

SPORTS: Rebels get good pitching, defence and timely hitting in softball game against Markham

Good start helps Rebels turn back Markham

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The Claremont Rebels recorded three runs in each of the first two innings and never looked back as they routed visiting Markham 9-3 in Oshawa City and District Men's Softball League action on Wednesday.

The Rebels pounded out 15 hits as they put up another three runs in the fourth inning towards their fourth win in a row and improved their record to 7-2-2.

Markham was its own worst enemy early though surrendering two unearned runs in the first with some shoddy defence.

A throwing error by shortstop Fasal Hassin and a dropped ball by Scott Searle at third opened the floodgates early as the first three Rebels batters scored.

After the Rebels sent nine to the plate in the opening frame, leadoff hitter Evan Boyd legged out a triple to right-centre to open the second.

Darren Lehman banged home two more with a double to give Claremont a comfortable 6-0 lead.

Pitching and defence also complemented the Rebels' victory.

Paul Koert went the distance as he fanned 14 while giving up just six hits.

Koert struck out four in the first inning and then fanned four of the last seven batters.

Still he wasn't entirely pleased with his performance.

"It wasn't working that well in the beginning. I got it working at the end, but it wasn't one of my better games."

Second baseman Keith Lehman anchored a strong Rebels' defence. He made a sensational play by tagging the bag with his glove ahead of Markham's Mike Samways on a ball hit sharply up the middle in the second. Lehman came back in the third by snaring a bad hop grounder to retire Scott Searle at first.

Three more runs on six hits in the fourth put the game away including a second double and third rbi for Darren Lehman.

Rebels' leadoff hitter Evan Boyd rapped out three hits in four trips to the plate and scored two runs.

Although he has commitments to another team, the Napanee juniors, Boyd says the Rebels are just starting to come together because guys are showing up to the park.

"It's a mens' team and most of the guys don't play as much. By the time mid-season comes, they're into their form."

Because the Rebels were short-staffed, two call-ups from the bantam-midget league were on the roster.

Chris Carruthers, 16, got his first taste of senior men's ball and was hitless in three trips at the plate with a walk and a put out in right field.

Meanwhile the youngest of the Lehman trio, 16-year-old Mike, in his second game for the Rebels, had two singles and drove in one run.

For him, there's a noticeable difference playing in the older league.

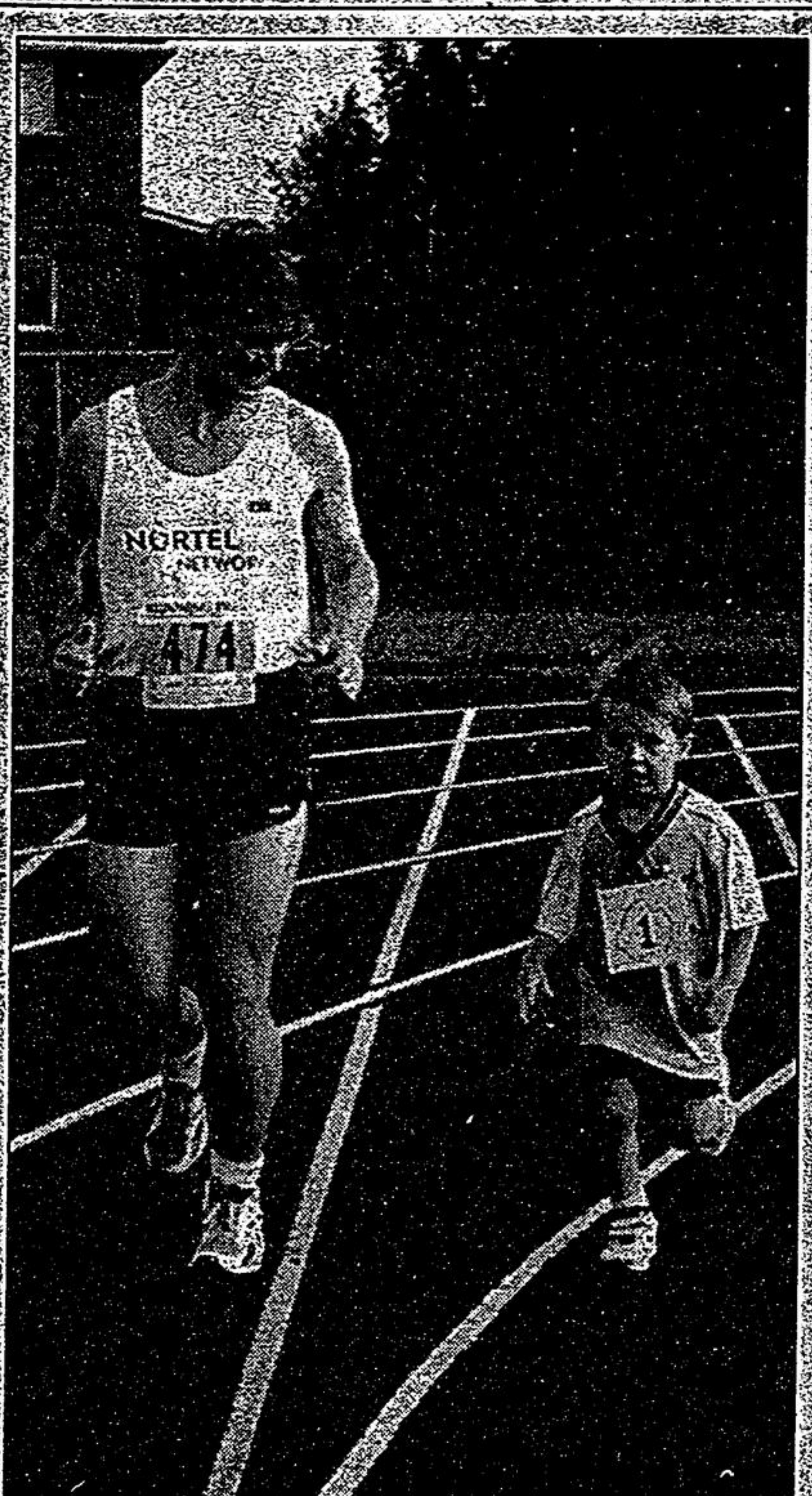
"The ball comes in a lot faster with a lot more different pitches to swing at."

Darren Crawford was the losing pitcher for Markham, which saw their three-game winning streak come to a halt and dropped to 5-7 on the season.

Toni Searle surrendered just two safeties in two innings of relief work on the mound.

Mike Samways had two hits for Markham.

The Rebels are scheduled to play in Cobourg on Monday and return home next Wednesday to face the Oshawa midgets.



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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Victor Szabo offers some words of encouragement to his four-year-old son Daniel, as the pair took part in last weekend's Strawberry Festival 5 and 10K runs. The pair ran an entire one-kilometre on the Stouffville District Secondary School track without stopping. Richard Menzies of Queensville won the 5K event in a time of 18:57.

DON VALLEY NORTH LEXUS - TOYOTA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CATHERINE LUK



Catherine Luk made her presence felt at the recent national wushu championships in Vancouver by gaining a berth on the national women's team that will compete at the third annual Pan-American wushu competition in Brazil next summer.

The 14-year-old Grade 8 student from E.T. Crowle Public School made the eight-member team after finishing sixth. Luk earned a silver medal in long weapons and bronze in short weapons.

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Focus on Faith

People can learn a lesson from ants

Ants, the bane of our picnics, the invaders of our kitchens. In many ways we consider them pests.

And yet the Bible indicates that we can learn some valuable lessons from ants. "Go to the ant, consider her ways and be wise." (Proverbs 6:6)

Bees and ants are considered the most intelligent of insects with ants probably holding first place.

Their large, well-ordered social communities, their elaborate roadways and accommodations, and their

effective employment structure lend credence to the claim that they rank next to man on the scale of intelligence.

More than 2,000 kinds of ants have been catalogued, all of whom are noted for their industry.

At the same time we observe that they take rest periods between their forays for food, relaxing or even napping for hours deep in the privacy of their home. A good lesson for the workaholic generation.

No other creature, aside from man, can equal the ants as food processors.

Worker ants (all female) gather bits of food and carry them to their underground storerooms. There another specialized group of workers, the chewers or millers, grind the various items by chewing them thoroughly and mixing them with saliva resulting in a pleasant ant-type casserole.

So, by considering the ant we are

encouraged to be diligent, not lazy, in our work; to be considerate of the needs of others and to work together with a unified purpose for the good of all.

Proverbs 30:25 admonishes us further to be like the ants in preparing for the future: "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their food in the summer."

Wisdom would dictate

that we have today to prepare for tomorrow.

How foolish for us not to take advantage of today to prepare for unknown future in eternity to come.

This is, of course, what faith is all about, getting to know the purpose of life, the way of salvation and entering into a meaningful relationship with God.

Let's learn from the ant and be wise.

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