

# SPORTS SHORTS

BY JIM THOMAS

### WRIGHT TO THORNHILL

Reports have it that Gordy Wright, famed Toronto softball hurler may play with Thornhill in the Markham Township softball League. The Yonge Street crew has not been having so much luck so far this season and is out to strengthen the squad. They have been dependent on their one speed-baller, Bill Bowen, but apparently the load has been too heavy for the lone mound star. Apparently Wright is still a Toronto resident, but it is not known what class of ball he is playing at the present time.

### CHARLES DESERVES A RE-MATCH

The thousands of radio-listeners who heard the Championship title fight between Ezzard Charles and Rocky Marciano will probably agree that the challenger deserves a re-match with the champ. Certainly no one ever believed that Charles would last fifteen rounds in the ring with Marciano, in fact four sports editor figured the lean boxer from Cincinnati would go well to last more than six rounds. In the early rounds, to the surprise of 50,000 Yankee Stadium spectators, Charles unleashed a volley of blows that had Marciano staggering. A ten stitch gash was opened up over Marciano's eye. From the sixth round on, the Champion began to take the offensive and in the late rounds of the fight he was hitting Charles almost at will. Despite the fact that, following the bout Charles stated that he thought he had won there was little doubt in the minds of radio listeners what the judges' decision would be. The bout between Marciano and Charles has done much to renew the interest in the fight game. Many patrons were soured on the sport following the disappointing heavyweight match between Marciano and Walcott some time ago.

### NEW RULE NOT NECESSARY

This season a new rule was injected into the softball books which allows a batter to take a base if hit by a pitched ball. The umpire of course is to use his own judgment whether the batter intentionally tried to get in the way of a ball in order to receive an easy trip to first base. This has always been a practice in hardball, but there are not too many batters who will intentionally get in the way of a hardball. This ruling is not only tough on the pitcher, but also puts the umpire on the spot when he must decide whether the batter deserves a free base or not. Mr. Art Dodge, sports reporter with the Markham Aces, shares the same opinion and to prove his point he quotes the conversation between the manager of a softball club and a member of the team, a big clumsy-looking player. He says, 'Here's the spot I've been saving you for. It's the last half of the ninth, the score is tied and the bases loaded with two out. Go out there and get hit by a pitched ball!'

### AND THEN THE RAIN CAME

On Monday night a total of ten local teams was prepared to play ball but the unpredictable weatherman threw a monkey wrench into the proceedings and every game was called off. Here in Stouffville, Bobcaygeon and Stouffville Red Sox were preparing for a baseball contest and umpire Bill Lennox was all set to call out "Play Ball!" but within the space of ten minutes the dusty diamond was turned into a sea of mud. Over at Claremont a doubleheader in the Community League was cancelled because of wet grounds. The Markham Twp. Girls League got off to a bad start with two games being rained out. Stouffville was to play at Unionville and Peaches was scheduled to play at Elgin Mills. All in all it was a bad night as far as outside sports were concerned. Let's hope there'll be a brighter day tomorrow.

### 1,000 STRIKE OUTS

Eddie Feigner, famed trick softball hurler has a life-time pitching record of 22,359 strike outs. This number has been chalked up over the past sixteen years. In one season the well-known Softball King has fanned over 3,000 batters. Some of these strike outs were registered when he was pitching from second base, some while kneeling in the pitcher's mound and over 1,500 of them were while he was blindfolded with only his keen sense of direction and sixteen years experience to guide him. He does, however, have Mike Mellicke, the short stop, on the four-man team come in and protect him from line drives while he is pitching to three batters blindfolded. Mike also catches the return ball from the catcher and tells Eddie where his last pitch went. In one game he hurled seven innings blindfolded and struck out eighteen batters. His team won the game 3-1. The King and his Court are touring the Toronto and Oshawa districts at the present time.

## Tag Team Match on Wrestling Card

Action galore is in store for the Stouffville and district wrestling fans when the grapplers go into action next Monday, June 26 at the Stouffville Arena.

Feature attraction will be a team match featuring some of Canada's outstanding mat men. Don George and Joe Greenfield, both hot favourites, with the fans are on one team, and Killer Mangotich, rough and ready Slav, and Tony Rocci, Italian star, are on the other team.

Mangotich and Rocci, both stars at Lakeshore Arena and undefeated this season, figure to rack up another win at the expense of George and Greenfield. However, the fans are of a different opinion and feel that the clean cut pair will come out on top. But one thing we do know, the match will provide the most excitement ever seen in the local ring in this or any other season.

In the semi-final, Red Garner, Canadian Middleweight Champion, will tackle Jack Flicker, the Aurora mat man. Garner, who is the most hated man ever to appear locally, will have to be at his best when he takes on Flicker. Flicker is on an extension win string right now and hopes to defeat Garner and get a chance at a title match.

Hassan Bey, Turkish wrestler, who appears against Stoney Brooks in the other bout, has created a sensation in Southern Ontario with his bare feet, bare head and his unusual style of wrestling. In Stoney Brooks he will be locking horns with a tough, strong, young athlete who always gives his best. All in all, this card is the most attractive offered by the association this season and should draw the best crowd yet.

## Stouffville To Face Sunderland Under Floodlights Monday

Stouffville Red Sox will play their first floodlight baseball game here on Monday evening commencing at 7:30. Sunderland Tigers will be the opposition. Sunderland after a year's absence boast a strong club this season. During the past week they gained a tie and a victory over Bobcaygeon. They are basing the team's chances on the hurling arm of McGillivray with Lloyd Tamblin available for relief rolls. The club is ably handled by Dougie Brandon.

It will mark the first floodlight baseball contest to be played in the Stouffville Memorial Park since the erection of the additional lights.

## Buttonville vs. Stouffville Tuesday

Next Tuesday evening, Stouffville Softball fans should make it a point to attend a contest between the Stouffville Shamrocks and Buttonville Sluggers in the Memorial Park. In their last meeting Stouffville were edged by Bill Hood's boys 9-8 in a tight game. Buttonville have many players on the squad who performed for the Clippers during the hockey season. Such names as Don McIntosh, Geo. Stark, Nick and Bob Bangay, Bert Baker, Jack Watson and a number of others are all familiar figures to Stouffville sports enthusiasts. The Shamrocks on the other hand have also lined up a good contending team, comprising the following local players, Murray Wagg, Ward Edwards, Clare Fockler, Jack Sumner, Johnny Lawrenson, Gord Fergie and others. Don't miss this game.

A girl whose face is her fortune should watch out that late hours don't make it over-drawn.

## ALTONA

Ernestine Cooper left Tuesday morning to spend four days in Guelph attending a 4-H Club Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clarkson and children were Sunday guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarkson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Gould attended the funeral of a cousin in Detroit on Saturday.

Mrs. Woodcock, her pupils and their mothers enjoyed a picnic at York County Park on Lake Simcoe on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Pugh spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and family. Sunday dinner guests at the Lewis home were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Goudie and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Nerv. Bunker and family attended the Mertens family picnic in the park on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and daughters visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKenzie of Columbus. Mrs. Eugene Paisley and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Hill.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Todd of Cherrywood.

There were more than 160 at Sunday School here last Sunday, a record turnout.

## MT. PISGAH

Mr. and Mrs. Don Heintzman and family of Peterboro spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Keffer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith and boys of Brampton called on relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith have moved back to our community from Oak Ridge. They are living in the house formerly occupied by the Leslie Smith family.

Mrs. Archie Duncan entered

lained about 16 ladies at a "Stanley Party" in her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Leslie Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Macklin of Temperanceville attended a bridal shower at Buttonville for Miss Frances Baker on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Footo and family of Cedar Valley had dinner on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and girls.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr were Mr. and Mrs. Manning and family, Miss Betty Staley of Lynxden, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bilborough and family of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. McLennan and son John of Toronto, and neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Kaar-smaker and baby son, Miss Staley and Mr. McLennan will spend the summer with the Carrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson of Temperanceville had dinner on Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howlett visited friends at Elmira on Saturday.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Keffer on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Don Heintzman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith with their families and Mr. W. H. Smith. Mrs. Keffer and Mrs. Leslie Smith celebrated birthdays on June 18 and Mr. Don Heintzman on June 20.

An interesting piece of machinery has been in operation on the farms of Mr. Wallace Scott and Mr. Loy Carr this week. Several hundred feet of tile were laid in record time on each farm. Three teenage boys from the Kitchener district were in charge of the work.

Members of the choir of St. Andrews United Church, Toronto, accompanied by their families, enjoyed their annual picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr on Saturday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Biddlecomb on their forty-first wedding anni-

versary on Monday, June 21, and birthday congratulations to Mr. Fred Wilson on the same day.

We offer congratulations to three young ladies who have passed their music exams. They are Betty Sproton who passed Grade 6 and Joan Barrett and Judy Johnston who passed Grade 8 music.

About thirty-five friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sproton on Saturday night for a miscellaneous show in honour of Mr. Frank Lehman and Miss Anita Beaumont who will be married on July 3.

Members and adherents of Mt. Pisgah Church were well represented at the farewell gathering for Rev. and Mrs. Goffield held at Wesley Church on Tuesday, June 15.

General Motors Institute's current expansion program will increase laboratory and classroom space by 40 per cent to a total of 290,000 square feet.

The height of something or other: A radio comedian timing to a split second a joke that's 200 years old.

## Metro League To Hold Nite

On Thursday night of this week an organization meeting of the Metro S. B. Hockey League will be held in the East York Arena. The Stouffville Clippers will be represented by Messrs. Tim O'Neill and Telf Rennie.

## Ronnie Bell Wed in Toronto

On Saturday Ronnie Bell, a member of the Stouffville Clippers hockey team and first baseman with the Buttonville Sluggers was married on Saturday in Toronto. Following the wedding the reception was held on Bloor Street. Some of those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bangay, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. Polly Minton.

## Lacrosse Established In Newmarket

Newmarket's Green Gables Lacrosse Club are receiving fine support from fans in the town and district and it appears that lacrosse will develop into a paying proposition in Canatowin. They are currently drawing close to 1,000 fans per game. The Newmarket club, is currently undefeated and are leading the O.L.A. Jr. A. race. On Thursday night of last week Peterboro were to be the visiting team but they failed to put in an appearance. They have been ousted from the Jr. A. group.

## Blair Quits Oshawa To Coach Chatham

Wren Blair, who coached the Oshawa Truckmen to the O.H.A. Sr. B. title has been signed to run the Chatham Maroons in the Sr. O.H.A. circuit. He will replace Jack Stewart, ex-Detroit Red Wing defenceman. It is expected that Ernie Dickens will carry on in Blair's capacity. Blair intends to take a number of Oshawa players with him to Chatham and is also scouting the district for additional reinforcements.

## Lorne Schell Tosses One-Hitter To Blank Lindsay

Lorne Schell, Stouffville Red Sox curve ball artist tossed a sparkling one-hitter on Wednesday evening as the locals blanked the supposedly powerful Lindsay squad 6-0. The victory increased the Stouffville lead atop the Tri-County League Group. The Red Sox have yet to be defeated so far this season.

## Ajax Tops Claremont In Soccer Contest

Ajax Dowty's finally broke their seven game losing streak on Wednesday evening of last week and in doing so created the upset of the season by dumping the league-leading Claremont Legion by a score of 4-2.

Art Morton, Ajax inside-left led his team to victory with a three goal effort. He scored two in the first half as the Ajax crew led 2-1. The Claremont goal was scored by Ross Redshaw. In the second half Ross Redshaw counted another goal for Claremont to temporarily tie the score but Ajax staged a strong rally and notched two goals for a well-earned victory.

On Saturday evening Claremont and Oshawa Duplicate battled through to a scoreless draw.

## Whitby Defeats Brougham 8-2

Whitby Royals gained revenge on their Brougham rivals on Friday night, as they handed Bob Miller's squad an 8-2 setback. This evened the count between the two clubs so far this season.

The Royals connected for three runs in the first inning and added three more in the fifth. Brougham hit Whitby hurler Samanski for two runs in the sixth and seventh but they were held off the score sheet for the remainder of the contest. Whitby added one in the seventh and two in the ninth to end the game.

The win moved Whitby into fourth place ahead of Pickering and Claremont. Ajax is presently holding down the number one position with Brougham and Brooklin following in that order.

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RED GARNER Canadian Champion vs. JACK FLICKER Aurora Mad Man

— Preliminary —

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