiday lay-offs from training showed through with lower than their average performances.

With three weeks to go to the end of the outdoor track and field season, all athletes now turn their efforts towards the Ontario Track and Field championships slated for Sudbury in two weeks for the 12 to 16 year-olds, and the Ontario Senior and Junior championships in three weeks at Etobicoke Stadium.



Barrow's Insurance's Steve Whitaker is safe by a finger tip as Town Auto's Steve Black just misses with the tag in Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League game Friday night. League leading Barrow's won 10-4. (Liberal photo by Hogg).



fred simpson

Energy crisis

Simply don't know. There once was a time I'd come back from a two-week vacation ready to change the world. Shower it with all kinds of newly-minted cliches.

Now I'm just happy to sit back and marvel I haven't forgotten how to type in the meanwhile.

Holidays? Don't ask me where I went. I could say I didn't go anywhere because I wanted to do my bit for the energy crisis by staying home. It would be an untruth.

I've been staying home for years. I've always had an energy crisis. It's nice to know the world is finally catching up to me.

Truthfully, I couldn't make up my mind whether to go to Europe, Acapulco, Hawaii or the Cameroons. I settled for the Boyd Conservation Area near Woodbridge. What a disappointment.

STILL.....

But I haven't been completely idle. I've been continuing my fruitless pursuits in the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch softball league.

I won't dwell on the personal side of it too much except to say my coach Eric Hillaby has finally found a place to get rid of me.

Second base. Easy. My reflexes are so slow I can't get out of the way of sizzling ground balls hit at me. But I almost fooled him the other night.

YER OUT

Thought I had a double play. There was a runner on first and someone grounded to me. I snagged it professionally, touched the nearest person, and threw to first.

Double play? Afraid not. Nearly got thrown out of the game. The person I touched turned out to be a female base umpire. What can you do? Instinct I guess. But I'll do better next time coach. Honest.

Speaking of slo-pitches I should do a brief update on what's happening in the league.

REDE-EYES

My memory's poor so don't quote me. As of writing, the Red Eyes appear to be the front-runners with the Ball Machine right behind. The rest of the teams are following in various stages of disrepair. They are the Bombers, the Old Jays, Misfits and the Sudsers. The schedule, incidentally, restarts a week next Sunday.

Where to now?

YEAH!

Got a nice note from an unidentified member of the Richmond Hill Ladies Recreational Softball League suggesting I should get off my complacency and get out and see their league in action.

The league goes every Monday and Tuesday evenings at Pleasantville Public School at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

She goes on.

"We've been playing for three years now and have yet to see a word mentioned of our games in your column."

"So, come on out some night and see us play. It won't cost you and you may even get an enjoyable story out of us (not to mention all the women you can gawk at). Hope to see you there."

It's a deal.

Phew!

Hunter has field day

By DAVE BARBOUR

Richmond Hill Auto Body's Billy Hunter just loves Linear Sound and Video Centre's pitching.

Hunter, in two games with Linear last week in the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League, slammed out four homers including a grand slam.

His tam piled up 10-5 and 16-0 victories in the final two meetings of the season for these teams.

In the first encounter, Ken Faulkner provided the winning offensive punch. For Linear, Brian Madeley socked two consecutive homers for four runs. Dave Walker also starred in a losing cause. Jim Clement tossed the win while Craig Shuttleworth, with ineffective relief from Madeley, took the loss.

In the second match, er, mismatch, winning pitcher Gary Wilkinson homered and yielded only a couple of scattered hits in recording his

first shutout. Madeley, with little help from Shuttleworth, is tagged with the loss.

Barrow's Insurance have tightened their hold on first place by pounding Town Auto Body 10-4.

Paul Hunter led the charge at bat with a three-run double, Dale Crouter socked a home run and Doug Bell went three for three. Steve Black popped a two-run homer in a losing cause. Luke Lefevre was the winning pitcher in relief of Billy Hamilton. Wilf

Diceman suffered his first loss of the season.

Earlier, Barrow's Insurance blanked Jack Blyth Real Estate 2-0.

Roger Brain doubled and was scored by Doug Bell. Gord Wright tripled and scored on Steve Whitaker's sacrifice fly. Bob Bartlett had two of the three hits allowed by winner Luke Lefevre. Lenny Hughes took the loss.

Kinnear Leasing took three of four points from a two-game set-to with The Pizza Press.

Jewellers in slump

It was supposed to be one of the "must" games for the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers when they met Fred's Sports in a Beaches Major Fastball League game Friday night at Kew Beach.

The slumping Jewellers are in a last-ditch battle with Fred's Sports for the fifth and final playoff spot.

They lost 7-1 and Fred's moved ahead of them by three points.

It was just one of three losses for the young Richmond Hill Juniors last week. Earlier they bowed 5-1 to Scarboro and then were nipped 3-2 by Bradford last Thursday night at the Town Park.

Errors hurt the Jewellers in all three games but it was a combination of errors and lack of hitting that did them in with Fred's in a game that was tied 1-1 going into the sixth.

Fred's then broke loose for two runs in that inning and added four more in the seventh.

The Jewellers only run came in the fifth inning and even that was a letdown.

Chris DeGeer led off with a single and then scored on what appeared to be an inside-the-park home run by Kevin Mathews. He was called out for failing to touch third base.

Losing pitcher was Blair

McBratney who was touched for 12 hits. Dynes could manage only five hits off the opposition.

The 3-2 loss to Bradford saw the Jewellers running into a hot pitcher by name of Doug Cook who whiffed 13 batters, walked one and gave up seven hits. Glen Moreland gave up one less hit and struck out 10 batters.

Bradford jumped into a 1-0 lead in the first inning on two hits only to have Dynes tie it in the second on a single by Paul Philip, an error, and a ground-out sacrifice by Glen Moreland.

Bradford went ahead 2-1 in the seventh on a triple and a single. They scored another run in the ninth.

Dynes made it close in the final half of the inning when designated hitter Blair McBratney homered with one out. But that was it.

McBratney took the loss against Scarboro giving up nine hits. The winners scored single runs in the first, fourth and fifth innings and sandwiched two runs in between in the third two.

Richmond Hill's only run came in the eighth inning as Philip's singled, went to third on a single by Harold DeGeer and scored on Phil Wood's single.

Their first encounter ended in the first draw of the season, 5-5. Terry Haviland's home run produced the tie. The pitchers: Billy Fox and Dave Webster for Kinnear, and Barry Mathews for Pizza.

The second outing saw Kinnear shading Pizza 3-2 as Steve Woods twice doubled scoring Bob Smith. Dave Webster knocked in Woods for the other run. Terry King homered and Blair Robson was scored on Larry Shier's double for the losers. Webster the winning pitcher; Terry Legge the loser.

Town Auto Body, behind the shutout pitching of Wilf Diceman skunked Jack Blyth Real Estate 2-0.

Rod Chapman scored as Steve Black got a life on an error. Clay Chapman doubled in Rob Hartnett. Jim Cook threw for the team from Lake Wilcox.

Congratulations are extended to the Kinnear Leasing team who won all five games in capturing top prize in the annual Village Inn tournament, in Bradford.

Speaking of tournaments, the annual Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League tournament is set to go commencing Friday, August 10 and extending through the weekend.

Niblett's split

The Richmond Hill Wilson Niblett OFL fastball team managed to salvage the final game of a doubleheader with Owen Sound Tuesday night of last week at the Town Park.

They won the nightcap 2-1 behind the four-hit pitching of Mike McLeod after losing the opener 6-0.

That final game saw McLeod striking out five and walking four.

The Niblett team scored both its runs in the sixth inning as Gary Preszator singled with one out. Bill Sunstrom then singled him home. Sunstrom ended up on

third on an error on the same play. He then scored on the second. Owen Sound got its only run in the seventh on a double, walk and another double.

Paul Wannamaker took the loss in the opener with Wilson Niblett only managing four hits off winner Allyn Johnston.

It was all over in the first inning as Owen Sound's Gary Worrod hit a three-run homer.

They scored another run in the second on a single, two walks and an error; and one each in the sixth and seventh on solo homers by Terry Keiling and Rick Ens.

The Jewellers are at home tomorrow night to Streetsville for an 8 p.m. game and play Scarboro the following night at Kew Beach.

Standings	W	L	T	P
Barrow's Insurance	13	4	0	26
Town Auto Body	12	6	0	24
Richmond Hill Auto Body	11	8	0	22
Kinnear Leasing	9	6	1	19
Jack Blyth Real Estate	7	10	0	14
Linear Sound & Video Centre	4	12	0	8
The Pizza Press	3	13	1	7

Big Tennis win

By ERIC HANDBURY

Playing at the Aurora Tennis Club, John Handbury and Firoz Gafoor, both from Richmond Hill, won the York-Simcoe Men's Doubles championship beating Greg McMillan and Don Smith in a two-set final.

The event was played in brilliant sunshine which has become an expected part of this fixture and a large number of spectators enjoyed a great day of tennis in the confines of the pleasant grounds of the club.

The plans for the tennis camp clinic are almost finalized and we are pleased to announce to the members that two first class coaches have been arranged: Peter Yates and Steve Cox.

These coaches will be assisted by Julian Handbury so that the strength of teaching players will be infinitely stronger than has ever been offered by a community club for a full two-day period.

Every part of the game will be explored during the 16 hours of constant tuition including verbal description of doubles and singles tactics backed up by film and the revealing, sometimes embarrassing, disclosures of videotape.

The quota for this event is almost full with only a few places left and interested members should call 884-6675 to make sure they are included.

Considering the amount of rain we have had during the evenings of the last two months it has done little to dampen the spirits of the house league players and most matches are being played to the schedule that was arranged.

Big garage sale

By PAT KELLY

Richmond Hill A Beattie Minor Atoms coach Scotty MacDonald is one of those rare combinations of super-confidence and realism that enables him to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of his own team and the strengths of his opponents.

He has seen his team defeated only once this season but hard-pressed for victory on more than one occasion. He does not feel that the A. Beattie Minor Atoms are world-beaters but he is fairly sure that in the Miami Soccer Orange Bowl they stand a chance of beating any American team they meet.

Having made up his mind on that score he has no intention of waiting until September, October or November to start organizing the financing of a trip to Miami, especially since the Government of Ontario has adopted a myopic policy of refusing to subsidize the efforts of Canadian teams to go where the competition really is and that's south of the border.

GARAGE SALE

With a great deal of help from Paul Harrison, he has already approached local businessmen and soccer supporters in an effort to put on a mammoth garage sale.

The garage sale will take place Saturday, Aug. 11, at the old Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have anything to contribute to the sale see the classified section of this edition of The Liberal.

The Liberal's best contribution you can make to the success of the sale will be to turn up at the Fire Hall on Saturday, August 11 with money and an eager desire to buy.