



Got her

Times Photo by GORM LARSEN

This was one of the few bright moments for Malton Reps as they retired a Prince Edward Island runner at second base in the Erindale Little League girls Midget tournament last week. PEI won this game 14-0.

Bunts blunt Erindale girls at own softball tourney

By JOHN CHALLINOR
Times staff writer

She who lives by the bunt dies by the bunt was the lesson Erindale T. J. Labella midgets learned at their own girls' softball tournament Sunday at Springfield Park.

Erindale lost the semi-final game 7-5 to eventual champion St. Catharines.

"They beat us the same way we beat them," said co-coach Bruno Vorano. "In Saturday's game we beat them 6-4 by bunting the ball. We lost 7-5 Sunday because we didn't bunt — they did."

Vorano said his club, quite a bit younger than the St. Catharines squad, played good defensive ball but missed one key player, first baseman Karen Sweetin.

Vorano, co-coach Terry Murphy and team manager Don Blair have been training the girls, most of whom are bantam age, since late winter.

"Don had the girls in the gym during the winter to get them into physical shape for the season," said Vorano. "It is obvious they are in good shape now. We're tied for first in regular season play and we have done well in tournament play this year."

Erindale lost the Tilsonburg Midget Tournament earlier this season by one game—the only game they lost in the entire tournament. They repeated their performance at home on the weekend against the St. Catharines squad.

"Our girls gave it their best shot," said Vorano, a three-year veteran of girls softball in Erindale. "We

have two excellent pitchers and we had our home park. It was excellent ball."

Erindale advanced to the semi-finals by clobbering Hamilton 14-4 in the opening game Saturday.

Merriton dropped a 10-6 decision to Erindale early Sunday, which enabled the home club to get a bye into the semi-final against St. Catharines.

St. Catharines battled North Bendale, the same club which knocked Erindale out of the Tilsonburg tourney, to a 1-1 deadlock after six innings but scored two runs in the seventh for a 3-1 win.

Guelph Optimists pounded Grand Ravine 13-2 in the consolation final.

Local midget squads Malton and Forest Glen did not fare well in the weekend tournament.

Malton was maulled 14-0 by visiting Prince Edward Island in their opener Saturday but advanced in the second game by tying Forest Glen 7-7.

Malton lost 7-1 to Chinguacousy on Sunday morning and 24-5 to Grand Ravine.

Forest Glen was defeated 23-10 by North Bendale in their opening game and lost a close game to Grand Ravine on Sunday 8-5.

Managers, coaches and players lauded tournament organizers Sally Jeppson and Dorothy Gilbert.

"There were a lot of favorable comments floating around Springfield Park," said Kerry Gilbert, a co-worker in the tournament. "We co-workers were also quite pleased with the efforts of Dorothy and Sally. They really worked very hard."

Edwards an Argo and a starter

Two years ago, Argo scout Jim Copeland commented on Dwight Edwards' chances of being invited to try out for Toronto Argonauts.

"There is a big difference between the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League and the Mississauga Raiders (Edwards' old club)," Copeland said.

Inspired Neal rows to first

Perhaps it's pomp and ceremony that inspires Don Terry Neal.

With television cameras recording the event and hundreds of people lining the shores, Neal placed first in the 1,500 metre 145-16 single scull event at the Central Ontario Rowing Regatta in London last weekend.

With the Holiday Inn promoting the regatta, London residents responded by turning out in encouraging crowds to watch the rowers race on the Thames River through Storybook Gardens Park.

Neal in his third year of

rowing was the only first place entry from the Don Rowing Club.

The Don Cox Four women's division entry won their heat and placed second in the final over a distance of 1,000 metres. Hazel Zembal is the cox with Daniele Laumann, Dale Graham, Wendy Leclair and Anita Moller handling the bars. Brock took first place.

The men's heavyweight four, consisting of Neil Ostrum, Kevin Brady, Jay McNaughton and Steve Walker, finished second in the 1,500 metre heat and third in the final.

Edwards didn't get a tryout with Russ Jackson's Argo team that year.

Last season Edwards survived the Argo free-agent camp that had a higher casualty list than the battle of the Somme. He stuck around long enough to have one pass thrown over his head in four exhibition games.

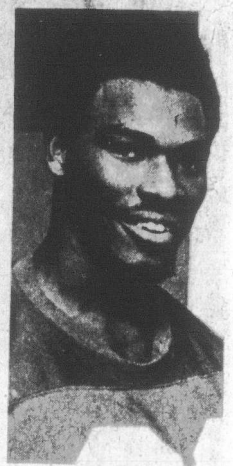
This year he's made the big club. Argos announced their final cuts last week to get down to the 33-man regular season roster and Edwards' name was conspicuous by its absence.

Edwards, who caught seven passes including a 60-yarder against Montreal last week, will be the Argos' deep threat. The 24-year-old former Erindale Raider replaces import Kelvin Kirk.

Leo Cahill has added a new wrinkle to the Argo attack with both wide receiver spots being manned by Canadians. The other wide receiver is veteran Terry Evanshen.

Cahill was able to make this move because of Edwards' outstanding speed.

"For his sake, I am very, very glad he made it," said Mississauga Raider coach Alex Orr. "For our sake I'm not so glad."



Dwight Edwards

Duncan's oar golden at junior trials

John Duncan had to switch partners this year, but that did not stop him from earning a place on the Canadian Youth Rowing team which travels to Belgrade for a world competition later this month.

The Lorne Park Secondary School graduate, in his last year of junior eligibility, qualified within the strict time standard set by the Canadian Rowing Association with partner Mike Cookson of St. Catharines Rowing Club last week. The cox pair will travel to Belgrade for the world championship Youth Regatta July 26 to 30.

Duncan is a member of the Argonaut Rowing Club in Toronto but has been training in St. Catharines

during the summer. His former partner was lost to age eligibility.

Unlike last year when Duncan travelled to Finland, Sport Canada has not provided funding and it has taken several fund raising schemes as well as assistance from Wintario and his parents to make the trip financially feasible.

Duncan will attend Yale University, which expressed interest in his rowing talents last year, during his first school session in the fall.

Duncan won the American Youth Rowing championship cox pair last year but did not participate this season.

Time for softball, good buddy

Softball will be the loser and the Heart Fund the winner when the Channel One CBers and Mississauga Good Times take the field in a charity softball game on Sunday, July 23 at Port Credit Memorial Park.

The CBers, a group of Mississauga citizen band radio operators, will turn over all proceeds of the game

to the local chapter of the Heart Fund. But they're expecting a good fight from the Good Times, a team comprised of staff members of The Mississauga Times.

The game gets underway at 3 p.m. and the public is invited to support the Heart Fund. A silver collection will be taken.

Price is right

Motorcycle racing was as easy as one-two-three for Mississauga's Bob Price last weekend at Shannonville.

Price took first in junior class open production, second in open Grand Prix and third in 410 production on his Kawasaki.

Steve Koch was second in open production on a Suzuki with Jim French eighth on a Kawasaki.

Don Hickey placed fifth in 410 production with Jeff Hazelgrove sixth, both on Yamahas.

French was ninth in open Grand Prix and 13th in 500 Grand Prix on a Suzuki.

Steve Simmons placed third in 500 GP on Yamaha with Hazelgrove eighth.

In expert class, Ralph White took first in open production on a Suzuki with George Morin second on a Kawasaki.

Late loss for Royals

The Mississauga Royals of the Halton County Baseball League's tyke division bowed out of the East York tyke tournament in one game last week, but not before going into extra innings.

Blooddale managed three runs in the eighth inning to defeat Mississauga 8-5.

Naem Saddiq led the seven-hit Royal attack with two singles.

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