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Don Anderson buys into Frontenacs

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Local trucking company operator Don Anderson has bought a one-third interest in the Kingston Frontenacs of the Ontario Hockey League's Junior A division.

Anderson and ex-National Hockey League executive and owner Warren Blair purchased equal shares of the Frontenac club from club President Bob Attersley Thursday.

Attersley will stay on as the third partner. The trio are involved in several other business enterprises, including the Pine Stone Inn and Country Club in Haliburton.

Anderson will act as Vice President of the hockey team, with Attersley continuing as President, and Blair Managing Partner.

"We talked about buying a Junior A team in Niagara Falls, but someone else bought it," says Anderson, a Stouffville area resident.



DON ANDERSON
...buys team



It was double trouble coming from this trio, as the Stouffville Midgets trounced Chinguacousy 6-2 in their home opener. From left, Scott Evans, Jamie Showers and Jamie Miller all had doubles in the contest. Evans also pitched well in the game.

Anderson says the Ontario Hockey League has just come off one of its best seasons, attendance wise, and that the league is strong.

Anderson's only previous hockey experience was as a player in the Unionville Minor Hockey Association in the 1940s and 50s, and as a member of the Unionville Junior B Hockey team from 1953-56.

Cliff Bass found his calling working behind home plate

By BRUCE STAPLEY
When Cliff Bass was asked to look after the officiating of intramural sports at Summitview Public School in 1959, he didn't have any idea he was embarking on a life-long "career" as a sports arbiter.



Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

Today, the Altona resident spends most summer nights umpiring for the York-Durham Men's Slo-Pitch League and the Town's Minor Ball program.

Cliff Bass, an umpire for more than 30 years, is gearing up for the 1989 season. Back in 1959, the Altona resident took up officiating, and has been at it ever since. He calls umpiring "fun", but has gone through some rough times behind the plate, as well.

He has worked his way up from umpiring local girls rep ball teams at the age of 13. He was picked up by the North York Umpiring Association in Newmarket a year later, and started to work Senior softball games at 16. He was Umpire and Chief for the North Pickering Softball League in 1978.

He gave hockey refereeing a shot along the way, but gave it up when he found it to be too much when combined with his summer sideline of umpiring baseball games.

The head of Outdoor Education at Westview Centennial Secondary School in North York, Bass finds officiating a good way to pass the time in the summer months.

"Most of the time, it's a lot of fun," he claims, "You get to meet people. I don't do it for the money, although it does mean a few dollars on the side."

He vividly recalls a night game that went 17 innings at a tournament in Mt. Albert in 1979. "The final score was 1-0. It was a long night."

friendliness in tournaments, and the umpire doesn't have as dominant a role."

"He was also a part of the crew that umpired the All-Ontario championships won by the Stouffville Bantams in 1987."

Occasionally, the good time "spirit" runs a little high, and Bass admits he once decided the ball players were more interested in drinking than playing ball.

But he remembers with the same clarity a game in Pickering when, after ejecting a player from the game, he was chased off the field by an angry fan with a baseball bat.

"It only happened once, during a weekend tournament. I had to walk off the field. Both teams were inebriated."

"The fan was rather inebriated. John Annis, who plays for Stouffville's Betz Pools team now, was pitching that night, and he grabbed the fan and broke his jaw."

Bass maintains most ball players are usually willing to give him the benefit of the doubt on a close call. "As much as the ump is only 50 per cent right most of the time, the players really seem to appreciate the job you do for them. If the worst comes to the worst, he knows he could be spending the rest of the game out of the game."

While Bass used to umpire mostly fastball, he now sticks mainly with slo-pitch games, saying he prefers the faster pace. "There's more action, and less balls and strikes."

Bass, who has two young sons, one in T-Ball, feels he'll be calling them out and safe for many years yet. "I'll continue on. It's a good outlet for me in the summer time."

His memories are made up of both the good and the bad. He vividly recalls a night game that

Stouffville Midgets start off 1989 season with 6-2 victory

By BRUCE STAPLEY
It was double trouble for the visiting Chinguacousy (Brampton) softball team Thursday at the main diamond at Stouffville's Memorial Park.

Stouffville Midgets bested the visitors 6-2 in an exhibition game.

Showers drove in the game's first run with a double in the first inning. Miller's double triggered the three-run fifth, with Evans cashing in two runs with his two-bagger.

Evans scampered home on a wild pitch later in the inning. Rob Parcells scored in the second frame on an error, with Evans driving in the other run

with a single in the third.

Evans pitched the first four innings, racking up eight strikeouts, while surrendering one run.

Baroneski was good for six whiffs in his three-inning stint, also giving up a solo run.

The Midgets start their regular season May 24 in Scarborough, returning to Stouffville for their first home game the next evening versus Markham.

Orchard Park makes clean sweep

It was a clean sweep for Orchard Park Public School at the Area F North Junior Co-ed volleyball tournament last Monday.

The host squad took all four of their games to end up with 12 points, earning them the right to compete in the Area F Finals this week (May 8 to 12).

Dickson Hill Public School was second with two wins and three losses, good for nine points, while Summitview Public School placed third with a win and four losses for seven points.

Orchard Park team members include: Aimee Gaston, Michelle Gilroy, Leah Kimmery, Sylvia Jankulovski, Cathy Evans, Anne Marie Roy, Cory Goertzen, Doug Frew, Mark Rennie, Brian Saunders, Dwayne Lapp, Donald McClean and Shawn Sargent.

The team was coached by staff members Steve Rensink and Pam Henry.



Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

No strain, no gain

Stouffville District Secondary School has the fittest students. At least the results of the annual fitness challenge would lead to one to believe that is the case. The Stouffville team beat out eight other York Region squads in the challenge which pits individuals and teams against one another. Here, Rob Pagliaro strains to get in one more sit-up before time runs out. The Stouffville team beat its nearest competitor by a large margin. Watch the Weekender for details of the event.



Photo/KIRK YAPP

Bowling winners

Stouffville Bowling Centre's bowling banquet was held last weekend. From left to right, bowlers of the year were selected in three categories: Pee Wee, Zachary Raybould; Junior, Jeff Flowell; Bantam, Cheryl Jackson.



Photo/KIRK YAPP

Highest averages of the year were awarded to the following bowlers in the Stouffville Outh Bowling Council divisions: At rear, from left, are Janet Flowell, Steven Tait, Christine Jackson. In front, from left, are Jason Sinclair, Chad Kerwill and Stephanie Rand.