

Sports

Tribune

Lead-off at third

Peewee team loses playoff thriller

STOUFFVILLE - The The Grimsby team plate umpire saw it. coach saw it.

So did Stouffville coach Jack Watson.



Stouffville's Peewee entry in the all-Ontario playoffs has advanced to the Provincial finals. They travel to Grimsby, Saturday. The management and players are: Back row (left to right) - Will Morley, Jack Watson (coach), Jackie Watson, David Mumford, Ted Assinck.

Scott Connor, Ronald McDowell, Rick Marshman, Doug Davis, Dent Smith. Front Row (left to right) - Howie Jones, Ken Smith, Mark Davis, Keith Acton, David Lang, Ted Mann, Kevin Morley, Doug Feasby. —Jas. Thomas.

A leadoff from third base, in the last inning, with Stouffville trailing 4-3 and two out, ended the game so suddenly, Saturday, few fans in the stands were aware of what happened.

The Peewees must now beat Grimsby this Saturday in the peach boys' own backyard, to square the Ontario final series. They go to bat at 3 p.m.

Regardless of the loss, an admitted heart-breaker, the game here was a real thriller. It saw Grimsby take a 3-0 lead in top of the 5th and Stouffville tie it in the bottom. The visitors made it 4-3 in the 6th and set the stage for a last-ditch rally in the 7th. With one out, pitcher Rick Marshman smashed a solid triple to deep right centre. Ron McDowell, with two singles to his credit earlier, popped out to second. Marshman streaked for the plate but, according to the umpire, left the bag before the catch. He was out and the game was over.

In spite of the miscue at third, moundsman Marshman was the homester's hero. It was a kind of Bobby Orr effort after shooting the puck into his own net.

The whirlwind righthander blazed a brilliant 4-hitter, blanking

the side through four straight innings. If that was not enough, he belted two doubles and a triple in four trips. Other safeties came from the bats of Keith Acton, Ken Smith, Howie Jones and Doug Feasby.

Tom Wright, Grimsby's second-sacker was their best, slapping a single through the infield in the 5th with two mates aboard.

Defensively, Stouffville shortstop, Ken Smith looked real great in the 2nd, gloving a Texas League fly with his back to the plate. His rival, Matt McAnally, also looked sharp in the 5th, pocketing a liner from Howie Jones' bat.

Stouffville out-hit Grimsby 9-4.

When the din of battle had died down, Coach Jack Watson had nothing but praise for his boys. "We can take those guys," he said. "don't lose heart.

You were hitting the ball the best in weeks." So this Saturday, it's a new ball game in a new diamond. With an all-star effort, it could be a new series.

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Greenwood retains fastball league title

CLAREMONT - On most teams, the weakest batter bats ninth.

Usually, it's the pitcher. Not so with Greenwood. He's a first baseman.

But 'weak' is hardly a suitable description. Just ask Claremont.

It was the bottom of the 10th in the 'rubber match' for the South Ontario County Fastball League championship. The score was tied 4-4, with two on base and two out.

Up stepped Bob McTaggart and WHAM! A solid double, his second of the night, to right-centre, scored Tom Davis from 3rd and Jim Wilson from second.

That was it. Claremont went down in order in their half of the inning and the winners' bench went wild.

Team coach Les Wilson received the title trophy from executive secretary, Cliff Dunkeld.

For the two teams, it was

a great windup to a great season. Claremont took the loss like true sports.

Ron Jones started on the Greenwood mound but his ailing arm soon fell victim to Claremont's plate power.

Tom Davis took over in the 3rd and fired hitless ball the rest of the route. Grant Norton went the distance on the Claremont hill. He also helped himself to a home run, a circuit blast with the sacks empty in the second.

Gord McDowell, George Redshaw, Bruce Redshaw and Jim Redshaw also hit safely. Brian McTaggart, Murray Jones and Bob McTaggart each poked out a pair for the champions.

Defensively, Claremont's Larry Vernon and Bruce Redshaw pulled off great one-handed stabs of lined infield shots. Greenwood's John Hill looked equally alert with a one-hander from George Redshaw's bat in the tenth.

Challenge match

CLAREMONT - The challenge match, between Claremont's Peewee team and the Juvenile girls, will be held, Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Previously scheduled for last Saturday, the contest was called off due to rain. The draw for the \$25 money doll will take place between innings.

Hockey practice

CLAREMONT - The Claremont hockey team will begin its schedule, Oct. 18 in the Uxbridge Arena. The first practice is Thursday (tonight) Oct. 1 in Uxbridge at 10 p.m.

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