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JIM THOMAS

Will somebody fix the baseball backstop. The pipes are broken allowing the top to sag at a rackish angle in a most delapidated condition.

Work is continuing on preparing the tennis courts for their asphalt surface. The Lions are holding another bee there this Wednesday and Thursday night to complete the drainage part of the work.

Mac Clement who returned to Richmond Hill with his Scottish bride a short time ago, has purchased a home in the Hill. Mac has spent two years with the Scottish hockey league but will not return another season he tells us and may be available for the Clipper lineup.

The former bandstand in the park which was wrecked by pranksters last Halloween has been offered to the horseshoe pitchers if they wish to make use of it for a small rest cover—otherwise the wreck will be demolished and taken away this week.

ARGONAUTS GET ROYAL COPELAND

Royal Copeland, fleet halfback, told Toronto's Mayor Lampert in a telephone conversation recently from San Diego, Calif., he would return to Argonauts this year.

He has been playing with Calgary Stampede for the last two years.

Owen Sound Mercurys have signed another defenceman for next hockey season. He's Russ Aiken, formerly of Barrie Flyers of the OHA Junior 'A' league. Albany of the class 'A' Eastern League has sent pitcher Bill Slack of Sarnia, London Majors' mound star last year, to Roanoke, Va., of the Piedmont League. That's a step down for Bill to class 'B'. Phil Marchildon has his release from West Palm Beach of the Florida International League so it's possible he may yet turn up in a Guelph Maple Leafs uniform. Mike Cudemo, a catcher, has joined St. Thomas Elgins. The Maritime Major Hockey League may reduce to a four-team circuit to include Halifax, St. John, Sydney and Glace Bay.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- June 9—Goodwood vs Vivian Gormley vs Atha (Ratcliff's Park)
- June 10—Bloomington vs Bethesda
- June 11—No Game
- June 12—Dickson's Hill vs Lemonville Sixth Line vs Gormley (Ratcliff's Park)
- June 13—Ringwood vs Atha
- June 16—Dickson's Hill vs Goodwood Lemonville vs Gormley (Ratcliff's Park)
- June 17—Bloomington vs Atha
- June 18—No Game
- June 19—Gormley vs Bethesda Dickson's Hill vs Sixth Line (Ratcliff's Park)
- June 20—Ringwood vs Vivian

Keswick Comets Beat Vandorf

Erupting for 18 first-inning runs, Keswick Comets slaughtered Vandorf, 26-1, in their home opener in the Lake Simcoe Softball League. Ken Hodgins, five, Ron Rowe, four, Tom Hare, Harold Smith and Eddie Chadwick, three each, led Keswick's 18-hit effort. Harold Smith turned in a no-hit effort over the five frames he toiled on the Keswick rubber.

The nuclear experts are becoming so adept at controlling atomic energy that no doubt they'll soon be blowing smoke rings with an atomic bomb.

Sunderland Here Thursday Night

Sunderland ball club who have provided Stouffville with many a rousing tussel in the past will pay their first visit to town this Thursday evening in the current schedule. Game time is 6.15 p.m. The local Red Sox had little difficulty in downing the newly organized Uxbridge squad last week but may find the going considerably tougher when Sunderland roll onto the field this Thursday night.

Local Curler Honored by Ontario Association

Mr. Harry Sanders, for more than half a century a member of the Ontario Curling Association, has been honored with a life membership in the association. Mr. Sanders received the notification of this honor a few days ago along with a special plaque which he prizes very highly.

Harry Sanders was a member of the Stouffville Curling Club for more than fifty years, and served as secretary of the organization for twenty-five years. He has been a regular attendant at the meetings of the Ontario Association and has a number of trophies to show for his skill at the game over the years.

Are Pitchers Improving Or Have Batters Lost Their Drive?

Never before within the memory of the current crop of baseball experts have so many low-hit games been pitched at this early stage of the major league season. Scarcely a day passes but some club is shackled with a one, two or three hitter. There already have been a no hitter, a double one hitter, and so many other brilliant performances that one begins to think that there must be some obscure reason for these figures chalked up so early in the schedule. Baseball manufacturers claim they have done nothing to the horsehide, with the exception of raising the price since Babe Ruth hit sixty home runs.

There seems at the present time to be no other explanation except the weather. This has been an unusually wet spring with many games having been rained out and others having been played when the air was damp and the grass soggy and slow. This factor could aid pitchers. In damp, heavy air a curve gets a better bite and breaks just a little more sharply than on a bright sunny day. Fast-ball pitchers seem to work to better advantage when the weather is cloudy but this point has been hotly disputed.

A slow infield cannot help but aid a pitcher. It enables his support to reach and make easy putouts on hard-hit balls which would have skipped through for base hits on a sun-baked diamond as well as slowing up screamers to the outfield, once they land. Whether the hitters will improve as the mercury begins to rise is a big question. Many believe that some of the veteran hurlers will begin to feel their years as the season progresses. There still may be another angle that there aren't as many good hitters around as there were a few years ago.

It's almost impossible for a person to pursue happiness when he's on his last leg.

PRIZE MUSSELMAN'S LAKE CATCH



John Conway, 4-year-old camper at Musselman's Lake, gazes in wonderment at this "monster" pike which was reeled in from Musselman's Lake on Saturday morning. This prize pike, largest caught in this local summer resort in many years weighed nearly

eight pounds, and measured just three inches short of three feet in length. Richard Macina, a weekend camper, caught the fish on the west side of the lake near the former Dr. Freeland cottages. The lake was government stocked four years ago.

Summer Sports Keep Clipper Club in Top Condition

Out of one uniform and into another is the round-the-year story of the local Clippers hockey club. As the star spangled sweaters are packed away for another season the baseball togs are pulled out of storage where they have been immersed in moth balls for eight months. Aside from their regular positions, the majority of the players take part in some active sport during the summer.

Goaltender Blake Eatough who is employed at A. V. Rowe is an ardent golfer and lacrosse star. Norm Stunden is probably best known aside from his puck-stopping ability for his hurling skill on the Buttonville Softball Team. He has also done mound work for various baseball clubs in past years. Norm is a printer at the Richmond Hill Liberal. Defenceman Morley Petch is a lineman with the hydro. A standout softball player, the big 200 pound rearguard holds down a shortstop position with the Markham club. Jim Machin will begin his final year at Toronto University and is employed as a porter on the railroad during the summer. Bert Baker, now a resident of Milliken, works with the Bell Telephone and plays Sr. ball in Toronto during his leisure hours. Herb Rose who earns his living as a truck driver is keeping in top shape with the Buttonville ball club. Last summer Herb held down a spot with Thornhill but has since changed teams. Centreman Bud Watson works for General Electric in Toronto and also plays softball with Buttonville. The number one line for the Clippers during their march to the Sr. 'B' Championship is still intact during the summer as Geo. Stark and Nick Bangay have signed up with Bill Hood's Sluggers. Nick is a salesman in Toronto and George is employed at International Business Machines. Captain Hal Gibson works at A. V. Rowe and

will probably line up with Buttonville Softballers if he moves into the district. Hal proved to be one of the best softball players in the Markham Twp. League last season. Frank Stephenson is an electrician and handles a glove for the Mt. Dennis Legion in Weston. Jack Rummy now employed as a real estate salesman handles part of the hurling chores for the fourth concession squad. Bob Bangay, Jack Watson, Polly Minton and Ronnie Bell are all an important cog in the powerful Buttonville lineup. Bob works at Frigidaire along with Jack and Polly. Ronnie Bell is a printer in Toronto.

Seven out of the sixteen players on the Clipper team are married although Bud Watson, Norm Stunden and Jack Rummy are to forsake their single life in the near future. Ronnie Bell, Bob Bangay, Polly Minton, Herb Rose, Jim Machin and Morley Petch have not given any definite indication that they intend to relinquish their freedom.

Claremont Climbs Into First Place Edge Buttonville 3-2

Claremont is about the hottest club in the Markham Twp. Softball League at the present time having won three games in a row without a loss. The big surprise came on Thursday night of last week when the cellar-dwelling club of last season came from behind to edge Buttonville 3-2. Norm Stunden was on the mound for the Sluggers on the winners. Thornhill who is currently sharing the top rung with the Claremont crew took a close decision from Unionville 5-4 and a home run by Gord Lewis in the seventh inning with one on gave Peaches a 3-2 victory over Markham. This season has seen by far the best softball that has ever been produced in the league for some time. In all three games played last Thursday night each team was victorious by only one run.

The standings of the teams are as follows:

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Claremont	3	3	0	0	6
Thornhill	1	2	0	2	6
Peaches	3	1	1	1	3
Buttonville	1	1	2	1	3
Markham	3	1	2	0	2
Unionville	3	0	3	0	0

Thursday's Results
Claremont 3, Buttonville 2
Peaches 3, Markham 2
Thornhill 5, Unionville 4
Thursday, June 5th
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Claremont at Markham
Peaches at Thornhill
Tuesday, June 10th
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Claremont at Thornhill

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Uxbridge Outclassed in Tri-County League Game Here

Although the Uxbridge squad sent three pitchers to the mound in a desperate attempt to hold the local batters in check, the home town Red Sox smashed all three hurlers for a total of twenty-two runs. The pitching staff of the visiting crew seemed to lack control and allowed sixteen Stouffville batters free tickets to first base. Lorne Boadway, hurling his first game in Red Sox company came through in fine style and was never in trouble throughout the contest. He credited himself with nine strike outs, walked four and gave up three hits.

Boadway sent the first Uxbridge batter down swinging with number two grounding out McMullen to Schell and the third tapping a roller toward the mound that was quickly fielded by pitcher Boadway for a put out to Schell at first. The Red Sox collected a total of six runs in their turn at bat. Raxlin walked to first and after romping around the bases at will stole home with a spectacular slide amid a swirling cloud of dust. Chadwick walked and Hassard tripled bringing him in for the second local run. Ken Schell was hit by a pitched ball and Nicholson, a new arrival to the squad after a few seasons in the

Markham Twp. Softball League, singled driving home Hassard and Schell. Two successive walks to Cote and McMullen loaded the bases and a timely single by hurler Boadway added a pair of runs to the Red Sox first inning total. Three fly balls by Lehman, Raxlin and Chadwick ended the scoring parade.

The 2nd innings kept the locals on the march around the base paths as no less than six players received on balls.

The locals failed to count a run in the third and fourth innings but McMullen and Boadway scored in the fifth with Raxlin, Wagg, Nicholson, Smith and Lehman coming in with the final runs of the one-sided contest. Uxbridge counted two runs in the fourth with Pearson and Harwood scoring. Shier, Harwood and Barhardt notched the visitors remaining runs. Bill Bradbury handled the decker behind the plate for the greater part of the game with Derek Chadwick and Murray Wagg giving the signals for the Red Sox.

The Stouffville line-up was as follows: p, Boadway; c, Chadwick; Wagg; 1st, K. Schell; 2nd, Lehman; 3rd, McMullen; ss, Hassard; r.f., Cote, Smith; c.f., Nicholson; l.f., Raxlin, Cadieux.

	R	H	E
Stouffville	22	11	2
Uxbridge	5	3	5

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