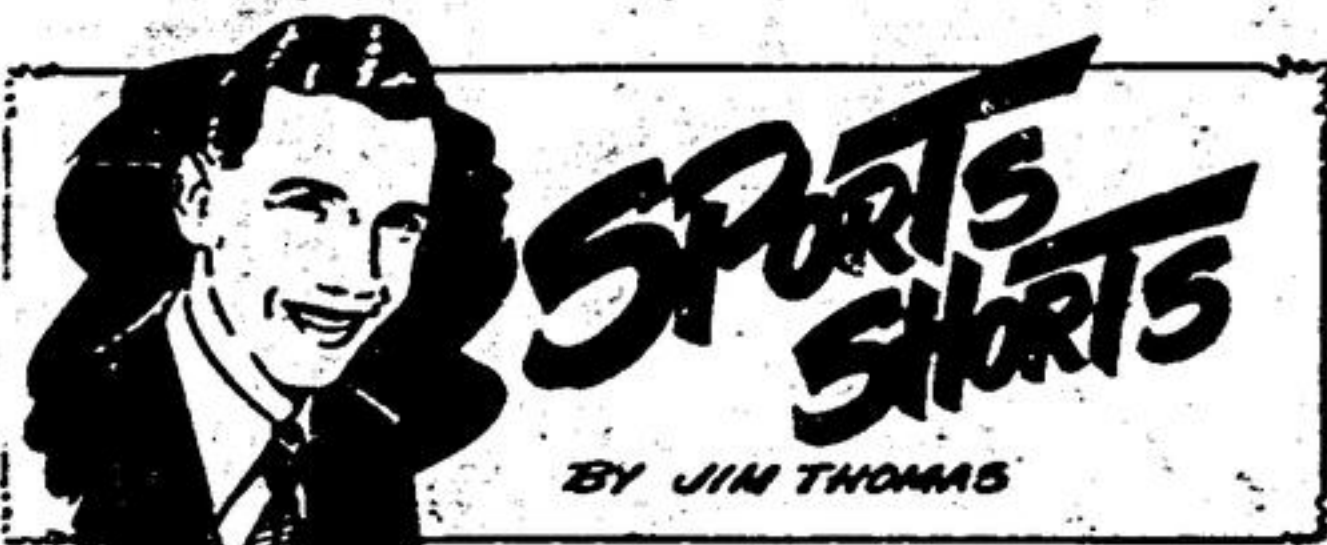


Players Tangle in Free-for-All at Claremont Ball Game



A SOUND INVESTMENT

On Saturday night, your reporter was one of about one thousand passengers who took a jaunt across Lake Ontario aboard the Cayuga. A couple of years ago, the moonlight excursions from Toronto to Queenston were discontinued due to a lack of patronage. Since that time however shares have been put on the market and found ready sale. Now the Cayuga is riding the waves again and business is booming. No doubt the price of shares has increased ten fold. Why has the five hour cruise become so popular? I don't exactly know. Some people like boats, others just like to be around the water, while others just want to cool off from our present ninety degree heat wave. There must be some sound reasoning for the Cayuga's sudden gain in popularity.

A CLOSE RACE

A close race is developing in the American League this season. At the present time, the Yankees hold a slight edge with Chicago and Cleveland right on their heels. Which is your choice for the pennant this year? "Shine" Davis, well-known baseball authority in Stouffville believes it will be a toss-up between the Indians and the White Sox for the coveted honor of representing the A.L. in the World Series. He bases his selection on the pitching strength of the three top contenders and feels that the New Yorkers are weak in this important department. Your reporter is a rabid Cleveland supporter so from here on in I'll just sit with my fingers crossed and hope for the best.

A PERFECT GAME

No-hitters are becoming common in the Markham Twp. Softball League. So far this season four pitchers have hurled no-hit games which is indeed a fine feat. Norm Stouden of Aurora, Bill Bowen of Thornhill, Jim Dawe of Agincourt and Bill Ancorn also of Agincourt. The latter mound star accomplished something that is certainly a credit to his pitching skill. In nine complete innings he faced only 27 batters. He allowed no runs, no hits and no walks. His team backed him up with errorless ball. The game was played in Aurora and the Tigers were blanked 11-0. Adding to his rare performance, Ancorn struck out fourteen Aurora batsmen. This Markham Softball League seems to improve every year.

FIGHT NIGHT

I wonder how many of us have watched fights on TV every Friday night. On Friday night of last week spectators in the Stouffville and Claremont ball parks witnessed more fighting spirit than one will ever see on a television screen. At the local park in a Junior baseball contest a real free-for-all broke out when the Stouffville base runner spiked the first sacker of the visitors. The catcher, seeing the play, dropped his glove and tackled the batter. A real wrestling match followed and both men were tossed out of the game. According to reports, the Stouffville management has scratched the player's name off the roster, which would indicate that they feel the injury was deliberate.

Over at Claremont another brawl broke out in a game between Greenwood and Altona. The two combatants were Cliff Dunkeld of Altona and Don Linton of Greenwood. They were separated however before too much damage was done. According to the league management it is the first time any team members have actually come to blows although there have been numerous heated arguments during games in previous seasons.

MANAGEMENT CONFIDENT

The management of the Stouffville Red Sox is confident that the local squad can come through and retain the Tri-County League crown for another year. At the present time, the homesters are lodged on the third rung behind Lindsay and Sunderland and ahead of Port Perry and Newmarket.

"We have the pitching strength now so I think our chances are good," stated Manager Ted Cadieux. Lanky Stan Miller, whose fastball literally burned up the Tri-County League a few years ago is returning to his old form and should be in top shape when the playoffs roll around. Lorne Schell, always a tough customer with the opposition will continue to get his share of mound work. The Red Sox have a home and home set with Lindsay and a single contest at Newmarket before the schedule closes. The outcome of these games will have a definite bearing on who the homesters will meet in the playoff semi-finals which will commence around the latter part of August.

Aurora is trying desperately to catch a spot in the Markham Twp. Softball League playoffs. Playing both baseball and softball is blamed for the current hitting slump of three leading lights, Hal Stephenson, Grant Winters and Earl McDonald. The trio also performs with the Newmarket County Towners in the Tri-County circuit.

The blitz sponsored by the Stouffville Cardinals on Saturday night was well attended. It is believed the boys realized enough money to bring them out of the red. The booth in the local park has been doing a booming business, especially during the warm nights of last week. According to reports, the Port Perry Intermediate Hockey Club lost money after everything was settled at the conclusion of last season's activities. Jim Dawe and his hustling Agincourt Fleetlineers will be in town on Thursday night for a softball encounter with Jack Watson's Buttonville Sluggers. Should be a fine contest. The management of the Newmarket baseball club is hoping to gain the services of Norm Stouden, currently handling the mound chores for his home town Aurora softballers. The agile athlete is able to pitch, play first base or outfield and would be a valuable asset to the County Town crew as they strive for a playoff berth. Grant Drewry, catcher and clean-up slugger with Altona in the Claremont Community League clouted one of the longest home-run balls of the season on Friday night of last week. The four-bagger was clipped from the offerings of Greenwood righthander Bill Brent. Keep in mind the big Blngo to be held in the local Arena on Saturday night of this week. It is being sponsored by the Stouffville Red Sox. Sunderland, Port Perry and Lindsay are scheduled to take part in a holiday tournament in Port Perry on Monday, Civic Holiday.

WATTS BOWLING TROPHY GOES TO TOTTENHAM

Stouffville Bowling Green was the bright spot in the park on Tuesday night when the fine trophy presented to our Club by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Watts was competed for under perfect bowling conditions with every green filled. The trophy was won by a trio from Tottenham, skipped by Mrs. Margaret Claridge. Second prize for 3 wins was also taken by Tottenham skipped by Mr. Tough. High for two wins went to Mr. Fred Ward and his rink from Claremont and Mr. Geo. Hillson's rink of Agincourt was high for one win.

The local bowling organization would like to thank Mr. Don Bacon for having the green in such perfect playing condition.

As things go, just showing up on time Monday morning is a success story in itself.

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MARKHAM SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	T	P
Agincourt	18	12	5	1	25
Buttonville	16	11	5	0	22
Markham	17	10	6	1	21
Thornhill	18	8	8	2	18
Aurora	16	6	10	0	12
Unionville	17	2	15	0	4

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On Friday night of last week a softball contest between Altona and Greenwood broke wide open in the ninth inning and a near free-for-all developed. Two players actually came to blows during the heated session and a number of others had to be restrained. When the dust finally cleared and play was resumed, Greenwood squeezed in the necessary runs to edge Altona 10-9.

Claremont 7, Fourth Line 3

Claremont chalked up their second win in a row and Fourth Line dropped their 2nd straight game on Monday night in a Community League doubleheader. Bill Towner started on the mound for the winners with Lloyd Pascoe throwing in relief. Bruce Redshaw and Geo. Also shared pitching chores for the Fourth Line squad.

Wayne Redshaw and Gord Gauslin rounded the sacks to score for Claremont in the 1st inning. Reg Sanderson counted runs in the third, fifth and 7th with Geo. Jerome and W. Murray adding two more in the late stages of the game.

Jack Hill and W. Evans scored two runs for the Fourth Line in the third inning but they could squeeze only one more across in their remaining four trips to the plate.

Alvin Redshaw's team were able to clip hurlers Towner and Pascoe for only six hits in the seven inning game. Bill Towner went five innings and pitched good ball allowing only 4 safeties. The first two batters to face speedballer Lloyd Pascoe tapped out hits but he retired

the next six men in a row to end an attempted rally. Mt. Zion 9, Peach's 8

Mt. Zion stretched their winning streak to two games by beating Peach's 9-8 in the 2nd half of Monday night's doubleheader. Two home run clouts by third baseman Doug Bryant were big factors in the Mt. Zion victory. His first round tripper came in the second inning with one on and his 2nd in the fifth inning with the bases empty.

Peach's jumped into a 4-0 lead in the first inning on walks to Earl Brooks and Bruce Middleton, an error on Dent Smith and a home run by Don Thomas into deep centre field. A walk to D. Thomas in the third and a double by Harry Lewis counted another run for Peach's. A double by Bruce Middleton, a walk to D. Thomas and a single by Jack Warriner squeezed two more runs in and Carl Timbers clouted a four bagger for Peach's in the sixth to end their scoring.

Mt. Zion pulled into the lead in the third inning on a single by Murray Jones and a double by Bruce O'Brien. Walks to Murray Jones and L. Carson and singles by Ray and Grant Carson added three more runs for the winners in the fourth. Doug Bryant's four base blow in the fifth ended the scoring.

Grant Carson started on the mound for Mt. Zion with Ron Jones pitching in relief. Bert Beckett and Bruce Middleton shared pitching chores for Peach's.

Sluggers Make It Eight Straight Wins

Buttonville Sluggers are currently the hottest club in the Markham Twp. Softball League. After a rather mediocre start early in the season, they have suddenly caught fire and with eight straight victories under their belts they now threaten the group leaders.

On Thursday night, Buttonville squeezed out a 7-6 victory over Unionville in the Stouffville Park before one of the best crowds of the season. An error in the ninth inning, on Bud Barber's fly ball to deep right field allowed two runs to cross the plate to give the Sluggers the game. Unionville were leading 6-5 when Buttonville came to bat in the bottom of the ninth. Clare Pockler worked hurler Cliff Cox for a walk and Polly Minton moved him around to second base with a sacrifice bunt. With one out, Bud Barber clouted the ball deep to right and as fielders Geo. Clarke and E. Pilkey moved back to pull it down, the ball dropped between them and the game was over.

The contest was a see-saw battle with the lead changing hands on four different occasions. Buttonville jumped ahead in the first innings on 3 straight singles by Clare Pockler, Polly Minton and Bud Barber. Unionville rallied in the second stanza and counted two runs. Singles by Cliff Cox, Bruce Findlay and Don Lunau accounted for the visitors' tallies. Buttonville pulled back into the driver's seat in the fourth on doubles by Bert Baker and Jack Watson and a single by Murray Wagg scoring three runs. The Sluggers added another run in the fifth when Polly Minton blasted a circuit clout. Bud Baker singled but was left stranded when Bert Baker and Chick Webster grounded out.

When it appeared that Buttonville had the contest in the bag, Unionville staged a three run rally in the seventh and added a single tally in the 8th to put them one up on the homesters. Infield errors on Lunau and Pilkey and a triple by Gord Macklen paved the way for the visitors' comeback. In the eighth inning first baseman Bruce Findlay cranked a tremendous home run to the centre field fence. It looked like the big hit of the game but Buttonville had other ideas as they pushed two runs over in their half of the ninth inning.

Jerry Junkin went the distance on the mound for Buttonville. He gave up eleven hits and fanned three batters. Cliff Cox handled the hurling chores for Unionville and allowed ten hits. He struck out four Buttonville batsmen. Jack Harper completed the Unionville battery with Bert Baker working behind the plate for the Sluggers. Polly Minton, Bert Baker, Bud Barber and Jack Watson each had two hits for the winners. Gord Macklen was best at bat for Unionville, hitting four for five. Cliff Cox and Bruce Findlay each had two safeties.

Claremont Community League

	P	W	L	T	P
Altona	13	7	5	1	15
Mt. Zion	12	7	5	0	14
Fourth Line	12	6	5	1	13
Claremont	11	5	4	2	12
Greenwood	11	5	5	1	11
Peach's	13	3	9	1	7

GREENWOOD 10, ALTONA 9

In the most controversial game of the season, Greenwood eked out a tight 10-9 victory over Altona in the second game on Friday night. Tempers near the breaking point on numerous occasions and in the 9th inning a near free-for-all broke out. Don Linton, Greenwood centrefielder, and Cliff Dunkeld of Altona squared off near the Altona players bench and before anyone could step between them a couple of punches had been thrown. The two men were quickly separated. The arguing continued for some minutes before play finally was resumed.

RED SOX TO SPONSOR BINGO SATURDAY NIGHT

The Stouffville Red Sox are sponsoring a big Bingo in the Stouffville Arena on Saturday night of this week. The games will commence at 8:45 p.m. The winner of the big prize may choose either a chrome kitchen set, an occasional chair, a rug or a gent's and ladies Bulova watch. There will be other valuable prizes amounting to more than \$1,000.

Bantams Bow to Newmarket 15-3

Stouffville Bantams bowed to Newmarket Optimists 15-3 in a scheduled seven inning game in the local park Tuesday night. The contest had to be called at the end of five innings due to darkness.

The visitors counted runs in every inning and ran the score into the double figures in the fifth when six players crossed the plate. McNab started on the mound for the winners with Robinson hurling in relief. Both hurlers had little trouble throughout the game with the starter giving up only two hits, a single to Gord Eckardt and relief moundsman throwing no hit ball for two innings.

Stouffville counted their first run of the game in the second inning when McNab on the hill for the visitors ran into control trouble and walked right fielder Joe Haylow with the bases loaded to force a run in. An error on Bill White and singles by Gord Eckardt and Jim Turner pushed two more runs across. The homesters were held off the score sheet for the remaining two innings.

Righthander Gord Eckardt ran into trouble in the second inning when Robinson clouted a triple into deep left field with two mates on base. He showed signs of tiring in his final turn on the mound when he issued three free passes, hit one batter and gave up three hits.

Coaches Murray Stewart and Harold Hodgson used only players of Bantam age for the game and sat out such top performers as Barry Wilkes, Harry Barber and Lawrence Wideman.

On Saturday night of this week, Earlsclourt Bantams of East Toronto will be the visitors in the Stouffville Park. Righthander Harry Barber will go for Stouffville on the mound with either Sandy Smith or Gord Eckardt behind the plate.

Mt. Zion Tops Fourth Line 7-1

In the first game of the doubleheader on Friday evening, Mt. Zion pulled an upset by downing the powerful Fourth Line Squad 7-1 in 7 innings. It was Ron Jones on the mound for the winners all the way. He allowed only eight hits in the entire contest and held the opposition off the score sheet for six straight innings. Geo. Also started on the mound with Bill Harwood throwing in relief.

Leadoff batsmen Jack Hill of The Fourth counted his team's only run in the first inning. Mt. Zion staged a two run rally in the second and added three in the fifth and two in their final turn at the plate. Lorne Carson and Ron Jones romped home with runs in the second with Grant Jones, Doug Bryant and Murray Jones counting three more in the fifth. Grant Jones and Ray Carson sewed up the game for Mt. Zion with runs in the sixth.

With Mt. Zion leading by a slim one run margin in the fourth inning, the Fourth Line pulled Geo. Also from the mound in favor of ex-Pine Grove twirler Bill Harwood. The switch backfired as the Mt. Zion batters pounced on the relief offerings of Harwood and connected for seven hits and five runs. Fourth Line left nine runners stranded on the base paths while Mt. Zion left six.

Red Sox Edge Port Perry 4-3

Stouffville Red Sox strengthened their chances of catching a spot in the Tri-County League playoffs by edging Port Perry 4-3 on Thursday night of last week. Righthander Lorne Schell went the distance for the homesters and won his own ball game in the fifth inning when his safe hit drove Bud Lehman across with what proved to be the game-winning run. Schell and McTaggart both gave up only four hits in a tight pitchers' battle.

The Red Sox counted one run in the first inning when an error on Ken Schell's drive allowed Les Clarke to romp home. Hits by Ted Cadieux, Bob Hassard and Les Clarke and a walk to Murray McMullen accounted for two more runs in the second.

Port Perry came up with a three run rally in the third inning on hits by McTaggart and Owen and two Stouffville errors. They were held off the score sheet however for the remainder of the contest.

With two out in the fifth, Bud Lehman, batting in the clean-up position hit safely and Lorne Schell brought him around with a single. Schell sent Port Perry down in order in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

Bob Hassard and Lorne Schell paced the Stouffville batting attack with two hits.

During World War II a greater tonnage of wood was used in the Canadian War Effort, than steel.

Keeping the Silence

We read recently where a visitor to a small village joined a small group of men on a store stoop or porch and made a few remarks. No one replied and the visitor asked, "What is there a law here against talk?" One of the natives replied, "No, but there's a sort of mutual agreement among us that nobody says anything unless he can improve on the silence."

Over 75 to Compete Here in All-Ontario Horse-Shoe Playoffs

More than 75 competitors are expected to take part in the All-Ontario Horse-shoe Championship to be held in the Stouffville Park on Civic Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The tournament will commence at 10 a.m.

There will be three groups with each group consisting of eight players. The Ontario Champion for 1955 will be the winner of group A. The winners of group A will receive trophies, group B \$70 in cash from the town of Stouffville, and group C merchandise prizes consisting of two cases of oil, a vaporized steam iron, desk pen set, set of diamond horse-shoes, a pipe and supply of tobacco.

The Secretary of the Canadian Horsehoe Pitchers Assn., Mr. Ted Burrows, visited Stouffville recently to inspect the local courts and was very much impressed with the friendliness of the town and our park.

Local Girls Beat Elgin Mills

Stouffville Girls chalked up a 15-1 victory over Elgin Mills on Monday night in a scheduled Markham Twp. Ladies League contest. The Yonge Street squad, group champs for the past two seasons, have yet to win a game so far this season. Mary Cole was the big batsman for the winners, clouting a four-base hit. Joyce Byer went the distance on the mound for the local squad.

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