

Thought Of The Week
By Ted Ecclestone

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Thoreau
Ibid.

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Weekend of fun and excitement at 155th Orangeville Fall Fair



SUNNY SKIES and near perfect conditions greeted participants and spectators alike to the Orangeville Fall Fair. From the midway to the exhibition halls, there was no shortage of things to do and see at the 155th edition of this traditional Labour Day weekend event.

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OBA Championship title for Bengals

The Orangeville Bantam Bengals managed to accomplish their third and final goal for the 2009 Baseball season by winning the OBA B Championships this past weekend in Thorold, Ontario. After placing first in the regular season standings and then a trip to the York Simcoe Baseball Association Championship, the

team set out to finish off the season in style in Thorold. In their first game on Friday night, Orangeville managed to defeat the team from Beamsville 8-3 and get a small amount of revenge. Beamsville had defeated Orangeville in 2007 to win the Peeewe OBA Championship. This time around

pitchers Leo Labine and Chris Fitzsimmons held Beamsville to only three runs on five hits. David Humphrey, Tyler Goertzen and Josh Huot powered the Orangeville offence. In a nail-biter on Saturday morning, the Bengals posted a 4-3 win over St Thomas. First baseman Josh Hickey was responsible for all the Orangeville

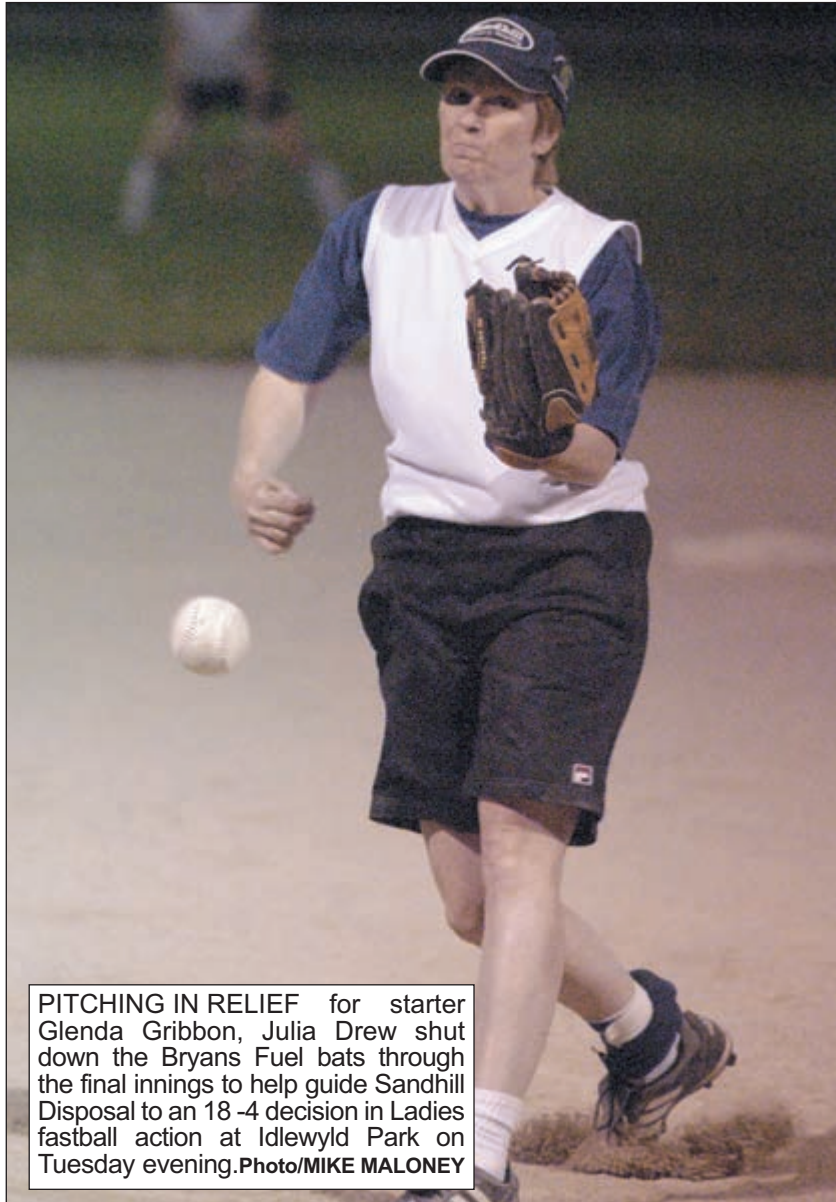
runs with a single and double leading to four RBI's. Frank Leone chipped in with a single and two runs scored including the game winner. Starting pitcher Mitchell Pike gave way in the fourth inning to Connor Smith who pitched his best game of the year and shut the door on St Thomas. With the tying run on third base and none out Smith managed to coax a fly ball strikeout and a soft grounder back to himself to end the game.

With the win Orangeville managed to secure a bye into the semi-finals on Sunday morning. The Bengals started Goertzen on the mound, pitching five strong innings. Leone and Pike wrapped it up in relief, sending Beamsville

home for the weekend. Goertzen keyed the offence with three hits and two runs scored. Labine managed to score three times off a pair of hits and Shaun Jackson crushed a double to left field clearing the bases in Orangeville's 11-4 victory. The win put Orangeville into the Championship against Ancaster who would need to beat Orangeville twice due to the double knock out tournament rule. In the first game Orangeville played its only poor game of the weekend. Several errors in allowed Ancaster to erase a five run Orangeville lead and come back to win 9-6. To their credit, the Bengals never gave up



ATHLETICS STRIKER Giulio Baldassarra tries to create some offence in the Premier division semi-final against Richmond Hill Madrid on Friday night. Photo/MIKE MALONEY



PITCHING IN RELIEF for starter Glenda Gribbon, Julia Drew shut down the Bryans Fuel bats through the final innings to help guide Sandhill Disposal to an 18-4 decision in Ladies fastball action at Idlewylde Park on Tuesday evening. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Athletics season ends in semi-final

The 2009 outdoor season wrapped up this past weekend for the Orangeville Athletic Premier soccer Club. Sponsored by Allto Construction, the Athletic club surprised many, finishing third overall in what was to be a rebuilding year for the club. The Athletic missed the league title by 3 points or one loss too many, boasting a league record of 12-2-4 and a record 38 points in total, their highest point accumulation since 2002. In the championship race the Athletic lost out in the semi-finals

against Richmond Hill Madrid, a team Orangeville had beaten both times they meet during the regular season by scores of 4-1 and 2-1. This game however, the Athletic fell behind quickly 1-0 off a penalty kick in the opening five minutes of the game only to be followed by another screened goal in quick succession off a free kick from just outside the 18 yard box. Regardless of the efforts of the Athletic to score with numerous near misses, balls off the cross bar and off end-posts, no recovery

was forthcoming and the Athletic went down in their first defeat at the hands of Madrid following three more Madrid goals in the second half. What began as a rebuilding year with new players and some younger players - some of whom had never played at the premier level, quickly turned

Provincial gold for Midgets

The Midget 1 Northmen recently struck gold by defeating a very talented and determined Six Nations 9-6 in the Provincial final. It was touted as one of the best lacrosse games anyone has seen in a long time as these two powerhouses traded goals for most of the game until Orangeville took control in the third period to take the title.

Congratulations go out to all the boys who played with the team this season. They include Michael Fournier, Shaun Laughton, Michael Cook, Brett Ritchie, Brier Davis, Tyler Symonds, Zack Ursu, Zack Mitchell, Ben Thomson, Brenden Miller, Zack Thompson, Erik Bradford, Cooper Del Zotto, Nick Ritchie, Alex Adams, Bud Lowans and the Bantam A/P players that came and supported the team Connor Anyon, Dallas Bridle, Joel Coyle and Ryan Myles. A special thank you also goes out to the guys behind the bench - the coaches, Ryan Dowdall, Jamie Dowdall and DJ Cleveley as well as trainer Justin Foreman and manager Danny Del Zotto

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