



# SPORTS SHORTS

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**ONE YEAR AGO**  
Pickering District High School held its first annual field day in which Mr. Jerry Allman of Claremont captured the Senior track title with a total of sixty points. The field meet was highlighted by a one hundred per cent participation by the student body. In the Markham Twp. Softball League, Thornhill soundly trounced Buttonville 13-3. Markham edged Unionville 3-2, and Claremont downed Peaches 6-3. Stouffville Red Sox were preparing for the first game of their Tri-County League schedule. Uxbridge opened the season here. The Stouffville Arena Co. was expected to sign a contract with a large city flooring concern for the laying of a trap-rock floor in the local arena.

**STAR OF THE WEEK**  
This week it's hats off to Stouffville's southpaw hurler Jack Sumner for an excellent job on the mound as his team romped to a 16-2 win over Woodbridge on Tuesday night. Besides holding the opposition to a few scattered hits, Jack also connected for two home runs.

**BRUCE LEHMAN STILL IN ACTION**  
Bruce Lehman, veteran baseball mound star is still burning the ball over the plate down in the tobacco plantation of Delhi. It was back in the 1930's that Bruce and his brother Lou formed a potent battery combination for Stouffville. Now twenty years later, this ex-home town curve ball artist is still very much in the limelight. Local fans who braved the cold November winds a couple of seasons back will probably remember seeing Bruce in action here against his old team mate Earl Cook when Delhi captured the OBA Intermediate Championship.

**IS THAT DISTANCE FACTOR CREEPING IN AGAIN?**  
This season, Woodbridge was admitted into the Markham Township Softball League and although a number of players and clubs were not entirely happy over the idea of travelling the fifteen mile hike they agreed to the entry. Now it seems that the Girls' Softball League is to be faced with much the same condition. Elgin Mills have given notice that they intend to file an entry in the local group and will play their home games at Richmond Hill. This is not a long jaunt for the Stouffville team but one must consider Cedar Grove and Agincourt. The latter club is thinking very seriously of filing an entry. It would be unfair to bring in a new club from a considerable distance and cause one of the regular teams to drop out of the running, such as was the case in the Men's League. However, the addition of Elgin Mills into the group would make for keener opposition in the League, which is needed. If the group definitely decides that all games are to commence at 7.30 in the evening with five innings to constitute a game then by all means let's give it a try for one season at least, but if the contests are to begin at 7 o'clock and be completed at the end of seven innings then the idea is unpractical.

**TODAY'S GAME OF BASEBALL MAY BE DESTROYED**  
The Supreme Court decided last week that it will look into the legality of baseball's long-disputed reserve clause. The future of professional sports rests on the outcome. The hearing will be held some time in the fall and will mark the first time since 1922 that the Supreme Court has examined the legality of the national sport. Baseball now will be destroyed. Here's why: Baseball contracts and those in other professional sports contain a clause which puts the players under control of the club that owns him. This is the reserve clause. Under it, a player may not quit his club and sign with another one willing to pay him more money. His services may be disposed of only by the club that owns him either by trading, selling or releasing him. If this clause is thrown out, a player would be permitted to sell his services to the highest bidder. He could resign from the club that owns him whenever he decided to make the move. There are definite advantages to both rulings. The rule as it now stands tends to protect the individual clubs, while the amendment would protect the players. At the present time a player might sit on the bench and see little action throughout an entire season but unless he obtained his official release he would not be allowed to move to another club. If this ruling was thrown out the clubs with the greater financial backing would be able to load up with all the stars in the League and the weaker clubs would suffer. It is not likely that any move will be made in this direction.

## Dominion Horse Shoe Championship Here July 1

The Horseshoe Tournament for the Dominion of Canada is being planned for Stouffville on July 1st in conjunction with the annual horse show. It is the first time that such a tournament has ever operated out of the city of Toronto. Talented horse shoe throwers from all parts of Ontario and Canada will be taking part for the tournament Championship. The show was held at Dieppe Park, East Toronto last year. The local club under the leadership of Wm. Grove are seeking the support of the town in putting the scheme over in a successful way. The group will be working continuously for the next four weeks to get the playing court in shape.

Stouffville Shamrocks have two home games coming up. On Thursday night of this week they play host to Woodbridge with Richmond Hill being the visitors on Tuesday evening of next week.

In the Claremont Community League action on Monday evening, Fourth Line downed Altona 14-7 and Greenwood were defeated by Pine Grove. Murray Johnson and Merv

### Victoria Square May Enter Girls' Team

Word was received at a League meeting of the girls softball group on Friday night that Victoria Square may seek an entry into the group. Agincourt are also interested. The schedule will get underway on June 22nd. Stouffville's home games will be played on Wednesday nights. Peaches, Cedar Grove and Unionville are definite entries. Any teams interested in joining the league should get in contact with the Secretary at Markham 26W3 before June 10th.

Bunker handled the hurling chores for Altona. Grant Drewery called the signals back of the plate. Johnson was forced to retire from the contest when he suffered a sprained ankle. Bruce Redshaw and Geo. Alsop shared mound duties for the winners.

## TOURNAMENT WINNER AWARDED TROPHY



Here is Cy Bellman, local proprietor of the Arena Bowling Alley, presenting Walter Smith of Stouffville with the trophy as winner of the 5-pin tournament which wound up the winter bowling season.

## Town Softballers Vacate League Cellar with a 16-2 Win at Woodbridge

Jack Sumner, local southpaw hurler for the Stouffville Shamrocks, came through with a double-threat performance on Tuesday night as his club romped to a decisive 16-2 victory over Woodbridge. Sumner, besides giving up but a few scattered hits helped himself to a couple of well-placed home runs to salt the game away. Earl Cook and Ken Laushway donned uniforms for the game and connected for triples. Joe Murray Jr. and Jerry Hooker also hit three baggers. The Stouffville squad were all decked out in their new softball uniforms for the Coronation contest. The win moved the locals out of the cellar position into sixth place.

### BANGAY'S BATS WIN FOR BUTTONVILLE

Bob and Nick Bangay lowered the boom on Markham's Aces on Tuesday night as the Sluggers knocked their rivals out of first place with a thrilling 5-2 setback. Nick Bangay pulled a sizzling four bagger into the daisies to put his club on the victory trail and although the Aces loaded the bases on a couple of occasions they could not sneak the necessary runs across. Bob Bangay lined a scorching double through the infield on his first time at the plate and came up with the play of the game as he scooped up Gord Coverly's hard hit grounder with two on to end a Markham rally attempt. The game developed into a spine tingling pitchers battle between Peg O'Neill of the Aces and Normie Stunden of Buttonville. Neither hurler gave up a walk throughout the entire contest. Stunden had his slow ball working to perfection. On one occasion the batter took a complete cut at the ball but oddly enough it landed in front of the plate and never reached the catcher's glove. Tempers flared on numerous occasions as managers Bill Hood and Gord Coverly became embroiled in a number of heated arguments. Morley Petch came through with Markham's best hit with a triple. Lloyd Raymer connected a double as did pitcher Peg O'Neill. First baseman Art Dodge pulled off a spectacular diving catch on first base for Markham's best play of the game. The battery for Buttonville Stunden and Baker, for Markham O'Neill and Bob Petch.

### Cedar Grove Downs Mill Girls

Cedar Grove upset Elgin Mills on Tuesday night right in their own back yard by a score of 25-23. Lois Carr and Marion Beere formed the battery for the winners. The visitors used Mavis Trunk and Francis Griffith of Unionville in their lineup which strengthened the squad considerably. The lineup for Cedar Grove was as follows: p. Lois Carr; c. Marion Beere; 1st. Ruth Gould; 2nd. Lavina Malcolm; 3rd. Dalma Cesar; s.s. Mavis Trunk; C.F. Audrey Murison; r.f. Frances Griffith; l.f. Betty Brooks.

On Monday, June 8th, weather permitting, Stouffville Red Sox will entertain Uxbridge here to open their home stand in the local Tri-County Schedule.

### Juveniles Meet Aurora Friday

Stouffville's up and coming Juvenile squad will match their baseball skill against Aurora here on Friday night in their first regular contest of the season. Their home game with Newmarket scheduled for Friday night of last week was rained out. Murray Stewart will be the probable starter for the locals on the mound with Don Haines behind the plate. The team would appreciate a good attendance.

### Juveniles and Red Sox in Holiday Ball

Stouffville's Juvenile squad went down to defeat at the hands of the more experienced Red Sox on Tuesday by the score of 11-1, but considering the opposition, the young lads did surprisingly well. The two squads exchanged their regular battery with Lorne Schell and Lorne Boadway working with catcher Hal Gibson for the juveniles, while Murray Stewart and Hammersley combined with catcher Don Haines for the Red Sox. The Red Sox ceded up in the sixth innings with six hits and two walks to score seven runs. Raxlin, Lehman, K. Schell, Les Clarke, Smith and Haines all connected for hits in the sixth. Hasard and D. Smith worked the pitcher for a walk. Madill was the top batter for the juveniles with two hits in three trips to the plate. Pitchers Hammersley and Stewart showed plenty of promise as did catcher Don Haines. They allowed but three hits, walked five and struck out eight.

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Sunderland girls chalked up an 18-7 victory over Stouffville on Tuesday afternoon in an exhibition game. Marg Schell and Joan Haines, shared pitching duties for the local squad, while Helen Snowball and Denna Veldey handled the catching chores.