

Cards Blanked 2-0 After 12 Innings



LET'S END THE ARGUMENT

Some ill feeling has developed over the operation of our Midget hockey team here this winter. Last season, the Midget club was part of our Minor Hockey Association and was sponsored by the Stouffville Lions. A similar scheme was planned for this winter.

Mr. Tom Wedseltoft, O'Brien Ave. resident, an ardent hockey promoter here in past years, has indicated that he will gladly sponsor the Midgets if the team is taken from the Association and entered in the North York loop. The Lions Committee is reluctant to release the boys.

Stouffville has never been blessed with an over abundance of hockey sponsors. In past seasons, the lack of financial support for minor teams has always posed as a problem for local promoters. It was partly for this reason, that the Association was organized.

I say, that if Mr. Wedseltoft has generously agreed to sponsor one of the teams, then by all means, let's take up the offer. The remaining lads, who do not qualify for the picked squad, may still perform in the house league. The North York entry will still be a Stouffville club whether under the sponsorship of the Lions or a private citizen. When clubs are crying for sponsors, I would be the last one to advise against taking up such a proposition.

WOULD FAVOUR BANQUET

With the Claremont Community League on the brink of its championship playoffs, it might be a good time for the Management to look into the advantages of holding an end-of-the-season banquet to honour the new champs and the runners-up. It would also provide an excellent opportunity for the League Heads to make a formal presentation of the Business Men's Trophy to the winning club. In past years this has been done on the playing field before a few shivering wind-chilled fans.

I believe that a dinner and dance would be well received by the players. Tickets to the event could be sold for a nominal fee. Any profits gained could be forwarded to the promoters of the banquet—the Business Men's Assoc., the Park Board or the League. I feel that such an occasion would be a satisfactory conclusion to a successful season. The Management might give the idea some serious thought.

LOSE BY EIGHT INCHES

Stouffville's Junior Cardinals did not lose the opening game of the Provincial finals here on Saturday afternoon by hits, runs or errors. They lost it by an eight inch measurement on a steel tape line. Never, in my ten year connection with local sport, have I witnessed such an unsportsmanlike trick as was "pulled off" by the Wheatley Management here on Saturday. They were a beaten team. Their pitcher displayed the wildest performance we have seen here this season. Their infielders bobbled the only two balls they had to handle. Stouffville held a 3-0 lead and the sacks were loaded. Suddenly, out of a blue sky, the Manager, a replica of an amateur Casey Stengel, strode out on the field and demanded a measurement of the distance between the pitcher's box and home plate. It was eight inches too short. All previous runs were wiped off the score sheet and the officials ordered a new game. Stouffville lost 2-0.

I challenge the umpire's ruling on the protest. Wheatley accepted the layout of the diamond before the game was started. The ground rules were explained and okayed. How any Manager can suddenly have a game stopped and cancelled is a mystery to me. If the measurements had been faulty by one inch, he could have made the same demand, according to the official's ruling.

Having travelled around to different ball parks during the past decade, I have seen many varied types of diamonds. The majority are nothing more than glorified pasture fields. All towns are not as fortunate as Stouffville and our teams accept the conditions of rival fields with little or no complaint. Our diamond here, apparently, did not meet the specifications desired by the Wheatley team.

The reason for the mid-game protest was as obvious as the nose on Jimmy Durante's face. It didn't take any Sherlock Holmes to see through their flimsy alibi. Although every team likes to win, I feel there should be a certain amount of sportsmanship connected with the game. If such a thing had occurred in Claremont or Markham, fans would have booed and jeered the opposition off the diamond. Spectators here registered no vocal complaint whatever. All I can say is, that I would advise Messrs. Stewart and Hodgson to make the Wheatley Management stick to their precision-like demands for Saturday's return tilt. You may be sure, however, that our Junior promoters won't stoop so low as to demand a re-play, due to a faulty eight inch measurement, whether the score be 3-0 or 9-0.

HOCKEY

Anyone Interested in a hockey workout with the Uxbridge Maple Leaf Hockey Club, contact "Rudy" Clarke Terry, Phone Uxbridge 74.

MEN'S BOWLING

The organization meeting of the men's bowling league will be held at the Stouffville alleys on Monday, Sept. 29th at 8 p.m. All men interested in the operation of the league, are requested to attend.

Markham Blanks Greenwood 1-0 to Enter Comm. League Finals

One of the tightest games of Claremont Community League playoffs was staged on Thursday night between Markham and Greenwood. The Junior "Aces" squeezed out a close 1-0 win to move into the softball finals. They will battle Altona for the group championship.

Ted Mathews of Markham and Nell Pascoe of Greenwood waged a thrilling mound duel throughout the seven inning tilt. Pascoe allowed 5 hits. Mathews was clipped for 4 safeties.

Markham's lone tally was unearned. Jim Johnson was a strike-out victim. Wilson dropped the ball and the runner was safe. The Greenwood whirlwind pitcher fired three strikes past Bill Johnson but Don Middleton singled. He romped a round to third on a two-base error. Johnson crossed the plate with the game-winning run. Al Tidbury hit into a double play to retire the side.

The "Aces" threatened to add to their total in the late innings but each time they left men stranded on the sacks. In the sixth Ken Beckett doubled but was out on a close play at third. Jim Johnson singled but was marooned at second base when brother Bill Johnson went down on strikes. In the seventh, successive singles by Don Middleton and Al Tidbury had right hander Pascoe in trouble. Larry Re-

Wheatley "Merchants" blanked Stouffville "Cardinals" 2-0 here on Saturday in the twelve inning opener of the Junior "C" Ontario final. The return contest is scheduled for Wheatley on Saturday afternoon. The series is a best two-out-of-three games. The third game, if necessary, will be played on a foreign field.

Order New Start

The initial contest was only one and two-thirds innings old, when the Wheatley manager, irked by his pitcher's inability to hit the target, ordered the officials to halt the game and take a measurement of the distance between the plate and the mound. It was eight inches too short. The Card Management and groundsman, Mr. Lou Slack had to make the necessary adjustments to the pitcher's box. The contest was delayed for more than one-half hour. The umpires had no other course than to order a new start. Stouffville's 3-0 lead was wiped off the score sheet. They had three men on base with two out at the time.

Loss on Base Paths

Stouffville lost the game on the base paths. On numerous occasions throughout the contest the Cards had players in scoring position, but each time they were left stranded on the sacks. In the eighth inning, the home-sters loaded up the bases with only one out. They failed to advance when three strikes were breezed past Ross Madill and Gord Eckardt. The same story was true in the 10th when Lynn Taylor found himself parked on third. He died there. The Wheatley pitcher, Bill Nevills appeared rather shaky with men on base, but Stouffville runners gave him very little trouble. Though they stole the pants" off Durham's Brad McTavish, this was not the case on Saturday. They marooned a total of ten men.

Eighteen Strike Outs

Stouffville righthander Harry Barber never looked better. His mates laid him down in the twelfth-inning when they committed three errors. Coupled with a pair of scratch singles, the series opened went down the drain. Barber chalked up a total of 18 strike outs. In addition, he registered a pair in the short-lived first game. He allowed only 5 hits and walked one. The Stouffville "junk" pitcher, fired everything in the book at the rival batsman. He retired the opposition in one, two, three order in eight of the twelve innings. Until the fatal final stanza, his

Peach's Bow to Altona 11-5

It will be Markham and Altona in the Claremont Community League finals. Ray Hill's squad moved into the championship series with an 11-5 win over Peach's on Monday night. They took the series three games to two.

Speedballer Frank Hendy chalked up the all-important victory for Altona. With the exception of the fourth inning, he was never in trouble. He yielded three runs in the fourth. Peach's counted single tallies in the second and fifth. Ross Beckett and Geo. Clarke shared the hurling chores for the Markham Twp. team.

Harold Hodgson and Bruce McDowell paced the winner's attack. Each player counted a pair of runs. Frank Hendy turned in a fine two-way performance for Altona. He also completed the circuit on two occasions: for runs. Don Forgie, Cliff Dunkeld, Gord Forgie and Allan Redshaw notched singles.

Les Jarvis counted two runs for Peach's. Gord Pilkey, Ross Beckett and Geo. Clarke scored the other tallies. Peach's were retired in order in the first, sixth and seventh.

In a previous meeting between the two rivals on Friday night, Peach's gained a 7-5 verdict. Eric Pilkey and Carl Timbers belted sixth-inning home runs to sew up the win for Peach's. Murray McDowell plouted a double and a single for Altona's best plate performance.

Tottenham Trio Win Birkett Trophy

The popularity of the Birkett Trophy on good greens and in beautiful weather was further emphasized in the mixed trebles tournament held here Saturday afternoon when a full green of 20 rinks was received. Some good competitive bowling was seen.

First prize for 3 wins with the Birkett Trophy and prizes was won by Mrs. M. Clarridge of Tottenham. Second prize for three wins went to Mervin Watts, Eva Bowdway and Elmer Farthing. Mr. Milne Freeman of Agincourt was high for 2 wins. One high win went to Mr. R. Johnson, Eleanor Crossen and Magnus Mowatt.

Five mixed doubles rinks played at the Claremont Sinclair Trophy tournament recently. One rink, composed of Mr. and Mrs. George Middleton, won high for two wins.

Five Stouffville rinks participated in the mixed doubles two game tournament at Markham on Monday evening when eight greens were filled. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Wagg and Mr. Don Bacon and Eleanor Crossen each won their two games with prizes.

On Monday evening, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. a pot luck supper will be held at the local club. A good attendance is hoped for after which we will all participate in mixed bowling.

Clippers Plan Entry In Five-Team Intermediate "B" Group

With baseball and softball still very much in the forefront of the local sports news, it is rather difficult to realize that the winter hockey season is just around the corner. Stouffville promoters have no been content to wait until the snow is falling to start planning for the forthcoming schedule.

Int. "B" Team

The Clippers will ice a club in intermediate "B" class competition this winter. At the present time, it is likely that they will perform in a five team group, including Milton, Bradford, Beeton and possibly Georgetown. Stouffville's home games will be played on Tuesday nights. They will start at 8:45 p.m. Due to a new ruling, suggested to the O.H.A. by local club will be permitted to ice 15 players both during the regular schedule and in the playoffs. It is hoped that the initial workout may be organized for Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Name Management

Mr. Harry Lee will remain as Manager of the Clippers. Mr. Russ Forfar has been named Asst. Manager and Publicity Man. Jack Watson will coach the club. It is thought, perhaps, that Geo. Stark will assist coach Watson in this capacity. The team is anxious to obtain the services of a Trainer. Anyone desirous of handling this job should contact either Harry Lee or Russ Forfar.

Veterans to Return

There is a strong likelihood that a number of the veteran Clippers may attempt a comeback this winter. Possible returnees are Norm Stunden, "Red" Crawford, Ronnie Bell, Polly Minton and Geo. Stark. Last season's fast-stepping trio of Harold Hodgson, Bud Lehman and Phil Nicholas are expected back. The local Management is seeking the services of Aurora's Walt Finns to bolster the club.

Three Trophies

Three separate trophies will be up for competition this season. One award will be presented to The Most Popular Player. This selection will be made by a vote of the fans. Another award will go to The Most Valuable Player. This selection will be made by a vote of the club roster. The Highest Scorer will also receive a trophy. A record of goals and assists will be kept, both during the regular schedule and the playoffs. The fans will also be informed of the group standing from time to time.

Ballantrae Wins Y.F.C. Softball Title

Ballantrae are the new Y.F.C. softball champions. Frank Hendy and company chalked up a thrilling 6-4 win over Altona on Thursday night to take the best of three series, two games to one. The playoff final was played under the lights in Stouffville's Memorial Park.

Daring base running by veterans, Doug Forfar and Frank Hendy paid off for Ballantrae. Forfar doubled and scored on an infield error. Hendy belted a two-bagger and stole home on a wild pitch. Both tallies came in the eighth inning with Altona holding a 4-3 edge. Joe Crowhurst also completed the circuit in Ballantrae's final turn at bat.

Murray McDowell twirled fine ball for Altona until the fourth inning when he yielded three hits and a single run. Ballantrae were held hitless for three complete innings. The Altona whirlwind hurler ran into more trouble in the seventh when two walks, a single and an infield error allowed the northern rivals to move within one run of Cliff Dunkeld's squad. Two doubles and a walk knocked McDowell out of the box in the eighth. Murray Johnston took

Three Players Ejected Brougham Team Quits

A disgusted Brougham softball club walked off the field at Selkirk on Saturday night after three of their players were ejected from the game. Short stop Geo. Staley was the first man to get the gate. He objected to the base umpire's call and hurled his glove to the ground. Without warning, he thumped off at the diamond. Team captain, Ivan Booth was the next to go. He took exception to the ousting of Staley and quickly joined his team mate on the bench. The final blow-up came when the plate umpire tossed catcher Gord Todd out of the game. That was the end. The entire Brougham team packed up their gear and left the field. A letter of protest has been filed with the O.R.S.A. officials. No formal protest has been lodged. Brougham informed the management that they would willingly replay the game on a foreign field.

Brougham were trailing their rivals, Rainham, 2-2 when the contest was abruptly halted. They dropped the series opener 3-1. Frank Stroud worked the eight innings on the mound for Brougham. First-sacker Gord Hughson was not in the lineup. Grant Johnston handled his position.

Bob Miller, veteran hurler with the Brougham team, informed the Tribune that they were treated in a very unsportsmanlike manner by the officials. He said that, although they arrived in the Selkirk park, thirty minutes before game time, they weren't allowed a pre-game warm-up. He said that the plate official was not qualified to handle a playoff contest. The umpire and catcher Todd waged a private war of words throughout the greater portion of the game Todd was expelled in the eighth inning.

over in relief and finished the contest. Frank Hendy went the distance on the hill for the champions. Although he was clipped for 7 hits, he took a heavy toll of Altona batsmen, racking up a total of 14 strike outs. He walked five men. His mates committed 6 errors. McDowell yielded 6 hits. He whiffed nine batters and walked three. Altona had four bobbles.

Frank Hendy paced Ballantrae's place attack with a single and a double. Third baseman Garry McEachern clubbed a bases-empty home run. Doug Forfar belted a two-bagger. Single-base blows came from the bats of Joe Crowhurst and John Nesbitt.

Murray Johnston was Altona's top batsman. He collected a double and a single. Don Boake came into the game as a pinch-hitter in the fifth and poled two singles. Geo. Neale also poked out a pair of safeties. Paul Meyer, Don Dunkeld and Gord McDowell each had one hit.

Trailing until the late stages of the contest, Ballantrae threw base-running caution to the wind. Although two players, Dave Renaud and Bob Bennett were tagged out on attempted steals, Frank Hendy and Doug Forfar were successful. The latter's run sewed up the win for Ballantrae.

The Ballantrae victory climaxed an uphill fight for the Whitechurch Twp. club. They finished in the cellar last year. Officials Gord Coverley of Markham and Ross Wideman of Altona handled the game.

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