



**FIRSTS OF THE SEASON**

The first ball game of the season was played in the Stouffville Park on Thursday night of last week. Buttonville played the first game of the schedule here against Aurora since the opener on Tuesday was called off. Grant Winters was the first man to plate for Aurora and Geo. Stark of Buttonville committed the first error on his ground ball. Dawson of Aurora connected for the first safe hit and McDonald drove in the first run with a double. Stephenson was the first Aurora strike-out victim. Polly Minton worked hurler Norm Stunden for the first walk of the season and came on to score the first Buttonville run. Minton was given a free base when clipped by the first wild pitch and Jack Sumner connected for Buttonville's first safe hit in the fourth inning. Clare Fockler drove in Buttonville's first earned run with a Texas League single and Jack Rummey was the first player to round the sacks on a three base error. Ronnie Bell pulled off the first sensational catch of the season at first base and Geo. Stark smashed the first triple of the season into deep centre field. Bud Watson of the Sluggers beat out the first bunt and Buttonville attempted the first double play of the schedule. Jim Greenslade of Aurora was the first injury victim and the first game had to be called in the ninth inning. Jack Rummey pitching his first game on the mound for the homesters fanned nine batters. Stunden for Aurora fanned five. Len Buckland of Stouffville umpired his first official game of the schedule.

**A WILL TO WIN**

Eight months ago, Nancy Reid of Ringwood, a student at the Stouffville District High School suffered a serious back injury while performing with the local cheerleaders. Following the mishap Nancy was confined to bed and was unable to walk or move about. Her physician advised her not to take an active part in athletics again. At the High School field meet held recently Nancy Reid captured the Senior Girls' Championship.

Although Nancy didn't take part in the most difficult events she scored a total of eleven points out of a possible twelve with three firsts and one second.

Such a feat is equal to any story book tale. Eight months ago her athletic career was supposedly ended, today she's a champion.

What are Nancy's reactions to capturing the coveted senior silverware? She says she can't believe it's true but added modestly "some of the other girls deserved it more than I." A former student at Scarboro Collegiate, Nancy has never before won a championship.

**UNIONVILLE NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duffield spent the weekend with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Toronto.

We are pleased to report Mrs. Pollard is improving after her fall, and is able to be out of the hospital. She is convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Grace Nicol in Belleville, Ont.

Mrs. Peacock spent a few days this week visiting in Stouffville.

The Tulp Show of Unionville Horticultural Society was held in the United Church basement on Wednesday night. The Judges, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilson of Willowdale, were also the speakers of the evening. Mr. Wilson spoke briefly on the specimens which he judged and Mrs. Wilson on the arrangements which she judged. They showed illustrated pictures of roses and other varieties which were mostly

grown in their own garden. Mrs. Wilson, who is a past president of the Ontario Society, also an accredited judge of the American Rose Society, showed pictures of some of the roses with which she had won honorable prizes at the Rose Garden Convention in Washington in 1951, as well as prize winners in Ohio and Syracuse. She spoke on many different ways of arranging displays and suggested accepting tulips as grown and arranging them in their own color groups, and recommended having too few rather than overcrowding a display. Mrs. Wilson gave names of all roses shown and answered many questions. Mr. Leslie Miller thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for a fine evening's entertainment. The president made an announcement of a flower show to be held in Headford United

**Irish Matman Subdued by German Giant**

Baron Von Sieber continued his winning ways last Friday night at the Stouffville Arena as he toppled Irish Jack Phelan two out of three falls to take the verdict in the feature attraction. The Baron featured some terrific wrestling mixed up with a lot of dirty tricks to subdue the mad Irishman who gave a good account of himself.

In the Semi Final, Stoney Brooks, that very popular local favorite, tangled with his old enemy, Jack Flicker of Aurora. The fans were in a constant uproar from start to finish. A few more matches like this one and the promoters should be packing them in. Flicker aroused the ire of the fans with his rough-house tactics but Brooks retaliated back, blow for blow. At one point of the match they were bouncing each other about like rubber balls, and when Stoney was declared the winner, the fans gave him a terrific hand. In the opening bout Hal Van Dyke rough and ready Dutchman, won over Joe Greenfield via the disqualification route. The dutchman was much the rougher of the two wrestlers but he managed to hide it from the referee much of the time. The fans in the Stouffville area who have not attended the first few bouts here are missing some real thrills.

Things might be worse. Suppose your errors were tabulated and published like those of a ball player.

Church on June 3rd by the W.A., at which Dr. Chandler will be the guest speaker. Prizes were as follows: Darwin Tulip: Mrs. J. Weir, Mrs. I. Middleton, Mrs. E. Caseley, 3 Darwin Tulips; Mrs. Caseley, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Weir. Breeder Tulip: Mrs. Caseley, Mrs. Weir, Miss Dillman, 3 Breeder Tulips; Mrs. Weir, Mrs. G. Ogden, Mr. J. Weir. Cottage Tulip: Mrs. G. Carey, Mrs. F. Barker, Mrs. Hord, 3 Cottage Tulips; Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Noad, Mrs. E. Caseley, Flowered Lily Tulip: Mr. J. MacLaren, Mrs. J. Weir, 3 Flowered Lilies; Mrs. F. Barker, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Weir. Parrot: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. MacLaren, Mr. MacLaren, 3 Parrots; Mrs. Caseley, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Hord, Double: Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Ogden, Jas. Weir, 3 Double; Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Ogden, Jas. Weir, A.O.V.: Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Noad, 3 A.O.V.; Mrs. G. Ogden, Mrs. Weir, Mr. Weir. Collection of 12 Tulips, no less than 3 varieties; Mrs. G. Ogden, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Weir. Best tulip in show: Mrs. F. Barker. Narcissus winners: Indiv.: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Noad, Three: Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Caseley, Miss Dillman. Clusters: Mrs. Barker, Mr. MacLaren, Indiv. Daffodil: Mrs. Barker, Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Weir, 3 Daffodil; Mrs. Weir, 3rd. Lilac Panicle: Mrs. N. Ogden, Mrs. G. Ogden, Mrs. Hord, Double, 1 Panicle; Mrs. N. Ogden, A.O.V. Shrub: Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Middleton, A.O.V. Shrub, 3 or more; Mrs. W. H. McCowan, Mrs. N. Ogden, Lily of Valley:

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**Claremont Comm. League**

- 1st Schedule, 1955
- May 20—Altona vs Mt. Zion
- Claremont vs Peaches
- May 24—Greenwood vs Fourth
- Mt. Zion vs Claremont
- May 27—Peaches vs Greenwood
- Fourth vs Altona
- May 30—Fourth vs Mt. Zion

**Player Injured, Softball Opening Game Halted**

With Buttonville leading 11-7 in the top half of the ninth inning, Aurora player Jim Greenslade suffered a painful injury to a muscle in his back and had to be carried from the field on a stretcher. Upon instructions from Dr. G. F. Buckley, the injured man was taken to the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital and released following x-ray treatment. The mishap occurred with Aurora at bat and two men out. Greenslade was parked on second and on attempting to steal third base he twisted his back and fell to the ground. The contest was halted and will be completed at a later date.

Thursday night's game was a see-saw thriller and in spite of the cool weather and tight muscles, the two teams displayed good form. Buttonville hurler Jack Rummey was clipped for five runs on three hits in the first inning but he settled down and limited the Aurora batsmen to seven safeties in the remaining seven innings. Rival moundsman, Norm Stunden, had a no-hitter working until the fourth when he was nicked for two hits and four runs. He allowed two hits in each of the sixth, seventh and eighth innings. Stunden gave up two walks and struck out five Buttonville batters. Rummey fanned nine men and walked three.

Aurora took a big five run lead in the first inning. McDonald and Greenslade tagged Rummey for a double and home run respectively and it appeared likely that the visitors would make a runaway of the game. Buttonville, however, playing their old typical style of ball, kept chewing away at the Aurora lead until they themselves

were in the driver's seat. Polly Minton scored the first run for the Sluggers early in the contest and Jack Sumner, Jack Watson, Clare Fockler and Jack Rummey came through with timely hits in the fourth to pull back into contention. Down two runs in the sixth Jack Sumner reached first on an error and Jack Watson walked. Short stop Geo. Stark singled to tie up the game and Clare Fockler hit safely. Jack Rummey was a strike-out victim but the catcher dropped the ball and all hands were safe. Stark sneaked home on the play. Bud Watson popped to short, Minton struck out and Webster grounded out to the first baseman. Buttonville added another run in the seventh as Jack Watson romped home on Geo. Stark's hard hit triple into centre field. Leading 9-7 going into the eighth inning, Jack Rummey was safe on an error and Bud Watson beat out a bunt. With two out, Ronnie Bell connected for a double, driving Watson and Rummey across the plate to run the score into the double figures.

It was in the top half of the ninth-inning with two out and a runner on second that the first injury of the young season occurred to Aurora's Jim Greenslade.

Clare Fockler and Geo. Stark were the most potent Buttonville batters. Fockler tapped out two singles while Stark slammed a triple and a single. Ronnie Bell clouted a two bagger while Bud Watson, Jack Sumner and Jack Watson clipped the Aurora southpaw for singles. Jim Greenslade was one of the best for the Yonge Street crew with a home run and single.

**Claremont and Mt. Zion Score Opening Wins**

Mt. Zion and Claremont squeezed out victories with identical 5-4 scores over Altona and Peaches on Friday night in the opening games of the Claremont Community League schedule.

In the first game, Mt. Zion pitcher Grant Carson bested Altona's Murray Johnson. The winners staged a sensational five-run rally in the last inning to pull their win out of the fire. Johnson was pulled in favor of McDowell, a new American style hurler, who completed the contest. Bob Haines, a former outfielder with the Markham ace, completed the Altona battery. The game was called at nine o'clock in order that the second half of the double header might get underway.

In the Peaches-Claremont contest, righthanders Bill Townner and Lloyd Pascoe combined to pitch the latter squad to a 5-1 victory. Both clubs were deadlocked 2-2 when the whirl-

wind speedballer entered the game and with the exception of the sixth inning he held Peaches off the score sheet. Bruce Middleton turned in a fine performance on the mound for Peaches. He also had a good night at the plate connecting for two hits in three trips, one a four bagger into deep centre field. Gord Lewis, a solid hit into left field, which was good for three bases and drove in a run.

Evans, Gauslin, Bishop, Hall and Redshaw counted the Claremont runs. Earl Brooks, Bruce Middleton, Gord Lewis and Wilf Lawrenson rounded the sacks for Peaches. Gauslin and Gerome called the signs behind the plate for Claremont. D. Thomas completed the Peaches battery.

On Friday night Peaches battle Greenwood in the first game, while the Fourth Line take on Altona. On Monday the Fourth Line will meet Mt. Zion in the opener while Greenwood will play host to Altona.

- Altona vs Greenwood June 3—
- Claremont vs Fourth Mt. Zion vs Peaches June 6—
- Peaches vs Altona Greenwood vs Claremont June 10—
- Claremont vs Altona Fourth vs Peaches June 13—
- Greenwood vs Mt. Zion Peaches vs Fourth June 17—
- Altona vs Claremont Mt. Zion vs Greenwood June 20—

- Mt. Zion vs Fourth Altona vs Peaches June 24—
- Claremont vs Mt. Zion Greenwood vs Altona June 27—
- Peaches vs Claremont Fourth vs Greenwood July 1—
- Claremont vs Greenwood Mt. Zion vs Altona July 4—
- Altona vs Fourth Peaches vs Mt. Zion July 8—
- Greenwood vs Peaches Fourth vs Claremont

**Tri-County Ball Dates Issued**

- Fri. May 27—Stouffville at Sunderland
- Sat. May 28—Newmarket at Lindsay
- Mon. May 30—Port Perry at Stouffville
- Fri. June 3—Stouffville at Port Perry
- Sat. June 4—Lindsay at Newmarket
- Mon. June 6—Sunderland at Lindsay
- Fri. June 10—Lindsay at Sunderland
- Stouffville at Newmarket
- Mon. June 13—Newmarket at Stouffville
- Wed. June 15—Sunderland at Port Perry
- Fri. June 17—Port Perry at Sunderland
- Mon. June 20—Stouffville at Lindsay
- Wed. June 22—Newmarket at Port Perry
- Fri. June 24—Sunderland at Newmarket
- Mon. June 27—Lindsay at Stouffville
- Wed. June 29—Newmarket at Sunderland
- Sat. July 2—Port Perry at Newmarket
- Mon. July 4—Sunderland at Stouffville
- Port Perry at Lindsay
- Wed. July 6—Lindsay at Port Perry
- Fri. July 8—Stouffville at Sunderland
- Sat. July 9—Newmarket at Lindsay
- Mon. July 11—Port Perry at Stouffville
- Wed. July 13—Stouffville at Port Perry
- Lindsay at Newmarket
- Mon. July 18—Sunderland at Lindsay
- Newmarket at Stouffville
- Fri. July 22—Lindsay at Sunderland
- Wed. July 27—Sunderland at Port Perry
- Fri. July 29—Stouffville at Newmarket
- Port Perry at Sunderland
- Mon. August 1—Stouffville at Lindsay
- Wed. August 3—Newmarket at Port Perry
- Fri. August 5—Sunderland at Newmarket
- Mon. August 8—Lindsay at Stouffville
- Wed. August 10—Newmarket at Sunderland
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