

Sports

Tribune

Victoria Square wins league pennant clinch first place in final contest

Playoff positions set

VICTORIA SQUARE — Victoria Square became 'Victorious Square' as they plucked the pennant out of the fire in the final game of the season, Tuesday. A loss or a tie against Markham would have lofted Claremont into first place but the combination of power at the plate and a sparkling six hit effort by Bruce Mortonson produced a decisive 13-5 win.

Mortonson, who has lost 15 pounds due to a recent illness looked far from fit but you couldn't tell it by the scoresheet. He struck out ten batters, four of the last six to face him and didn't issue a single walk. Perhaps even more important, his determination inspired the others to go all out.

Claremont, who put, on a tremendous stretch drive, had their chance for first place snatched from them by another surging force, — Greenwood. With Stouffville also playing some of their best ball of the year, the playoffs should produce real diamond drama. Although the semi-final schedule has not been officially drawn up, the Square will meet third place Greenwood and Claremont will square off with fourth place Stouffville.

Final league standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
VICTORIA SQUARE	24	17	4	3	37
CLAREMONT	24	17	5	2	36
GREENWOOD	24	15	8	1	31
STOUFFVILLE (INT.)	24	14	10	0	28
BROUGHAM	23	7	14	2	16
MARKHAM	23	6	15	3	15
STOUFFVILLE (JUV.)	23	1	21	1	3

Hit kayos Claremont

GREENWOOD — To Claremont, it meant first place in the S.O.C. standings. To Greenwood, it was just another ball game. That didn't stop them from giving it their best. Their best was good enough to earn them a 5-4 win in a hard-fought contest. The big blow came when Ken McTaggart belted a high pitch over the heads of the pasture brigade in the seventh inning for a home run. That spelled the difference between a tie and a win.

Greenwood's hickory handlers were in top form all night, especially the McTaggart boys and the Wilson twins. They accounted for 10 of the 14 hits given up by Murray McDowell on the hill for

Claremont. Ken McTaggart came up with a double to accompany his game winning blast. Brother Bob clicked on a pair of singles. John Wilson was good for a solid triple and two one-baggers while Jim was close behind with two safeties. And then there was the Jones boy, Murray, who picked up two RBIs by virtue of three scratch singles.

Tom Davis, allowed eight hits and was only in serious trouble once. That was in the eighth frame when Jim Hopkins unleashed a round tripper which accounted for two tallies and a gap of only a single run. Another Jim, Jim Redshaw, collected two safeties to match Gord McDowell's output.

Bantams must win

STOUFFVILLE — "They really want this one," Stouffville Bantams' coach, Ray Donn was explaining how his club felt as they prepared to go into the second game of the second round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs with East Gwillimbury. After dropping the first game 10-7, they must come up with a win tonight (Thursday) if they are to stay alive. Game time is 8 p.m.

Belt Ballantrae

VANDORF — Stouffville's Intermediate entry in the O.A.S.A. jumped into a one game lead in the best of three series with Ballantrae Monday. The second and possibly final game was scheduled for last night (Wednesday) at the Stouffville Park.

Bob Parish once again couldn't be tamed as he pitched the Betz-Vachon crew to a solid 7-2 win. His improved performances lately and Gord Tarr's consistent hurling have given Stouffville supporters much to cheer about.

Eric Barber started for Ballantrae and was charged with the loss before Al Barnes came on in relief.

Sunderland - first

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville I.G.A. travels to Cambray, Saturday and hosts the same team here Sunday in the baseball league semi-finals. Sunday's contest is at 2 p.m.

First place Sunderland meets Manilla. Sunderland ended the schedule on top, beating Stouffville 11-2 and 4-3.

Pending an upset, these two clubs will meet for the championship.

Otterville rivals

CLAREMONT — Claremont girls have advanced to the Ontario fastball semi-finals.

The defending champs travel to Otterville, near Tillsonburg, Thursday night (tonight).

The return game is at Claremont, Saturday. The time is 8.30 p.m.

Squirts out

STOUFFVILLE — The local Squirts, most of them new to organized ball, got a taste of O.A.S.A. playoffs. It wasn't a very pleasant taste, however, as they lost the first round to East Gwillimbury.

After winning 11-7 in the series opener, Stouffville looked as though they might do very well, but once East Gwillimbury's sluggers got into the swing of things there was little hope. The second clash ended 17-8 and the final one 17-7.

Win on error

CLAREMONT — An outfield error with two away in the bottom of the 9th inning gave Claremont Peewees a 3-2 victory over Hickson, Saturday, in their series first game.

Claremont travels to Hickson, Sunday.

Danny Ellicott belted the fly ball with Brad Staley on base. The drive was dropped and Staley scored.

Larry Elson started on the Claremont mound with Staley coming on in relief. Billy Carruthers completed the battery.

Victoria Square eliminated

VICTORIA SQUARE — The O.R.S.A. playoffs ended early for Victoria Square as Schomberg upset them with an 8-4 victory Sunday.

The 'Square' used all three pitchers, Roger Ball, Richard Burton, and Bruce Mortonson in an effort to salvage the final game but a rash of errors and fine play by Schomberg helped to eliminate them from further play.

Juveniles swamp L. Wilcox

STOUFFVILLE — After struggling valiantly in the South Ontario County Fastball League during the past few months, the Stouffville Juveniles finally smelled the scent of success by trouncing Lake Wilcox 14-3 in the first game of the O.A.S.A. playoffs.

Keith Lewis showed his prowess both as a pitcher and batter as he lead the long-overdue crew to victory. He showed good speed and control as he sent twelve players to the

bench with a third strike. His home run in the fifth inning was one of his three hits. He circled the bases the next time up as he blasted another long drive that baffled the centre fielder.

The Lee Sand and Gravel boys never looked better in the timber swinging department as they tagged Rick Collins for 15 hits. One perfect example was third baseman, Lorne Mitchell as he turned in his best defensive-offensive game of the year. A double, three singles and

two RBIs plus several excellent plays from the hot corner contributed tremendously to the team's success. Bob Leger was consistent with three singles and a run-batted-in, and Larry Gilroy counted a triple and a single. The triple could have easily gone for a homerun had the traffic in front of him circling the bases shown more speed.

Lake Wilcox, though spunky, were never really in the game as they failed to connect with Lewis' pitches.

Four town teams in Ontario playoffs

STOUFFVILLE — Last week, Stouffville had five teams seeking Ontario titles. At present, four remain. The Squirts fell by the wayside but the Peewees, Bantams, Juveniles and Intermediates are very much alive. The Bantams and Peewees have advanced to the second round while the Juveniles and Intermediates hold the upper hand in the first.

The schedule follows:

INTERMEDIATE 'C' (first round)
Aug. 19—Ballantrae at Stouffville
Aug. 21—Stouffville at Ballantrae (Vandorf Park)—if required (second round)
Aug. 24—Ballantrae or Stouffville at Greenwood or Campbellford.
Aug. 26—Greenwood or Campbellford at Ballantrae or Stouffville.
Aug. 28—if required (first round)
Aug. 19—Greenwood at Campbellford
Aug. 21—if required

See above for second round
JUVENILE 'C' (first round)
Aug. 19—Stouffville at Lake Wilcox
Aug. 21—if required (zone finals)
Aug. 24—Mount Albert or Zephyr at Lake Wilcox or Stouffville
Aug. 26—Lake Wilcox or Stouffville at Mount Albert or Zephyr.
Aug. 28—if required.
BANTAM 'B' (second round)
Aug. 20—East Gwillimbury at Stouffville
Aug. 21—At East Gwillimbury if required. (third round)
Aug. 25—Port Perry or Lindsay at Stouffville or East Gwillimbury
Aug. 27—Stouffville or East Gwillimbury at Port Perry or Lindsay.
Aug. 29—if required.
PEEWEE 'B' (second round)
Aug. 24—East Woodlands or Markham at Stouffville
Aug. 26—Stouffville at East Woodlands or Markham
Aug. 28—if required.

Seventy-two entries

Western horse show

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The second annual all-western horse show, held on the property of Al's Tack Shop, Vandorf Road, west of Hwy. 48, Sunday, attracted a record 72 entries.

The purpose of the day's activities was to assist financially with the construction of an indoor riding arena known as

'Project 70' at the site of the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.

In spite of threatening morning skies, the classes were completed on schedule.

The father and son team of Vern and Roy Bonk, Mayflower Farms, R.R.4, Stouffville, won the first four competitions, Vern taking the Open Pleasure

and Open Trail and Roy the Junior Pleasure and Junior Trail. Other ribbon winners were — Madeline Carpentier, Baldwin; Vern Watson, Toronto; Carol Carcone, Richmond Hill; Valerie West, Cedar Valley; Aussie Watt, Queensville; Russ Pegg, Queensville; Vince Carcone, Richmond Hill; Pat Tamblin, Newmarket; Brian Butler, Milliken; Harry Londry, Newmarket.

The number of entries and ringside attendance far exceeded expectations. Al Humphrey, on whose property the show was held, described the turnout as 'fabulous'.



Doreen Evans came through with the big hit for Claremont against Blackheath, Thursday. She will attempt to repeat this performance against Otterville in the next playoff round.

Doreen Evans

Bank teller is 'money player'

CLAREMONT — Nineteen year old Doreen Evans is a teller on the Stouffville branch staff, Bank of Nova Scotia.

She's also on the infield staff of the Claremont girl's fastball team.

And while she may look a bit different as she performs the dual roles, don't be fooled by the change of dress.

She's a 'money player' all the way. She proved it Thursday night.

It was the second game in the first round of the all-Ontario playoffs. Blackheath, a community near Hamilton were the visitors and leading 1-0 as Claremont came to the plate in the bottom half of the fourth.

With two out and the bases loaded, Doreen grabbed a bat. She picked out a high, wide pitch and promptly slapped it into right field for a triple.

That was the beginning of the end. Claremont took the game 7-2 and the series in two straight.

While it was Doreen's offensive effort that brought the crowd to its feet, the pretty brunette was also superb at short. In the 7th, she completed a great play, snagging a sharply hit grounder back near the grass and nipping the runner by an eyelash.

While trailing through part of the contest, the outcome was never really in doubt. It was just a matter of how soon and

how many.

Mary Albright and Patti Madill shared the mound chores with Kathy MacGregor completing the battery.

Host Lowville

CLAREMONT — Claremont hosts Lowville, Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the second round start of the O.R.S.A. Intermediate playoffs.

In the first series, Claremont downed Eldorado, 6-3 and 15-8.

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