

Soccer kicks off year

by Richard Kilpatrick
Last week saw the first games at the representative level in the Mid-Ontario Inter-District Minor Soccer League, and as expected, the competition was keen.

The Acton minor bantams played away at Pineview Olympics May 16, and were beaten 5-1. The single Acton goal was scored by Scott Malcolm. Colin Ager, who deputized for coach Brian Stewart, said Acton had an "off" night.

Acton atoms hosted Hillsburgh May 17 for the

first home game of the season, and carried the victory 1-0. The scorer for Acton was Steven Taillefer. Acton had the edge and deserved the win.

On May 18, the Acton mosquitoes were away at Orangeville and were beaten 2-1. All three goals were scored by Orangeville, the first into their own net. They caught up in the first half and scored the winner in the dying minutes of the second half. An excellent game by both teams.

Hillsburgh returns
Hillsburgh returned May 19 with a peewee team and lost again, this time 3-1. Acton goals went to Garry Lumbers, Derek Hodgson and Jimmy Reynolds. Coach Kevin Lumbers was very pleased with his team's performance in the game.

Atoms played their second game of the year at Orangeville, and were well beaten 13-0. The return game May 24 is expected to be a much closer game.

Bants returned to Pineview May 21 to face the Pineview

Pegasus and won 8-2. Acton scorers were Scott Malcolm with three, Steve Mitchell with two, Wade Vickery with two and Neville Porter with one. This was an excellent result from a much improved team.

The bants played again Monday, hosting the Milton "A" team, resulting in a 3-3 tie. The Acton goals were from Jim Altonby, Scott Malcolm and Steve Mitchell. It was a good game by both teams, Acton having the lion's share of the play but

just failing to capitalize on several good scoring opportunities.

House league
House league starts next week and this is the level at which the boys learn their basic soccer skills.

As an appetizer there will be two squirt games (five to eight years) at 6:30 p.m. Thursday May 21.

At rep level the mosquitoes are home against Orangeville in the return game May 25, starting at 7 p.m. at the high school.



ACTON VILLA WERE unsuccessful Wednesday evening in their match with the Georgetown

Eagles, dropping a 4-0 decision. Acton wears the black and white shirt.

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Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Janet Guthrie breaks through into Indy 500

Janet Guthrie has gone and broken down yet another bastion of the male domain by qualifying in 26th spot for this Sunday's running of the Indianapolis 500. It is a great landmark for women drivers, who can now be recognised as just as reckless and speed hungry as our crazy men.

Actually, I think it's a good thing for her to be there. It does show that men do not have a stranglehold on all sports, that women can be as good as men in many, although not all of them.

Guthrie herself, however, does not look on her achievement as a blow for women's lib. She sees herself not as a female race driver, but simply as a driver. Talking with Barbara Frumh, co-host of the CBC's As It Happens, she made a remark to the effect that "It's impossible to know if it's a man or a woman driving a car when they've got a helmet on".

Sponsor spouts some female chauvinism

She was surprised to learn that her sponsor had talked to one newspaper with remarks that "if anything, women should be better drivers than men, because they possess a cool-headedness and a lightness of touch that you need to race." Those are not his exact words, but that is their gist.

Guthrie had been looking at the race not through a feminist's eyes, but through a driver's eyes, offering a shrewd analysis of the different engines and cars running in the race, and predicting that if her car holds together, she could finish in the top ten.

Feminists will make this a special symbol

Even though Guthrie is not concentrating on the sexism issue in the race, it will be sure to become a beacon to feminists the world over, who want it to be one. Barbara Frumh tried to make it one in their interview. Christie Blatchford used a whole column to make jokes about the sexist overtones in the event, and everybody connected with the race is wondering if the traditional starting call "gentlemen, start your engines" will be changed to accommodate Guthrie.

This is because people want this to be more than it really is. There had never been any rules against allowing women to run in the Indianapolis 500, there just hadn't been any women willing and able to manage the feat.

It is not as though any unified macho crowd has been convinced against its will to accept a woman, it is just that a woman made it. I'm glad she did, but I won't go out and celebrate.

Women's reputation doesn't depend on race

People are insisting that women's reputations as poor drivers are riding on this race, which is nonsense. All you have to do to prove beyond any doubt that women are better drivers is to look at insurance rates. The people who make their "dumb lady driver" remarks don't do it because of any facts, they do it out of blindness, and the fact of a woman being in the Indy 500 is not likely to change their minds.

Pop Main predicts: will have a winning club

Softball has not yet begun for the Acton Mirror rep teams, but one coach is already making predictions. Pop Main, who has been around softball since about the beginning, is coaching the squirt girls team this year, and is going on the record as saying that they will have a good team this year. Opener for the squirts is May 31, when Hornby comes to town, and we can check out his prognosis then.

Mohawk opens with \$50,000 race

It's going to be a busy weekend at the races this week, as Greenwood runs its final event of the spring session and Mohawk opens the summer season with a big \$50,000 purse.

Greenwood will be running the Ontario Jockey Club Maturity pace stakes May 28. The \$20,000 race is limited to four year olds foaled in Canada.

May 29 is the night for the first big stakes race of the year at Mohawk, the Ontario Sires Stakes, when a slate of three year olds, colts and geldings will be running for an estimated \$50,000.

First trotting stakes of the Mohawk summer season is June 12, when three year old fillies will be running in the Oakville stakes for \$10,000.

Villa upended Wednesday

Acton Villa, the senior soccer team, were hand-capped Wednesday when some of their players were unable to show for the game, and the shorthanded team suffered their first loss of the regular season.

They were on the losing end of a 4-0 decision against the Georgetown Eagles.

Player/coach Colin Breckinridge said because it is summer "a lot of people are away. A couple of kids are on camping trips and some of the senior players work shifts."

John Gibson played a good game at midfield according to Breckinridge, as did Reg McKnight at right halfback and Lee Robinson at fullback, a position he does not usually play.

"One week you have a strong team," said Breckinridge, "and the next week it's not so strong."



TED NADHAZI makes his move in the first leg of the midget 1500 metres event at Sheridan College Thursday. The A.H.S. runner failed to qualify for this year's regional finals.

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Family Cleaners clean up in last week's softball action



SITTING DOWN ON THE JOB is Hugh Forbes, catcher for Station Hotel. James Morris, underneath him, has just stolen home while Don Archibald waits to bat.

Villa schedule

- May 25 Acton at Pineview
- June 1 Meteors at Acton
- June 8 Crusaders at Acton
- June 15 Brampton at Acton
- June 22 Olympia at Acton
- June 29 Acton at Ajax
- July 6 Eagles at Acton
- July 13 Pineview at Acton
- July 20 Acton at Meteors
- Aug. 17 Acton at Crusaders
- Aug. 24 Acton at Brampton
- Aug. 31 Acton at Olympia

Three Actonians reach regional finals

Three Acton High School athletes will be advancing to the regional finals in Brantford this Saturday on the strength of their excellent performances in Tuesday's Halton championships.

Heather Near, who set two records in Acton High School's field day, won the Senior girls 400 metres with a time of 61.1 seconds.

Two Acton polevaulter will be representing the school in the regional meet. Larry Kurtz was the winner of the Junior boys' event with a leap of 2.59 metres and Chris Sweetman tied with G.D.H.S. vaulter Dave Bottle in the Midget boys' at a height of 2.44 metres.

Loss 11-5
The team faced Burlington next, and dropped the May 19 game 11-5. "Every

Seniors victorious beat Hespeler 3-1

Rockwood Seniors fastball club got itself into the win column this week with a Monday night home win against the Hespeler Bees.

The locals took the game by a 3-1 margin behind the excellent six hit pitching of John Thatcher. His record is now 1-0. Losing pitcher was B. Hahn.

Thatcher went the distance for the Seniors, and was

Georgetown Jays' clinic

Baseball players, coaches, managers, umpires and fans are reminded of a golden opportunity to learn more about the fundamentals of the game, when the Toronto Blue Jays hold a clinic at the Fairgrounds, Friday night, beginning at 6 p.m.

Family Cleaners moved into sole possession of first place with a pair of wins in last week's industrial league softball action. The Cleaners swept Station Hotel 20-11 Thursday night and edged Halton Hills Catering 11-9 in play Monday.

The Cleaners' 3-1 record gives them a two point edge over J & T Sports, Vans Welding, and Halton Hills Catering, each with 2-1 records for four points.

Peter Homer scored in four of his five trips to the plate for Family Cleaners in the Thursday game against Station. The league leaders sent nine men across the plate in the fourth inning to clinch the win.

Winning pitcher was Bill Shannon, while the loss went to Ken Hurren.

The Cleaners had a little more trouble downing the Caterers, getting three runs in the sixth inning for the win. Bruce MacPherson scored three times for the losers, who would have been in first place

with a 3-0 record had they held on for the win. They scored once in the seventh but it was not enough to make up their deficit.

Walloped
J & T Sports walloped Station in Monday's first game, taking the win by a 19-6 score.

The big inning for the Sportsmen was the sixth, when they brought seven across the plate, including one on a homerun by Guy Payne. Winning pitcher Frank Daley hit safely in all four of his trips to the plate. Fifteen of their runs came in the last three innings.

Five different J & T players belted homeruns, Ron Nicolucci, Stan Kruk, Don Archibald, Guy Payne and James Morris. Losing pitcher was Ken Hurren.

Near Shutout
Vans got their second win a row by holding Halton Hills Electric to only one run while pushing nine of their own across the plate. The lone Electric run came

in the third inning when Dave MacMillan singled, moved forward on a walk to Fred Archibald, and scored on singles by Bob Jarrett and Lyle Prueter.

At the time it was still anybody's game at 2-1. It was not until the fifth inning that Vans put the game out of reach by notching six runs as they batted around the order. Scoring for Vans in the big inning were Steve Marshall, Rick Henderson, Danny Allen, Alex Warel, Ed Hillier and Steve Steeves.

Next game in Industrial league is this Thursday night, when J & T Sports and Vans Welding meet to break their second place deadlock. Action takes place at 8:15 p.m.

Industrial standings	W L P PF PA			
	W	L	P	PF PA
Cleaners	3	1	5	59 45
J & T Sports	2	1	4	49 24
Vans	2	1	4	24 17
Catering	2	1	4	33 28
Station	1	3	2	35 59
Electric	0	3	0	14 29

Selects start strong, take two of three

Junior A Brookville Selects, third place finishers in last year's All-Ontario tournament, are off to a strong start this year, winning two of their first three games.

The girls' softball squad began their season May 15 with a home win over Glenfield, 4-3. Sue Thomson, who last year was drafted by St. Catharines to pitch in the Ontario championships, went five innings for the winners, with Deb Wilson pitching the final four innings and getting the win. All Glenfield's runs were unearned.

Loss 11-5
The team faced Burlington next, and dropped the May 19 game 11-5. "Every

(Burlington) run came on errors" said the press representative Shirley Thomson.

The Selects came back the next day with a 10-0 drubbing of Brampton. "Everybody was hitting and the defense was great" said Mrs. Thomson. Sue Thomson again started, and pitched for six innings before leaving in favour of Deb Wilson.

Sixteen year old Donna Dennis and Sue Thomson accounted for five of the Selects' ten runs.

Miss Wilson pitched the eighth, when she got into trouble, loading the bases with none out. Thomson came back in and pitched out of the jam by striking out the next two batters.

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WAYNE SCOTT WALTZED OFF with the "B" flight championship in Acton Legion Darts action. For other darts awards, see page B-3.