

Sports

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HALTON HILLS SPORTS

By Steve Wall.

It must have been like watching Georgetown's Bantam All Star baseball team take on the Montreal Expos, Yugoslavia 9, Zaire 0, Poland 7, Haiti 0. The scores resembled baseball scores, but they were results from two World Cup games, supposedly between the best soccer nations in the world.

I've been talking to several people in Georgetown about the World Cup. Surprisingly, people seem as ready to talk about soccer as they are about baseball, and the unanimous view of all those I talked to was that the World Cup was a farce from the beginning to end. It was bad enough in Mexico four years ago with a war breaking out after two South American countries contested their qualifying game. This year the World Cup organizers, F.I.F.A. decided that countries such as Spain, England, Hungary and Russia should knock each other out in the qualifying stages and that their places should be taken by countries like Zaire, Haiti and Australia. With all due respect to these countries, I think I can safely say that they contributed very little to the tournament.

The logic behind the decision of F.I.F.A. is that if there is to be a World Cup, then it is only right that the whole world should be represented in the finals. Therefore, the one hundred odd countries that battled for a place in the finals, were arranged in groups based on geographical locality not soccer ability. The idea is fine in principle, but in practice it just doesn't work. Europe and South America are the soccer capitals of the world, and will be for some time. The idea that by having a Central American representative, an African representative and an Asian representative at the finals will help to make the World Cup a true world tournament is ludicrous.

I think the saddest part of the whole mess is elimination of Scotland on the weekend. The Scots had played some tremendous soccer and were placed in one of the toughest groups. They remained undefeated, conceded only one goal and were eliminated because their goal average was inferior to Brazil's. In fact, they were eliminated because they didn't win by enough goals.

After all this criticism I should offer some sort of alternative. The opinion of those I talked to was that the competition should not try to encompass the whole world. Again, with all due respect to countries such as Zaire and Haiti, I doubt if they would have been missed in Munich as much as were England and Russia for example. Countries should reach the finals through the merits of their soccer, not because of their geographical location. And once the teams have reached the final, why should they have to play in groups of four and be eliminated by goal average? Why not have a straight knock-out tournament, with the better teams seeded as in tennis to keep them separate? The sixteen teams could play off, two games each or make it the best of three, until the semi-final stage where they would play just one game. That way, at least there would be a definite result and only the best teams would progress to the final round.

However, despite similar suggestions from officials and players, F.I.F.A. has decided that for the next tournament they will have 20 teams in five groups of four. The mind boggles when you think of what countries will be there in four years time. I hear the Outer Mongolia team is one of the early favorites to win the cup.

Softball At Mid Season

Hornby	6	0	6	0
Dixie	7	0	7	0

Up-coming schedule

June 19-8:30	Georgetown at Mississauga
June 19-8:30	Streetsville at Hillsburgh
June 20-8:45	Dixie at Hornby
June 21-7:45	Mississauga at Dixie
June 21-8:30	Hornby at Georgetown
June 23-7:30	Glen Williams at Streetsville
June 24-8:00	Hillsburgh at Glen Williams

Note: This is the half-way point in the schedule.

Tennis Ladies Rained Out Last Week

The Georgetown Tennis ladies were rained out last Wednesday but managed to sneak the match against the Rosethorn Club before the courts were rained on once again on Monday.

The four matches were split 2 and 2 with the teams of Linda Rice and Isla Allison and Pat Harris and Daniel Shaeff losing; Kay King and Joanne Frost as well as Marilyn Searjantson and Sharon Swain won their matches.

The matches were played at the Rosethorn Tennis Club in Irlington.

EXHIBITION TENNIS

Rated Canadian tennis players Dave Brown and Dale Powers took time out from the tour to put on an exhibition match, the likes never seen at the Georgetown courts on Sunday.

The exhibition was reasonably well attended by the hometown enthusiasts who were out to pick up a few pointers and enjoy some good tennis courtesy of the Georgetown Club.

Two of the more advance members took on the guests after their match but realized that they have a little ways to go yet before joining the tour.

SCORES OF LAST WEEK'S GAMES

June 10	Georgetown 0 at Glen Williams 5
June 12	Hillsburgh 13 at Mississauga 17
June 13	Streetsville 30 at Dixie 1
June 13	Glen Williams at Hornby (rained out)
June 14	Dixie 1 at Georgetown 15
June 16	Hornby 9 at Streetsville 11
June 17	Mississauga 5 at Glen Williams 3

Standings as of June 18

Hillsburgh	P	W	L	P
Streetsville	7	6	1	12
Mississauga	7	6	1	12
Glen Williams	7	5	2	10
Georgetown	7	2	5	4

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GIRLS' SOCCER

This is the first time we report on girls soccer this season. I hear many voices tell me that it is about time. We are sorry that it has taken us so long this year. But better late than never.

To be honest, it is not so easy to report on girls soccer, except for the publicity, it is like World Cup Soccer: very little scoring or no scoring at all. To make it even more interesting for us, we have only blank reports from the referee. We know we did injustice to girls' soccer so I have spent a week watching and taking notes, and it seems to add up to the following:

The teams to beat in Jr. Girls

Giants Edge Out Foberts

SENIOR
Blue Giants 15
Fobert's 12

It was a close game between Blue Giants and Fobert's. Home-runs were hit by April Sacco (1), Debbie Given (1) and Noreen Atkinson (1) all from Fobert's. Game stars were Linda George (Blue Giants) and April Sacco (Fobert's).

Standard Products 30
Young's 10

Standard Products had the game all the way against Young's Pharmacy, their full strength showing in the second inning. Home-runs were hit by Tracy Vanderkooy (1), Sandi Kerby (1) (Standard) and Sandi Heisler (2) (Young's). Game stars were Marg Taylor (Standard), Bev Switzer for her plays on second, and Sandi Heisler for her home-runs (Young's).

Magnuson's Insurance 15
Cable Jets 5

Magnuson's had the game from the start against Cable Jets. Home-runs were hit by Tracy Moores (1) and Joan Wright (1) both from Magnuson's. Game stars were Joan Wright (Magnuson's) and Ruth Scott (Cable Jets).

JUNIOR

Frekar 44
Delrex Smoke Shop 5

Delrex was badly beaten by Frekar. Frekar showed full force in the last inning when they got 17 runs in. Home-runs were hit by Chris (4), Brenda (4), Meredith (3) Darlene (3), Carol C. (2) from Frekar and by Christine Vetricelle (1) from Delrex. Game stars were all the girls with home-runs from Frekar and the whole team from Delrex Smoke Shop.

Kinette Krulsers 24
Thrush 11

Kinette Krulsers had the game from the beginning winning 24-11. Home-runs were hit by Clare Carter (2), Laurie Sacco (1), Marlene Vanderkooy (2) from Kinette Krulsers. Maureen Olivier (3), Irine Watt (2), Claire Lacourriere (1), Carey Worrall (1) from Thrush. Game stars were the whole team, special effort by Clare Carter who got a grand slam (from Kinette Krulsers) and Maureen Olivier from Thrush.

Inter-County Trophy 31

Dairy Queen 1

Dairy Queen was also badly beaten by Inter-County Trophy. Home-runs were hit by Silvana Giradi (2) and Doris Tichel (1) both from Inter-County Trophy. Game stars were Silvana Giradi for her two home-runs, one being a grand slam. Special mention of Vicki Waite and Julie Fournier for their double plays and Doris Tichel for a grand slam (Inter-County Trophy) and Lisa Mahaffey for Dairy Queen.

Georgetown Upholstery 11
Paulines Flowers 7

It was a close game between Georgetown Upholstery and Pauline Flowers. Home-runs were hit by Ginny Wilkes (1), Linda Holbrough (1) (Georgetown Upholstery), Cheryl Webster (1), Joan Glimmer (1) and Sandra Denman (1) Paulines Flowers. Game stars were June Armstrong, Ginny Wilkes (Georgetown Upholstery) and Cheryl Webster and special mention of Sharon Presley for her catching (both of Paulines Flowers).

competition are the top team, the Ladybugs coached by three senior girls, Liz Smedema, Liz Bowman and Maria Sequens, and the Olympians coached by John Bew.

The Ladybugs seem to be the most balanced team in the league, good goalkeeping by Karen Fokkens a strong defensive pair in Lisa and Lynn Gallant, a good centre half in Linda Ferguson with the scoring punch in front of Hayley Quinn. Hayley has scored 6 goals so far and is on top of the scoring list.

The Ladybugs must be considered one of the strongest with three games ending up in 3-0 victories as you know goals do not come easy in Jr. Girls soccer.

The Olympians are tied for 2nd place at the moment. This team is very strong in goal with no doubt the best keeper in Jr. Girls soccer, she has fast reflexes and the ball is well booted up-field when she kicks it. Her name is Elaine Taylor. Together with Donna Klepura the Olympians are very strong on defence. Sherry Crossman seems to be the goalscorer with 3 so far.

The Super Girls, momentarily tied for third place with two victories and 4 ties are the only unbeaten side in Jr. Girls soccer.

Lorraine Turner is the big gun for the super girls and is in second place on the scoresheet with 5 goals. On defence they have Rhonda Wallis doing a fine job, making this team a strong contender for the cup.

So we see three teams fighting for top spot. The remaining three teams are having a little competition of their own.

The Tomboys with Mrs. Weisba coaching have 6 points. The Butterflies with Janet Smedema on the helm have 5 points and the Jr. Nationals with Charlie Coomber as coach have 4 points.

These teams do not appear to have great stars. The Tomboys won one game, and four ties with all the scoring done by individual girls. Tracey Diamond, Monica Purdy and Rose Wilcox each have one goal. The Butterflies have not won a game but tied 5. Four of them were scoreless, but there was great joy for these Butterflies in their last game against Tomboys. It was Laurie Tunney who came through and scored their first goal of the season; maybe this is only the beginning.

Jr. Nationals tied four games for the season with a great individual effort of Pat Soden who scored all their goals up to this point, 3 in total.

Sr. Girls:

In the Senior Division the Red Rockets jumped off to a fast start winning 5 and losing two. They have built up a good lead in their division. But it looks like they need it, because of late the Green Dragons have come on strong and defeated the Red Rockets in their last encounter 3-1.

At the moment the Green Dragons under coach Mr. Sparks is the team to beat. Their weak spot seems to be in goal. Their strength lies in the middle where Joan Glimmer is the player to watch. I would say the best player in Sr. Girls Soccer at the moment is Sheila Rafferty, an inside left and always a threat, having scored four goals so far. The youngest and smallest player Jenny Smith, the centre forward of the Green Dragons has 6 goals. This girl is still a junior, but was moved to Sr. Soccer because of her soccer skills; She is the star of the future. Left half Betsy Arthurs is doing a fine job for the Green Dragons, and as I say they are the team to beat.

But the Red Rockets with coach Ted Kewley are on top. Liz Bowman in goal takes the spotlight, her goalkeeping skills make her no. 1 in the league. On defence Kathy Mason is strong, Beth Kewley, the leader of the team performs very well, Tracy Porter, is an excellent playmaker. But the big gun is Susan Smarda on top of the league in the scoring department with 10 goals. A team so well balanced should be a top contender.

As the case last year the Golden Spurs and Blue Bombers seem to fight it out together; the Blue Bombers a team of stars but steady performers. Cathy Ruddle in goal is the girl to beat, but getting that far is not so easy either, Wendy Best on defence plays a steady game although the half line of Deene Bratkin, Janet Smedema and Andrea Shapleton is solid. One girl that needs to be mentioned here is Andrea Stapleton who is always dependable. In the forward line Liz Smedema and Sylvia Martin both with 4 goals and Laurie Robinson seems to come on strong.

Not a team of stars but many of the girls will remember last year, the Red Rockets and Green Dragons fought for the cup and the third place Blue Bombers walked away with it. Then we have the Golden Spurs with Colin Wilde as coach; his daughter Susan Wilde made a name for herself scoring 4 goals in one game

Bowman's Split For First Place

Bowmans Truck Service 9
Burns Transport 6

Bowmans Truck Service took an early lead after the first week of play in the Intermediate league. In their league opener, June 18, they defeated Burns Transport 9-6. Paul Wolfenberg was the standout for Burns although his efforts were in vain. Some timely hits by Bowmans proved to be the difference.

Hanks Sluggers 5
Wm Neillsons 4

In a very tight contest Hanks Sluggers managed to sneak by the chocolate boys. Russ Smith pitched the Sluggers to their

win. Neillsons, playing short handed due to school graduations, gave the game a good shot but fell short by one run.

Bowmans Truck Service 10
Wm Neillsons 2

Bowmans Truck Service once again proved to be the better squad as they downed Neillsons by eight runs. Tim McGuire and Bruce Callaghan were the big guns for Bowmans as they both hit doubles.

Hanks Sluggers 3
Burns Transport 2

In a cliff hanger of a game, the Sluggers squeezed past Burns by one run. Peter Stapleton played a good game for Burns. The strong arm of Mark Reis pitched Hanks Sluggers to the win.

Bowman's 2 0 4
Hanks Sluggers 2 0 4
Burns Transport 0 2 0
Wm. Neilson 0 2 0

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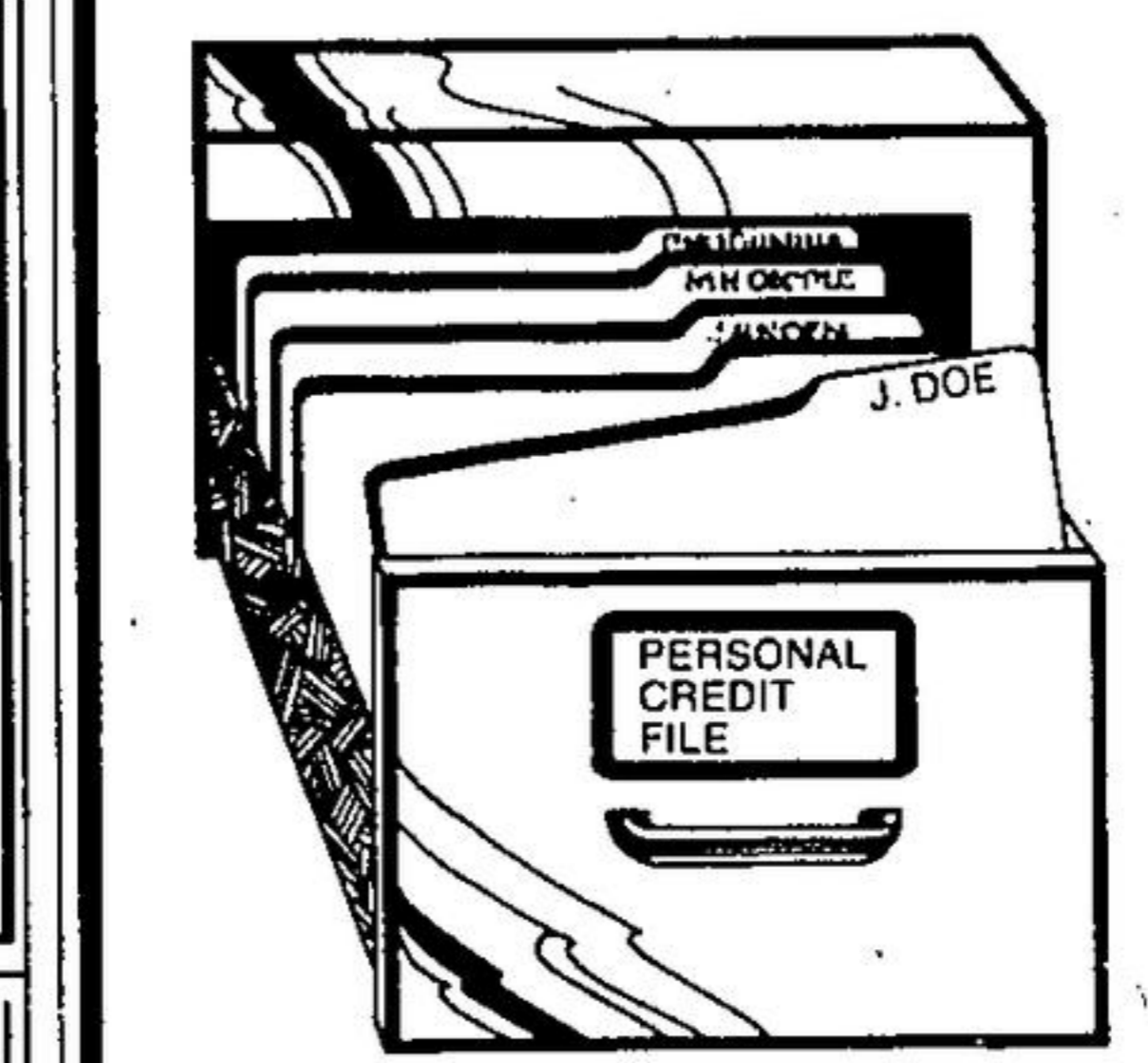
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