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Soccer club asking, 'Where have all the players gone?'

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Where have all the players gone? That must be the question that Colborne Cramahe Haldimand soccer officials must be asking these days. After a great turnout last year (130 players), the CCH Club is looking at a 50 percent decrease based on registration days held in late March and early April.

League president Chris Godsell does expect more participants, especially on the men's and women's teams, but is at a loss to explain the decrease in the younger categories.

Using the current registrants, Godsell and his executive have arranged the 64 players into four teams.

A full squad of under-13s will play full team soccer in the

Lakeshore League. A nine-and-under team will play full soccer in the Northumberland Soccer League. As well the CCH Club will field an under-seven mini-soccer team.

Last season CCH put six teams on the field in the under nine groups, and based on those numbers the club bought five complete sets of uniforms worth more than

\$3000.

Hoping to maintain their 1992 numbers, the club blitzed local schools with information forms. Using a computerized mailing list, they sent out self-addressed registration forms to each of last year's players along with a newsletter. They even offered a free hat to each player. But the registrations have not flowed

in, and the club is faced with a much smaller roster.

Coupled with that is the prospect that this will be the final year on the executive for several current members, making the future of the club uncertain.

No new parents have come forward to assist in the operation of the club, so, continuity will inevitably be a

problem.

Despite the obstacles, Godsell and his executive are pushing on. The club will again host the Darryl Lemon Memorial Soccer Tournament. This year's event will take place on Aug. 28-29.

Late registrations can be phoned in to Godsell at 349-2441 or Michael O'Kane at 355-2386.

Castleton Sports Club expands soccer program

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The Castleton Sports Club soccer program continues to grow. This year under the direction of relative newcomer Allan Houston, the club has expanded its program from the five teams it had last season to seven this year.

The club will operate teams playing full team soccer in the mosquito and atom division of the Northumberland Soccer League. Two squirt teams and three tyke squads will hit the pitch in mini-soccer.

Houston reported to the *Chronicle* that, as of May 6, there were 89 players registered for the season which starts just after Victoria Day. The only division where there weren't enough players to field a team was the 15-and-under category. Of the six who

registered, two will play for Warkworth, and two have moved on to CCH's Colborne team. Unfortunately for Houston, one of those six was his own son, Christopher.

A recent arrive from Milverton, just west of Kitchener, Houston takes over the soccer post from Randy Jakobi and Linda Marshman. While registration has been completed, the new soccer boss assured the *Chronicle* that he was continuing the long standing Castleton Sports Club policy that no one would be turned away.

Practices started last week at the Castleton Public School field. The season will end in late August.

The club is also encouraging its coaches to attend coaching clinics held in Port Hope and Cobourg in June.



Colborne Durham Transport girls' hockey team -- At the United County Girls' Hockey League banquet on May 4 -- In front from left are Katie Chapman, Jenny Jarrell, Rachel Clark, Nikki Rutherford, Valerie Cooney, Jennifer Russell, Coach Norma Russell. In back are Karen Godkin, Becky Cook, Marcie Churchill, Holly Grant, Christina Robinson, Coach Jason Post. Photo by Bob Owen