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Hill girls are softball champs

The Richmond Hill Intermediate Ladies softball team put the icing on the cake last Saturday when they won the Metro Ladies Softball League championship.

They downed North Bendale 6-3 in the final game to capture the trophy in the double knockout championship round held in Newmarket.

It was the second time the Hill girls put the number on North Bendale. A week earlier they blanked the same team 6-0 to wrap up the league championship.

Saturday's big wind-up saw them open with a 4-2 win over the Malton Juniors in a game which saw them coming from behind a 2-0 deficit.

Richmond Hill got on the scoreboard in the fifth inning when Bonnie Bryan led off with a walk, was sacrificed to second, and scored on Sue Taylor's double.

Katie McNamara doubled in the sixth inning. Darlene Nelson walked and Lori Willis was safe on an infield error to load the bases.

Sue O'Connell then brought in McNamara on a sacrifice fly to left field. Bonnie Bryan then singled in Nelson and Kathy Motley brought Lori in on another long flyball.

WIN 2-0

The second game saw Richmond Hill meeting North Bendale and once more coming out on top by 2-0.

It was a scoreless game until the fifth inning when Thompson led off with a single. She went to second on O'Connell's single. Bryan was then safe on an error to load the bases.

Thompson was forced at home but O'Connell scored on Gizelle Marchand's fielder's choice. Richmond Hill scored one more in the ninth inning.

North Bendale won its next game against Georgetown which meant another match-up against Richmond Hill. Enough to give a team a complex.

REPEAT

And again it was a victory for the Hillers, 6-3, as they jumped into an early 2-0 lead when Bryan reached first on being hit by a pitched ball. She went to second on Motley's single and scored on Sue O'Connell's single.

Kelly MacInnis then brought Motley home on an error. Bendale scored three runs in the fifth inning to lead 3-2 going into the sixth.

The Hill tied the score in the sixth when Bonnie Bryan walked, went to second on Kathy Motley's single, and scored on Nelson's ground out.

It remained a tied score until the ninth inning when Marchand led off with a single and then stole second base. She went to third as Thompson beat out a bunt and scored on McNamara's single.

A bunt by Germaine loaded the bases and then Bernie and Katie scored on Bonnie Bryan's double.

Richmond Hill then doubled North Bendale one, two, three to give themselves the championship.

WON LEAGUE

The earlier triumph over North Bendale giving them the league title was decided early in the third inning as Richmond Hill got five runs off five hits.

Germaine started things rolling when she tripled to right field. Marchand followed with a home run to left field. Sue Taylor then singled and scored on Bernie Thompson's home run. McNamara finished things off with a homer of her own.

That ended the scoring until the seventh inning when McNamara was safe on an error. She went to second on Bonnie Bryan's single and scored on Motley's single.

Kelly MacInnis pitched the shutout for Richmond Hill limiting Bendale to only three hits.

THANKS

The Intermediate Ladies would like to thank their sponsors and fans for their continual support throughout the year.

Without them the team would never have been the success it was. Coaches of the team were George Nelson and Jim Bolin.

The team will hold a "Fifties Dance" October 27. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets should call 883-5057 or 884-5003.



Soccer windup

Caesar's Palace goalie Fred Rossi makes a desperation drive here but is too late to stop a goal in game against Globe Travel at the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club's big final championship day Saturday at Crosby Park. Globe won the game 2-0. See B-3 and B-4.



fred simpson

Black Weekend

History has recorded many dark days in human kind's mad dash to oblivion. This past weekend was one of them.

Happenings like the Montreal Expos being eliminated from post-season baseball playoffs, the Argos losing to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, the hockey Leafs being bombed by Buffalo, all pale into insignificance with what happened to The Bombers.

They lost the 1979 Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch championship held Sunday at the Town Park. Summer's over. The fact the cursed Red Eyes emerged victorious was cause for much anguish in some quarters. My quarters.

It means I have to suffer the slings and insults of Red Eyes' manager Rene Fournier through a long and remorseless winter of hockey. Fournier is the only manager I know who can inspire a team by not showing up.

Which just proves what a great team the Red Eyes turned out to be. They did it with Fournier in the line-up. He even hit a home run as well as scoring the winning run in the final game against the Misfits. There'll just be no living with him.

I suppose you will have gathered by now that I'm slightly prejudiced. Being a member of the Bombers is a burden not easily carried on my aging shoulders.

PHEW

Personally, I had a great day. Never missed a round. Went 15 for 15 without spilling a drop.

I prevailed despite the callous treatment I received at the hands of Bombers' manager Eric Hillaby. He benched me. That was all right. I just objected to him forcing me to sit on the end of it. That can be dangerous when you fall a lot.

HOT DOGS

In any case, Hillaby got into the hot dogs again and when last seen was trying to get his line-up ready for the next game. And that was 10 minutes after the Red Eyes had been declared 1979 champions.

Oh well, just one of those crazy, hazy days. A good time was had by all.

I almost achieved immortality by coming up with the best catch of the day. And I wasn't even in the game. Was watching another game when someone lashed a sizzling foul ball down the line. Right at me.

In one deft motion I put down my can of pop, picked up my glove, and almost swallowed the ball. Got my glove up in time and it deflected harmlessly away. That was my last chance all day to be a hero.

I guess I'd better get out of here by once more passing on hearty congratulations to the winning Red Eyes.

And a special mention to Red Eyes' Bob Whitmarsh who achieved another personal first in his first year in the slo-pitch league.

Bob went into the tournament still basking in the heady glow of having recently struck out four batters (one of them three times) in one game. Quite an accomplishment.

It didn't last for long. Bob proceeded to strike out himself on one occasion. Fate is a cruel master.

CONGRATS

I will conclude this painful piece of resistance by also congratulating Dave Joslin and his Misfits who got all the way to the finals before succumbing to the Red Eyes in that final game.

To end on a flurry of notes:

THE PETES

Don't forget that big benefit hockey game coming up next Tuesday night. It'll be an exhibition match between the Major A Peterboro Petes and the Provincial A Richmond Hill Rams.

All proceeds (admission is \$2.50 per) will go toward the local arena board's "Buy a Seat" campaign.

Anyone buying a seat (and you will be able to get a purchase at the door the night of the game) automatically receives a lifetime membership on the arena board plus two tickets to every Rams' home game during the regular season. They cost \$50, each.

Next Tuesday's game starts at 7:45 p.m.

One more arena note: Don't forget the Ringette's Clinic being held there next Saturday. All girls are welcome. There will be instructional films at 3 p.m. followed by on-ice instruction from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Everyone's welcome to come out and see what ringette is all about. Even give it a try.



Champs

A happy day to be a winner is what it was all about. Past President Ed Kenny presents championship trophy to Tim Gibbens of winning Gobe Travel Atoms while president Jane Stel looks on at the far right. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg.)

Rams lose

The 1979-80 Provincial Junior A hockey season is barely underway and the Richmond Hill Rams are already on a streak.

Unfortunately, it's not the kind of streak coaches like to talk about.

The Rams lost games three and four on the weekend via 10-3 to Wexford Raiders Friday night at home and 8-0 to Dixie Bees in Dixie Sunday night. They are winless.

"We've got a rookie team and they've been making rookie mistakes," was the most charitable way team manager Sil Steffan could put it.

"We just bombed out Friday night against Wexford," he allowed, "but Sunday we weren't as bad as the score would indicate. Four of the Dixie goals came off powerplays despite the fact they had more penalties than we did."

"We just couldn't capitalize on our chances. It was much the same story against Wexford Friday night."

The Rams had a rather disastrous first period in that encounter with the visitors pumping in five goals to Richmond Hill's one by Andy Hawe. Larry Williams was the big gun for Wexford over the entire night with three goals and two assists.

Richmond Hill kept pace with the winners in the second period and were outscored by only three goals to two. It was Paul Harrietha scoring for the Hill along with Steve Bowers. Harrietha also assisted on the second goal. A goal by Gary White in the third period from Peter Glynn rounded out the Rams' scoring.

Red Eyes win slo-pitch cup

It was a sight for sore eyes type-of-weekend as the Richmond Hill Slo-Pitch League wound up its season in dramatic

fashion at the Town Park Sunday night.

And providing most of the drama were The Red Eyes and the Misfits with the former team,

under manager Rene Fournier, winning the championship.

The sore eyes were contributed by the rest of the teams — the Bombers, the Sudsers, Ball

Machine and the Old Jays — who were knocked out earlier in the day.

That final game went right down to the wire with the undefeated Red Eyes forced to extend themselves to win it 13-12 in the bottom of the seventh and final inning.

The Misfits went into that final inning leading by one run with their chances of forcing the Red Eyes into another sudden-death game looking bright.

That hope dimmed as Ron Craig and Fournier singled. Both scampered, or rather, plodded home as Bruce Venn's line drive to centre skipped past the fielder and it was all over.

It was another good show by the Red Eyes who had earlier won the league's first annual mid-season tournament.

They opened with a close 4-3 squeaker over the Sudsers and then went on to beat the Bombers 12-9, and the Misfits 9-4 to enter the finals undefeated.

DARK HORSES
The Misfits, in the meanwhile, turned out to be the dark horse almost-heroes of the day.

Under manager Dave Joslin, the Misfits came out of the starting gate in fine fashion dispatching with the highly-rated Ball Machine 12-3 and 12-4 with the only loss being the two big ones to the Red Eyes.

Big hitters for the Red Eyes included Jim Lane with a homer, Terry Gillis, a triple, Jerry Lavoie, a double and a triple, and, yes, another home run by Fournier.

BIG GUN
Billy Rice was a big gun for the Misfits with two homers while Joslin pitched well.

"We were really happy to go as far as we did," said Joslin. "We didn't expect to be in the finals."

Also impressive with the Misfits were Wayne Murphy and Al Poole.

Other results saw the Bombers opening with a 19-9 win over the Old Jays which, incidentally, was highlighted by a home run by the Jays' Bill Greenhead.

The Bombers then lost 12-9 to the Red Eyes and bowed out via a 11-10 last-winning loss to the Bombers. The Old Jays lost their second game 20-7 to the Sudsers who went on to fall 10-6 to the Ball Machine.

CHAMPS
The champion Red Eyes comprised the following players:

Bob Whitmarsh, Jim Bridge, Terry Gillis, Ron Craig, Joe Horvat, Mike Ignatowicz, Coley Kloefer, Ralph Kraft, Jim Lane, Jerry Lavoie, Rod Runge, Paul Ryan, Tony Shulist, Bruce Venn and Manager Fournier.

And last, but not least, bat boy Danny Buchanan.

Hockey Jewellers nip Milton by 7-6

They weren't very tidy about it but the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers got the job done Monday night edging Milton 7-6 to win their second straight Central Ontario Junior B hockey game in as many starts.

"We just stopped checking in the later stages of the game," observed Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk. "Whenever the opposition scores six goals on you you're doing something wrong."

The Jewellers looked like they were off and skating to an easy win in the early going as they took a 3-1 lead into the second period after spotting Milton its first goal.

Dynes appeared to have the situation well in control when Brent Dobson picked up a power play goal 59 seconds into the

second period from Brian Risk and Kevin Johnstone to make it 4-1.

That's when the Jewellers developed the sags as Milton pumped in two quick goals from Todd Sheppard and Marty Venner to make it 4-3.

Brian Risk gave the Jewellers some breathing room with a goal at 6:20 from McDowell but Milton's Lane Bauldry came right back with another one at 12:56 to make it 5-4.

Milton's Eric Ellison tied the game at 2:29 of the final 20 minutes only to have Ed Gundert put them back in front.

The see-sawing continued as Ellison tied it at 6-6 which set up some heroics by Karl Taylor who put the winner home at 7:15 from McDowell.

Coach Artemchuk was happy with the "excellent play of Taylor" who was on a new line with Danny Henderson and newcomer David Woolrich.

That line accounted for the Jewellers' first goal in the opening period with Woolrich pulling the trigger from Taylor. Risk scored the first of his two goals at 9:47 from Dobson and McDowell while Andre Damonze got the third one from Dobson. This was a shorthanded effort.

Coach Artemchuk announced that high-scoring winger Johnstone has been released by the club. He refused any comments on the reason. Johnstone joined the club late last season.

The Jewellers are at Milton Friday night and at home next Monday night to the Barrie Colts for an 8 p.m. game.