

In the huddle

with
**Dick
Thornton**



EDMONTON — Final days at training camp in Aurora were brutal and demanding despite our convincing win over the Grey Cup champions as coach Cahill decided upon the usual two-practices-a-day routine until the very end.

Still there was an air of confidence that lingered among the ballplayers, satisfied and secure in the fact that Ottawa is no longer the monster team that has plagued Argos the past two years. It just goes to prove that a powerhouse football team must have its share of superstars to maintain constant superiority.

With only two weeks of practice, I thought both the offensive and defensive teams put on quite a display but this is expected of an all-veteran team that has played together now for four seasons.

Newcomers looked good

Several new faces performed with sparkling brilliance. Quarterback Don Jonas, cocky and experienced, looked right at home and so did flanker Tom Bland. Both are from the Orlando Panthers of the Continental Football League and last season these two clicked together for 14 touchdowns.

Against Ottawa, Jonas threw two touchdowns to Mel Profit and the other to rookie Gwen Cooper. It's a shame they both play the same position since Profit is a five-year veteran all-star and will be impossible to dislodge from his tight end slot.

Jim Corrigan lived up to his press clippings by looking mean and vicious and doing a superb job at defensive tackle and halfback Billy Symons looked his old self by galloping for long runs.

The highlight of the evening was our defensive cornerback Jim Tomlin's interception. With three minutes remaining, and Ottawa threatening to score, he darted in front of receiver Billy Cooper of Ottawa in the Argo end zone at the last second, picked off the ball and galloped along the sidelines for a spectacular 112-yard touchdown.

Squad must be cut to 32 players

Cutting down to the 32-man limit is rapidly becoming a nightmare for the coaching staff as many of the newcomers have exhibited new talent and rightly deserve a spot on this football club.

So, it looks as if the remaining exhibition games will have quite a bearing on who stays and who goes. At press time, the team is here in Edmonton to take on the vastly improved Eskimos coached by a former Blue Bomber teammate of mine — Ray Jauch. They had the best offence in the league last year and their new quarterback, Don Truell, could take them a mighty long way.

Next stop is Vancouver for a game on Thursday night — our second in three days which is hard on the bumps and bruises. It should be quite an experience as Empire Stadium is equipped with artificial turf. Laid out over an asphalt base, this synthetic material is only 1 1/2 inches thick. The surface is hard and fast and long-sleeved jerseys must be worn to protect hands and elbows against scrapes and burns. Special footwear is also required and that could pose a problem too.

The B.C. Lions are still struggling but head coach Jackie Parker has the ability to make them a contender.

I also enjoy playing out west, having been in the western conference for six years, but the Argonauts is the team to play for in 1970 and I'm glad I'm in the starting lineup.

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Hamilton had formula — don't allow a run

By BOB JARDINE

PORT CREDIT — Hamilton Pyettes behind the strong pitching of Bill Kowalchuck dumped Cedar Grove Mobile Homes 4-0 to walk away with first prize here at the 3rd Annual Mississauga Men's Invitational Fastball Tournament, Saturday.

Kowalchuck held Cedar Grove hitters to only one hit a single by Gary Bromby. After Hamilton took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, the score remained 1-0 until the fifth inning when Hamilton scored two more runs to make it 3-0 and then added the final run in the seventh inning.

The hometown club just never had the required strength to fight back against the Hamilton crew who had just as much strength sitting on the bench as was on the field at any one time.

Hamilton failed to yield a run to the opposition over the entire day as they not strong pitching from Bill Kowalchuck and Rick Laufman who both picked up two wins each.

DAY'S RESULTS

Consolidated Fastfrate defeated the Sheridan All-Stars 5-3 in the first game. Matt Steffanic started on the mound for the Fastfrate crew but had to call on Pete Goodfellow to come on in relief and pick up the victory. The loss was credited to M. Orme who also had help from Jim Clark.

Clare Real Estate blanked Palarmo 6-0 in the second contest. Ed Dunn went the distance for the winners as he fanned 14 batters and also contributed to his own cause by blasting a two-run homer in the seventh inning. John Inglehart was on the mound for Palarmo and held the Real Estate crew to only two hits until the top of the seventh inning when the roof fell in for Palarmo. Clare scored five runs to put the game out of reach. Palarmo was held to two hits, a single by John Inglehart and a two-bagger by Doug Cloverdale.

In the third game Orillia and Crestview I.G.A. played to a 0-0 draw but the game was awarded to Crestview on the strength of having more base runners during the game. Crestview had five base runners and Orillia four. Joe Matson hurled the distance for Orillia allowing four hits and Don Crowley went the distance for Crestview, yielding only two hits. Both hits by Orillia were singles to Joe Matson and Ken Cranney. Bobby Smith, Don Lee, Pat Head, and Don Crowley each picked up a single for Crestview.

In the fourth game, Henderson Machinery unleashed their batting strength and romped over Harmony Caterers 10-0. Pete Reuter went the distance for Henderson picking up the victory and Ken Condie on the mound for Harmony suffered the loss.

Hamilton Pyettes edged Whitechurch Mobile Homes from Barrie 1-0. Rick Laufman hurled the victory and

allowed only one single which came in the fourth inning off the bat of J. Burke. D. McFadden took the loss. Hamilton scored their only run in the bottom of the fourth inning when G. Marriutti blasted a long ball to deep right centre field. The right fielder for Barrie dropped the ball when he collided with the centre fielder. Marriutti reached third base on this error and then scored later in the inning on G. York's single.

In the sixth game, Charring Cross from the Chatham and District played a 1-1 draw with Gazzalo Paving from the Keeleleale League. The game was awarded to Charring Cross on the strength of more base runners as they had 10 base runners compared to seven for Gazzalo Paving.

The seventh game pitted Cedar Grove Mobile Homes against a team of fiery young youths from Grimsby who held them to a 3-3 draw before bowing out on the strength of strikeouts.

Both teams were tied in the number of base runners and also in hits which meant they then had to go to the strike-out column. Cedar Grove overpowered them in that column 8-3. R. Konkle hurled for Grimsby and Don Long started for Cedar Grove but had to call on assistance from Butch Boyd in the first inning.

Cedar Grove Mobile Homes squeezed out a 1-0 victory over Clare Real Estate. Don Long hurled the distance for Cedar Grove and Ed Dunn suffered the loss. Long held Clare to only two hits, a double by Cliff Miller and a single by Ed Dunn. Wayne Gordaneer scored the only run of the game when he started off the third inning with a double, advanced around the bases on a fielder's choice and then scored on an error at the plate.

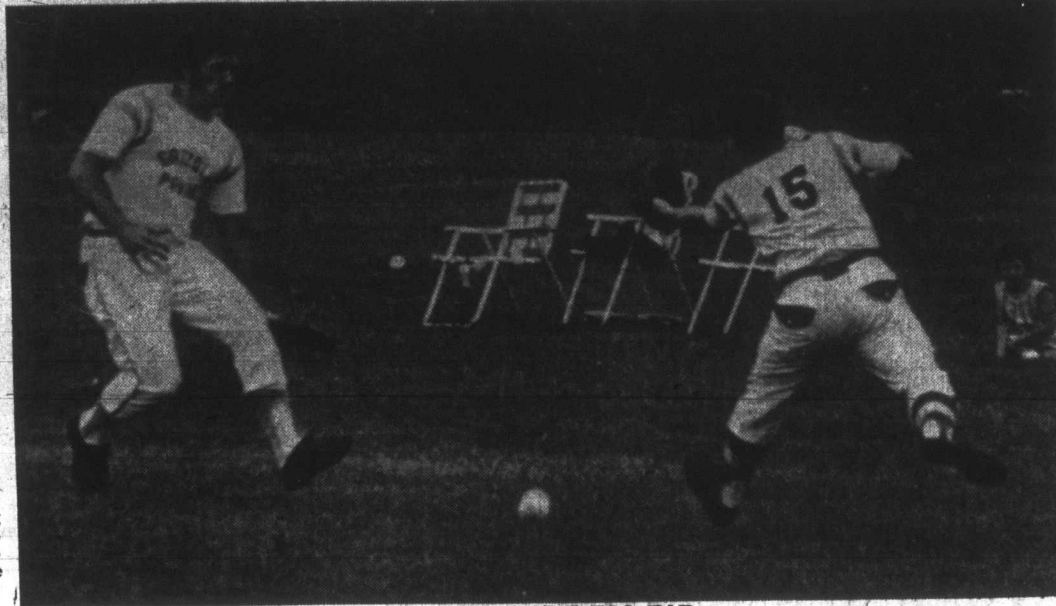
CLOSE GAME

The ninth game scheduled Henderson Machinery and Crestview I.G.A. and Crestview came away on the winning end of a 4-4 score. Don Crowley went the distance picking up the victory and the loss was credited to Pete Reuter.

In the tenth game Charring Cross played their second tie game of the day but came away on the losing end as Hamilton was awarded the victory on the strength of base runners by a 6-4 edge. Both teams played to a 0-0 draw.

SEMI-FINALS

The eleventh game of the day put Cedar Grove Mobile Homes into the semi-finals against Consolidated Fastfrate with Cedar Grove coming away the victors, 4-1. Butch Boyd hurled the victory as he struck out 11 batters on his way to victory. Pete Goodfellow was credited with the loss. Gary Bromby and Ken Gordaneer each connected for two singles. The only extra base hit in the game came in the second inning when Wayne



TOO CLOSE YET TOO FAR
The ball drops between Gazzalo Paving rightfielder and second baseman as both made a mad dash to reach for it during one of 19 games played during the day. The Mississauga Invitational Men's Fastball Tournament Saturday was a complete success with some great action. Hamilton Pyettes bested three local clubs in the semi-finals to take home top honors.

Gordaneer belted a two bagger. Hamilton Pyettes defeated Cedar Grove Mobile Homes, Crestview I.G.A. 4-1 to advance into the final against second victory of the day as

Three ball clubs create jam in regular fastball action

MISSISSAUGA — A traffic jam is developing in first place in the standings as only two points separate first and third position in Mississauga Men's Fastball League.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Crestview I.G.A. walloped Chiovitti Banana 10-0 as Crestview belted Chiovitti hurler Len McKanick for 12 hits. The big bat for the winners was Ted Bagley with three singles in four trips to the plate. Don Crowley picked up the victory and scattered four singles. Wayne McLelland blasted the only extra base hit of the game — a two-bagger.

In the second game of the night, Henderson Machinery ousted Clare Real Estate in a 4-0 victory. Pete Reuter went the distance on the mound for Henderson to collect the victory and Ed Dunn was credited with the loss. Clive Dunstan was the big gun at the plate as he hit a single and a two-run homer in the seventh inning. Clare Real Estate was held on only three hits and they were off the bats of George Geanes and Al Few for singles and a two-bagger for Wayne Clements.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Cedar Grove Mobile Homes continued their winning ways as they dumped Consolidated Fastfrate 12-6. Cedar Grove sharpened up on their hitting

by belting the losing pitcher, Bill Quackenbush, for 14 hits. Andy Watson and Ken Hubbert each ripped three singles and Ron Cassie and Ken Gordaneer each collected a single and a home run. Marty Baller was credited with the victory. Tom McCarthy had three singles for Fastfrate and Russ Drennar and John Cormier each had two singles.

Henderson Machinery dumped Crestview I.G.A. 9-3 to take over first place in the standings. John Holby went the distance for Henderson for the victory. He struck out 10 batters along the way. Don Crowley fanned 11 batters but was tagged with the loss. Crowley also belted two singles and a double for Crestview. Clive Dunstan had a big night at the plate for Henderson as he collected four singles and Gary Abbott belted a single and a home run.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chiovitti Banana came from behind to squeeze out a 4-3 vic-

tory over Consolidated Fastfrate. Len McKanick hurled the victory as he fanned eight batters. John Chalmers was credited with the loss. Richard Collins had two singles for Chiovitti to lead the club in the hitting department. Don Marcotte led the way in the hitting for Consolidated as he ripped two doubles.

In the second game, Cedar Grove Mobile Homes had to hold off the fast charging Clare Real Estate team to squeeze out a 3-2 victory. Cedar Grove held a 3-0 lead until the sixth inning when Clare started a rally going. But, it fell short after two runs were scored. Don Long was credited with the victory and the loss went to Al Few. Ken Gordaneer was the big bat of the night for Cedar Grove as he blasted a home run in the third inning. It turned out to be the winning run. He also had a single. Bill Hamivan was the best hitter for the losers with a single and a double for a two-for-three night.

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