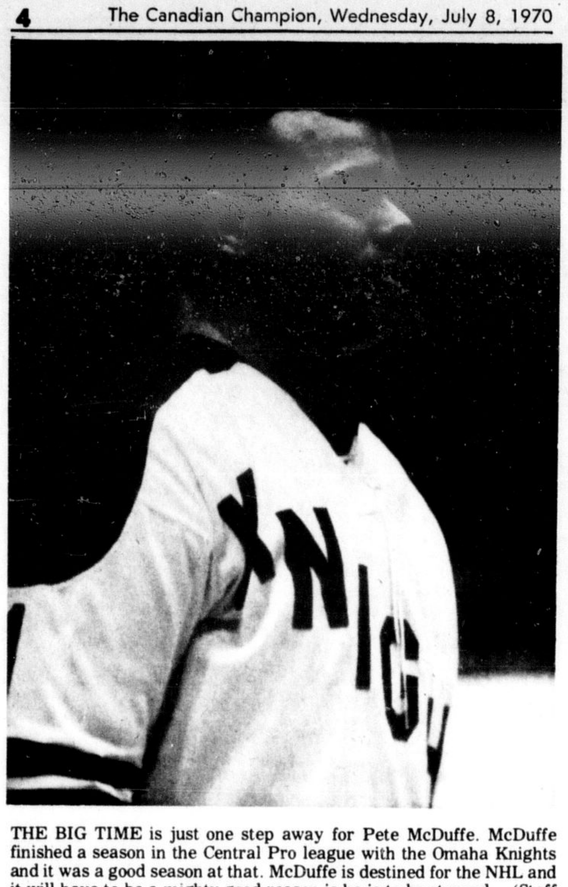

THE BIG TIME is just one step away for Pete McDuffe. McDuffe finished a season in the Central Pro league with the Omaha Knights and it was a good season at that. McDuffe is destined for the NHL and it will have to be a mighty good reason is he is to be stopped.—(Staff Photo)

Champion Sports Page

Big time not far away for native of Milton

By Bob Burtt
Sports Editor

About 12 years ago Peter McDuffe got his first taste of goaltending, minding the nets for a Milton Pee Wee team. There must have been something McDuffe liked about the switch from defense because today he is just one step out of the National Hockey League.

When McDuffe left Milton he played a year of Junior B Hockey in St. Catharines and was promoted the following year to the A club in the same city where he performed for three years.

In his last year in St. Catharines McDuffe won the best goaltending award with a 2.923 goals per game average. On leaving St. Catharines and junior hockey McDuffe had it in his mind to make the big time and nothing less.

McDuffe played his first year of pro hockey in Greensborough in the Eastern Pro League and then was traded to Omaha Knights last year in the Central Pro Loop. McDuffe had a red letter year with Knights, carving a spot on the second all star team. The Knights with McDuffe in the cage battled their way to a first place finish in the league and then won the league championship.

With an early season conclusion, McDuffe spent some time with Buffalo Bisons of the American League but never saw action there. McDuffe played 60 games with the Knights, more than any other goaltender in the league and finished with a 2.95 goals per game average. A goalie with a 2.75 average who had played only 37 games won the best average for the year.

Emile Francis, General Manager of the New York Rangers of which Omaha is a farm team has given words of encouragement for McDuffe both privately and in public interviews. In all likelihood McDuffe will see action at the New York training camp this fall.

McDuffe has never been one to say I want to play with this club or that club, but rather if I can't make it in New York I want a crack at it some place else.

A hockey life is a hard one but so far it has agreed with the 22-year-old Miltonian. Last year camp opened in Kitchener, moved to Winnipeg and then down to Des Moines, Iowa, for exhibition games and they started the season in Fort Wayne. "We lived out of a suitcase for about six weeks," he said.

During the season the club would see action three or four times a week with practice sessions of an hour and a half to two hours on days where there were no games. Road trips lasted four or five days.

The fact that McDuffe jumped from the junior right into the Eastern Pro League and then into Central Pro just a year later indicates he is going some place. "The Central Pro league is faster and a better brand of hockey," McDuffe noted, adding that there is more desire in the Central Pro loop.

The Central Pro loop is considered a sort of development ground as such teams are required to have at least 10 players under 23 years of age. This leaves the door open to junior graduates.

McDuffe won't have time to forget much during the off season this year anyway. He'll be working with a host of others as instructors at a hockey school, Haliburton Hockey Haven. Jim Dorey of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Brian Watson of Pittsburg Penguins, Bill Goldsworthy, a North Star from Minnesota and Phil Myer, a goalie with the Montreal Canadians are others taking an active part in the school. McDuffe expects to be on the ice for four and a half to five hours a day during August.

When he is not there you might find him doing some farm work with brother Bruce or belting a few balls around in the industrial softball league, or maybe out on the golf course.

Come September Pete and his wife will head towards the New York training camp but after that is anybody's guess right now. If New York doesn't fit him in soon you can expect him to be wearing a big league uniform in another city.

Hymers will coach Junior B Merchants

Carl Hymers has been named as the first man to coach Milton Merchants in the Junior B league to be formed this year. Hymers' ability as a player needs no certification. The husky school teacher has played senior hockey for years with the Toronto Marlboros and the Orillia Terriers who just this season battled Spokane for the Allan Cup, emblematic of the best in senior hockey.

President Dave Brush made the public announcement this week and at the same time told The Champion he and vice-president of the Junior Club Jack Duimstra were about to resign.

Hymers and Georgetown player and coach Jerry Inglis had indicated an interest for the job. The junior executive voted 7-2 to accept Hymers for the position.

A number of coaches have taken short stints behind the bench in the past few years.

Inglis coached the Georgetown Raiders Junion C club and is well known for his playing efforts with the senior club in Georgetown.

Without Brush and Duimstra on the executive provisions will have to be made to round out the slate or improvise.

Moffat team claims Tri County victories

Moffat girls (12 and under) edged Limehouse 9-8 in an exciting game, last week. Susan Thomson earned the win.

Brother Danny Thomson pitched Moffat bantams to a 7-6 win over Rockwood.

Martin Osso allowed three hits to earn his second shutout, as Moffat atoms whipped Belwood 11-0.

Ralph Bowen, Wayne Thomson, Tom Rosenbersky and E. Essery all homered for Moffat.

Moffat ended the game by executing a triple play

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In a Sunday exhibition contest, Moffat girls (19 and under) defeated Moffat baseball mothers 15-11. The mothers led until the final innings, when the youngsters took the lead.

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Moffat squirts edged Limehouse 9-8 on Sunday.

Played like no tomorrow but lose

Milton travelled to Scarboro to play Wexford in the second round of the Ontario Soccer Cup Pee Wee division but lost the contest 1-0 even though they played their best game in their three year existence.

The defence was ably led by centre half Greg Heaney, who was the outstanding player on the field. Heaney played as if there was no tomorrow. The forwards though short in height tried desperately but Wexford's much taller and heavier defence kept them at bay. With overtime looming and one and a half minutes showing on the clock Wexford's outside right got loose and drilled the winning goal after a scramble.

Goalkeeper Mike Carroll came up with two big saves before it went in and even then it was just over the line and the referee had to make the decision.

The team includes M. Carroll, C. Best, B. Merritt, J. Langedyk, M. Ford, G. Heaney, J. Harkin, S. Wollaston, D. McNeill, B. Russell, L. Traynor, M. Bradley, and substitutes B. Langedyk, B. Harkin and G. Banner.

The team is coached by Jim Harkin and Dave McNeill.

The minor soccer association needs more coaching assistance. Those interested in taking an active part should contact the above names of Jim Wanless or any member of the association.

—Another deer died on Hiway 401 early Tuesday morning after colliding with an Islington man's car and doing $500 damage to the vehicle. Milton OPP investigated.

Naylor homers C'ville beaten 3-2

Campbellville dropped a close 3-2 game to Dundas in Campbellville last Sunday. It was an exciting, well played contest that Dundas tied up in the eighth and won in the ninth.

Trevor Madden, an ex-professional, went the route for Dundas allowing two runs off seven hits. He struck-out six and walked one. Ron Nayler also pitched the full nine innings for Campbellville. He too came up with an excellent effort in a losing cause. He allowed three runs off six hits as he struck-out five and walked three.

Campbellville opened the scoring in the third when Lang singled, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Dredge's single. Dundas came back to tie it up at 1-1 in the fourth when short-stop Bodden homered over the centre field fence. The hit went off centre-fielder Andrews' glove as he made a vain attempt to reach the ball at the fence.

In the top of the eighth Dundas took a 2-1 lead when Bob Drummond homered over the left field fence but in the bottom half of the eighth Campbellville tied it up as Ron Nayler blasted a mammoth homerun far over the left field fence. It was the longest homer hit in Campbellville this year. Bodden walked to open the ninth and reached second on a passed ball. After one was out he reached third on a second infield out. Pat Quigley then slashed a double into right field to drive in the winning run.

Footnotes: Campbellville kept up their good defensive play as they pulled off three double plays in the first four innings.

Doug Lang was back catching for Campbellville after missing two games due to injuries and Peter Andrews was in centre-field replacing the injured Rick Clement.

Bodden and Drummond homered for Dundas. Quigley doubled and Van Sickle, Rutherford and Madden singled. Doug Lang hit two singles for Campbellville. Ron Nayler homered, Ken moore doubled and singled while Elmer Dredge and Peter Andrews singled.

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Dundas: Madden and Arnold.
Campbellville: Nayler and Lang.

C'ville battles 13 innings in a deadlock with Dundas

Campbellville and Dundas played to a 4-4 tie in a thrilling 13 inning game in Dundas Sunday evening. Actually Campbellville were unfortunate not to win as it was a freak ground rule that contributed largely to a four run seventh inning for Dundas the only inning in which they scored.

Campbellville jumped into a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Lang walked, went to second on an infield out and scored on Dredge's single. In the third they scored three more to take a 4-0 lead. Again Lang opened the inning and was sacrificed to second by Moore. Dundas pitcher Bill Bogle elected to go to second when he fielded the bunt and both men were safe.

Dredge's single scored Lang with Moore stopping at second. Chester sacrificed both men on and McPhail walked to load the bases. Clements forced Moore at the plate and then with two out, Hearns' hit drove in two runs.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh Campbellville starter Garnet Mitchell was coasting along with a brilliant one-hitter going when suddenly all hell broke loose.

First Dredge made a throwing error on a difficult slow roller by Bodden. Then Van Sickle, the Dundas third baseman, hit a deep fly to left field that George Chester calmly camped under. Unfortunately for Campbellville the ball hit a telephone wire that crosses the corner of the field. Under the local ground rules such a ball is alive and by the time Chester had chased down the ball and a subsequent relay had gone out of play, Bodden had scored and Van Sickle was on third.

Then the next bit of misfortune cropped up for Campbellville. Mitchel struck-out Quigley but the pitch was low and it bounced off Lang's shin guard out of play allowing Quigley to go to first and Van Sickle to score the second run of the game. Drummond then tripled in a third run with what was the first legitimate hit of the inning. Dredge then failed to come up with a skidding grounder and the fourth run scored. There was no more scoring in a game that went another six innings.

Bill Bogle started for Dundas and in six innings gave up four runs off eight hits. He struck out two and walked four. In seven innings of brilliant relief pitching Trevor Madden shut Campbellville out on seven hits. He struck-out eleven and walked two.

Garnet Mitchell, who deserved a much better fate gave up four runs in seven innings off four hits. He struck-out eleven and walked two. In six innings of relief hurling the veteran Jack Roberts shut-out Dundas. He gave up seven hits while striking-out three and issuing one intentional walk.

The Campbellville infield had an excellent night. Ken Moore at third had a put-out and four assists. Don Hearns at second made three put-outs and three assists and Elmer Dredge, in spite of the errors he made that contributed to Dundas scoring was the individual star of the game outside of the pitchers. He had one put-out and eight assists, most of which were on difficult plays that very few of the league's short-stops could handle.

For Dundas Van Sickle hit a double and two singles. Amos, Bodden and Madden each had two singles. Drummond tripled and Quigley singled. Elmer Dredge had three hits for Campbellville as well as collecting three walks. Don Hearns and Peter Andrews both doubled and singled. Ken Moore, Lary McPhail and Garnet Mitchell each hit two singles. Doug Lang and Rick Clement each singled once.

Campbellville will go to Burlington Thursday evening and meet Dundas in Campbellville at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 12. This will be Dundas' last appearance in Campbellville for the season.

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Campbellville: Mitchell, Roberts (8) and Lang.
Dundas: Boyle, Madden (7) and Arnold.

Meters hold first Leavers tie twice

Leavers staged two comeback efforts last week to tie Charles Hotel 989 and Meter Company 7-7. Dave Yemm pitched both games for Leavers striking out a total of 22 batters and walking 10.

Duncan Currie and Dave Smith shared the pitching for Charles Hotel and Bob Robson, who pitched a tough game for Meters, gained four strike-outs and gave up three free bases.

On Tuesday, in the bottom of the fifth Charles were leading 7-1 but Leavers came back strong in the sixth to gain a one run lead. Owen Yemm and Dave Gates, who had both been walked, were brought home by a single hit by Doug McGregor. Ralph McCormick and Ian Stokes both batted singles loading the bases. McGregor was forced in when D. Smith gave a free pass to Lorne Gundy. With the bases still loaded Don Powell pounded a homer bringing the score to 8-7 for Leavers.

In the bottom of the sixth, Charles Hotel gained two runs when Ron Shannon, who had batted a double and Blackie Gaeton, who had been walked, got home on a single hit by Miller. Dave Gates, after batting a single in the seventh inning, tied the game 9-9 by stealing every base including home.

Leavers again battled Meters for first place on Thursday, but managed to only tie the game 7-7. In the first inning, Leavers gained a 2-0 lead as Lorne Gunby reached first on an infield error and was brought in by a sacrifice fly hit by Bryan Howard to right field. Alan Stokes, who had batted a double, advanced to third and stole home.

Dave Yemm got to first base, in the second inning, on an infield error and reached third when Fred DeBoer doubled. He was brought in by a single hit by Lorne Gunby. By the bottom of the second Meters turned on, scoring five runs. Doug Hearns was walked and when Gary Naylor got to first on an infield error, Hearns advanced to third. R. MacArthur hit a single bringing in Hearns. Brian Carter was then walked to load the bases. Naylor and MacArthur were both brought in when K. Riddell doubled. Bill Currie tripled, scoring both Carter and Riddell.

Meters gained a 6-3 lead in the third inning, when D. Hearns doubled and scored when G. Naylor also batted a double. Leavers picked up two runs in the fourth. D. Yemm hit a double and scored on a double pounded by F. DeBoer. L. Gunby got on base due to an infield error enabling DeBoer to score. B. Currie scored a run for Meters, in the bottom of the fourth, by coming home on errors. and increasing the lead 7-5.

The score closed to 7-6 in the fifth when Jim Dales got on base due to an error and scored when Dave Yemm tripled. In the seventh, Leavers tied the game 7-7. Jim Dales was walked and advanced to third when F. DeBoer batted a double. While stealing home, Jim Dales made a sensational dive at home-plate tying the game.

Singles were hit for Leavers by L. Gunby, D Gates and D. Powell. B Currie, G. Naylor and R MacArthur singled for Meters. A. Stokes, D. Yemm and F DeBoer (3) for Leavers and K. Riddell, D Hearns and G. Naylor' (2) for Meters batted doubles for their teams. D Yemm tripled for Leavers and B. Currie likewise for Meters.

Levers now trail Meters by one point for first place. Next Leaver games will be played Tuesday night against Legion at Martin St. School and Thursday night against Charles Hotel at Leavers. Both games are at 7.00. There will also be an exhibition game between Leavers and Halton Police on Wednesday night at 7.00 at Leavers' ball diamond.

Lowville blasts Procor wins 13 games in a row

Lowville Intermediates blasted Procor 14-1 in a lopsided affair to retain their undefeated status July 3 in Lowville. Lowville pegged losing Procor pitcher Al Pace with 19 hits while winning pitcher Lee Coulson gave up three hits and one run in seven innings and Dave Yemm blanked Procor in two innings of relief work.

Lowville's win brings their undefeated streak to 13 games this season. Friday Stu King homered, singled and tripled while Murray Dawson joined the home club hitting a four bagger and a pair of singles while Burke Harrison and Lee Coulson singled three times each and Mark Buck singled and tripled. Don Powell singled and doubled while Stu Dolbel, Doug Powell and Frank Bertasson all singled.

Del Houston had two of Procor's three hits, banging out a pair of singles.

Lowville hosts Hornby July 10, visits Fearmans July 12 and then visits Hornby July 14.

Tri-county squirt scores

League Standing as of July 1

	W	L
Hillsburg	10	0
Ponsonby	7	2
Elora	5	4
Limehouse	3	6
Moffat	3	8
Morriston	2	8
Rockwood	1	9

Travels to Mexico world soccer games

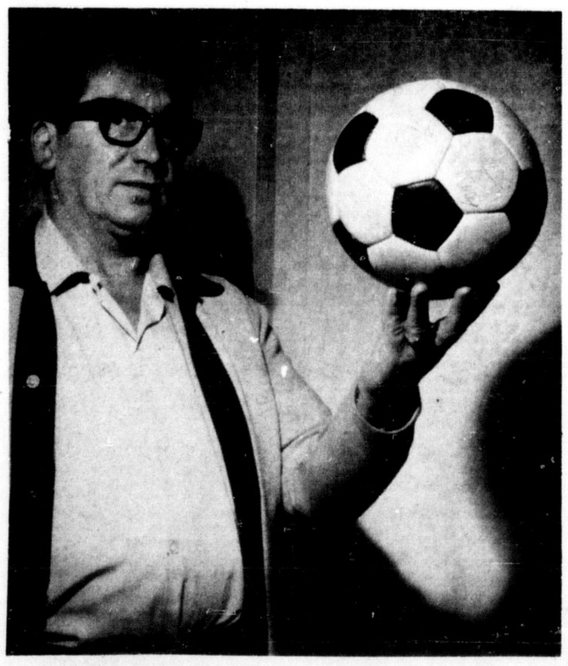
There are soccer fans, then there are soccer fanatics, and then there is Hans Stephan. Stephan, of 150 Mill St. a real honest soccer fan had the holiday of a lifetime this summer visiting Mexico and taking in 10 of the World Soccer Games. He was among 115,000 who watched Brazil win the world cup in the final game against Italy.

During his five week visit Stephan saw games in Mexico City, Leon, Tuluko and Guadajara. He returned with newspapers carrying stories of the games and was able to get a soccer ball autographed by the entire German team and a Russian referee.

Stephan was able to get to know the players on the German team personally. He lived in the same hotel as the Morocco team and had the pleasure of eating with several of the players.

During his five week visit he spent two weeks in Acapulco. He came back to Canada with mixed views of Mexico. While he enjoyed the beauty of the mountains he found the living habits of the people to be unhealthy and many of the towns dirty.

On a bus trip from one town to another the visitor loosened his belt and fell asleep. When he awoke the belt was gone. Obviously upset, he told the bus driver, who replied "you are lucky you were sitting on your pants."



SOCCER FAN Hans Stephan holds an autographed soccer ball. The ball was autographed by the German soccer club and the Russian refereee who participated in the world soccer games in Mexico last month. Stephan, of 150 Mill St. Milton was there to see the action.—(Staff Photo)

NHL officials meet Jrs. on diamond

NHL officials will cross the hickory with Junior Merchant hockey players here in a ball game scheduled for Rotary Park on July 26, it was announced this week.

Pat Shetler and Mat Pavolich will umpire and referees Ron Wicks, Art Skov, Bill Friday, John Ashley and Bruce Hood will be on the visitors' lineup.

The game is scheduled as a get-together for members of both teams as a mid-off-season reunion and the game is sure to attract some attention.

Big tourney in Milton

Twenty teams took part in a lawn bowling tournament in Milton Wednesday. Executive member Andy Frank of Milton Lawn Bowling Association said it was the largest tournament ever in Milton with more than 60 people competing.

John Ramsden of Port Credit was the high three game winner while Ernie Hill of Milton and D. Lawless of Streetsville were among the three game winners.

Jack Miller was the two game winner and Joe Storey of Streetsville was the top one game winner.

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