



SPORTS SHORTS

BY JIM THOMAS

SEASON'S LARGEST CROWD

Stouffville is not a softball town. This fact has been proven here on numerous occasions. Neither the young people nor the adults are even a little bit interested in this sport. Baseball has always been Stouffville's national game and it is unlikely that softball will ever hold a precedent over it here. With the organization of a squirt baseball league, the sport is becoming deeply embedded in our younger athletes.

For softball prowess, I'm afraid we must tip our hats to our southern neighbours, Markham. They, like Stouffville, are good summer sports towns but in Markham, softball, not baseball is the feature attraction. Crowds in excess of 400 patrons are not uncommon. The merchants too, lend their support to the team and individually donated \$25 apiece for the purchase of sweaters and equipment. The team, in turn, shows its appreciation by providing excellent softball entertainment weekly under the lights.

Last Wednesday night, the Markham club played host to the Toronto "Red Caps," a well-known brewery-sponsored team. Although the contest was strictly an exhibition game, the largest crowd of the summer season was in attendance. The number present far exceeded the crowds that attend local baseball fixtures. I would guess that the collection probably doubled the receipts gained here at a regular scheduled contest. The game was played in Stouffville's Memorial Park.

It is true that the Toronto visitors brought along a good supporting contingent of fans but Markham spectators were certainly not in the minority. Markham's spectators do not appear to be the fair-weather fans who attend the games only when the spirit moves them. Stouffville's softball support was nil and their baseball fandom is only fair. Those who straggled down to the park on Wednesday night out of curiosity must have been surprised to see the huge crowd present. It's not really so unusual. Drop down to Markham on any home softball evening and you'll see the same thing. It must be gratifying for players and coaches to know that their athletic efforts are appreciated.

Mr. Nelson pointed out, however, that there are a number of lady wrestlers in the U.S.A. who performed in a show of real science and skill. He said that these shows could not be justly criticized. He pointed out that female wrestling bouts were a real novelty drawing card wherever they appeared in the States. He noted, however, that fan interest tended to wane sharply after two or three appearances.

Well, that's that. I guess we'll have to be satisfied with Yukon Eric, The Kalmikoff Brothers, Maurice LaPoint and the Midgets. They will appear on the opening card in the Stouffville Arena on Friday night.

Cards Whip Markham 7-2; 3-hitter for Barber

Righthander Harry Barber was in fine form on Friday night. Twirling a sparkling 3-hitter, the Gormley mound ace held Markham off the score sheet until the final inning to post a 7-2 victory. The Stouffville win gives Murray Stewart's squad a one game edge on the season's play. The Cards have beaten Markham three times and have dropped a pair.

Markham's batsmen just could not cope with Barber's "stuff" in Friday's fixture. They were held hitless in the second and third innings. The southern rivals bunched together a pair of walks and a double in their final turn at bat to push two runners across.

The Cards jumped on hurler Dave Webb for 4 runs in the first inning. The Markham moundman received rather weak support in the field as his mates committed errors on the first three men at the plate. Stouffville added one in the 3rd and two in the 4th.

Long-ball slugger, Gord Eckardt unleashed some of his power again on Friday but each time he was left stranded on base. In the third inning, he whacked out a double and in the fourth he followed through with a single. Ted Suzuki and Harry Barber each poked out a pair of single-base blows. Bob Stover, batting in the number four clean-up spot, belted a double. Ross Madill and Don Haynes each collected one safety.

"Nebble" Gayman and John Ross slammed doubles for Markham's best plate performance. Mike Pettit connected for a single. They stranded six men on base. Stouffville marooned a like number.

A scheduled game at Newmarket on Tuesday night was rained out after two innings. On Thursday, July 17th, Markham's Red Sox will be the visitors here.

CLAREMONT COMMUNITY LEAGUE table with columns W, L, T, Pts for various teams.

What a chance politicians take on TV, not being able to claim they were misquoted. The instalment plan is the only known method to get some people to do things on time. Come vacation time and for youngsters it will be from the blackboard to the springboard.

Aces "Explode" In Sixth Inning To Defeat Toronto Red Caps 10 to 3

Markham's big guns "exploded" for eight runs in the sixth inning to whip the visiting "Red Caps" 10-3 in an exhibition softball game under the lights in the Stouffville Park on Wednesday night of last week. The largest crowd to attend any sports event in the local stadium this season, watched the contest. All Pitcher

A star pitcher surrounded by eight mediocre mates was pretty well the story of the brewery boys. "Red" Mackay possessed a sizzling fast ball, the like of which has not been seen in this park for many a day. In addition, he tossed in an eye-deceiving change-up that caught Markham batsmen off guard on a number of occasions. One player against nine were heavy odds for the Toronto regulars. Markham's stacked deck of aces were tossed on the table in the sixth inning and they swamped the visitors with eight runs off eight hits and three errors.

Hard to Believe The Toronto believer was noticeably shaken by the sixth inning turn of events. Coasting along through the first five innings the Toronto righthander had mowed down his opposition with rather monotonous ease. He had faced twenty batters and had allowed only 4 hits. He had given up no walks and registered five strike outs.

Then It Happened Morris Procenko started the Markham rally rolling when he beat out a well-placed bunt. Bob Petch and Monte Holman followed through with singles. With nobody out, Morley Petch and Jack Watson belted doubles into the outfield. Pitcher Mackay ran into real trouble as the inning progressed. Brock Middleton and Terry Lunau slammed round-trippers to clear the sacks. Al Tidbury was safe on an infield error and Morris Procenko rifled a double into centrefield. He was called out by the plate official when he failed to tag third base. Bob Petch, the eleventh Markham man to the plate in the inning, was safe on an error. He was left stranded when Monte Holman filed out to second base. The "Red Caps" went down in one, two, three order in their final trip to the plate.

Markham Grabs Second Place in Comm. League

Behind the pitching prowess of southpaw Ted Mathews, Markham's Junior Aces continue to climb up the Claremont Community League standing. A few weeks ago they were down in the fourth position. Following Monday night's tight 7-6 win over Claremont, Ted Gough's squad find themselves in the number five spot. In their last four contests, the Aces have chalked up three victories and had one tie. They have beaten Altona, Peach's and Claremont in that order.

With the second half of the schedule now underway, Markham is a scant two points behind the league-leading Claremont crew. Both clubs have played the same number of games. Altona is close behind and Greenwood is in 4th place. Altona has a game in hand on the pre-mentioned clubs. A win for Markham over Uxbridge in Monday's contest next week would move the league rookies into a two-way tie with Jack Renne's team.

An unlucky break in the last inning of the Claremont-Markham contest allowed the visitors to gain a one-run edge. Claremont held a 6-4 lead in the last inning. Markham managed to get two men on base. Claremont outfielder Wilf Ludlum, attempting to snag a fly ball, tripped and fell. The ball went for a home run and gave the game to Markham. Bob Redshaw worked on the mound for Claremont.

Uxbridge pulled into a two-way tie with Peach's for the fifth place position by upsetting Greenwood 10-6. The team's home run by Neneck of Uxbridge, allowed the northern squad to pull the game out of the fire in the late innings. Bill Maxwell and Wayne Brooks shared the mound chores for Greenwood. Brooks delivered the fatal home run pitch to Neneck.

Local Trio Winners in Opening Round Bowling Of Provincial Playoffs

Representatives from Lawn Bowling Clubs in the southern half of District 13, met at Claremont last week for the first round of the provincial ladies' lawn bowling playoffs. A trio of Stouffville ladies who have been consistently high in this event, won the treble first round. The threesome is composed of Mrs. Elgin Wagg, Mrs. Ken Laushway and Mrs. Fred Crossen. There were four entries in this event. In the first game the Stouffville ladies defeated a threesome from Whitby skipped by Mrs. Freeman, 18 to 14. Mrs. Chatterley, Mrs. Charity and Mrs. White of Richmond Hill defeated a rink from Newmarket skipped by Mrs. Goring. In the final game Mrs. Crossen's rink won out 23 to 8. These winners will play off against the winners of the northern half of the District at Newmarket on Monday afternoon, June 21st.

In the singles event, Miss Jean Pipher dropped her game to Mrs. Tough of Whitby 21 to 20 after 25 ends. In the doubles, Mrs. Storey and Mrs. Wallace of Stouffville were defeated in a close game against Mrs. Beare and Mrs. Hammond of Claremont. After being tied 9 to 9 going into the 15th end, they were defeated by one shot which Mrs. Beare threw with her bowl.

To Hold Sports Day in Claremont on Aug. 9

The various organizations in Claremont will combine to operate a large-scale field day and softball tournament on Saturday, August 9th. The tournament will include teams from Toronto, Brooklin, Claremont and surrounding districts. Mr. Jack Renne is in charge of this feature. There will be games, jumps and other individual competitions for boys, girls, men and women. The Field Day will open at 1 p.m. and will conclude in the evening. Any receipts obtained from the Sports Day will be used to renovate the community Hall and the Park. In addition to the many sports features on the programme, there will be bingo and a midway for the enjoyment of the less active patrons. Lucky draw prizes totalling more than \$200 will be given away to some fortunate ticket-holders. The winner of the softball tournament will receive \$85.00. More information will be made available for next week's issue.

Statement Shows Deficit in Community Softball League

The Claremont Businessmen's Association is operating at a large deficit, according to a mid-season financial statement of the Community Softball League. Mr. H. T. Green, Secretary of the Association showed in a printed report that the loss contracted to date by the Businessmen's Organization was \$127.09. Their expenses have far exceeded the receipts, according to the statement. At the end of the first schedule round, the Businessmen's Association had received \$42.49 or 35 percent of the gate receipts. The Association has expended, however, a total of \$169.58. These expenses include \$58.00 for floodlight bulbs and labour; \$35.00 for three bases and \$76.58 for hydro.

In fifteen games played to date, the six clubs have earned \$60.60. The Park Board has gained \$18.16. The plate umpire has received \$75.00 and the gate-keeper, \$30.00. The player rebate has amounted to \$150.00. The statement reads as follows:

Financial statement table with columns for Receipts, Expenses, and Loss to date.

Rain Halts Stouffville-Leaside Bantam Game

A late-evening downpour halted an exhibition game between Stouffville and Leaside Bantams in the Memorial Park on Tuesday. After three complete innings, "Rumble Motors" held an 8-5 lead. Glenn Jackson, Stouffville's mound starter, lacked his usual control and was lifted for reliever Barry McLean in the second inning. In one and two-thirds innings, the local southpaw yielded 3 hits. He walked three batters and struck out three. Barry McLean worked one and one-third innings. He was clipped for one hit. He walked one and registered one strike out. Marvin Betz completed the battery.

Lloyd Graves, Wilf Ludlum and Marvin Betz collected Stouffville's three safeties. They all came in the second inning and accompanied by two errors and a walk, allowed the homesters to push four runners across the plate. Successive free passes to Lloyd Graves, Ron Ludlum and Wilf Ludlum and an error on John Roxborough's infield ground out, gave Stouffville a lone run in the first inning.

Leaside used two pitchers. Paul Austin started on the hill and went two complete innings. Fred Roland worked one inning. Roland was Leaside's best batter, with a pair of singles. Bob McLellan clouted the visitors' only extra-base blow, a double in the second.

Ball Player Wed

Marie Leeman, outfielder with the Stouffville girls softball team, was married to Mr. Donald Taylor of Markham on Saturday, July 12th. The couple will reside at Ringwood. Hold Tournament A number of local golf enthusiasts attended a professional tournament at Vic DiMarco's Aurora Highlands on Wednesday afternoon. Taking part in the tourney were such well-known personalities as Jerry Kesselring, Jerry McGee, Moe Norman, Al Balding, Murray Tucker and several others.

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Miss Carolyn Tran spent a few holidays with her friend Miss L. Rogerson, Green River. Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Gren Draper. Miss Alene Myers is spending her holidays with her sister Mrs. Jones, 9th line, Markham. Ruth Ann Carruthers is spending her holidays with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brillinger and cousin Jimmie. Miss Freda Draper spent the weekend at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker and family were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Melton and baby Lloyd. Mrs. Albert Draper spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Carruthers. Mr. and Mrs. E. Carruthers and Ruth Ann attended the family picnic of her parents in Oshawa Park on Sunday. Miss Janet Bielby spent Saturday afternoon with Lorraine Draper. Mrs. Cyril Bielby visited Saturday evening with the Carruthers family. out for a lot more than that. How about coming down some night and I'll go to a race, eh? Well, I must close. Cheerio. —Fred Many a person runs fastest when running from a new idea.



Midgets Blank Markham For First Win

Stouffville Midgets chalked up their initial victory of the North York schedule on Friday night, blanking Markham at the home of Hassard. The team in the absence of Manager and Coach Gord Eckardt and Don Haynes. They were engaged in a Junior fixture at Markham. Glenn Jackson pitched shut-out ball for Stouffville with Bob Bradbury completing the battery.

CEGAR GROVE

Another wave of Chicken pox is in full swing. We have peas to freeze, strawberries to can, hay to bring in, gardens to weed and we have chicken pox—all over the place. Some of the children are up and away this week. Robert Tapscott is visiting his friend Bill Wright in Islington, and Colin and Lola Reesor are off to Halliburton for a few days. Arthur Lapp is out on a new tangent. He was scheduled to lose his tonsils on Monday. We were very sorry to hear of the death on July 3rd of Mrs. Irving Haines who lived for some time in Cedar Grove and moved to Oshawa this year. Mrs. Haines had been ill for a long time.

The closing program for Vacation Church School was held on Friday evening in Baggsville school, where classes had been held each morning during the week. Rev. M. Buttars was chairman. The Kindergarten children, led by Mrs. John Puckrin, sang three songs, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," "Jesus Bids Us Shine" and "When He Cometh." The primary class, led by Mrs. Bert Guthrie, sang "The B-I-B-L-E," "Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain," "When Jesus Was a Baby," and "Be Careful Little Hands What You Do." The Junior class, led by Mrs. Wm. F. Guthrie, sang "In the Sweet By and By," "We Would See Jesus," and "Ever Faithful, Ever True." They also recited in unison several verses of Scripture. Eileen Guthrie was pianist. Other assistants were Marie Smith, Ruth Thompson, Susie Puckrin, Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. George Puckrin, Mrs. C. Clemence, and Mrs. Fred Puckrin. Mr. Buttars took the worship service one morning and told the children a missionary story. Congratulations to Mrs. Basil Churchoyard who received her Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate on July 4 in Toronto, following a ten-month course.

Mrs. Broadfoot of Winnipeg spent several days recently at the home of her niece, Mrs. Cox, Ronald and children. Friends of Mr. Jack Bartlett are glad to hear that he has returned home from Sunnybrook Hospital. Mrs. Lorne Macellaro and Jimmy of New Jersey have been visiting with friends and relatives in Audley. Mrs. Simon Puckrin passed away on Friday, July 11, following a two-months illness in Oshawa Hospital. The funeral service was held at the W. C. Town Funeral Chapel, Whitby, at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, followed by interment in Salem Cemetery. Mr. Walter Fowle of Guelph is visiting with relatives and friends in Audley this week after attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Simon Puckrin. Mr. Gordon Smith's barn was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week. The home of Mrs. James Cowie, about 30 rods away, was partially destroyed. Firemen and neighbors were able to put out the fire in the roof, but there was heavy damage from water. Mrs. Cowie was in the hospital at the time, and her family was visiting her groom's brother, Douglas Taylor. There was a reception afterward at the home of the groom's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Medland at Ringwood and in the evening a reception party at the home of the Leemans. The young couple will reside at Ringwood till their new home is ready.

There. The neighbouring women provided lunch and coffee for the men at the fire which occurred at the supper hour. Mrs. Cowie has been able to secure a house in Whitby while her home is being repaired. The Primary and Junior children sang two songs at the church service on Sunday morning.

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