

In This Corner

By RON WALLACE

Maybe it's too early to tell, but from what we've seen the Ball Clubs are not making as big a hit with the spectators as first anticipated.

Looking around the field at any given game, one might observe about 50 viewers, taking a half-hearted interest in the proceedings. In the grandstand, people come and go, depending on how the game is turning out. It may be half full at the start of a ball game, but by the fifth or sixth inning, looks as though someone had pressed the 'air raid' siren.

Baseball in Stouffville is not professional, but it's good ball, and well worth watching. It's true there hasn't been an Intermediate club here for some years, but it's here now, and the fellows who are trying to keep it going, deserve the fan support. They are not a winning club yet, however, championship baseball is not something that happens overnight. Practice and perseverance, something this club has plenty of, will eventually produce a tip-top team.

The excuse of not wanting to waste time with a losing club doesn't hold water where the Juniors are concerned. This club, judging from their opening games, will go all the way this season, and yet, they're doing it without the hometown support. True, there are the loyal supporters who see every game, but it's the same faces week after week. This is directed at those who spend Sunday afternoons, and Wednesday evenings in front of the television set.

It can't be the price that is keeping people away. After all, silver collection only ranges from a dime to a dollar. And, there is no obligation on anyone's part.

The lads that play on our teams are local boys, many who have lived here for years and years. They make up part of our community. They are promoting one of the few summer sports Stouffville has. They can't do it by themselves.

Perhaps when the girls start their schedule, the crowds will swell. Nevertheless, baseball is baseball, be it boys or girls, and baseball needs spectators. In Stouffville, it needs them badly.

Being fair, we must admit that baseball is not the most exciting sport in Canada. Chess is more thrilling than some games we've seen, but just the thought of the home town team competing against other centres should bring spectators out by the droves. Ball can be dull and tiring; yet in the same breath, it is interesting, competitive and challenging. It requires, of the players, sharp reflexes, good control and undivided attentiveness. And players have a tendency to 'show off' if they know there's a good crowd supporting them. They'll do their best to please everyone, and they'll give them something worth coming back to see again. They won't always win, but they'll be in there trying.

Support baseball in Stouffville... it boosts the community spirit.

Still on the subject of baseball, we received a rather unusual note from the Markham "Aces." The club sent a message regarding the officiating of a recent game, and they PRAISED the umpires. The note said, in part, "adding to the colour of this fine ball game, we must give three cheers to the finest officiating we have seen this year. Loring Dolittle at the plate and Ross De-Geer on the bases added the little extra that comes from experience that must be had in a ball game of this kind..."

The umpires, who, in the eyes of most fans, don't know what they are doing, deserve a lot of credit for the efforts they put into a ball game.

Umpire-in-chief for the area is "Gabby" Lapointe from Newmarket. He is to be commended for the excellent umpires that have appeared in different communities. These men do their jobs as they see it, and it's always nice to hear favourable comments about their work, instead of that traditional 'kill the ump' jazz. Just standing behind the plate calling balls and strikes shows that these men are capable of making a decision and standing behind it.

"Gabby" has done his fair share of the games in Stouffville and his presence alone makes the game worth seeing. No one can call a strike like he can, and fans will verify that his famous "streeek" is colouring the game as well as boosting it.

Who are the 'California Cuties'? If you want to find out, circle July 6th on your calendar. Then, on that date, at 8:15 p.m. be at Morgan Park in Markham.

This event will be something that every member of the family will surely enjoy. The Markham "Aces" will host our American friends, to what promises to be one of the zaniest ball games ever seen in this area.

It will be a family affair, aimed at pleasing people from 6-to-80. This American ball team does, with baseball bats, what the NHL Oldtimers do with hockey sticks.

This talented and comical ball troupe from Southern California appear dressed in ladies garments and have thrilled softball fans from coast to coast throughout the United States and Canada. Although "The Cuties" have been known to confuse and bewilder their opponents with their many routines and antics, their fine woe 'n' lost record speaks for itself.

Fans will be treated to laughs and excellent displays of softball talent all in one package.

For an evening of hilarious comedy, be at Morgan Park to see the most lady-like gentlemen in the world.

POOL SHARKS: The first warm weekend since the pool opened brought swimmers out by the hundreds. Some 1,100 persons paid admission into the pool last Saturday and Sunday. And with temperatures stretching into the high 80's, why not?

However, it can't be hot like that all the time, and this year that difficulty has been overcome. The pool is heated. Manager, Andrew Williams, expressed his delight at the number of persons who have visited the pool during the early part of below-normal June. Normal temperature for the water is 72 degrees regardless of whether the thermometer says 50 or 80.

The pool is heated with natural gas and the temperature can be regulated very easily.

Besides the heated pool, Mr. Williams has come up with another idea to keep pool-goers amused. It's called "Water Jousting" and it's as easy as falling off a log.

Two plywood platforms, four feet square, have been secured to four foot diameter tractor tubes. Both platforms will be fastened together with a measure of rope to prevent them from drifting apart. The competitors, one on each platform, will be 'armed' with broom handles, bare at one end, and a plunger grasping the other. The plunger will be covered with cloth to prevent any injury. From then on, it's every man for himself. The victor, of course, is the one who remains upright on his raft, while his cohort is fished out of the water. We're wondering if the prize might be Maid Marion.

Now that high school has closed its doors for another term, the pool's regular staff is now on duty. Besides the regular day time swimming, the pool is open to the adults in the evening, and swimming classes begin around the first of July.

The swimming classes, that will be conducted by trained experts, are an absolute must for the non-swimmer. We endorse them wholeheartedly.

In Canada, swimming should come as naturally as eating, and with the countless thousands of lakes and streams, not knowing how to swim, is dangerous.

Added to the swimming lessons, the student will also learn lifesaving techniques. All too many people have drowned simply because a group of on-lookers stood around saying "I don't know how to do it." The methods are easy to learn, easy to apply, and good to know.

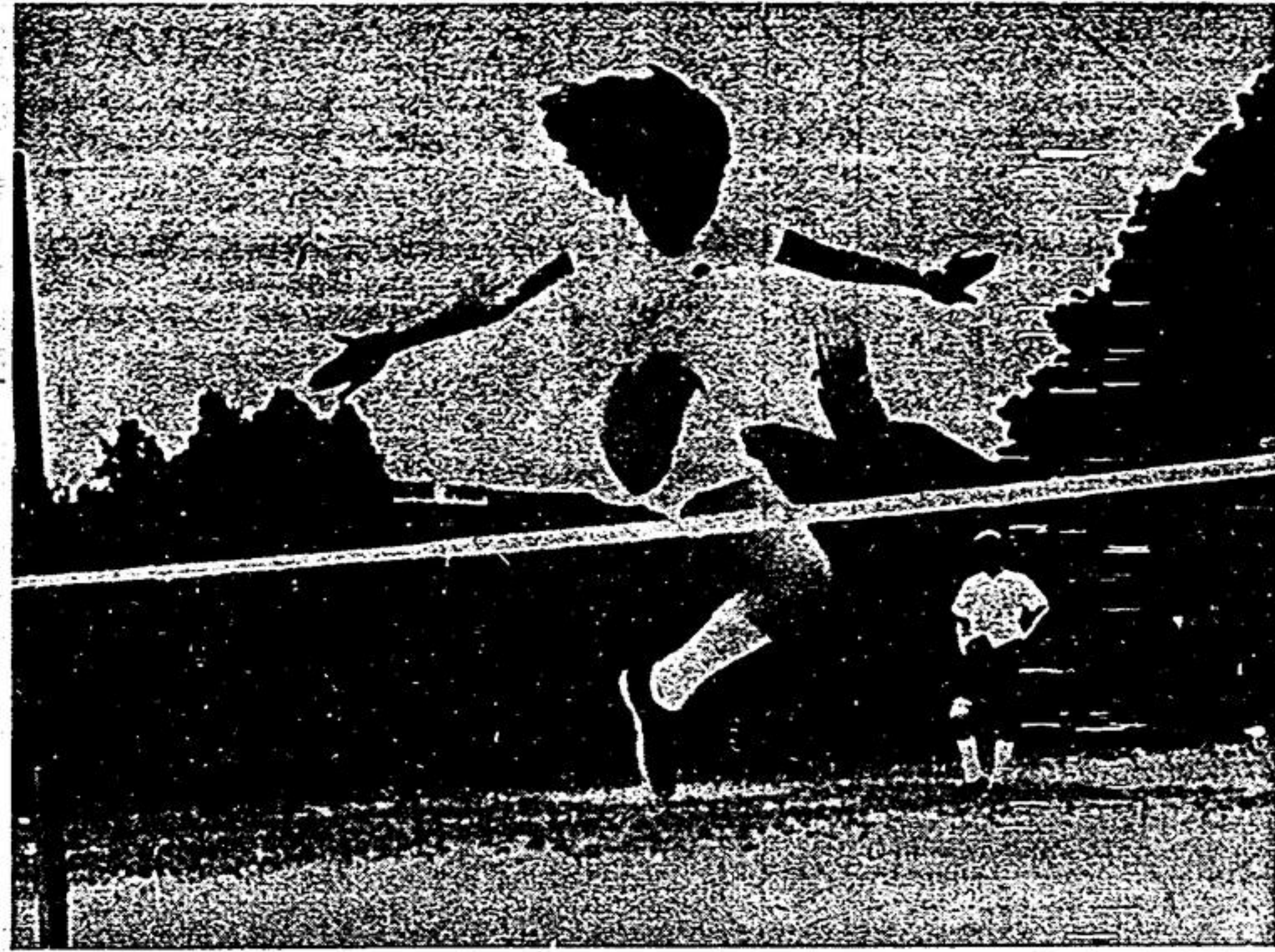
This is not a commercial, but we strongly recommend that the non-swimmer join these classes, learn how to swim, and rest assured that he knows how to help in case of an emergency. The life you save, could be your own.

Stouffville can be proud of its pool, its capable life guards, and its qualified instructors. We hope the citizens will take advantage of them.

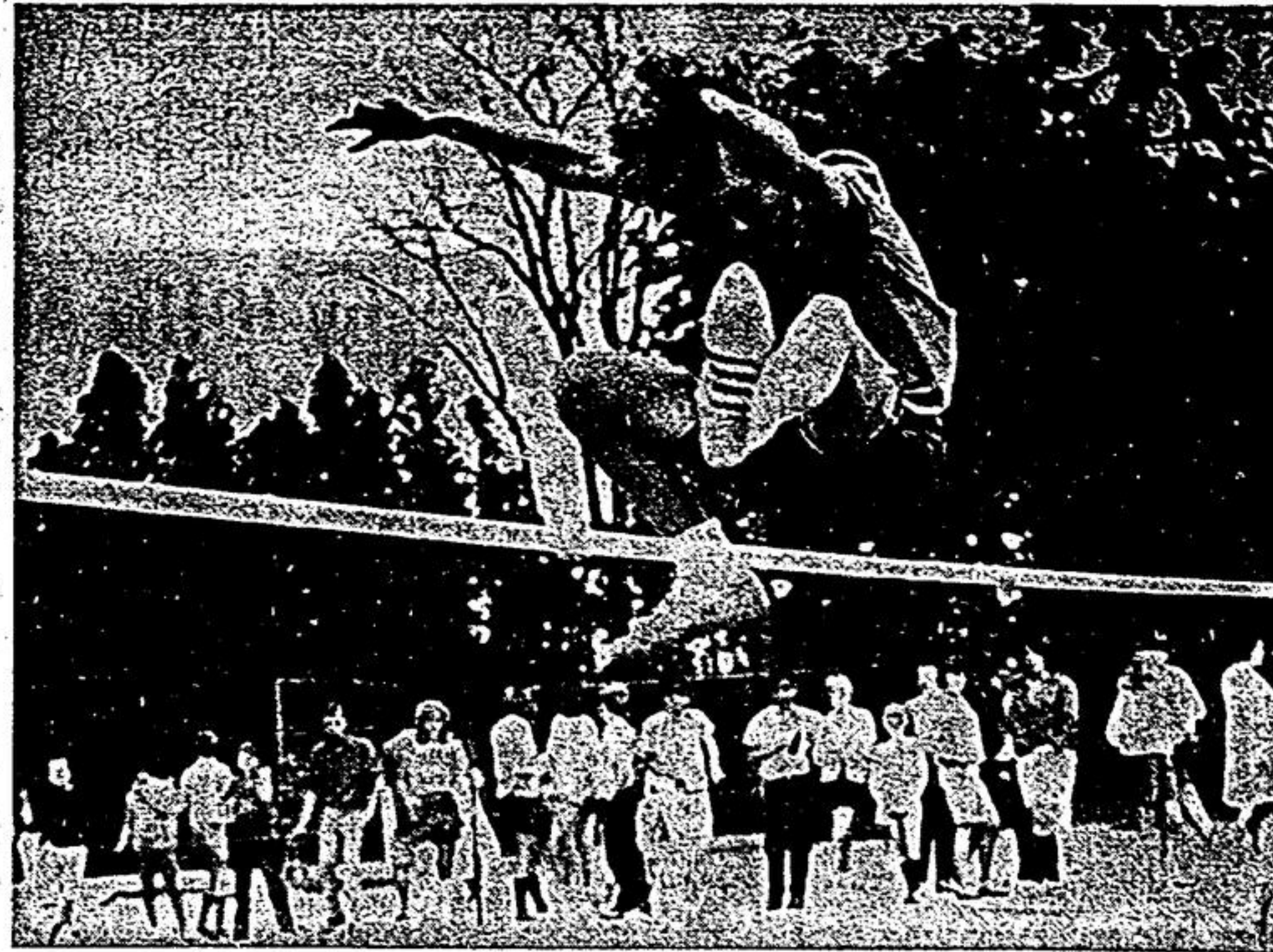
You can't please all the people all the time, as we found out in a recent visit to pool side. With the sun beaming down, the air warm and the water heated, we overheard one lad comment, "gee, I'd love to go in, but I'll get wet."

And as a closing note, yours truly is still afraid of the high diving board. If anyone has any suggestions on how to overcome these fears, I'd sure like to hear 'em.

Junior Girls Exert All-Out Effort In High Jump



Competition was keen at the Stouffville public school track and field meet last week and three new records were established. Jennie Bangay of Orchard Park, the Jr. Girl's Champion, is shown here, clearing the high jump bar. She rolled up a total of 27 points. —Staff Photo.



Sharon Barry of Summitview was the runner-up for the Jr. Girl's Title with 17 points but she captured a red ribbon in the high jump class. Her school collected a total of 461 points as compared to 401 for Orchard Park. —Staff Photo.

N.H.L. All-Stars At Richmond Hill

Tom Hughes Shell baseball team will have their work cut out for them when they meet with the NHL All-Stars in an exhibition game Friday night in Richmond Hill.

The game, complete with Eddie Shack starts at 8:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a girl's ball game at 7 p.m.

July 3rd, Tom Hughes Shell will meet the zaniest ball club ever to come out of the United States. They're the "California Cuties" the most lady-like men's team around. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

As an added note, Tom Hughes Shell play their regularly scheduled home games on Saturday nights.

Willows Pro Wins At Brampton

Johnny Henrick, golf pro at the Willows Golf Club shot a one under par 71 Wednesday to capture first place in the \$1,000 Pro Member Tournament held at the Brampton Golf Club.

The local professional outshot some 46 Toronto District golfers to win the event.

He was awarded the Rambler Trophy.

Tied for second spot were Moe Norman and Alvy Thompson who shot two over par 74's.

Next weekend the Willows Pro will compete in the All-Ontario Golf Open being held at Trafalgar, Ontario.

"Aces" Win on Aurora Errors

Bob Ellis paced the Markham Aces to an easy 5-1 victory against Aurora Glenville Dairy on Tuesday night, as he strung goose eggs on the score sheet for eight consecutive innings.

Ellis's fine pitching efforts held Aurora at bay until the 9th inning when Glenville scored their only run. The left-hander gave up four hits, walked two and struck out 10 Aurora hitters.

Errors played the major part in Aurora's downfall, accounting for two of the Markham runs. Glenville's hurler, Norm Roberts tossed a four-hitter. He struck out six Aces.

The nicest play of the game came when short stop Ken Beckett fumbled the ball, and had it grabbed off by Jim Johnson. Beckett faded back for the ball, caught it, but was unable to hold on. The alert Jim Johnson was right there, grabbing the ball before it hit the ground.

Hitting for Markham were Jim Johnson, Rick Conlin, Bernie McGriskin and Mike Huggins. Aurora marksmen were Keith Browning, Keith Scott, Charlie Leeming and Glen Bennett.

Claremont Scores 9-0 Shutout

The offensive and defensive methods of the Claremont Softball club paid off Tuesday night when they held Greenwood scoreless and went on to win 9-0.

Defensively, Claremont hurler, Frank Hendy struck out eight batters while an additional 12 were thrown out at first base. Neil Pascoe advanced the furthest for Greenwood, when he made it to third base. No more than four hitters per inning came to bat for Greenwood.

Offensively Claremont grabbed 13 hits off pitchers Neil Pascoe and Ron Staley, including two triples and three doubles to score their nine runs. They got two in the first, two in the third, then iced the cake with five runs in the fourth.

Scoring for Claremont were Ron Hedges (3), Tom Benson (2), Al Redshaw (2) Bert Visely and Frank Hendy.

Greenwood obtained four hits off Hendy's pitching, with Pascoe getting a double in the fourth inning.

Ron Staley relieved Neil Pascoe in the sixth, but the move failed to produce any runs.

Catcher Turns Pitcher In 5-4 Loss to Port Hope, Suzuki Wields Big Bat

Ted Suzuki, always noted for his speed on the base paths, showed plenty of power at the plate, on Wednesday and whacked out a pair of hits, scored one run and romped home with two others.

His performance was not enough, however, as Stouffville "I.G.A." bowed to Port Hope 5-4 in a real tight contest.

Don Haynes, always noted for his catching ability, turned pitcher on Wednesday and fired a creditable 7-hitter. He actually had a victory in the bag but an infield error and a lost ball in the lights set the stage for a Port Hope rally in the 6th. Four runs came in and the visitor's lead was too great to overcome.

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Although batting 5th in the order, Suzuki displayed his team's best plate power. He singled in the 2nd and scored on Larry Spang's drive down the left-field line. He out-legged a past ball strike in the 5th and completed the circuit when Barry McLean hammered a

Pegg Whiffs 17 Batters To Beat Aces 3-2

Markham Aces dropped their second ball game of the campaign last Thursday when they were defeated 3-2 by East Gwillimbury. The game was played at Morgan Park.

Star of the night was the visitor's hurler Dale Pegg. His change-up accounted for the better part of his 17 strikeouts. Pegg allowed seven hits.

Aces opened the scoring in the 2nd inning with Bernie McGriskin tallying. McGriskin sent home when Rick Conlin reached first on an error.

In the fourth inning East Gwillimbury scored two runs on hits by Ron Beckett and Chuck Goddard. Beckett scored from a wild pitch while Goddard came home via a fielder's choice.

Other hitters for East Gwillimbury were Chuck Goddard (2); Dale Pegg and John Dunn. Markham hitters were Jim Johnson, Rick Conlin and Phil Hebert.

Goodwood Rally In 5th Ties Pickering 4-4

Pickering, after building up a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, failed to hold on and had to settle for a 4-4 tie against Goodwood Thursday night at Claremont.

The top four batters on Pickering's order tripled, singled, struck out and tripled to give them the early lead.

However, Ron Evans and Bruce Norton scored in the bottom of the second to narrow the lead to 3-2. Both teams added a run in the third.

Goodwood came up with the tying run late in the fifth. John Nesbitt scored on Rae McGuckin's double. With two men on and a chance to break the tie, Goodwood was retired as Pickering infielders played clever ball tagging men on second and

shot through the centre. In the 6th, he slammed a long double to left-centre to score Don Haynes. He was then left stranded.

Ted Watts worked the distance for Port Hope and held the home squad to 6 hits. He appeared to weaken slightly in the late innings but had enough reserve to carry him through. His battery mate, Tom Holmwood, was the team's top batsman with three safeties, all singles.

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Turkey Shoot
The Aurora Gun Club is holding its annual indoor turkey shoot Saturday, June 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event for 12 gauge shotguns, 22 rimfire sporting rifles (iron sights only) and handguns, will be held on the club property. The club is located on the 6th concession of Whitechurch Township, 6 1/2 miles north of the Aurora-Ballantrae Highway.

Claremont Comm. Softball League
(as of June 20)

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Pickering	8	0	2	18
Goodwood	7	1	2	16
Port Perry	6	3	0	12
Greenwood	5	5	0	10
Brock Road	4	5	0	8
Brougham	3	6	0	6
Claremont	3	6	0	6
Bay Ridges	0	10	0	0

FUTURE GAMES:
Thursday, June 24: Claremont Park
Brougham vs. Goodwood
Claremont vs. Bay Ridges
Monday, June 28: Brougham Park
Port Perry vs. Pickering
Brock Road vs. Greenwood.
Tuesday, June 29: Claremont Park
Brock Road vs. Claremont
Brougham vs. Bay Ridges.
Wednesday, June 30: Brougham Park
Pickering vs. Goodwood
Port Perry vs. Goodwood.

Broom corn is a grass from which brooms and clothes brushes are made.

Summitview Wins P. S. Field Meet With 461 Points

In the annual field day competition held between Orchard Park and Summitview Public School last week saw Summitview win by 60 points. They tabulated a total of 461 points while Orchard Park scored 401.

Awards were presented to Orchard Park winners Monday night and to Summitview, Tuesday. All presentations were made at the Stouffville District High School.

Following are the results:
JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMP: Jennie Bangay, 27 pts. — Runner up: Sharon Barry, 17 pts. (Women's Institute Trophy)

JR. BOYS CHAMP: Paul Brown, 20 pts. — Runner up: Bill Hassard, 13 pts. (Village of Stouffville Trophy)

INTERMED. GIRLS CHAMP: Kathy Boyd, 27 pts. — Runner up: Veronica Sprague, 14 pts.

INTERMED. BOYS CHAMP: Rick Thornhill, 19 pts. — Runner up: Bob Dubuxry, 17 pts.

SENIOR GIRLS CHAMP: Susan Jones, 25 pts. — runner up: Jane Thomas, 17 pts. (Stouffville Business & Professional Women's Club Trophy)

SENIOR BOYS CHAMP: Jim Lamoreaux, 30 pts. — runner up: Dave Toole, 22 pts. (Stouffville Home & School Trophy)

SR. B. GIRLS CHAMP: Gale Goude and Linda Heise, (tied) with 5 points. (Public School Staff Trophy)

SR. B. BOYS CHAMP: Alan Vague, 25 pts. — runner up: Jim Ogar, 22 pts. (W. Morley Trophy)

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION COURSE
4 Week Course July
4 Week Course August
Monday thru Friday 9-12 a.m.

Children \$3.00
Adults \$5.00

Please register for July lessons by June 29.

SEASON TICKETS
Good anytime pool is open.

Family \$12.00
Adult \$7.00
Child \$5.00

PRIVATE SWIMMING PARTIES

Contact: ANDREW H. WILLIAMS, MANAGER
Stouffville, Ont. Phone 640-1260

Contact: MRS. LES. WILSON FOR PICNIC BOOKINGS
Stouffville, Ont. Phone 640-3821

Roller Skating

MARKHAM ARENA

Every Monday, 8 - 10.30 p.m.

ADMISSION 50c

Boot Skates Available

YORK SIMCOE SOFTBALL LEAGUE, STANDING (as of June 17)

GP	W	L	Pts
Markham Aces	9	7	24
Richmond Hill	8	6	24
East Gwillim.	8	5	24
Aurora	9	4	27
Newmarket	9	3	27
Markham Hawks	8	1	24