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The Red Eyes gulp down Sudsers

By FRED SIMPSON

Liberal Sports Editor The upstart Red Eyes, a blend of 'youth' and Rene Fournier, clawed their way through empties and every other adversity on the weekend to win the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch League's Mid-Season tournament championship.

A large crowd of awed spectators looked on as the Red Eyes rebounded from a first-game loss in the tournament to win their next six games and walk away with the Royal Bank Trophy.

They did it by defeating the previously-unbeaten Sudsers in two back-to-back contests by 11-3 and 11-10 Sunday night at the Town Park.

The six-team tournament produced several upsets or nearupsets throughout the day with pre-game form going right out the window.

The Red Eyes, who come by their name honestly, were stunned by an opening game 16-11 defeat at the hands of the Sudsers who had won only three games this season.

three people around to do it.

Threw an empty at it.

tember Song, anyway?"

So here goes.

play-making."

order. I was there in minutes.

Smmh.

Association.

Undaunted, they retreated to rightfield fence. friendly climes to discuss their plight, and came out refreshed enough to win their next four games to earn the right to meet The Sudsers.

They bounced the Old Jays 21-8, the Bombers 7-6, the Ball Machine 1-0, and the Misfits 7-3.

That set the scene for the final match-up between the Red Eyes and the Sudsers.

That first game saw the Red Palethorpe hit a triple. Eyes overcome an early Sudser 1-0 lead to move in front 3-1 and then 5-1 going into the top of the.

Jim Barry's double but the Red the former. Eves scored four in the bottom of Ignatowicz, Gerald Lavoie and ball. Paul Ryan to lead 9-3. They scored two in the sixth to win 11-3. HOMERUN

Offensive highlight of this game came in the second inning when Fournier, ducking to get out of the way of a fast ball cracked a line-drive homer over the

fred simpson

Harvest Moon

There's always someone around to remind you that

Just the other night I was gazing rapturously at the

Then someone said: "That's what we used to call a

A day or so later I get a call from another person who

This person turned out to be Bob Reeves who is

summer is fast on the wane. Sometimes there are two or

big, fat yellow moon that was adrift on the horizon. It was

playing hide-and-seek with a few strands of clouds.

harvest moon. Summer's almost over." That did it.

wanted to talk about, yea verily, hockey. What is there to

president of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey

August and when you get to be my age you try to hang

onto every precious moment. Can't it wait until Sep-

offering me food and libation. Not necessarily in that

THAT TIME

hockey association's 1979-80 season gets underway

September 8 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the new Richmond Hill

BAN BODY CHECKING

decision by the association to ban bodychecking up to and

same thing and, on the whole, I guess it's a good thing.

to see happen. It's the 'Russian Syndrome' with the

emphasis on teaching the basic skills such as skating and

youngsters don't pick up bad habits to compensate for no

bodychecking. Such as hooking, holding, and such to slow

down the opponent. Not to mention the highsticking and

other nonsense. It's the latter that's ruining hockey.

all for teaching the youngsters the basic skills. Carry on.

all over in August. The junior hockey clubs, Rams,

Thunderbirds, Dynes Jewellers, are on the verge of

opening training camps. And the Rams, sir, play their

first exhibition game September 4 at North York. It's all

nine-year-old Darren Creighton who lives at 150 Oxford

HOME RUN KING

in minor softball. He hit his two first-ever homeruns. In

one game, yet. He was playing, I believe, for the Block

playing ball off and on for 20 years and have never hit a

homerun. Darren, it seems, is well on his way to an

illustrous homerun career. Oh to be young again.

Dammit, I'm going to get a homerun yet. If a nine-year-

old kid can do it, well . . . congrats Darren.

An interesting item I picked up from Bob was the

Other minor hockey associations are doing much the

States Bob: "It's something everyone seems to want

Personally, I just hope they make sure the

Enough of that for now. You know what I mean. I'm

I could go on to say that hockey, aggh, is breaking out

I've got to shake this depression and get back to

And I'm going to do it by chatting just a bit about

Darren had a wondrous thing happen to him recently

Needless to say, I was overcome with envy. I've been

Arena? Truly. Further details will follow next week.

including the peewee divisions. No surprise, here.

Especially in the younger age group.

madness. The summer jig's up.

Street in Richmond Hill.

Parent team.

Would you believe registration for the local minor

"Aw, c'mon, Bob," I protested vigorously, "it's only

No dice. He overcame my stubborn opposition by

The final game saw the Red Eyes jump into an early 4-0 lead and hang on to nip the surprising Sudsers 11-10.

Red Eyes' pitcher Bob Whitmarsh made the final Sudser out in the last inning as he made a nice grab of a line drive. Offensively it was Paul Ryan, Whitmarsh and Jim Lane hitting doubles. Ron McCallum doubled for the Sudsers and Gary

1-0 GAME

The most classic game of the tournament had to be the one between the Red Eyes and the The Sudsers got two runs on Ball Machine, which ended 1-0 for

Red Eyes' scored the winning the fifth on a homer by Jim Lane run in the final inning on a and singles by Jim Bridge, Mike throwing error and a dropped fly

> One of the surprise showings in the tournament was turned in by the lightly-regarded Misfits.

The Misfits staggered the Bombers by dumping them 6-3 in the first game. They lost the next one 11-8 to the Sudsers in a tough loss and then extended the Red Eyes before bowing out of the tournament via a 7-3 loss.

The Old Jays and Bombers took their lumps as both were eliminated in two straight games. TRAGEDY

Biggest tragedy in the demise of the Bombers was coach Eric Hillaby who was so shook up by it all he downed 10 straight hotdogs. Without mustard. He was led

Another highlight of the tournament was the Red Eyes' third baseman, Mike Ignatowicz. He survived. Mike kept trying to go through the wire fence at third base chasing foul pop-ups. Park officials were seen checking the fence for damages the next day. All in all, a great day.

The regular Sunday schedule for the Slo-Pitch league continues next Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Town

Park. Boo Red Eyes.



Red Eyes

Two happy Red Eyes here as Royal Bank of Richmond Hill Manager John Smith (centre) presents the championship trophy to Coach Rene Fournier while Red Eyes' captain (left) Bob Whitmarsh and Paul Patenaude, tournament organizer. (Liberal photo by Alec Bruyns).

Hill Intermediate girls take silver in All-Ontario

medal.

The tournament opened on the same disappointing note for the Hill girls in the Port Colbourne tournament as they were dropped by Barrie 7-1. Marchand was the only player to cross the

plate for Richmond Hill. FIGHT BACK

The girls fought back to decision the Belleville Bombers 3-1 as they got off to a quick tworun start with Marchand and Sue Taylor singling. Darlene Nelson then singled in Marchand and Janet Buxton did the same for-

Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the second inning as The Hill scored one more run in the fifth inning when Marchand Colin Wood doubled, was sacrificed to third, and scored on tripled and scored on Taylor's ground-out. Belleville scored its lone run in the seventh inning. The third inning saw Mickey

It was another tough battle for the local girls before they edged second on an attempted sacrifice Tillsonburg 4-3 in a come-frombehind thriller.

missed the throw and Hancock Tillsonburg scored two runs in

the third inning and the Hill didn't break loose until the sixth Catcher George Dickey then inning when they scored all their runs to lead 4-2.

Pitcher McLeod then helped his Taylor reached first on an own cause in the fourth inning as error and went to third on Darlene Nelson's single. She then Wilson Niblett got its final run scored on Bernie Thompson's in the fith inning as Colin Wood single. O'Connell then singled to tripled and Enzo Fedrigo singled score Nelson and Bonnie Bryson tripled to bring in Bernie and Sue.

Tillsonburg could only manage one more run in the seventh in-

WIN 3-2 Sunday morning saw Rich-

mond Hill playing a powerful team from Kitchener and hard put to scrape out a 3-2 victory. Kitchener led throughout the

game until Richmond Hill got going in the sixth inning as Janet Buxton singled and Nelson doubled her in. Nelson was sacrificed to third

and scored on a sacrifice out by Kelly MacInnis. The Hill got its go-ahead run in

the seventh inning when Thompson walked. Taylor was put in to run for her and proceeded to steal second and third base and then scored on Marchand's long fly ball.

It was vet another squeaker against Ottawa with Richmond Hill squeezing out a 2-1 verdict getting their runs in the fourth

Nelson walked, went to second on Katie McNamara's safe bunt. The bases were loaded when Buxton walked. Bernie Thompson then walked forcing in Nelson. Kathy Motley's hit scored McNamara.

Ottawa got its only run in the sixth inning.

It was another tight contest against Lakefield in the sixth game with the Hill girls prevailing 3-2.

Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the second inning when Kelly MacInnis singled, reached second on Motley's push bunt, and scored on Sue O'Connell's

The Richmond Hill Inter- Barrie for the Hill girls who fell scoring in the first inning as mediate Ladies went prospecting twice to that team despite coming Gizelle Marchand walked and for gold in the PWSA Ontario up with a valiant struggle in the came home on Sue O'Connell's finals on the weekend but had to final game which saw them lose double. settle for silver. Barrie tied it in its half of the 2-1 in 11 innings. It was a case of too-much, Richmond Hill had opened the same inning and the score remained that way until the 11th inning when Barrie pushed across the winning run for a gold

league entry from Streetsville.

He gave up only three hits

In the meanwhile the Niblett

team was stroking two Street-

sville pitchers for eight hits.

Starter Mike Leslie took the loss.

Hancock walking. He was safe at

by Carl Alhsten as the fielder

while walking none and striking

out five.

an infield error.

came home to score.

singled Alhsten home.

he led off with a homerun.

Niblett over Streetsville at Bulova Watch tourney The Richmond Hill Wilson CNE tournament Saturday night subduing the Beaches fastball

Niblett senior softball team got blanking Streetsville 5-0.

off to a flying start in the annual Mike McLeod had little trouble

Big scramble for first spot

By DAVE BARBOUR

The playoffs are very close at hand in the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League and the jockeying for positions is on hot and heavy

Town Auto Body and Barrow's Insurance are in a virtual deadheat for first place.

Kinnear Leasing, unbeatable in tournaments, but struggling in league play, hold a slim, insecure edge over Jack Blyth Real Estate for the final playoff spot.

Down at the bottom of the pile. Pizza Press, with one remaining game, have some hope of

escaping last place. For Richmond Hill Auto Body, its third place, as they have completed their schedule. They will go against either Town or Barrows in the semi finals.

WIN 4-0 The Hillers secured their final position by blanking Kinnear Leasing 4-0 just one day after losing to them in the finals of the R.H. Mens fastball tournament. Val Steffan scored three of the four runs, being knocked in by

Polhamus. Ken Faulkner had their other rbi. Steffan the winning pitcher Dave Berseth the loser.

Billy Hunter twice and by Glen

On Friday, playing in a steady drizzle, R.H. Auto and Pizza Press squished to a 1-1 draw. Val Steffan doubled in Rob Forget, while Vince McLean poked in Dana Cuame for Pizza. The pitchers: Gary Wilkinson, Hill Auto, Terry Legge, Pizza.

Town Auto moved to the top by destroying Pizza Press 11-2. Town was paced by a pair of

three run homers off the bats of Steve Black and winning hurler Wilf Diceman. Scot Mabley and Gerry Cuame and Terry Legge Speedway. for Pizza's 2 runs. Barry Mathews, with relief

from Legge, takes the loss. Jack Blyth (The Lake), saw homer.

Lenny Hughes, with a 4 hitter. takes the win, Billy Hamilton, the

Kinnear Leasing regained its fourth-place edge by crushing Linear Sound and Video 10-0 on the strength of a one-hitter by Dave Webster. Offensively, Bob Viverette and Mike Thompson had two RBIs each. Webster and Bob Smith each had a pair of hits and runs, while Gord Woolnough scored twice.

Craig Shuttleworth takes the loss for Linear.

In a return game with Linear, Kinnear sought to add some more urgently needed distance between themselves and Blyth, but him home. found themselves in a super pitcher's duel and had to settle with a 1-1 tie.

Pitcher Dave Berseth homered for Kinnear while his counterpart, Brian Madeley of Linear Sound and Video, squared things with his home-run. Madeley yielded only three hits, Berseth allowed five.

Linear Sound built up a 6-0 lead over the first six innings on a nohitter by Brian Madeley. Then the wheels came off. The final score in this game with Pizza Press. 6-6.

Madeley hit three for three, Phil Skinner drove in a pair of runs and Craig Shuttleworth also starred offensively for Linear. For Pizza, Al McKenzie tripled, with an rbi, Terry-Haviland doubled in a run, and Jim Lawson knocked in a run. The others resulted from Linear errors.

Incidently, the Richmond Hill Auto Body team's roots go back Clay Chapman socked triples for to St. Mathews United Church. the wrecking crew. Blair Robson, This club has had only one hitting three for three, knocked in previous sponsor, Pinecrest

Standings

WLTP 16 6 0 32 14 5 2 30 14 8 2 30 10 9 3 23 10 11 0 20 those two losses.

Dynes in last gasp for playoff berth

The Richmond Hill Dynes Pitcher Glen Moreland was the by a McBratney pitch. A sacrifice

They came via 2-1 and 1-0 defeats at the hands of Streetsville and The Sox.

occupy that last playoff spot.

And the big crunch comes Blair McBratney took the thereeither tomorrow night (Thursday) when second loss last Thursday night the Jewellers collide head-on giving up five hits while striking default but went on to lose 1-0 to with Fred's Sports in an 8 p.m. out eight batters and walking Streetsville in the first game and game at the Town Park. As of writing, the Jewellers The Jewellers could only Moreland took the loss in the first

NO HIT

hit problems for the Jewellers in Manganaro and Phil Knight Dynes play in the Mt. Albert

Jewellers' hoped for late-surge to victim in a Wednesday night 2-1 fly brought in the winning run. make the final playoff spot in the loss to Streetsville. He gave up Beaches Major Fastball League seven hits but the Jewellers could suffered two severe setbacks last only manage one hit off the offerings of the opposing pitcher. ERRORS

Errors also crippled Dynes with Streetsville scoring both of its runs in the third inning on two The defeats left the Dynes singles and two errors. Richmond junior still two points behind Hill's lone run came in the first Fred's Sports who currently inning and also resulted from Streetsville tournament on the errors. Craig Walton scored.

three.

walked one. Again it was good pitching, no- in the eighth inning as inning.

THREAT

Richmond Hill mounted two mild threats. One came in the third inning when Ben Bourget doubled with one out. He died there. The second one saw Phil Wood doubling in the bottom of the fifth inning. He stole third but the next three batters struck out.

The Jewellers also entered the weekend and had little luck

They won the first game by 5-3 to Croyroy in the second one. have two league games manage five hits off Tino game despite a fine two-hit pitremaining and Fred's Sports just 'Manganaro. He struck out 12 and ching effort. McBratney got nailed in the last game giving up The Sox got their winning run three runs on five hits in the first

singled and Joe Peleggi was hit tournament on the weekend.

Finally, it should be acknowledged that ex-Rams' hockey player, Frank Nigro, was a fifth choice in the draft for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Frank played his hockey last season with the London Knights of the Major A loop. Really, finally, the Dynes Jewellers Junior B's are

inviting all Richmond Hill area Midget-Juvenile junior calibre players to a try-out camp August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Bond Lake Arena.

On that winter note we take leave. I just hope we have a green Christmas.

Town Auto Body their situation improve as they shut-out Barrow's Insurance 4-0, as Rick Shaw blasted a two-run Gary Russell and Neil Roberts Linear Sound & Video banged in the other runs.

Barrow's Insurance Richmond Hill Auto Body Kinnear Leasing Jack Blyth Real Estate Pizza Press

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