

# Editorial

## INFERIOR OFFICIATING

The season's largest sports crowd attended one of the most thrilling games of the current softball year in Stouffville's Memorial Stadium on Saturday night. The eleven inning championship encounter between the local ladies and their Wheatley rivals packed all the thrills and chills into a single game that we may witness here for many a day. In spite of numerous errors on both sides, the closeness of the score and the importance of the contest, kept more than 300 fans sitting on the edge of their grandstand seats.

It is regrettable, however, that the game had to end on a rather sour note. Through no fault of the players or the management, we would contend that the officiating was the worst we have ever seen. We point the finger not only at the umpires but at the provincial association. To our knowledge, it was not represented. There was no trophy on the field for an official presentation. It recalls an exact re-run of the Stouffville-Wheatley Junior finals at Port Dover last year. The O.B.A. representative was not present. The trophy arrived here mid-way through the winter season.

We have watched a goodly number of ball games in the local park and on out-of-town diamonds. Including pre-season exhibition games, the officiating on Saturday night was the most ridiculous schmozzle ever to mar a contest. We don't profess to be any expert at the business. That's not our job. These men, however, carried registered umpire certificates and were paid a set fee to handle the game. If the girls were as confused as we were on a number of infield calls, then it's little wonder that the management stormed, the players cried and the spectators moaned. On one occasion, the entire Wheatley infield were grouped around the mound while a Stouffville player raced around the sacks, almost at will. To our knowledge, two plays, one at second base and another at third, have yet to be called.

We would not wish our readers to get any ideas that the Stouffville club is not a worthy champion. They most certainly are. They proved themselves in the series opener at Wheatley when they drubbed their opposition by a score of 17-6 right in their own back yard. All the breaks didn't go in favor of the local team, but the right for four Stouffville runs to cross the plate in an eleventh inning rally is quite questionable. We feel that "down deep" the Stouffville girls would have been quite content to have met their Wheatley rivals on a neutral field in a third game, rather than have their championship joys tainted with doubt.

One could hardly blame the Wheatley coach for being more than irritated. His club had travelled nearly 250 miles for a game of a foreign field. One minute, they had the contest in the bag, the next minute, it was all over. A portion of his protest could be attributed to a natural disappointment. We felt, however, that for the most part, he had some well-founded reasons on which to base his arguments. We feel sure that coach O'Neill and company would have been equally irked if the shoe had been on the other foot, and rightly so.

To our knowledge, it is the first provincial ladies championship in the history of the town. Coach O'Neill has worked faithfully with his proteges and those closest to the club knew that the coveted cup could not evade the girls' grasp for long. We offer our congratulations and hope that the team will return next season in defence of the hard-fought title.

## Lions Bringing Two Big Hockey Teams For Exhibition Game

Stouffville sports fans are going to have an opportunity to see two of the country's top amateur hockey teams, and at the same time, help along the local Lions Club in their boys' and girls' work.

The Whitby Dunlops, 1958 World Champions and the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen who will be Canada's 1960 Olympic entry, will meet in the Stouffville Arena on Friday night, October 9th. Game time 9 p.m.

In addition to the meeting of these two top hockey teams, entertainment will be provided between periods. There will also be lucky draws and other features.

The advance sale of tickets will commence shortly. Admission price will be \$1 and your attendance will give a real boost to the Lions work which includes minor hockey. In addition, you'll see some of the top hockey performers.

## Maxwell Fires No-hitter To Upset Claremont 4-2

Any pre-conceived ideas that Greenwood would be knocked off quite handily by Claremont in the semi-final round of the Community Softball League suffered a rude jolt on Thursday night. The experts failed to consider the potential pitching prowess of righthander, Bill Maxwell. The whirlwind mound ace stopped Jack Rennie's boys with a dazzling no-hitter. His mates tapped rival speedballer, Bob Redshaw for five hits to post a thrilling 4-2 victory.

Jim Cruikshank and Bob Cherry were the big guns in the Greenwood attack. Both players whacked home runs. Cherry's blow came in the first inning with one mate aboard.

Cruikshank teed off on a 3-2 pitch and slammed it into the deep outfield. The sacks were empty at the time. Gord Gauslin romped home with the 4th and final run for the winners in the sixth inning.

Claremont looked weak at the plate. They worked hurler Maxwell for eight walks. Wil Giddon scored the first run after

Grant Jones fled deep to centre field and Gord Allman popped out to third sacker, Bob Cherry. Doug Allman counted Claremont's final tally in the seventh inning.

The home run blows by Cherry and Cruikshank told the tale. Bill Allan's single preceded Cherry's round-tripper. Les Wilson rapped a single off Reg Sanderson's glove in the fifth but was left stranded. Gord Gauslin's long ball drive into left field evaded Earl Rowe's glove.

He scored easily. The two teams were rained out in their return tilt on Monday. They will hook up again on Thursday night.

**SID SMITH RETIRES**

Playing Coach Sid Smith of the Whitby Dunlops has retired from the hockey wars. He performed with the "Dunnies" for two seasons when they captured the world championship at Oslo, Norway in 1958 and the Allan Cup last year. The 35-year old veteran has been replaced by Ted O'Connor.



Softball history was recorded in Stouffville on Saturday night when the local girls' entry captured the Provincial Women's Int. "C" championship by edging Wheatley 11-10 in eleven innings. They swept the final series in two straight games. They took the opener by a score of 17-6. Saturday's game attracted the largest crowd of the season to the park. The Management and the players are pictured here following the championship contest. They are, left to right— (Rear Row) — Gord Pilkey, (Mgr.) Joyce Roberts, Marion Gayman, Donna Sebeck, Jean Halsied, Joan Raymer, Lenora Loyst, Helen Gayman, Doug O'Neill (Coach). Front Row—left to right— Natalie Belch, Gwen Kennedy, Mavis Trunk, Audrey Mursion, Ila Redshaw, Doreen Jarvis and Lenore Sykes. —Cadieux Studio

## Stouffville Girls Win Intermediate "C" Title In Extra Inning Game Sat.

The Stouffville "Merchants, Int. "C" entry in the Provincial Women's Softball Association playoffs, are the new all-Ontario champions. They swept through to the title by beating Wheatley in two straight games, 17-6 and 11-10. They had previously knocked off Richmond Hill and Burnhamthorpe to advance into the Provincial finals. The largest crowd of the season attended the crucial contest under the lights in the Stouffville Park on Saturday night.

Although errors were quite numerous in the tension-filled game, the outfielders for both clubs completed some brilliant defensive plays. Joyce Roberts, Gwen Kennedy and Ila Redshaw of Stouffville gathered in some well-hit balls that appeared headed for extra-bases. Jean Bergam of Wheatley was equally sensational. Gwen Kennedy made the first dazzling catch. She gloved a long ball from the bat of Wheatley Pitcher, Beth Hodgson in the fourth inning. Left-fielder, Joyce Roberts brought the crowd to its feet in the ninth inning with a brilliant back-handed catch on a line drive shot from the bat of Wheatley's Bernice Wilkinson. Stouffville's Ila Redshaw literally saved the day for the local club on two separate occasions. With the bases loaded, she gathered in a long-fly ball hit by Beth Hodgson in the seventh. In the top of the tenth, with two on base, she grabbed another long ball belted by Evelyn Willan. Each put-out halted a determined Wheatley rally. The visitors' Jean Bergman hauled down two potent drives, one from the bat of Marion Gayman in the ninth and another from Gwen Kennedy in the tenth.

**Held In Check**  
Stouffville's power hitters weren't hitting. In the entire eleven inning contest, only one extra-base blow was belted out of the infield. Marion Gayman looped a Texas League double over second base in the bottom of the eleventh. It was much the same story for Wheatley. Pitcher Beth Hodgson poled a triple in the sixth. Their remaining hits were confined to single-base blows. Stouffville's Natalie Belch twirled a nifty eight-hitter. Wheatley righthander, Beth Hodgson yielded 11 safeties. Doreen Jarvis was Stouffville's top batter. She hammered out three singles. Audrey Mursion snapped out of her batting slump. She tapped out a pair of singles, but was left stranded on both occasions. Lenore Sykes kept pace with team mate Mursion and also collected two singles.

**Weird Inning**  
The majority of home town rooters were ready to vacate their grandstand seats after Wheatley pushed three runners across the plate to lead 10-7. The story of what followed in the bottom half of the eleventh inning will never rightly be told. A combination of hits, errors and stolen bases saw three successive batters complete the circuit to tie the score. By some weird oddity, a fourth batter, Gwen Kennedy found herself on second base and when the dust had cleared she was parked at third. She later romped home on a wild pitch to end the game, the series and the Provincial playoff trail.

**Work Strategy**  
The late innings saw both coaches work all types of strategy in an effort to produce a game-winning combination. It appeared to work with considerable success. Although pinch-hitter, Donna Sebeck was an infield out, pinch-runner, Lenora Loyst later scored the tying tally. Wheatley's Betty McDonald, a pinch-hitter for Donna McKeen, belted a single in the 11th and completed the circuit. On three separate occasions, infield decisions brought the Wheatley coach off the bench. His verbal protests fell on deaf ears. The trophy, emblematic of Intermediate "C" superiority, will be presented to the Stouffville champs later this Fall.

## Cards' Edge Hagersville 5-4; Barber Twirls 3-hitter

The Junior "Cardinals" could wrap up their second straight Provincial Championship with a victory over Hagersville in the Stouffville Park on Saturday afternoon. The game time is 3:30 p.m.

Riding along on a sparkling 3-hitter, tossed by ace righthander, Harry Barber, the "Cards" squeezed out a tight 5-4 victory in the series opener at Hagersville on Saturday afternoon of last week. Gord Eckardt completed the circuit twice. Ted Suzuki, Harry Barber and Brian Hathaway counted single runs. Hagersville jumped into a 1-0 lead in the third inning on three successive errors. Stouffville staged a two-run rally in the fourth on a walk to Eckardt and singles by Hathaway and Bob Stover. Two errors and a sin-

gle by John Little pushed front-runner, Ted Suzuki across the plate in the fifth to give the visitors a 3-1 lead.

Hagersville evened the score at 3-3 in the bottom half of the sixth. A triple and two errors scored two runs. The "Cards" outscored their rivals 2-1 in the eighth inning. Gord Eckardt led off with a single. Harry Barber followed with a single-base blow and Bob Stover belted a safety to keep the rally rolling. Keith Scott and Roger Todd loaded up the sacks but Ted Suzuki was a strike-out victim to retire the side. Hagersville scratched two of their three hits off Barber in the bottom half of the eighth but only one runner completed the circuit. The third man went down on strikes with the bases loaded. Both sides were retired in order in the ninth.

Coach Don Haynes of the "Cards" spoke highly of the Hagersville opposition. They are a young club and the majority should be eligible for Junior ranks next season. The playing field had much to be desired and was partially responsible for the six errors that plagued the locals' lineup. Coach Haynes looks for a real tight battle when the two teams hook up again in the return tilt on Saturday afternoon. Hagersville ousted Wheatley. They won the opener in extra-innings and took the mid-week game by default.

**J.R. COACH**  
Bob Cherry, well-known hockey and softball star will return to the coaching helm of the Whitby "Hillcrests" again this winter. He led his club into the group finals last year before bowing to Newmarket. The semi-final series between Brooklin and Whitby attracted sell-out crowds. The new club Manager is Arthur Ashion.

**Y.F.C. BANQUET**  
The annual Youth for Christ championship softball banquet will be held at the Youth Centre on Tuesday evening at 6:30. The trophy will be presented to the coach of the Dickson's Hill club. The admission price is \$2.00 per plate.

## Markham Beats Peach's 13-6 To Lead Series

After battling to a 9-9 tie in the semi-final series opener, Markham's Jr. "Aces" rallied on Monday night to whack out a 13-6 victory over Peach's in the Claremont Community League playoffs. They need only a tie on Thursday to advance into the finals.

"Nebbie" Gayman delivered the payoff blow with a three run homer. Don Middleton belted a double and a single. Bert Beckett, Ron Hiltz and Ted Matthews saw mound action for the winners. The Peach's trio of Pete Dunce, Eric Pilkey and Jim Noble handled the pitching chores for Gord Pilkey's squad.

In the first game on Thursday night of last week, it was a parade of pitchers for both clubs. Altogether, six men saw service, four for Markham and two for Peach's. Bert Beckett finally put the stopper on the Peach's plate attack with an excellent relief effort. He entered the fray in the sixth inning with only one out, the bases loaded and his club trailing 9-8. He forced Don Thomas

to hit into a fast double play to end the inning. In the bottom of the seventh, he retired the side in one, two, three order. Ken Beckett completed the circuit with Markham's tying tally. Jim Johnston poled a home run for Markham. Don Middleton and Bill Johnston batted doubles. Earl Brooks bagged a double for Peach's.

## New Curling Rink For Richmond Hill

Good progress is being made on the construction of a new curling rink in Richmond Hill. The Club hopes to open in November. There will be six sheets of ice, locker rooms for men and women and a lounge overlooking the ice surface. Anyone interested in joining the Curling Club is asked to contact Mr. Don Little at Av. 5-1105.

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