

Strong playoff start for Unionville boys

A victory last Monday has given Unionville's Albright Investigation softball Squirts a strong start in their quest to qualify for the upcoming Ontario "C" championships.

Unionville, behind pitcher Mike Johnstone's 11 strikeouts, blasted Port Perry 12-6 to take the lead in the best-of-three series.

Greg Pipher led the offence with three hits, including a pair of homeruns. Brad Griffin also knocked one over the fence, while Andy Herrington had a pair of hits (including a triple).

Ted Wyborn also looped a triple, with Dave-Lightfoot and Johnstone also hitting safely.

Markham Novices earn tournament victory

Markham's Bennett and Wright Novice softball girls may have been knocked out of last weekend's regional playdowns, but

they were still good enough to win a Newmarket tournament a short time before. The club started on the right foot, coming back from a 7-5 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Don Victoria 10-7.

Marci McTavish doubled to bring home Janice Samways and Heidi Cavanagh, while Lynn Taylor's home run scored Janine Steffoff and Marci McTavish.

Steffoff and Cavanagh finished up with two hits each. Taylor notched 17 strikeouts.

First-inning homers by Steffoff and Katie Riddell started Markham on the way to a 7-3 decision over Streetsville in game two.

Steffoff smashed four hits overall, with Riddell and Will belting two apiece. Taylor gave up three hits and struck out 19.

That win put Markham into the finals, where it knocked off East Gwillimbury 7-5. Will put the squad in front when she doubled, then came home on a Jennifer Samways single in the top of second inning.

The opposition knotted the count in the bottom of the frame, only to have Markham score twice in the third on a Riddell single and a Taylor home run.

In the sixth inning the contest went in East Gwillimbury's favor, as it scored four times to grab a 5-4 advantage. But Taylor's seventh-inning round-tripper (clubbed during the seventh frame) brought home Will and put Markham ahead.

Will then smashed a four-bagger as well to put the game out of reach.



SO YOU WANT THE BALL THAT BAD? OKAY THEN, HAVE IT! This may be what it looks like, during action in Wednesday night's exhibition game between the Markham Rugby Club and Tabard, England. But actually, Markham's John Watt is trying to hang onto the ball while Tabard opponents attempt to crush it out of him. Kevin Wilson (back turned) tries to help Watt. Markham lost 18-16 on a last-minute Tabard try.

—Francis King

Unionville Slow pitch

B.B.S. Electric 13 — Village Box Meats 8
 Minor Insurance 7 — McKenzie Recs 7
 Calathumpians 11 — Jug & Basin 6
 Brodies 14 — Unionville Broadloom 7
 Rosswill Pools 13 — Bramales Ltd. 13

BEN GAYMAN DIVISION

TEAM	W	L	T	PT
B.B.S. Electric	16	1	0	32
Village Box Meats	11	7	1	23
Komac Pools	8	8	1	17
Markham Pharmacy	7	9	1	15
Markham Trophy	6	12	0	12

ARTHUR TOOGOOD DIVISION

Mckenzie Recs	11	5	1	23
Village Interiors	10	5	1	21
Dynes Insurance	10	6	1	21
George Minor Insurance	7	8	3	17
Connell Real Estate	5	10	2	12

TONY ROMAN DIVISION

Capricorn Pools	10	7	0	20
Jug & Basin Antiques	8	10	0	16
Calathumpians Restaurant	4	13	2	10
B&M Motors	4	13	1	9
Insurers	1	14	1	3

GLEN KENNEDY DIVISION

Brodies Restaurant	11	5	2	24
Bramales Ltd.	11	4	2	24
Edmunds Roofing	9	7	1	19
Unionville Broadloom	7	10	0	14
Rosswill Pools	7	10	0	14
Insurers 7 — B&M Motors 4				

Markham defeated

Don't let anyone tell you momentum isn't a big factor in rugby, because the visiting Tabard, England club used it to knock off the Markham Rugby Club (MRC) 18-16 on Wednesday night.

It took Tabard well over half the game (played at Centennial Park) to get untracked. The club rarely came close to scoring a four-point try, and missed three of five penalty kick attempts.

During that time, Markham was able to take advantage of almost every break it gained. In fact, it jumped in front after only two minutes of play, when Andy Stone finished off a good passing play by running half the field length for a try.

Bill Quinn's two-point convert attempt was short, but it hardly mattered at the time. Right after, Tabard missed not one, but two three-point penalty kicks.

Then Markham upped the lead to 10-0. The club kicked out of its own end and drove quickly down the field. Craig MacDonald scored the try off passes from Bill Morrow and Andy Stone. This time Quinn kicked the convert.

Tabard missed yet another penalty kick from 40 yards out shortly after. But a 15-yarder just before halftime finally put it on the scoreboard.

The opposition's offence seemed to come to life in the second half. Early on, only a forward pass call by the officials prevented a try from being scored.

Five minutes later Tabard had another penalty kick opportunity, but missed the 30-yard boot.

MRC came back with an unexpected four-pointer after a scrum in the Markham end. Stone grabbed a Tabard fumble, found some open space and ran 60 yards for the try. Quinn successfully converted.

Tabard finally earned its first converted major five minutes after, when Markham fumbled in its own end and Tabard passed down the sideline and into the end zone.

From then on it was Tabard's game. It spent most of the time harassing MRC in its own end, and only miscues near the Markham goaline prevented two tries from being scored.

The contest went to Tabard in the final three minutes, as Lawrence Smith found a hole and plunged over for the try (converted moments later for the winning points).

MRC captain Kevin Jones said it was a "well-contested" match, but the ball — wet because of the damp field — was sometimes difficult to handle.

As for the shift in momentum, Jones explained that Tabard "needed a long time to settle down. But once it did, the team kept playing off its two big guys and we couldn't stop them."

Tabard is on a two-week tour of Southern Ontario, playing three other teams besides Markham.

Charity run coming soon

It's time to start registering for the Economist and Sun/Tribune/Great Gulf Homes Charity Fun Run, set for Sept. 8.

Proceeds from the 10-km event go to the Markham Stouffville Hospital, and participants can save if they register early.

The entry fee before Aug. 31 is \$5, but goes up to \$10 afterwards. Children under 12 can register free. The run starts at 10 a.m. at the Great Gulf/Windermere sales pavilion on Warden Ave. in Unionville.

There is also a kiddie K run for the children. Prizes are available in both categories, and a barbecue is planned at the Windermere site at the end of the run.

Registration forms are available at the Great Gulf pavilion in Unionville or at the Economist and Sun office on Heritage Rd. in Markham.

For more information contact either the newspaper (294-2200) or Great Gulf (475-6767).

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