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Kinnear unbeatable in tourney

Kinnear Leasing may be fighting for a playoff spot in the Richmond Hill Men's fastball league but they're in a league by themselves when it comes to tournaments

Take the annual league tournament for a classic example.

The George Clark-managed Leasing team breezed to five straight victories in the annual tournament on the weekend clinching the championship Sunday with a 3-0 triumph over Richmond Hill Auto.

They went home clutching \$300 in first prize money and the Carling O'Keefe trophy.

It was their third tournament

win in four tries this season. They got to the finals in the fourth one.

GREAT PITCHING In winning the 16-team tournament, Leasing came up with a sure-fire pitching combination of Dave Berseth and Dave Webster. Between them they pitched three shutouts and allowed only three runs in the five games, all unearned.

A standout at third base was Gordie Woolnough who came up with a combination of fine defensive and offensive play.

It was good enough to win him the Most Vaulable Player award

of the tournament. That final game against Rich-

pared with Kinnear's two. Berseth was the untouchable hurler in this game limiting the Hill Auto team to three hits while striking out eight and walking none. Jim Clement took the loss

fresh for the somewhat weary

Auto-boys who were playing their

fourth game on Sunday com-

Kinnear got the winning run in the first inning as Woolnough singled, was sacrificed to second and scored on Mike Thompson's

allowing five of the seven hits.

The second run came in the fifth inning and Woolnough started it off again as he was safe

mond Hill Auto saw Leasing too on an error and came in on Bob Pop Shoppe behind the three-hit Viverette's double. Their final run resulted from a walk to Steve Wood in the sixth and he came home on Berseth's double.

EMPTY BENCHES

Kinnear opened the tournament with a 5-1 win over Hector's Originals in a somewhat abrasive contest which saw the benches clear on both teams on three occasions. Northing serious resulted. Berseth won this one striking out 10 and walking two.

Richmond Hill got three runs in the fifth on a triple by Woolnough and singles by Bob Smith, Thompson and Wood.

They eked out a 1-0 victory over inning as Webster homered.

pitching of Webster who struck out 12 and walked only one.

Mr. Woolnough was the key man again in the sixth as he doubled and scored on a single by Thompson.

Then it was a 2-0 verdict against Barrow's with Berseth in the spotlight this time coming up with a four-hitter and walking one. Al Underhill took the loss giving up six hits.

Leasing got the winning run in the third inning as Jim Anderson singled and went to second as Woolnough walked. He then scored on Smith's sacrifice fly. The final run came in the fourth

SQUEAKER

Then came a 2-1 squeaker over R and R Catering with Webster doing his thing this time allowing only three hits, striking out nine scoring. The first was an atand walking one.

scoring in the second inning as Bob Howard singled, stole second and scored on an error. R and R tied the game in the third on a single and an error.

HO-HUM

Then it was, ho hum, Woolnough starting things off in the third inning with a double. He then proceeded to steal third and then, oh hum, stole home with the second place finish with \$75 going winning run.

By DAVE BARBOUR

desolation when spring training

opened, is currently sharing first

place in the Richmond Hill Men's

relative obscurity.

Drywall club.

Men's Fastball

Town Auto crew

He was also a standout defensively in this game coming up with two key defensive plays to prevent R and R runners from tempted squeeze play with Richmond Hill opened the Woolnough tagging the runner going into the plate. The second saw him faking a throw to fist and then tagging a surprised runner who had stepped off third base.

NOTES Notes: Richmond Hill Auto Body's rookie hurler Gary Wilkinson was named the tournament's top pitcher. Teammate Rob Forget was the top hitter. Auto Body picked up \$150 for its to third place R & R Catering.

McBratney stars as Dynes win 1-0

The youthful Richmond Hill and walked only three. Dynes Jeweller Juniors are currently making a strong run for the final playoff spot in the Beaches Major Fastball League. And they're doing it on the

strong arms of pitchers Blair McBratney and Glenn Moreland. Last Thursday night it was McBratney's turn to come up with a dazzling performance and he did it in more ways than one.

He pitched a four-hitter against Bradford Queen's Hotel as the Jeweller's won 2-1 and he also accounted for the lone run in dramatic fashion.

The Jeweller's were trailing 1-0 going into the ninth inning thanks to a seventh-inning homerun by Bradford's Danny Boyne.

That's when McBratney stepped to the plate and slammed a homerun to win his own game. mound as he struck out 15 batters in the Beaches.'

The win left Dynes two points behind Fred's Sports which currently holds down the final playoff spot with six games to go including one with Fred's tomorrow night at the Town Park.

This game seems in doubt (at press time) since Fred's Sports is slated to play a tournament game in Toronto. Game time has been set back to 9 p.m.

Dynes Manager Jimmy Cairns is happy with the way his team has progressed noting that "we've cut down our errors by 90 per cent and that's why we're winning games. Errors were costing us a lot of games."

He added that "we have some tough games left with top clubs but this club, when it plays up to He was just as effective on the its capabilities, can beat any club

lectrical

ball?

This soccer ball appears to have hypnotic powers as Torontario Electrical player Bradley Farrar tries to read his future in it at Saturday's Richmond Hill "Soccer-a-thon" to raise money for new headquarters. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

Slo-pitch tourney!

Slo-Pitch League will hold a mid- posing one another:

Sunday with the majority of the a.m., Town Park; Red Eyes v the games at the Town Park. Bank of Richmond Hill trophy. 10:30 a.m., Morgan Boyle Park.

Festivities for the doubleelimination tournament (each will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the team will play at least two' Town Park or, if necessary, at 9 games) will commence at 9 a.m. p.m. at the same place.

The six-team Richmond Hill with the following teams op-

season softball tournament next Old Jays v the Ball Machine, 9 Sudsers, 9 a.m., Crosby Park; Up for grabs will be the Royal The Misfits vs The Bombers,

The grand championship game

Crystal

Yippee!

They 'moved' station

By PAT KELLY

It may have been a bit cool for cottaging and camping last Saturday but it was glorious weather for soccer and hundreds of Richmond Hill spectators enjoyed the Soccer-a-thon at Bayview Secondary School and the mammoth rummage sale on behalf of soccer at the old firehall on Wright Street.

Squirts shook the last drops of dew from the grass in friendly park. games which were played at times with all the ferocity and enthusiasm of Cup finals.

They were followed by Atoms, Mosquitoes, Peewees, Bantams and Juniors playing their hourlong games to raise funds to

It has to do with a kindly but

remain nameless, who donated a

Right garage, wrong sleigh

sleigh.'

Promptly at nine in the mor- move the old CNR station to a ning, hordes of Squirts and Mini- new location at the site of the proposed new Richmond Green

BURP

Some 40 teams competed in this soccer marathon. Precise statistics on the number of players present are not available but 35 dozen donuts and 20 cases of Coca Cola were handed out gratis during the course of the \$60, while 12 had pledges of \$100.

and Coke, it can be estimated \$200. that more than 400 youngsters

had made a fine effort to get sponsors. More than 100 of them got pledges for \$30, another 40 for their own efforts, raised the

Two youngsters, Mike Kenny of

Getting sponsors and playing the hours was just the beginning. . It was evident that the players If the players can now busy themselves collecting the pledges they will have, almost entirely by money it will cost to actually move the station and they will definitely have earned the crests they received at the end of their games.

The crest shows a railway engine with soccer ball wheels "I'll just get over to the sale early sleigh at a rummage sale three and bears the legend "I Moved the Station." You will be seeing a lot of this crest during the next

> Moving the station is only the first step. Once it arrives at Richmond Green it will have to be set up and refurbished.

> All this will cost money even though there have been several generous offers already from firms and individuals who are willing to donate time and material at lowest possible costs.

The Move-the-Station Committee will be busy for some time to come raising money to ensure that once the station finds its new home it will not only provide a comfortable headquarters for the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club, but it will also look like the station it once was.

Ideas from railway buffs as to how and where other railway artifacts might be obtained are welcomed.

SUCCESS

The Soccer-a-thon was an enormous success. It lasted until about six in the evening when a satisfied (or not) with the 2-2 tie they had achieved against a boys' prevent their winning.

They even went so far as to herself on an error. convincing the girls' own fathers to play against them. Is there forced to win its next two games nothing sacred left in sport?

The undoubted key in the threw for Kinnear. reincarnation of the "wrecking crew" was the acquisition of hurler Wilf Diceman from Jack Blyth Real Estate.

behind Tom Drennan and Craig Shuttleworth with Ronald's Printing. Diceman broke into the Wilkinson, with a two-hitter, league two years ago with the now also defunct McKinlay

To date this season Diceman loss. has been responsible for 13 of Town's 15 victories including four shutouts. He has lost only one game.

tournament and the Civic Day holiday only three games went back. into the books last week.

Town Auto Body doubled Pizza Press 4-2 with Doug Carter socking a three-run double. The bases were loaded via walks to Rob Hartnett, Scott Mabley and Barry Hartnett. Jim Henderson then singled in Carter. Al McKenzie homered for Pizza and Vince McLean singled in Jim Lawson.

Rob Clephan was the winning pitcher, with Terry Legge taking the loss.

Barrow's Insurance and Kinnear Leasing wrestled to a 2-2 draw with Barrow's pitcher Luke

rises from ashes Lefevre yielding a run on a balk. Town Auto Body, a team in Steve Whitaker brought in Roger Brain for Barrow's while John Rumble homered. Steve Woods socked an awesome homer. Dave Fastball League late in the Berseth came home from third base on a balk. Dave Webster

Finally, Richmond Hill Auto Body won a 9-0 turkey shoot over

Glen Greenslade led the way Last year he was number three with a double and three rbi's. Ken Faulkner and Gary Wilkinson each drove in a pair of runs.

> recorded the shutout. Lenny Hughes, with effective relief from Bruce Stevens, took the Stevens is the only active

member of the league today who was with the league as a player in its initial year over 20 years ago. Due to the league's annual The league developed from a church league at least 22 years

Would you believe that Town-Auto Body was initially Our Lady Queen of the World church ball club? They were.

L-214 - ATTACH TO MEN'S FASTBALL Standings:

Barrow's Insurance 14 4 2 30 Town Auto Body 15 6 0 30 Richmond Hill Auto Body 13 8 1 27 Kinnear Leasing 9 8 2 20 Jack Blyth Real Estate 9 10 0 18 Linear Sound & Video

Pizza Press

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Hill gals reach finals

The Richmond Hill Intermediate softball ladies, fresh from a Silver Medal, will be going for broke next Saturday and Sunday when they set their sights on the provincial championships a run with a single. at Port Colbourne.

The Hill team qualified for the tournament by finishing second behind Ottawa in the qualifying rounds and picking up a silver It was a gruelling round of

games for the Hill girls who were forced to play eight tilts, the final two, with Ottawa to get to the championships. They defeated Ottawa 3-2 in the

first game forcing a final contest which, exhausted, they lost 7-2. That win saw no score until the fifth inning when Ottawa scored

twice only to have Richmond Hill come back with two of its own in the bottom half of the same in-

Bernie Thompson led off with a triple and was tossed out at home with a fielder's choice by Kathy Motley Motley advanced on an error on a hit by batter Darlene Nelson. Both runners scored on Rosie Bungaro's double.

The game went to nine innings when Thompson led off with a single and scored on Kathy Motley's triple. It was Ottawa's first loss of the

tournament and it forced the Hill to meet the same team right after in a sudden-death finale. Richmond Hill opened with a 6-

2 win over Georgetown with pitcher Darlene Nelson helping her own cause with a three-run They then lost 6-2 to the

tired team of girls trouped home troublesome Ottawa team but bounced back to edge North Bay 5-4 with Gizelle Marchand the team that had used every winning pitcher. Marchand also desperate trick in the book to helped her own cause with a three-run triple and then scored

> Sunday saw the Hill team to qualify for the finals.

They proceeded to down Belleville 4-1 with Kelly MacInnis pitching a strong game with Katie McNamara doubling in two runs. Sue O'Connell also drove in

Game five saw them edging Crown Life 2-1 behind the pitching of Darlene Nelson with Richmond Hill's runs coming in the fifth inning as Sue O'Connell got to first, went to third on Bonnie Bryan's single, and scored on Bernie Thompson's sacrifice bunt.

They then downed Belleville 5-3 despite allowing three runs in the first inning.

They tied the game in the fifth inning when Kathy Motley walked and scored on Bonnie Bryan's single. Bungaro then singled and Marchand walked. Rosie came home on McNamara's hit and Gizelle scored on Sue O'Connell's double.

The game went into extra innings with The Hill winning it as Sue Taylor took three bases on an error and then scored on Janet Buxton's squeeze bunt. She then scored on Motley's triple.

That sent the locals into their matches with Ottawa.

League action last week saw Richmond Hill move into sole possession of first place beating North Bendale 5-3.

Laurie Lansing scored in the third inning as Marchand singled. Marchand then scored on Sue Taylor's single.

North Bendale went ahead 3-2 in the fifth inning only to have Richmond Hill score three times in its half of the fifth. Katie McNamara singled in Marchand and Janet Buxton. Katie scored herself on overthrows.

Kelly MacInnis picked up the win for the Hill club. Thursday night saw Richmond

Hill downing Pickering 4-2. Richmond Hill plays

Newmarket tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 p.m. at the Town Park.

Saturday at the old firehall in from his indignant wife and-or bargain price of \$1.50 and took it Richmond Hill to raise money for six-year-old son that the sleigh home in triumph to his indignant the A. Beattie Minor Atoms' team was definitely not surplus wife and-or six-year-old. It was then he learned his wife to send it to a tournament in material. Florida. No problem, thought the father. had originally purchased the Nice try girls...

mammoth garage sale held sleigh to the cause only to learn

"They were getting the three goals and was also selected minute mark courtesy of Banks. bounces and we weren't. That was the difference. Maybe we'll both squads. Mary Dell'Aquila score the go-ahead goal but there

told in connection with that

get them next year." That was the philosphical approach applied by a disappointed Richmond Hill Garry Owen Girls' soccer coach Paul Giles in the wake of last Sunday's London.

It was a big loss. The result cost the Richmond Hill team the Ontario Cup championship and a shot in the Canadian finals. "It had to be a big letdown for

the girls," said Giles. "They

and, with a little luck, could have came back to tie the game and ranged from end to end with the won it all." TOP PLAYER Leading the Richmond Hill

said Giles, "despite the fact we of the field, rounded the defenscored the first goal. The girls ders, and lashed a corner shot

as the Player-of-the-game among

4-3 second-overtime loss to they settled down as the game. That set the scene for overtime LED 1-0 It was Dell'Aquila getting the one. first goal 15 minutes into the

London. hold London and within a space of before anyone could move." came up with a great team effort five minutes the home team

ended that way. Richmond Hill kept plugging charge offensively was Karen away in the second half and it Banks who scored two of the produced the tying goal at the 20- silver medal and a plaque.

London came right back to got the other Richmond Hill goal. was no denying Miss Banks as "We got off to a shaky start," she took a long lob up the centre were slightly over-awed by the past the goaltender with just 15 big crowd at Labatt Stadium. But minutes remaining.

> and it wasn't until the second one that the home team got the big "It was kind of a fluke," said

game against Organic Health of Giles. "A shot bounced off one of our defenders right to an op-The Hill team was unable to ponent and it was in the net Scotty had not quite finished Up to that fatal blow play had

then go ahead 2-1. The first half Hill team having several chances to score. All was not lost.

There's a rather sad tale to be misguided father, who shall in the morning and buy back the years ago for the magnificent sum of 25 cents. Definitely a case He did. He bought it at the of an inflated dollar and a several months. deflated father. And it was also quite definitely

the only case in which a customer at this sale got less than he bargained for. There were bargains galore and crowds of people, some just out for a good deal, others real soccer wellwishers, to grab them up.

The sale began practically before Scotty MacDonald and his crew of helpers had time to shake the sleep out of their eyes.

Customers poured in all day,

alerted, all over town, by a sound

truck to the fact they could help

send a team of minor atoms to Florida this Christmas. If Mr. MacDonald's A. Beattie Minor Atoms perform in Florida with as much imagination and drive as they have been putting into raising funds for the trip they

should win another American

trophy to Richmond Hill.

As of deadline for this report, counting his profits but felt that something more than half the cost of the trip has been raised. His players will not be resting

on their laurels. They already have plans to raise the other half. The team came home with a These plans are their secret right

Allowing for the scallawags Dynes Jewellers and Roland who turned up twice for donuts Heider, had pledges of more than