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# Hill Jewellers win own tourney!

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' Blair McBratney was a potent force with both the bat and his pitching arm Sunday afternoon at the Town Park.

The combination proved to be enough to carry the Jewellers to the grand championship of their own 12-team fastball tournament. They edged by Croy Roy 2-1 in the semi-finals and then blanked Kinnear Leasing of the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League 2-0 in the final match.

McBratney performed the heroics in the Croy Roy game with his bat while Glen Moreland handled the pitching end of it.

**HOMER**  
 The big Dynes action happened in the first inning as lead-off batter Paul Philip walked. Enter designated clouter

McBratney and he laced a boomer over the centre-field fence. Phil Wood followed up with a double, his first of three hits, but was left stranded.

Moreland took over after that limiting Croy Roy to five hits while walking none and hitting a batter and striking out six over the seven-inning game. Dynes managed five hits, walked twice. There were no errors.

His only lapse came in the sixth inning as Croy Roy got its only run on two singles and a wild pitch.

**ONE-HITTER**

In the final game it was McBratney showing brilliant form on the mound as he spun a one-hitter against Kinnear. Dave Berseth was the spoiler for

McBratney with a single in the fifth inning.

Single runs in the second and fifth inning accounted for all the Richmond Hill scoring.

The second inning saw Phil Wood walking, advancing to second on a passed ball, and scoring on a single by leftfielder Kevin Matthews.

In the fifth inning it was catcher Chris DeGeer leading off

with a single, stealing second and third base, and then scoring on a single by third baseman Ben Bourget.

**BROKEN MASK**

DeGeer, incidentally, was victimized by an unusual occurrence in the Croy Roy game. He was felled by a foul-tip from a Croy bat which shattered his mask and cut him over his left eye. A short respite later and a

new mask saw him continue behind the plate.

It was generally a well-nigh perfect tournament for the Jewellers whose only loss came via a 2-0 defeat to Malton in the round robin. They quickly reversed that setback by a 3-0 verdict in the following game.

The Jewellers opened the tournament Friday night with a 2-0 triumph over King City

Raiders and then downed K & L Sports 4-0.

Despite losing that final game to Dynes, the Kinnear Leasing team came up with an impressive tournament string of victories blanking Town Auto 3-0, Accel 1-0, before losing 3-0 to The East Whalers of Brampton.

They fought back to dump the same team 1-0 in 13 innings.

Kinnear had a bye into the finals.

**HIGHLIGHT**

One of the highlights of the preliminary round in general was

a 22-inning four-hour marathon which saw the hard-luck King City Raiders losing 2-1 to the Newmarket K & L Sports team.

Winning pitcher Rich Lunney threw the complete game for Newmarket with Jim Schwartz and Dennis Griffith handling the pitching chores in a losing cause.

The championship for Dynes was a fitting reward for outfielders Kevin Mathews and James Davidson and third baseman Ben Bourget who were playing their final games of junior ball.

## Kinnear nears title

By Dave Barbour

The suddenly devastating Kinnear Leasing team took a stranglehold on the 1979 Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League championship last week downing Barrow's Insurance 10-7 in the second game of their best-of-five finals.

Barrow's jumped into a 4-0 lead in the first inning, Dale Crouter homered, Roger Brain walked and was singled in by Paul Hunter. Dwight Powell singled in John Rumble and Luke Lefevre. Consecutive singles, with a hit batsman tossed in, by Bobby Howard, Clyde Dimmell, Gord Woolnough, Bobby Viverette, Mike Thompson and Dave Berseth, tied up the score for Kinnear in the second inning.

In the third Woolnough tripled to score two more runs, plus, he scored on an error. Another error accounted for yet another run in this frame. So... after three innings Kinnear led 8-4.

**BARROWS BACK**

Barrows bounced back, in the fourth, with three runs, as Gord

Wright singled and the next three batters each, consecutively, got a life on an error by Kinnear shortstop Bobby Howard. Hunter singled in the final run. Dimmell and Viverette scored Kinnear's insurance runs, in the fifth, as Berseth doubled.

**BERSETH WINS**

On the rubber, Berseth was the winning pitcher in this game, which was played on a mucky, muddy playing field. Lefevre started for Barrow's, absorbs the loss. He was yanked in the third as Billy Hamilton came on in relief.

**CONSOL CHAMPS**

Jack Blyth Real Estate are the consolation champions winning the President's trophy by trouncing Linear Sound & Video 15-7.

Doug Farrell homered, Rick Shaw tripled and Jim Robinson hit four for five to pace the winners. Bernie Hough and Phil Skinner starred in a losing cause. Len Hughes and Rick Collins tossed the win. Craig Shuttleworth and Brian Madeley take the loss.



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### Nice weekend?

Just call it an average weekend for sports in Richmond Hill. Nothing sensational. Fun?

Suffered my usual morning sickness Saturday, arrived at Oak Ridges in time to see a donkey (no, it wasn't an elephant) fertilizing second base during a ballgame, later surrounded a hospitality room, got sick again, and ended up drinking champagne out of a slipper, uh, a glass. Wish it had been a slipper.

Perhaps I should explain.

Saturday saw me taking in my first "Donkey Baseball" game at Bond Lake Arena. Occasion was a fund-raising drive for minor ball in The Ridges and I hear it went over very well.

**SHOVEL, PLEASE**

All I can say is I'd hate to slide into second or third base after one of those donkeys had passed that way. Unless I was packing a shovel.

Grim reality aside, it was an exciting scene especially for the youngsters. They loved it. I loved it too. Lots of drama, action, probably the slowest game of baseball I've ever seen. It's the only stop-action you'll see this side of television.

The only thing slower than a donkey galloping to first base would be your average ballplayer in the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch Softball League.

I'll bet you if you pitted a slo-pitch player, a donkey, and a turtle against one another in a footrace for first base, the turtle would be the only one to finish.

**FUN**

Anyway, it was all in fun. A lot of laughs. Radio Station CFGM were playing the Country Music Stars and it apparently ended in a 5-5 tie.

Some of the radio names competing included Bob Butterfield, Larry Matson, Brian Barker, Peter Darrel and Dave Audichuk. Audichuk, incidentally, twisted an ankle when he was bucked off a mule and landed on a donkey floperoo.

Organizer John Ward was ecstatic with the turnout, the dance that followed (so crowded they had to turn people away) at the arena and so on into the night.

As for me, I eventually found my way back to The Hill proper with all dignity reasonably intact.

**CHAMPAGNE**

Thought that would be the end of an exciting weekend until Monday night when I was a last-minute substitute to represent "The Liberal" at the official opening of "Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers" outlet here in The Hill.

It was quite a gathering and, yep, they kept thrusting a champagne glass into my hand during the pre-opening ceremonies. Imagine, champagne and hamburgers.

I've sure come a long way since I used to sip on martini's whilst waiting for my hot dogs to arrive. I always knew something big would happen to me sooner or later.

Finally, how was your weekend?

**NOTES**

Now that I've got the bubbles cleared from my head I'd better get into some quickie notes. Let's see here...

Ed Sackfield is still trying to peddle old arena seats for \$50 in a continuing campaign to use the money to buy much-needed new ones. He's sold some 80 seats to date. If you're interested, send a cheque to the Richmond Hill Arena Board, Box 371. Such a purchase entitles you to a lifetime membership on the board. More on this and other such goings-on next week.

**TRAMPOLINE**

Memo from Frank Juhasz of the Richmond Hill Trampoline Club. Registration for a new season will be held today (Wednesday) at Richvale Community Centre at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more information call Frank at 4 p.m. at 884-4913. The season starts September 26.

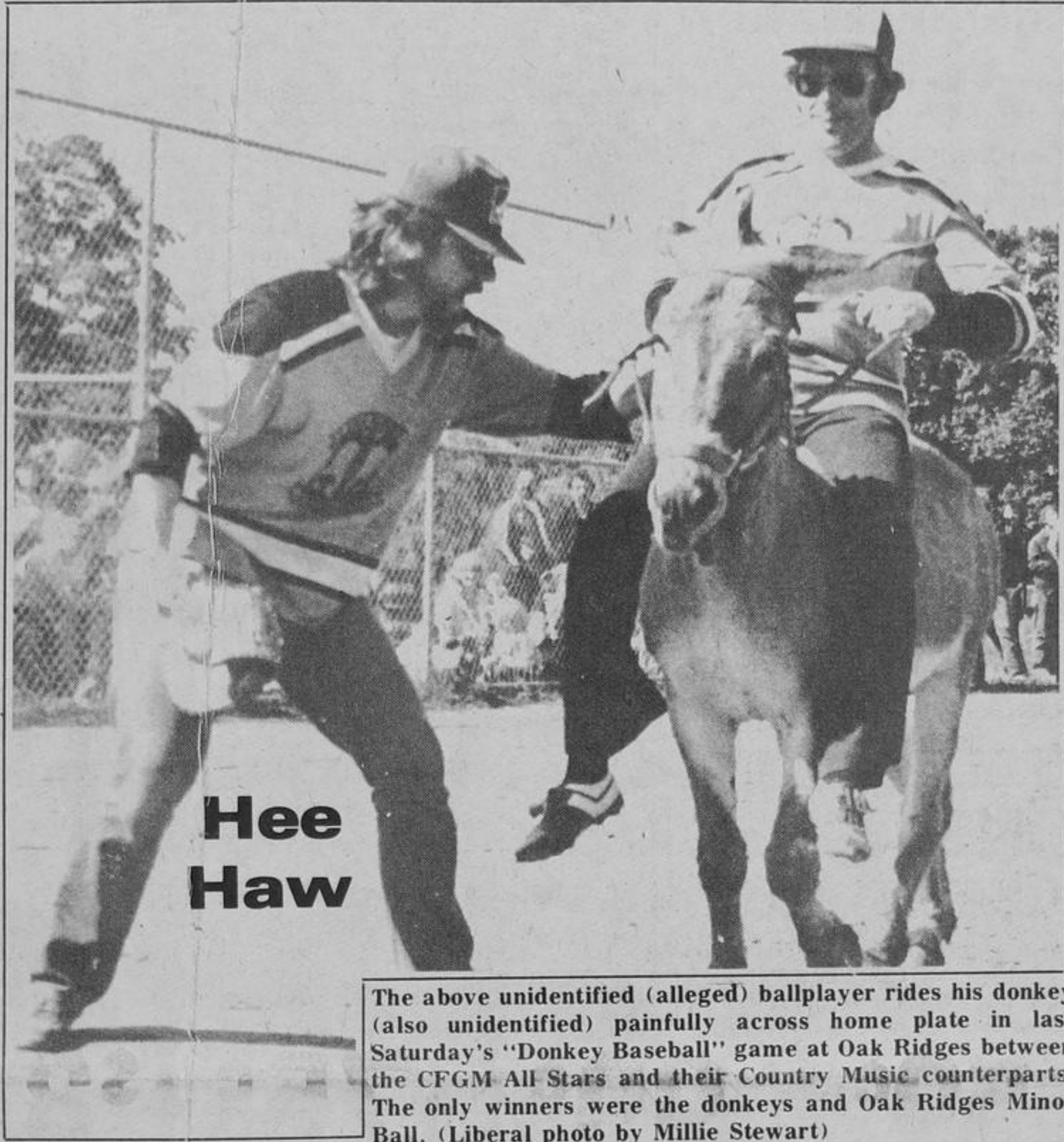
**SLO-PITCH**

Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch action last week saw the Ball Machine winning over the Misfits, the Bombers over the Sudsers, and the Red Eyes in a close 14-13 squeaker over the Old Jays. A week from next Sunday sees the final big wind-up tournament. Don't forget to miss it.

**LADIES**

Speaking of slo-pitch, here's one for ladies only. The first general meeting of the proposed new Richmond Hill Ladies Slo-Pitch League will be held next Monday at 8 p.m. in the Weldrick Room of the Richvale Community Centre. You have to be 30-or-over girls. Nice age.

The league will start next year. For further info call Lynton Friedberg at 884-8101. This for Hill residents only.



Hee Haw

The above unidentified (alleged) ballplayer rides his donkey (also unidentified) painfully across home plate in last Saturday's "Donkey Baseball" game at Oak Ridges between the CFGM All Stars and their Country Music counterparts. The only winners were the donkeys and Oak Ridges Minor Ball. (Liberal photo by Millie Stewart)

## A. Beattie takes league cup

By PAT KELLY

The Richmond Hill A. Beattie Minor Atoms won their Region of York division championship on the weekend at Thornlea Secondary by defeating Markham 3-1 in the soccer finals after nipping Stouffville 2-1 in the semi-finals.

The scorers for Scotty MacDonald's team in the Stouffville game were Pino Decina and Danny Patterson. It was Decina and Patterson again in the Markham encounter with Jason

MacDonald getting the other goal.

The two wins were some consolation for the failure of the A. Beattie team to sweep the league by winning all 15 games. Their 15th game saw them losing 2-1 to Markham.

The loss still left them in first place with a very comfortable point margin and coach MacDonald wishes to thank the players, parents and friends who helped to make this a tremendously successful season.

The A. Beattie boys will not be hanging up their cleats, they'll be sharpening them for the Miami Tournament in December.

Other championship action saw Richmond Hill Raywall Kitchen Squirts suffering a cruel injustice at the hands of Thornhill losing 7-0.

Despite the loss, Hill coach John Drektion was pleased at the efforts of his boys who came on after a rather poor season to defeat Stouffville and Bradford to make it to the finals.

Also suffering some bad luck were the Paddy MacNamara-coached major atoms who fell 2-0 to Newmarket.

They had earlier defeated Thornhill and Stouffville in hard-fought games on the way to the finals and stood first in this very competitive league.

**JUNIOR B'S**

The George Oranakis-coached Richmond Hill Junior B's also came up with the championship via a 2-1 win over Aurora but it was a difficult chore for the Hill team which has been used to running up big scores in the regular schedule.

Firm but fair officiating deprived the Hill United team of two scores but dogged determination paid off as Rudi Franks and Glen Smith broke through to score.

**GIRLS**

In the Atom division girls' league, George Vas's K & K Home Improvement squad went down 3-1 to Aurora. This was by no means a lopsided game and K & K was in contention up to the midpoint of the second half. Kim Caume scored the lone goal for Richmond Hill.

Mosquito action saw Jim Mulholland's Levedale Pastry girls winning the championship trophy downing Stouffville 1-0 in

an exceptionally hard-fought contest.

Stouffville fought all the way but the Levedale girls, backed up by their enthusiastic supporters on the sidelines, prevailed.

With the wind behind them, the Richmond Hill Kiddie Kobbler's Peewees were able to score only one goal against Newmarket in the first half but came back later in the game to score three more and go home with a 4-0 triumph. Monica Stohr opened the scoring for Richmond Hill on a high shot and then went on to score two more with Virginia Douse getting the other one. Natalie Ross was a standout playmaker for Richmond Hill especially in the second half.

Lori Tiberio and Anne Newton were also very effective on defence lending great assistance to Martha Slong in goal.

It was not possible to present individual cup trophies to the girls at the end of the game due to a protest by Newmarket from a previous game. The decision was unknown at press time.

All in all it was a very successful Cup tournament with excellent officiating with parents showing a high degree of sportsmanship by applauding plays for both teams competing.

## Hockey Dynes open

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers Junior B hockey team was beaten before it hit the ice last Friday night.

Beaten by the flu.

Coach Pete Artemchuk was forced to take to the ice for an exhibition game against North

York Flames with eight faces missing from his line-up due to flu.

The result was inevitable: North York 8, Dynes 1.

"We went with mainly rookies," said Artemchuk, "but it was a good way to find out what

they can do."

Artemchuk used three rookie goaltenders in the persons of Ted Inch, Grant Squirrel, and Bob Dow.

North York led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 5-0 going into the final 20 minutes. Mark Roberts scored the only Dynes' goal.

The Jewellers managed to come up with a 4-4 exhibition tie against Etobicoke Selects Saturday despite a line-up still depleted by the flu bug.

It wasn't easy though. "Etobicoke had to lend us two defencemen," said Artemchuk. "That's how much we're hurting."

Roberts scored two goals for the Jewellers with singles to Danny Henderson and Shawn McDowell.

**SITTLER HERE**

The Jewellers get their 1979-80 regular schedule underway next Monday night at Bond Lake Arena against Orillia Travelways.

Opening ceremonies will feature Darryl Sittler of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Ceremonies start at 7:30 p.m., the game at 8 p.m.

### Hole-in-one

It was yet another hole-in-one at the Richmond Hill Summit Golf and Country Club recently.

Nailing it down this time was member Bill Carruthers.

Not only did he get it during the club's championship final (which he won) but it was his first ever.

It came on the 191-yard second hole using a five-iron.

He was playing against Steve Johnston.

## Raiders are champions

The King City Raiders won the South Central Ontario Intermediate Fastball League championship Monday night in dramatic fashion.

It was pitcher Ken Griffith doing it himself with a ninth inning home run shot with two out to give the Raiders a 4-3 win over Caledon East and the title in three straight games.

The Raiders had won the second game 3-0 on the strength of a no-hit, one walk game by Jim Schwartz.

Monday night's wind-up saw Griffith running into some trouble after taking over for Bruce Diplock in the seventh inning with the score 1-0 for King City.

A combination of three hits and

two errors put the visitors in front 3-1 in the top of the eighth inning.

King City wasted little time tying the game in the bottom half as Schwartz singled and rode home on Paul Armstrong's double. It was Armstrong's second rbi of the night. Brian Sheardown was then safe on an error scoring Armstrong.

This set the scene for Griffith's blast in the ninth inning.

The previous game saw King City getting all its runs in the first inning as Armstrong and Mike Unterlander singled and Sheardown tripled them home. Schwartz hit Sheardown home with a sacrifice fly.

It was King City's second consecutive championship in the South Central Ontario league.