



STOUFFVILLE'S GROUND RULES VERY VAGUE

I wonder how many baseball fans really understand the ground rules that are supposedly in force in Stouffville's Memorial Park. It seems that practically every game played here is marred through lack of ground rule knowledge. Since the local park has not as yet obtained a home run fence certain rules must be made but in the majority of cases no one except maybe the plate umpire really knows what these rules are. If these ground rules weren't in force a batter could easily hit a single under Joe Duke's car parked below the single wire barricade and stretch it into a home run as the fielder tries frantically to retrieve the elusive ball. The only way to properly solve this ground rule problem is to erect a home run fence but until this is done a written set of rules should be presented to the two umpires and the two coaches prior to the contest. This should settle all arguments. Here is a list of the ground rules as obtained from the Red Sox' Manager Ted Cadieux: 1. Any ground ball that rolls through the fence or bounces over it goes for two bases. 2. Any fly ball over the fence is a home run. 3. Any ball that strikes a light standard is in play. 4. Any played ball that eludes the fielder and goes through the fence is good for a double plus an extra base. 5. A wild throw that bounces off the screen is in play. 6. A ball that enters the crowd allows the runner one base.

WANTED — AN ORGANIZED COMMUNITY LEAGUE
Interest in the formation of an organized Community Softball League here in Stouffville is increasing and next season it is hoped that a satisfactory group might be arranged. For the past few summers such a league has been attracting good crowds at Claremont and it is your reporter's opinion that an equally successful arrangement could be made here. Stouffville could combine with Claremont or could work separately throughout the season with the winners playing off for a trophy. Over at Claremont there are six clubs, Altona, Pine Grove, Mt. Zion, Fourth Line, Greenwood and Claremont. Surely four clubs could be formed here without too much trouble and if necessary the group could expand the following season. Stouffville could easily field a team while Peaches and Cedar Grove are also interested. The teams would comprise strictly local talent and no top-notch imports should be allowed to play. In order to test the strength of the Claremont League, Peaches have made arrangements to play Altona in an exhibition tilt in the near future. Altona is presently well up in the group standing. Now is the time to plan such a group so we may have something to offer next Spring when the softball season rolls around again.

SHAMROCKS FOLD EARLY
Operating a softball team here in Stouffville appears to be a discouraging business. Manager Ted Edwards of the Shamrocks has tried about everything in the book in an effort to build up a competitive club but without too much success. Early in the season five imports from Brooklin were brought in to strengthen the infield and the squad scored as many victories in the first two weeks of the schedule as they have for the past two months. Manager Edwards was criticized by many local sports enthusiasts for not using more home brew talent so the Brooklinites were released from the lineup. Two or three Stouffville and district players were added to the team's roster but the power was gone and the Shamrocks quickly slipped from first place in the league to the cellar. What's the answer? It seems queer that small villages such as Unionville, Thornhill, Buttonville and Agincourt can produce good softball clubs and yet Stouffville with a population of more than 2,000 people cannot pick up a dozen top-notch stars. The Shamrocks have a number of fine ball players on the team but they haven't enough, of them. Such stars as Jack Sumner, Clare Fockler, Johnny Lawrenson, Gord Forgie and Murray Wagg could probably hold down a position on any club in the Markham League but should one or two of these men find it impossible to attend a game then there's no one to fill the gap. Take Jack Sumner off the mound and the team practically falls apart at the seams. Perhaps the trouble lies in the fact that Stouffville has always been a baseball town and is a comparative newcomer to the softball picture. It takes time to build up a smooth-working club. Take Buttonville for instance, and looking into their history you will find that Manager Bill Hood has been directing that squad for around ten years. They have players in their lineup that hardly ever miss a contest and it would be on a rare occasion that a spectator would be pulled from the crowd to fill a position. This has been the case with Stouffville for too many games and it is not good both for the opposing team or the league. Recently Aurora was the visitor here and took the two points by default as the Shamrocks were forced to use too many unsigned players. Later the local club dropped out of the running altogether and failed to finish the schedule. It's quite a headache for the management and very discouraging to the few individuals that enjoy the game. If you know of any Irishmen around the district who can play softball tell them there's a position awaiting them with the Stouffville Shamrocks when next season rolls around.

Sunderland Protests Aired Wed. Night

A special meeting of the Tri-County League has been called for Wednesday night of this week to air a protest lodged by Sunderland against the Stouffville Red Sox. Although the dispute occurred during the final game played here last Thursday night in which the homeesters scored a one-sided 15-2 victory, the visitors claimed a bad call by the official

was responsible for their club's loss. The dispute came after the ball was bobbled by the Stouffville infield and rolled into the crowd. The base runner, Woodward of Sunderland, moved on to third base but the umpire waved him back to second claiming the runner had not reached second base when the ball went out of play. Should Sunderland win the protest the contest will be replayed on either Thursday or Friday night. The protest has no bearing on the Stouffville-Sutton series.

Bob Hassard Drives Red Sox to 3-2 Win Over Sutton in League Finals

Bob Hassard's big bat clipped Sutton's ace hurler Geo. Holborne for a big single in the ninth inning and scored Ted Cadieux from third to give the Stouffville Red Sox a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Lake Simcoe squad on Monday afternoon. It was the first game in a best of five league final. Both clubs were deadlocked 2-2 going into the last inning. Cadieux, Red Sox left fielder, hit safely. Smith grounded out on a fielder's choice and second sacker, Allan Edgar was a strike out victim. Bud Lehman popped out to the first baseman and with two away and a runner on third Bob Hassard came through with his all-important blow. Sutton attempted to pull the contest out of the fire in their final turn at the plate but Lorne Schell mowed them down in order. He fanned pinch-hitter McNeil and Hare on strike.

Bob Hassard opened the scoring for Stouffville in the fourth inning but Sutton roared back with two runs in their half of the inning to take the lead. An error, a single and a double accounted for the runs. Bud Lehman crossed the plate in the eighth to deadlock the score and the Red Sox promptly sewed up the victory in their final turn at bat.

Holborne on the mound for the Green Sox hurled one of his finest games of the season as he struck out eleven, walked two and gave up only six hits. Schell was also very rough on the Sutton batsmen fanning nine, walking one and giving up seven safeties. Holborne apparently found it difficult to pitch to the Red Sox Coach Bob Hassard as he hit the batter on three of the five times he appeared at the plate. Bud Lehman was the only Stouffville batter to get more than one hit. He had one in the fifth and another in the eighth. Allan Edgar, Bob Hassard, Ted Cadieux and Ken Schell connected for the other safe drives out of the infield. Keith Dunn was the only Sutton batter to connect for more than one hit off Schell. He had one in the second and another in the fourth.

Loring Doolittle, Aurora's graduate from the U.S. pro umpire school handled the contest in fine fashion. Hardly a call was questioned throughout the entire game.

Stouffville Girls Bow to Elgin Mills In Semi-Finals

On Thursday night Stouffville girls bowed out of the Markham Twp. League semi-finals as they were blanked 3-0 by Elgin Mills under the floodlights at King City. Despite the fact that the local squad were defeated in two straight games both contests were well played and the score could have gone either way. Elgin Mills took the opener 6-4. Joan Haynes handled the hurling chores for Stouffville in both games with Shirley Jones going the distance for the Yonge Street crew. Elgin Mills will now meet the winner of the Peaches-Agincourt series which has not been completed.

Elgin Mills 6, Stouffville 4
Elgin Mills counted five runs in one inning to hand Stouffville girls a 6-4 setback on Wednesday night in the first game in a best of three semi-final series. Despite the loss the homeesters turned in a fine performance and held the powerful Yonge Street crew off the score sheet for five complete innings. Joan Haynes went the distance for the local squad

Wellington Lodges Protest After Juvenile Series

Wellington Juveniles have lodged a protest with the President of the OBA following their two games series with the Stouffville Cardinals. The protest will be heard at Hamilton. Coaches Geo. Smith and Earl Cook accompanied by referee Len Buckland and Jack Hammersley will represent the local squad at the meeting. Each team is required to put up \$50. The Wellington Management have numerous complaints concerning ground rules, umpires, etc. Stouffville took both games in a decisive manner 10-5 and 8-1. Stouffville are presently standing by, awaiting the winner between Delhi and New Hamburg. Delhi took the opener 10-0.

Hooker Tagged In 18th Inning, Whitby Wins 5-4

Whitby Royals squeezed out a thrilling 5-4 verdict over Brooklin on Friday night after eighteen innings. A single by Turansky with the bases loaded accounted for the vital run. The hit came off relief hurler Jerry Hooker who came into the game in the thirteenth inning when starter Fred Brown could not remain on the mound due to arm fatigue. Wally Samanski worked sixteen innings on the mound for Whitby but was pulled for a pinch hitter. Brooklin led 4-1 in the 16th but Jim Ross off on a 1-1 pitch and lined it into the deep outfield for a three run homer. The game remained deadlocked until the eighteenth when Turansky singled with the bases full.

Oshawa Strila Wins Holiday Soccer Tournery

Oshawa Strila squeezed out a thrilling 2-1 victory over Ajax Dowty's to capture the Art Latcham trophy and \$150 in prize money in a big holiday soccer tournament held in the Stouffville Park on Monday. A sudden death overtime goal after only four minutes of play gave the victory to the Motor City crew. Ajax received \$125. In the first round Oshawa Polonia downed Claremont 4-2 and Ajax Bequicks defeated Whitby 3-2. Ajax Dowty's scored a 3-1 win over Oshawa Duplate. In the semi-final round Oshawa Strila blanked Oshawa Polonia 2-0 and Ajax Dowty's downed Ajax Bequicks 3-1. In the consolation series Whitby defeated Claremont 3-1 and in the Consolation finals Whitby scored a 4-2 win over Oshawa Duplate. Five hundred dollars in prize money was presented to the participants. The final contest of the evening attracted a large crowd.

with Shirley Jones handling the hurling chores for the visitors.

A walk, a double, a triple and two errors allowed Elgin Mills to score five runs in the fifth. The visitors' third baseman Mae Spires belted a triple into deep centre field and although Helen Paisley came within an ace of pulling it down the ball slipped from her outstretched glove.

Stouffville rallied for three runs in their half of the fifth and added another in the seventh. Elgin Mills also counted one run in the final inning.

In the fifth, Pat Skinner and Peggy White were strike out victims but Joan Haynes was safe on an error at third. Gertrude Drewery drew a walk and Barb Hare scored a run when her fly ball was dropped by the left fielder. Helen Paisley rolled a grounder through the mound and two more runners romped home. She was left stranded when Helen Lemon lined to Rena Morrison at second base.

In the seventh, the Elgin Mills' leadoff batter Mary Sanderson flied to pitcher Joan Haynes and their clean-up slugger Irene Mashinter belted the ball into the waiting glove of leftfielder Barb Hare. Former Senior star Mae Spires drove the ball into deep left field for a home run to sew up the contest. First baseman Esther Topp was thrown out second to first to retire the side.

The local squad could squeeze but one run across the plate in their final turn at bat although they connected for three base hits. Peggy White, Gertrude Drewery and Helen Paisley singled. The front runner scored but two were left on the base paths.

Trounce Sunderland To Enter Finals

Stouffville Red Sox advanced into the Tri-County League finals on Thursday night of last week as they soundly trounced Sunderland 15-2. A large crowd was on hand for the rubber game of the series. Each club had previously scored a victory on their home grounds. Lorne Schell went the distance for the winners and allowed seven hits in the nine inning affair. Stouffville clipped three Sunderland hurlers for twelve safeties. Red Sox' clean up slugger, Ken Schell, came through with a key hit in the one-sided game, a single with the bases loaded.

Brougham Downs Escott 7-1

Bob Miller, Brougham's powerful moundsman, hurled his squad to a 7-1 win over Escott in a game played under the lights at Gananogue on Saturday evening. The game was not as one-sided as the score might indicate as both teams were deadlocked 1-1 at the end of the seventh. In the remaining innings the Bombers struck hard and scored six runs. Miller allowed but five hits in the nine inning game. The return contest is scheduled for Pickering on Saturday night.

On Thursday night of last week Brougham edged Edgar 2-1 to sweep the series in two straight. All the runs were unearned.

If Brougham can come through with a win on Saturday night they will advance into the Intermediate "D" semi-finals. They are the defending Champions.

8 Ducks Each Day Still Legal Limit

Hunters will be allowed to bag eight ducks each day in Ontario this season, Lands and Forests Minister Mapledorum announced.

It is the same limit as last year. This bag limit does not include mergansers, and may not include more than one wood duck, the minister said. The limit for geese is five a day.

Open season in the northern regions this year is Sept. 15 to Dec. 15; in the central region, Sept. 18 to Dec. 15; and in the southern district, Oct. 2 to Dec. 15, except for Essex County where the open season for geese is Oct. 2 to Dec. 31.

O'Neill Tames Buttonville with 2-Hit Shutout

Markham's pitcher Peg O'Neill blanked the powerful Buttonville Sluggers 6-0 on Thursday night with a sparkling two-hit performance. He fanned fifteen batters. The victory for the Aces practically assured the Markhamites of second place in the league standing. If the positions remain unchanged, Markham will meet Aurora in the semi-final round while Buttonville will battle Agincourt.

Markham jumped into a 2-0 lead in the third innings when Morley Petch clubbed a three-bagger into the deep outfield with two mates aboard. Harry Young returned to the Aces' lineup and clouted a double into centre field.

Buttonville completed the only double play of the game. Bob Petch grounded to second sacker Geo. Stark who stepped on the bag for one and hurled to Ronnie Bell at first to beat the runner by a step. Chick Webster, another Stouffville Clipper star who has lined up with Bill Hood's squad entered the game in the eighth inning as a pinch-hitter and connected for the best Buttonville hit of the game, a triple inside the right field foul line but he failed to tag first base and was called out. Gord Lewis, another Buttonville recruit was tossed into the contest in the late innings but was a strikeout victim.

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