



This week the Markham Twp. Softball Finals will bring together two of the most colorful clubs in the group, Buttonville Sluggers and Markham Aces. Both teams have some fine players in their lineups and we only hope the officials are on their toes or the contests could develop into an umpire's nightmare. These boys play for keeps and one minor slip-up in the rules could bring the wrath of either team on the official's head. The teams are well matched and the series might well develop into a battle of pitchers. On the mound Markham have a slight edge in starter Peg O'Neill but should either club find it necessary to throw in a relief hurler I would say that the Sluggers are definitely the stronger. Both Jack Rummy and Ab Townsend should be able to best Markham's "Red" Fleming in a replacement role. Both teams have top-notch catchers in Bert Baker for Buttonville and Bob Petch of Markham. Markham have a few more substitutes on their roster for pinch-hitting purposes. Coaches Doug James of Markham and Bill Hood of Buttonville carry into the series a wealth of soft ball knowledge. It was back in 1951 that the two teams squared off in the playoffs. Buttonville were the winners four games to two.

BOB HASSARD STARS AT HAWK CAMP
Bob Hassard, local baseball and hockey star obtained by the Chicago Black Hawks last Spring from Toronto Maple Leafs is literally burning up the ice at the Hawk training camp. Coach Frankie Eddolls is basing his hopes for a contending club on Hassard, Sullivan and McCormack. The trio may perform on a line. Geo. Sullivan let the American Hockey League in scoring last season while with the Hershey Bears and McCormack moved to Chicago from Montreal in the NHL draft. Hassard has been trying out at both centre and left wing positions.

MIXING UP THE SEASONS
A few years ago here in Stouffville the hockey and skating season extended from mid-December to early March and baseball commenced in May and ended in September, but not any more. Now both sports overlap. Probably for the first time in Stouffville some members of the Stouffville Clippers will be playing hockey one night and playing ball on the following evening. Such players as Geo. Stark, Ronnie Bell, Gord Lewis, Don McIntosh, Poily Minton and Bert Baker took part in their first hockey practice in the Arena on Monday evening and then played in a softball final on Tuesday night. First thing you know some of these men will be walking out on the ice with spikes and baseball bat instead of skates and hockey stick.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT MARKHAM FAIR
Despite the damp weather that prevailed at Markham Fair on Friday and Saturday there were a number of sports highlights that were feature attractions for the thousands that attended the annual show. The muddy race track may have slowed the horse races down but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd when the well-known Mitchell ponies of Markham circled the one-half mile raceway. The riderless pony was loudly acclaimed for its fine performance. At one side of the grounds horse shoe pitching enthusiasts were engaged in a bitter battle while inside the arena building hundreds stood and watched the World Series on Chas. Cooper's TV display. On the midway there was also a fine sports feature as the motorcycle riders performed inside a wooden drum with a hair-raising trick riding stunt. For those who wished to enjoy a more relaxed form of entertainment there was the suspense-packed checker game taking place on the west end of the main building. Whether it be horseback riding or checkers, sports will always have a place at Markham Fair.

COMMUNITY LEAGUES PLAY FINE BALL
Whether you call it a bush league, community league, or anything else, the brand of ball played by teams in the Claremont League is tops for excitement and (good-natured) rivalry. During the recent playoff finals between Pine Grove and Altona, the tension has been terrific. Usually at this time of year the softball crowds dwindle down to a few bench-warmers, but not so in this flourishing league. On Monday night of last week, despite the chilly weather, the attendance was good, and on Friday night the bleacher seats were filled with many standing along the sidelines. The crowd was not disappointed as both teams came up with a fine exhibition. In the two games only three runs separated the clubs. What makes this league such a thriving organization? It's because every player is a local resident, an ordinary fellow who likes to play ball. These players are not stars by any means but they put every ounce of their ability into the game and that's all that is expected of them. Sure there are errors in the game but that only adds to the excitement. This group has produced a number of top-notch pitchers. Such moundmen as Murray Johnson, Bill Towner, Mill Harwood, Grant Carson, Merv Bunker, Morley Luke and some others have served up some fine ball games throughout the entire schedule. It's a good softball setup that seems to increase in popularity with every season.

DISAPPOINTMENTS OF THE YEAR
If a public opinion poll was taken to determine the year's greatest disappointments in sport no doubt the results would be classed under two main headings: 1. The Cleveland Indians. 2. The Toronto Maple Leaf Baseball Club. The suddenness of Toronto's exit from the International League playoff semi-finals no doubt has the rabid fans of the Queen City still wondering if it can all be true. The Leafs were some eight games in front of their closest rivals at the close of the regular schedule and were solid favorites to sweep through the finals into the Little World Series. What happened? The pride and joy of Toronto lost out to Syracuse, a team that was thought unlikely to even get into the playoffs let alone knock off the favorites. Even more disappointing was the showing made by the Cleveland Indians. The Giants, like the Syracuse Chiefs, were underdogs in the series, but they upset the opinion of the experts and went on to score a decisive sweep of the four games. Those who have listened to Jimmy Dudley and his innings by innings broadcast of the Cleveland games throughout the schedule must feel that the Indians didn't produce the kind of ball in the World Series that they did during the regular season. A team must be good to win 111 games. If Cleveland's World Series play was their best effort then the National League certainly has a big bulge over their American League cousins. Being a pro-Cleveland fan I felt like thousands of other Indian boosters, that they had let their supporters down with a mediocre performance. Perhaps the disappointment of all was the fact that everybody's pride and joy Bob Feller wasn't given a chance to win his first World Series contest. Certainly he could have done no worse than some of the pitchers they did use, namely Mike Garcia and Hal Newhouser. Oh well we can always sit through another 150 games in hopes that the Indians may once again get another crack at the Title next year.

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Clippers Out for Initial Warmup

A number of newcomers were among the players who turned out to the initial practice session of the Stouffville Clippers in the Arena on Monday evening. The trio of Ken Sinclair, Gord Boniface and Ken Brankston who performed with Leaside last season were on the ice for a work-out. Billy Chard, formerly with Ravina Flyers, Merv Brewer with St. Catharines and Barrie and goaltender Tuffy Mae were also among the new recruits. One player from Galt Jr. A team and two from Brampton's Jr. B squad were among the try-outs.

Former Clippers who took part in the clubs' practice opener were Geo. Stark, Don McIntosh, Bert Baker, Bud Lehman, Jack Rhodes and Ronnie Bell. The practice will be held on Thursday night.

The schedule for the forthcoming season has been drawn up. One more club may be added to the group. Stouffville's home games will all be played on Saturday nights.

High School Girls Beat Agincourt 15-1

On Thursday afternoon, Stouffville High School girls proved too strong for Agincourt as they whipped their rivals 15-1 in the local park. The contest went five innings. Barb Hare was the power batter for Stouffville as she connected for a double, triple and home run. She also handled the mound chores for the winners with Marg Smith completing the battery. Jane Cook, Helen Lemont, Carolyn Haynes and Joyce Byers also connected for good hits.

Stouffville Lions League To Start On October 16th

The Stouffville Lions League will commence its hockey activity on Saturday, Oct. 16th. The hours will extend from 12 o'clock noon to 4 p.m. The boys are asked to bring their own hockey equipment. All boys under 13 years of age before Aug. 1st will be eligible to play. On the opening Saturday the names and ages will be written down by the coaches and the boys will be divided into teams. A number of practice sessions will be held before the regular schedule is drawn up.

GREENWOOD

Congratulations to Nelson and Mrs. Cole on the arrival of a young son on Sept. 25.

A number from here were at Markham Fair last Saturday despite the inclement weather.

This Sunday morning, the 10th a baptism will be held during the church service at 11:30 o'clock.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. F. Gibson's condition in the hospital is not too good. We hope she may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Byers attended the wedding of Barkley-Burroughs in the Brooklin United Church last Saturday afternoon.

The choir journeyed to Dunbarton last Sunday night to assist with the service there.

The afternoon W.A. will meet in the basement of the church on Oct. 14th.

Mr. P. Clarke's new house is progressing nicely on No. 77 highway east of park.

Mrs. E. Lager and Amy were visitors at the Stanley Byers home recently.

Mrs. E. Perkins hasn't been feeling her best lately. We hope she may soon be well again.

Claremont Enters Soccer Finals

The Claremont Legionnaires, underdogs at the start of the soccer playoffs, are now battling for the Ontario County Championship. The first game will be played in Claremont on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the first round of the playoffs the local squad knocked off the powerful Oshawa Polonias and then proceeded to eliminate Whitby from further competition. They now meet Oshawa Strila for the silverware.

On Saturday afternoon of last week the Legionnaires blanked Whitby 3-0. Billy Cain, Billy Skelton and Joe Kernohan were the Claremont goal scorers. A large crowd is expected to attend this game.

One Ball Player Breaks Ankle - Another, His Rib

Two members of the Altona Softball Club suffered injuries last week during a playoff game with Pine Grove.

Bob Stover, short stop with the team was helped off the field on Friday night when he collided with a Pine Grove base runner. It was later discovered that he had a broken ankle. Mel McNeill also suffered two broken ribs following a collision at first base. Both players were unable to play in the final contest on Monday night. Bob Stover attended the game on crutches.

The wet weather seems to hold up the farmers these days with their silo filling and various other work.

Mr. and Mrs. Pegg were Oshawa visitors last Saturday.

BALLANTRAE

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Workman, Ballantrae, recently were Mr. and Mrs. T. Frew, Mr. and Mrs. D. Elliott, Miss A. Elliott, and Mr. Don Hitchcock of Toronto.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin and Derick, North Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. McDermott and Heather were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Workman.

The average man eats more than the average woman, according to statistics—and figures.

Altona Captures League Title in Three Straight

Altona are the new Claremont Community League Champions. On Monday night they defeated Pine Grove 15-9 to capture the coveted silverware in three straight games. It marked the second time in three years that Altona have walked off with the honors. Greenwood were group winners last season.

On Friday evening a good crowd was on hand to see the two clubs wage a bitter battle that didn't end until the switch was pulled on the floodlights. Pine Grove were leading 11-8 when Altona came to bat in the bottom half of the ninth inning. Lead-off batter Cliff Dunkeld raced to first on a dropped third strike and although Pine Grove argued that the batter had been tagged before he left the plate the umpire disagreed. Two errors to the Pine Grove first baseman put Grant Drevrey and Merv Bunker on base and allowed one run to score. With Pine Grove leading 11-9 Murray Johnson and Don Davis were strike out victims. Glenn Byers' fly ball was dropped and another run romped home. Bruce McDowell singled scoring Bunker and Byers with the tying and winning runs. The Pine Grove Manager and players protested the base official's ruling on the final play of the game but all arguments could not alter the score of the game.

Altona jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a double by Bruce McDowell and a single by Jim Prentice. They added three runs in the second when Murray Johnson walked, Glen Byers tripled and Jim Prentice singled.

Pine Grove came back in the third inning to score four runs. Two walks, a hit batter, a single by G. Evans and a single by Cain accounted for the four runs. Altona made it 8-4 in their half of the third inning. Grant Drevrey tripled, Don Davis walked, Glenn Byers doubled and Bruce McDowell singled. Although Drevrey was tagged out at home, three other runners crossed the plate.

Pine Grove staged a big rally in the eighth inning and scored five runs. It was during this inning that Altona's fine short stop Bob Stover collided with a Pine Grove base-runner at second on an attempted pick-off play and the Altona player suffered a broken ankle. Three singles, three walks and an error gave Pine Grove a three run advantage. Cain, Ashenhurst and Houghland were the big guns in the Pine Grove attack. Altona went down in one, two, three order in their half of the eighth as McDowell flied to centre field, Prentice grounded out third to first and Fretz bounced out second to first. Pine Grove threatened to lengthen their lead in the top of the ninth but Cliff Dunkeld put out the fire with a single-handed double play. With one out and Armstrong on first, lead-off batter Bill Harwood lined to Dunkeld who stepped on second for the only double play of the game. The big blow-up came in the ninth when Altona squeezed in four runs to win the game 12-11. Bruce McDowell and Glenn

Cardinals Entertained, Plan Junior Entry in '55

"If all our players stick together we should be able to field a Junior baseball entry next season," stated Coach Geo. Smith following a banquet dinner presented to the Management and players of the Stouffville Cardinal Baseball Club on Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters, proprietors of the Mayfair Restaurant. Every player on the team was present with the exception of Ted Malloy who could not attend. Seated at the head table were Messrs Fred and Ernie Buton, Coaches Earl Cook and Geo. Smith, Sec. Jack Hammersley, Manager Ken Wag and your sports reporter, Mr. Fred Buton acted as Master of Ceremonies. Presentations were made to the two coaches and to the boy, Sandy Smith. Mr. Jack Hammersley thanked Mr. and Mrs. Walters for the bountiful repast.

Mr. Walters, one of Stouffville's most enthusiastic sports promoters, said that Stouffville was one of the finest sports towns in Ontario. He mentioned a number of the up-to-date facilities in the Memorial Park which were available entirely through the generosity of Mr. Arthur Latcham. Mr. Latcham was not able to attend the gathering. Mr. Walters stated that teams in a large city become "lost in the shuffle" but this was not the case in a town the size of Stouffville.

"There is a need for schools and churches in a town but there is also a need for well-organized sport," he said.

Captain Dave Hammersley of the Cardinals thanked Coaches Earl Cook and Geo. Smith for their assistance during the season and speaking on behalf of the club he said he hoped both men would carry on again when another season rolled around.

Coach Geo. Smith pointed out two possible decisions that many of the players would have to decide upon for another season. He said that those who were over-age for Juvenile ball could either play with the Red Sox in Intermediate competition or remain intact and form a Junior squad.

Coach Earl Cook said he was pleased with the progress made by many of the players since the start of the season. He mentioned Dave Hammersley, Don Haynes, Harold Hodgson and Graham Frisby as examples of a few who had come a long way since Spring. Following the dinner and presentations Mr. Roy Heaton entertained the gathering, with a number of vocal and instrumental selections.

Byers were the key men in Altona's victory on Monday night. Byers hammered out two round trippers and McDowell connected for one circuit clout. Mel McNeill who suffered two broken ribs in a previous game and Bob Stover were unable to play. Jim Prentice was also on the sick list but he lined up with the team for the all-important game.

Pine Grove led 5-2 going into the fifth inning but Altona rallied with four runs in the fifth, five in the sixth, three in the seventh and one in the ninth. Cliff Dunkeld, filling in for the injured Bob Stover, worked the Pine Grove pitchers for five walks in six trips to the plate. He counted four runs. At the conclusion of the game, Championship crests were presented to the winners. The trophy will appear in Golden's Clothing Store window later this week.

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