



**WHERE ARE THE REPLACEMENTS?**

As we watched a recent softball contest between Markham Aces and Buttonville Sluggers in Markham's Morgan Park last week, we overheard one spectator comment: "Where are the young players who will replace the veteran performers in a few years' time? As we scanned the lineups of the two clubs we couldn't help but feel that the future of our local softball teams wasn't too bright. A few years ago, the Markham Twp. group comprised seven or eight clubs, now it has been cut down to four. Unionville, the one team that in past seasons brought a number of fine young players into the softball limelight, has dropped out and apparently their players have hung up their gloves and spikes. Markham has a sprinkling of "youth" in its lineup including such promising performers as Terry Lunau, Bob Atkinson, Lloyd Ramer and Morris Procenko, but even this season, they are having a difficult time in finding a pitcher to relieve veteran "Peg" O'Neill. Buttonville, although presently riding atop the group have, with a few exceptions, stuck with the same lineup that carried them through to the championship a number of seasons ago. Where are the young men to replace such players as Jack Watson, Ronnie Bell, Jack Rummy, "Chick" Webster, Bert Baker, Geo. Rummy and Polly Minton? True, these fellows have plenty of softball know-how but the time will come when replacements will be a necessity if the club is to be represented in the group. Are the young teen-age lads of today not interested in the game or is the competition too good for "greenhorn" players? I have a feeling that the latter statement is true. I feel however, that a coach should try to break in at least one or two new players every season or the team will be in a bad way when all the veterans decide to retire. The Markham Township Softball League has been a thriving organization for many years now but it will die a slow death unless, during the next few seasons, the accent is placed on youth.

**AN EARLY WINNER**

Hardly had the new home run fence been officially completed when Les Clarke, star Red Sox short stop stepped to the plate and poked a 350 foot home run over the outfield barrier. The Stouffville infielder is the winner of a new white shirt, courtesy Len Wilkes Clothes Shop.

Already the fence has added much interest to baseball games here. Not only is the barrier an incentive for local players to put that extra power behind a swing, but it eliminates the constant arguing between teams and umpires that was a familiar sight in the park on previous occasions. The construction work on the fence has been completed and it will now receive a coat of paint. Those who have generously donated financial support for the project are Messrs. Bert Bell, Ralph Burkholder, Truman Baxter, Ken Laushway, Dr. Neil Smith and Tom Wedseltoft. The fund is still open to further contributors.

**LOCAL GIRLS BEAT AGINCOURT 13-5 FOR INITIAL WIN**

The Stouffville-Peach's girls chalked up their first victory of the season on Tuesday night when they defeated Agincourt 13-5 in 9 innings. Joan Haynes was the winning pitcher though Marjorie Barber assisted in relief. Joanne Woods and Marj. Lawrence shared the mound chores for Agincourt.

Starter Joan Haynes hurled seven and one-third innings. She allowed 9 hits, walked one and registered no strike-outs. Marj. Barber pitched one and two-thirds innings and retired the side in order. Joan Haynes was working on a no-hitter until the fifth inning when Donna Seebek rapped a single into right field. Agincourt found their batting eyes in the seventh and eighth innings and clipped the local right-hander for eight singles. Agincourt pitcher, Joanne Woods, gave up 9 hits and walked one. Relief hurler, Marj. Lawrence, allowed 5 hits, walked 2 and struck out 1. Agincourt committed a total of nine errors

while the winners hobbled the ball on only two occasions. The Stouffville-Peach's aggregation jumped into a 2-0 lead in the second inning and added six runs in the fifth and five in the ninth. Agincourt counted three in the seventh and two in the eighth.

Doreen Jarvis was the most potent batter for the winners, clubbing a home run and a single in three trips to the plate. Gwenn Kennedy clipped Agincourt pitchers for three singles as did Audrey Murison. Eleanor Sproton, third base star and clean-up batter, connected for a double in the second inning. Single-baggers came from the bats of Joyce Roberts, Betty Brooks, Mary Cole, Edna Stickley and Joan Haynes. Joan Coyne, Babs Woodhead and Donna Seebek each collected a pair of singles for Agincourt. Each club pulled off a double play. Eleanor Sproton saved the local squad from trouble when she grabbed two hot line drives from Joanne Woods in the fifth inning and from Lorraine Holdsworth in the eighth. The last put-out came with the bases loaded. On Wednesday, June 28th, the girls come home to play host to Brooklin next week.

**Clarke Stars as Red Sox Beat Pt. Perry 7-5**

The Stouffville Red Sox, paced by short-stop Les Clarke, handed Port Perry their initial loss of the season here on Monday night, beating the Scugog crew 7-5 under the lights. Clarke turned in an excellent performance, both in the field and at the plate. Batting 500, the local star gained the honour of officially clouting the first ball over the recently completed home run fence, a distance of 350 feet from home plate. He collected two of his team's seven runs. The circuit blast carried with it a prize of a new white shirt, courtesy of Len Wilkes Clothes Shop. At his infield position, Clarke pulled off a spectacular catch in the eighth inning, robbing McKee, the Port Perry rightfielder of a hit.

Dave Hammersley worked six and one-third innings on the mound for the winners and gained credit for the victory. The local lefthander allowed the visitors only seven hits, walked six and struck out eight. Lorne Schell took over in the seventh and finished the game. Dave

McTaggart worked on the hill for Port Perry. He gave up 11 hits, walked 3 and struck out 5. The Stouffville southpaw was particularly effective in the early stages of the game and had a no-hitter going until the fourth inning. He held the visitors off the score sheet completely for 4 innings. The Red Sox broke into the lead in the first inning on hits by Don Haynes, Ken Schell and Bob Hassard. They added a single tally in the third stanza when Bud Lehman worked McTaggart for a walk and Ken Schell brought him around with a safety. A walk to centrefielder Graham Frisby and a hit by Cliff Morris put the homesters out front 3-1. Les Clarke and Bob Hassard added a pair in the fifth and the same twosome completed the circuit in the seventh to salt the game away. Parker, Gern and McTaggart each collected a pair of hits for Port Perry. The Newmarket County Towners will be the visitors here on Monday evening of next week.

**Mount Zion Tops in Greenbank Tournament**

The Mt. Zion softball club is \$25 richer following the tournament held at Greenbank on Saturday. The 8th concession squad downed Claremont 5-3 in the "rubber" game to capture the tourney championship. Uxbridge and Greenbank were the other teams in the running.

In the semi-finals, Mt. Zion edged Greenbank 4-2 and Claremont trounced Uxbridge 8-2. Ron Jones started on the mound for the Mt. Zion team with Neil Pascoe hurling in relief. Bill Towner worked on the hill for Claremont with Lloyd Pascoe taking over in the last two innings.

The final contest was anybody's game. Claremont and Mt. Zion battled through four scoreless innings before either team

could connect for a scoring attack. In the fifth inning, Wilf Glidden started the ball rolling for Claremont and Garry Evans and Lloyd Pascoe followed to put Claremont out front 3-0. Grant Carson counted Mt. Zion's lone tally in their half of the inning. In the sixth, Claremont went down in one, two, three order but Mt. Zion came through with a four run rally. Neil Pascoe, Murray Jones, Stan McMullen and Grant Carson completed the circuit for the winners. Not a single Claremont batter reached first base in the team's final turn at bat in the seventh. Lloyd Pascoe and Ron Jones handled the pitching chores for their respective teams. Claremont, the runners-up, received \$15 in prize money.

**May Erect District Curling Rink at Aurora**

Formation of a curling club and construction of an arena for the southern part of York County, under consideration for some time, has reached the action stage.

The project has been under discussion for some months, with curlers of the area investigating financial and other angles. A committee of the Aurora Board of Trade was formed recently, and has been co-operating on research work.

No definite decision to go ahead has yet been made, neither has a location been settled on. This, together with the financial aspects, will be discussed at an open meeting which will be held in the Legion Hall, Aurora, at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27th.

**UNIONVILLE HOCKEY CLUB DISCUSSES FUTURE PLANS**

At a meeting held at the Crosby Memorial Community Centre on Monday evening, June 11th, the Unionville Hockey Club met to discuss Hockey matters for the forthcoming season. Mr. Sherwin Petit was in the chair and the treasurer, Mr. Arthur Toogood, presented the financial statement, which regrettably showed that the Club was unable to make ends meet. Much discussion followed the adoption of this report as to the feasibility of operating again next year with so little help and financial support available.

Mr. Toogood reported that 250 boys from the Township of Markham, the Police Village of Unionville and Markham Village had participated, with ninety boys from Markham Village and fifty more expected next season. The Club now owns its own sweaters and quite a stock of equipment. A vote of thanks was sent to George Carey and Lawrence Gayman for helping with the very small types.

It was decided to hold another meeting during the first week in September to see if enough help can be secured to continue operations.

**Annual Financial Statement 1955-56**

Receipts—					
Balance on hand Sept.	\$5	\$5.15			
Lions Club Donation		350.00			
Gate Receipts		589.75			
Fees from boys		478.25			
Advertisements		977.50			
Donations		280.00			
Total		\$2,760.05			
Disbursements—					
Rent Unionville Rink	\$1,409.85				
Rent of Stouffville	24.00				
Referees	286.50				
Equipment	715.00				
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Insurance	150.00				
Printing	155.10				
Miscellaneous	26.00				
Total	\$2,790.00				
Debit for the year	\$30.00				

**LIFT SIZE LIMIT ON BLACK BASS**

The size limit on black bass in Ontario has been removed and the size limit on maskinonge reduced from 30 to 28 inches, the Hon. Clare Macpedoram, Ontario Minister of Lands and Forests has announced. The move has been under consideration for some time by Provincial and Federal authorities.

It was explained that the action was taken in the case of black bass for two main reasons. One was that many bass lakes were so heavily populated that stunting had occurred and it was felt that harvesting numbers of these bass to stock other suitable neighbouring lakes would aid them to increase in size in new, uncrowded homes. It was suggested that it would be better to let these undersized bass be taken without restriction.

Secondly, observations have shown that when bass do not meet size requirements, are hooked and returned to the water, most of them do not survive. It is believed that only expert anglers have skill enough to extract a barbed hook from an undersized fish without doing it serious injury. Because of this, it would be advantageous to permit anglers to retain them. The restriction from 30 to 28 inches in size limit of maskinonge was based on the evidence that the peak of the maskinonge population is in the 26 to 28 inch group and that there is a large reduction in numbers after this peak. Few maskinonge exceed 30 inches.

Among other amendments to the Ontario Fishery Regulations are:

Live dog fish and garpike are added to the minnow species. They cannot be used for angling except in waters from which they were originally taken.

The limit of size on blue pickered has been removed. Anglers may now take 35 per day, regardless of size.

The limit of lake trout catch taken from Lake Simcoe is reduced to two per day. There is no closed season on whitefish.

**COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

Altona	3	1	1	7	
Peach's	3	1	1	7	
Claremont	3	2	0	6	
Mt. Zion	2	2	0	4	
Raglan	1	3	1	3	
Greenwood	0	3	1	1	
Results					
Peach's 8, Altona 1					
Claremont 6, Greenwood 3					
Altona 11, Claremont 10					
Peach's 19, Raglan 8					
Schedule					
Friday					
Greenwood vs Mt. Zion					
Peach's vs Raglan					
Monday					
Altona vs Claremont					
Mt. Zion vs Greenwood					

**FLEETLINERS BEAT BROUGHAM 5-2 IN EXHIBITION**

The hundreds of spectators who attended the official opening of the new Brougham Floodlight Park enjoyed a thrilling seven inning game between the homesters and the visiting Agincourt Fleetliners. Lou Ross' Senior club downed Bob Miller's team 5-2 in a thrilling contest.

A home run and a double by Agincourt's Harvey Reid broke up a tight game. Big Bob Miller hurled fine ball for the locals and he was given strong support by his team-mates. Miller used his slow ball with great efficiency and fanned a number of rival batters with his famous "change-up" pitch.

Stu McGuckin was Brougham's star player, both at bat and at second base. He clouted a double and a single. The criss-cross infield plays between McGuckin and first sacker Gord Hueston brought applause from the stands. Ivan Booth slammed the best hit for Brougham, a four bagger in the bottom of the fifth with nobody on base. With the visitors leading 3-2, McGregor doubled, McGuckin beat out an infield bunt and Geo. Staley singled to load up the sacks. Hueston fled out; Miller went down on strikes. In an attempt to tie the score, McGregor tried to steal home but was tagged out at the plate.

The Brougham lineup was as follows: p—Bob Miller, c—Gord Todd, 1st—Gord Hueston, 2nd—Stu McGuckin, 3rd—Ray Elliott, s.s.—Ivan Booth, l.f.—Geo. Staley, c.f.—Grant Jonston, r.f.—C. McGregor.

**NINE SCHOOLS IN SOFTBALL TOURNEY**

Students from nine schools of the South Ontario Inspectorate played ball at Whitby last week, in the Men Teachers' Federation Annual Tournament.

The tournament, which is played off annually, is divided into two groups, senior, for age group 12 and over, and junior, for students under 12.

After a lively day of softball, Whitby's Colborne street school took the senior cup, the junior trophy going to Dunbarton school.

The schools taking part were, in the senior group, Whitby (Colborne street), Claremont, Rouge Hill, Pickering. In the junior group, the contestants were, Dunbarton, Fairport Beach, Pickering Beach, Frenchman's Bay, Rosebank.

**S. ONT. SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING SAT., JUNE 16**

	P	W	L	Pts.
Brooklin	5	5	0	10
Johns-Manville	5	4	1	8
Brougham	4	3	1	6
Ajax	5	2	3	4
Pickering	6	1	5	2
Whitby	6	0	6	0

**PEACH'S 8, ALTONA 1**

Peach's pulled a real upset in the first game, downing Altona 8-1. The winners scored runs in every inning with the exception of the sixth while Altona could push only a single tally across in the fifth. Carl Timbers and Les Jarvis counted a pair of runs for Peach's with single tallies by Bert Beckett, Don Thomas, Keith Baxter and Eric Pilkey. Doug Forfar chalked up Altona's only run.

**Webster Clouts Sluggers To 7-2 Win Over Markham Softballers**

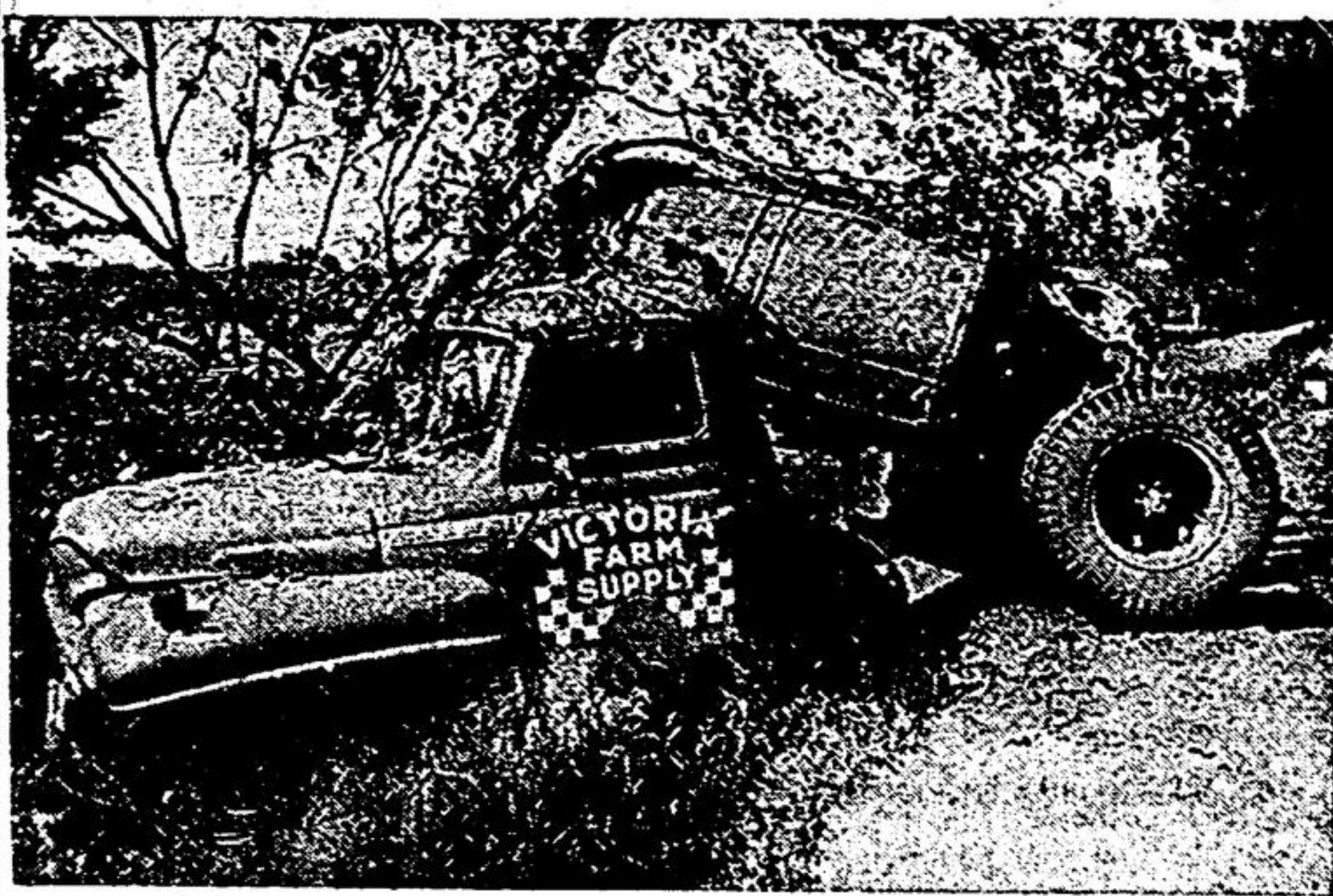
"Chick" Webster's heavy bat smashed three singles and a double to pace Buttonville to a 7-2 victory over Markham in a softball contest played at Morgan Park on Thursday night. It was the first meeting this season between the two rivals. Webster's hits accounted for three of his team's seven tallies.

Jerry Junkin, on the mound for the Sluggers, gave up only five hits in the nine inning game. He struck out seven and failed to walk a single batter. "Peg" O'Neill went the distance on the hill for the Aces. He allowed eleven hits, walked two and sent ten down via the strike-out route. Each club committed 3 errors.

Buttonville sewed up the contest in the first inning. Leadoff batter Polly Minton worked O'Neill for a walk. Bud Watson and Ronnie Bell crossed up the Markham infield with well-placed bunts to load up the sacks. Clean-up slugger, "Chick" Webster pounded out a double to score two runs and Bud Barber connected for a single to push two more across. Markham countered with a single tally in their half of the first inning on a four base clout by Fowler.

Markham threatened to close the gap in the sixth inning. Lloyd Ramer and Fowler were safe on infield errors, Bob Atkin-

**Tractor Trailer Snaps Tree, Driver Jumps**



This huge tractor trailer, owned and driven by Mr. Lorne Barker of Lindsay, went out of control on No. 7 Highway, east of Markham, went over a cement culvert, snapped off a tree and rolled over. The driver jumped out of the cab and was not injured. The truck was loaded with 12 ton of feed and was travelling from Woodstock to Lindsay. The driver said that an approaching truck forced his vehicle onto the soft shoulder of the road and caused him to lose control. The accident scene attracted a large number of curious onlookers.

**Altona Trims Claremont On 7th Inning Homer**

Altona really pulled their game out of the fire on Monday night when they staged an eight run rally in the late stages of the contest to edge Claremont 11-10. Former 4th Line first baseman, Bob Ashenhurst came through with the payoff blow for the winners when he smashed a home run into centrefield for the tie-breaking tally. The bases were empty at the time.

Claremont built up a one-sided lead early in the game and for a time it appeared likely that Al Hall's club were on their way to an easy victory. They chalked up five runs in the first inning and held a 10-5 advantage after four innings of play. In the bottom of the fifth, Altona's heavy guns went into action and they batted completely around the order: With one out, Archie Forfar and Lee Fretz completed the circuit, Grant Drewery and Bruce McDowell connected for hits and Doug Forfar rapped a four bagger into the deep outfield to clear the sacks. In the top of the sixth inning, Claremont went down in order. With one away, Bob Ashenhurst, who had had little luck at the plate in earlier appearances, picked out a grooved pitch and lined it through the infield for the winning tally. Bill Towner and Lloyd Pascoe shared the mound chores for Claremont. Murray Johnson worked on the hill for Altona.

Bruce McDowell, Doug Forfar and Grant Drewery each counted a pair of runs for Ray Hill's squad. Murray Johnson, Lee Fretz, Bob Ashenhurst and Allan Redshaw scored single runs. Wilf Glidden continues to be Claremont's best prospect. He counted a pair of runs as did Jack Hall. Reg Sanderson, Geo. Gerome, Jim Cruikshank, Lloyd Pascoe, Jack Bradshaw and Gord Gauslin each rounded the sacks on one occasion.

Peach's 19, Raglan 8  
Peach's climbed atop the group by chalking up a 19-8 win over Raglan in the second half of Monday evening's doubleheader. Peach's are now deadlocked with Altona, each with

three wins, one loss and a tie. Bert and Ross Beckett shared mound duty for the winners. Bill Brent started for Raglan with Pearson hurling in relief.

Raglan took a 2-0 lead in the first inning but Peach's took advantage of walks, hits and errors to run the score into the double figures after only three innings of play. They added three more runs in the fourth and sewed up the contest with five runs in the sixth. Raglan showed signs of a rally in the sixth inning when they connected for two singles, a double and were issued a pair of walks for five runs. Bert Beckett replaced brother Ross on the mound and retired the side.

Bert Beckett turned in a fine performance at the plate, pounding out two home runs and a single in four times at bat. Ross Beckett hit a four bagger, Gord Pilkey a single and a triple, Carl Timbers a triple, Harry Lewis a triple, Eric Pilkey two singles and Earl Brooks three singles. Bryant was best for Raglan hitting two singles and working Peach's pitchers for a pair of walks. Burkett and Holiday each connected for a single and a double. It was the third straight victory for Peach's and moved them up into a tie for first place in the league. Peach's occupied the cellar position for much of the '55 season.

Claremont 6, Greenwood 3  
On Friday night, Claremont and Greenwood took part in a well-played game with Al Hall's squad collecting all their runs in the second and third innings. Greenwood counted single runs in the third, fifth and seventh innings. Neil Pascoe went the distance on the mound for Greenwood with Bill Towner working on the hill for Claremont.

Besides turning in a good pitching performance, Towner was Claremont's most potent batsman, clubbing a single and a double and driving in half of his team's total runs. Geo. Gerome and Garry Evans rounded the sacks for a pair. Bill Towner and Earl Pilkey added singles. Geo. Staley scored a pair of runs for Greenwood with Bob Hicks counting the other. Greenwood's team was strengthened by the return of centrefielder Geo. Staley who played well both in the field and at the plate. Stu. McGuckin performed at 2nd base for the first time this season. Garry Evans returned to the Claremont lineup and held down the third base position.

**MIDGETS HAND RICHMOND HILL DOUBLE LOSS**

Stouffville's Midget team is rolling along at a torrid pace, having racked up four straight victories over Aurora, Lake Wilcox and Richmond Hill. In a recent home and home encounter with Richmond Hill, the local squad chalked up a 7-1 win at the Hill on Thursday night of last week and edged the Yonge Street crew 8-6 here on Tuesday. Curve-ball artist, Harry Barber worked on the mound for the winners in both contests.

Stouffville jumped into a 3-1 lead in the first inning on runs by Ted Suzuki, Wayne Redshaw and Harry Barber. The visitors rallied with two runs in the second to deadlock the contest. The homesters moved out front in their half of the second inning when Roger Beazley completed the circuit but Richmond Hill forged back with a single run in the third to even the count. Stouffville's big inning came in the fourth when the homesters collected three hits and worked the pitcher for 3 walks to salt the game away. Ted Suzuki, Harry Barber, Gord Eckardt and John Little were the local run-scorers. On Thursday evening of this week, the Midgets move over to Lake Wilcox for a return tilt and on Monday, June 25th, they pay a visit to Aurora.



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