

by Joyce Beaton

Ode to a football widow

It's that time of year again when men's fancies turn to thoughts of football. I used to be a football widow so can sympathize with all the wives and girlfriends who are subjected to the fever.

It's such a long, long time from August to December. From my vantage point of many years of wondering whether to beat them or join them, I've amassed a few pointers and a lot of hopefully helpful observations. I've also accumulated many strategies of my own that just didn't work and could save many a female the same agonies.

Starting off on the wrong foot in 1948, I became very attracted to "Crazy Legs Beaton". I jumped up and down in my saddle shoes and bobby sox and screamed in utter delight as he wove his way, ball in hand, to the goalpost. "Hurray for number 50, imagine being dated by a senior team quarterback!"

Becoming an actress
I deserve everything I've suffered. The next four years were spent trotting off to Varsity and CFL games and exercising my acting abilities to the hilt. Each game we attended Crazy Legs was re-living his past victories. My juvenile remarks such as "Oh, those guys are allright but they can't match you in the running department" only proved to dig my future as a football widow a little deeper.

Those courting years between 1948 and 1952 were the golden years as far as the Toronto Argos were concerned. And there I was lucky enough to see their moment of glory. And "we" were Argo fans.

And "he" still is. Can you imagine a grown man being a faithful fan while his team doesn't win a game in 22 years! Each summer he waits with anxious anticipation for the first news of the line-up. Each summer he says the fateful words, "This will be their year. I can just feel it." And each year I groan, and they lose.

How many disappointments can one man suffer? As the children get old enough (and wasn't he lucky to have

few) they were all uninterested. Crazy Legs was overly anxious with the first, the boy barely six-years-old when he went to his first game. His first and last. He cried to come home after the first quarter and got his way at half-time... one of the few times in Crazy Leg's life he came close to murdering one of the kids.

Well, it wasn't a waste
The second try was enough years later to erase the memory. This 10-year-old was too big to cry, he just disappeared after the first quarter. He spent the game under the stand smoking rejected cigarette butts!

He gave up on his sons but he's never given up on the Argos. Tickets become harder and harder to come by over the years and Crazy Legs has been relegated to the armchair. His relationship with the players has become intimate, he gives them fatherly advice and directs their plays step by step. A rather shy person in public, Crazy Legs thinks nothing of screaming obscenities at the T.V. screen he wouldn't think of doing in a crowd. He's right there in the midst of the action and totally absorbed.

In my younger days I would be envious of his diverted attention. I'd dress in shoulder pads, put on an old number 50 and vie for his attention through the grill of the helmet. My tactics progressed to make rude personal comments about the players. "Why are they always patting each other on those cute little bums?" I'd ask with suspicion. "I'm really suspect of the position they use to snap the ball," I'd sneer. "The quarterback is standing there behind the centre like an obstetrician preparing to catch the infant from between his legs."

Legs didn't even hear me over the T.V. He didn't care about my ridiculous opinions any more than did the advertisers. They aren't catering to the female audience. All those male-oriented messages about tough living, beer-drinking lumberjacks and railroad buffs; all those ads for men's hair grooming products, fast cars and electric shavers were surely not to entice the feminine viewer. Even the woman they sent in at half-time a few years ago to "explain the game to the dumb little woman" didn't convince me. They don't want us.

That Green Cup Game
And I was just beginning to believe it when last fall a whole new concept of football entered my consciousness. The Green Cup Game was played for the first time in several years, right in our back yard. Crazy Legs and his former football teammates gathered to prove once again how great they were. This was to be the year of their downfall. Most of them had children old enough to get into the action and they did. The boys held their own pretty well until half-time. They decided the trophy would go to the person showing the most prowess during the game.

That person turned out to be a 29-year-old female who can circle around them during the game and caught the winning touchdown pass. As she sprinted to the goal in her faded jeans, her long hair flying in the sunshine, Crazy Legs and his friends just sat stunned on the battlefield. The story has a happy ending. This year Crazy Legs' name finally came up in the long-awaited Argo ticket listings. He's once again sitting in the stands, now watching all these "young kids" play ball.

I hope he'll take me with him just once - for old time's sake.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR REBEL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Fri. Sept. 23 White Oaks at Georgetown
- Fri. Sept. 30 Georgetown at Perdue (flood light Bronte Field 6:15)
- Tues. Oct. 4 Georgetown at White Oaks
- Fri. Oct. 7 Georgetown at T.A.B.
- Fri. Oct. 14 O.T. at Georgetown
- Fri. Oct. 21 Q.E.P. at Georgetown
- Fri. Oct. 28 Playoffs Series A at 1 Series B 3 at 2 - Playoffs FLOODLIGHT
- Thurs. Nov. 3 Winner series A vs winner Series B at A
- Nov. 9 H.S.S.A.A. Football Champions Ivor Wynne

HALTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1977

- Wed. Sept. 21 Perdue at QEP
- OT at Aldershot Nelson at TAB
- White Oaks at Georgetown
- Mon. Sept. 26 Perdue at OTHS Nelson at QEP
- White Oaks at Aldershot Georgetown at TAB
- Fri. Sept. 30 Perdue at White Oaks Georgetown at Nelson Aldershot at QEP
- Mon. Oct. 3 TAB at OTHS
- Thurs. Oct. 6 Georgetown at Perdue TAB at White Oaks QEP at OTHS
- Fri. Oct. 7 Aldershot at Nelson (night)
- Thurs. Oct. 13 TAB at Perdue Aldershot at Georgetown QEP at White Oaks OTHS at Nelson
- Thurs. Oct. 20 Perdue at Nelson White Oaks at OTHS Georgetown at QEP TAB at Aldershot
- Thurs. Oct. 27 Aldershot at Perdue QEP at TAB
- OTHs at Georgetown Nelson at White Oaks
- Wed. Nov. 2 4 at 1 3 at 2
- Wed. Nov. 9 Ivor Wynne (winners above)

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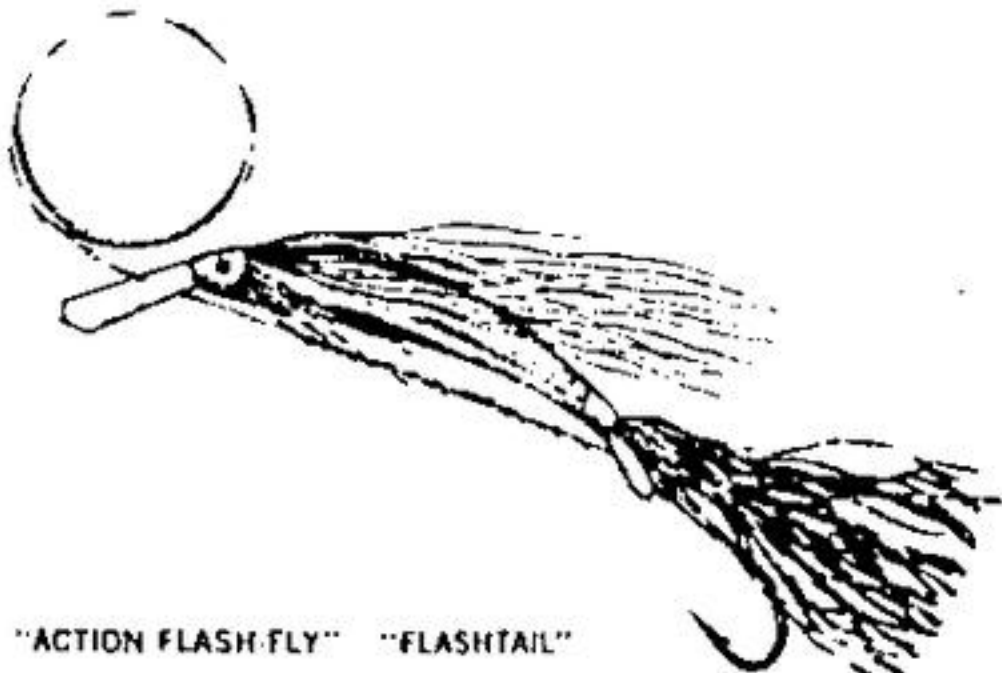
By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER

FISH NAMES

For years I have been chided for the names I use for our game fish.

The names that I use are OFFICIAL! The name WALLEYE is the recognized name of the fish commonly called Pickerel. There are many other local names for fish, but it should become habit to use the correct one. PINK LADY is not a fish, but a fishing tool.

A Pink Lady is a diving sinker that takes your line to great depths, greater than is possible with standard line rigging. The PINK LADY comes in three weights; 3 oz. runs to 50 feet, 4 1/2 oz. runs to 85 feet, and the 5 oz. runs to 120 feet.



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Using a leader, such as is attached to a "Flashtail" lure, of about 5 feet to the lure, the rig is let out behind the boat and it runs down at a steep angle. When a fish strikes, the mechanism releases and the rig planes to the surface. The Pink Lady resets instantly if you give slack lines. This is the only answer as far as I am concerned, to the man without a downrigger.

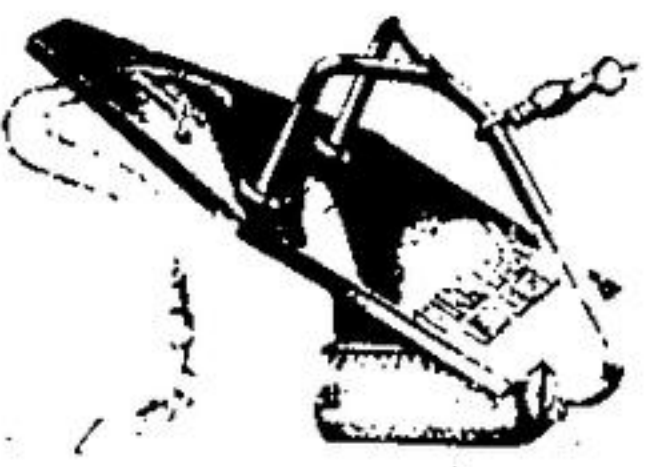
I have seen many fish taken on a Pink Lady rig in 80 feet of water, and the standard trolling rig had no fish. Only downriggers had fish besides the Pink Lady.

Lake Trout production will take a setback at the North Bay Trout Rearing Station at Balsam Creek, near North Bay. The hatchery has been plagued by bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and the facilities will be cleaned and allowed to dry in order to destroy the bacteria. Stocking will again be done during the spring of 1979.

Hunter Safety information: Cold Creek Conservation Area, Hunter Safety Training Course, in two parts each Sept. 21 and 25, Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, Oct. 13 and Oct. 15, Oct. 19 and Oct. 22, Oct. 26 and Oct. 29. Pick the days that you can be there and PHONE Lou Romhani at 749-6474 or call Metro Region conservation at 661-6600 ext. 286.

Don't forget to get your dog ready for the fall hunting season. This should also include RABIES SHOTS. The chance is there that the dog may come into contact with a rabid fox or other rabid animal.

Do you have your copy of the 1977 Hunting Regulation yet?? We are in area four and Grouse opens on Sept. 24 (this Saturday) and squirrel opens the same day. Rabbit is Oct. 19 along with Pheasant. DUCKS, Southern district (11) which includes LUTHER AND AREA opens on Saturday Sept. 24 and geese on Oct. 17 while the rest of southern Ontario (1) opens for both ducks and geese on Sept. 24th.



PINK LADY

As I have mentioned in previous columns, this should be a good year for duck hunting. Make the best of it in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

GDMHA coach clinic

This coming Saturday, September 24th, a Georgetown Association sponsored coaches clinic will be held for anyone interested in obtaining Level 1, NCCP.

The purpose of the National Coaches Certification Program (NCCP) is to give coaches an opportunity to discover the art and science of coaching. Level 1 is designed as an introduction to the task involved in coaching minor hockey. Exposure to Level 1 will provide each coach with a clear understanding of his role, valuable insight into how

to organize his time, plus information on how to utilize his facilities to the utmost. Knowledge of these basic points will make his coaching more relevant and meaningful to each member of his team.

Topics to be covered include practice organization and ice utilization, introduction to the basic skills, protective equipment, emergency situations, role of the coach in minor hockey and the participants and the roles.

Level 1 is designed as a three hour program with two hours of lectures and one hour on ice demonstrations. The GDMHA

would like to see all coaches who have not obtained their Level 1 attend, plus they are also asking all parents, executives, players and anyone interested in minor hockey to attend and forward their comments.

Registration will be at 8:00 am sharp at a cost of \$3.00 per person. Participants are to bring skates, sticks, gloves and helmets plus notebook. Level 1 is obtained on attendance only and is a prerequisite for taking Level II which the GDMHA is sponsoring on the following Saturday, October 1st.

Membership drive starts for Georgetown skaters

The annual membership drive of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club started on Sept. 15 with an open registration night at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Openings are still available in the clubs two learn to skate programs - pre-school and juniors. Information is available from Mrs. Mildred Smith 877-1886 or Mrs. Lynn Morley at 877-4750. These two programs give beginning skaters an opportunity to learn to skate with one of the clubs professional coaches teaching basic skating skills. Junior skaters are also aided by the

SKILLS. Junior skaters are also aided by the clubs senior skaters who act as amateur coaches and assist the clubs professionals.

The clubs senior skaters have had a busy summer which ended by skaters entering competitions. David Watson came in 2nd in festival skate in Ottawa and Eddie Howard came in first at Stamford Summer schools competition in their classes. Twelve club skaters entered Central Ontario Summer Competition Aug. 12-14 - Ron Sparkes, Tracey Moores, Renee Pilote, Laura Yerxa,

Sherry Smeaton, Michelle Dittfach, Karen Sparkes, Eddie Howard, Lisa Smith, David Watson and Janet Shepherd were Georgetown's entrants.

David Watson was 2nd in his qualifying round and fourth overall. Eddie Howard was 3rd in his flight and 8th overall. Leslie Pritchard was 3rd in her flight. Janet Shepherd was 2nd in flight and 9th overall. Teri Lamb and Eddie Howard placed 5th in their dance event. Lisa Smith was 1st in flight and 14th overall in Novice Ladies Freeskating and 2nd in flight and 4th in the finals of the Ladies Silver Interpretive.

See you at the arena - first day of Winter School is October 16th.

Industrial League names the best

The names of eleven players chosen the best of their team were announced Friday night at the Industrial Football League's Awards Dance held at the Way Jay Club in Norval.

Each of the eleven Most Valuable Players, were selected by their team-mates. The winners were as follows: For A-Mix - Mets - KEN PAYNE, short-stop; Royal Trust-ART BUDWEISER, short-stop; Fobert's Real Estate-BOB CUNNINGHAM, first base; Niner's Sports Outfitters-MIKE TOST, centre field; Puckering's Flyers-TERRY HAINES, pitcher; Way Jay Sportsmen-GEORGE THRENS, pitcher; Peel Police Association-TOM TREVELYAN, pitcher; Sandhill Shell-DOUG CRAIG, third base; DRG Gage

Stationery-HAY INGLIS, short-stop; Norval-BOB LUFFMAN, second base and Georgetown Chrysler-JAMIE MOODY, first base.

Georgetown Chrysler coach Don White and Manager Roy Ballantine, were called upon to accept the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy, as the League Champions. The Chrysler team played their regular season with 22 wins, 8 losses and 0 ties for a total of 44 points.

Also presented Friday night, was the David 'Baldy' Cunningham Memorial Trophy, that was given to a player who shows good sportsmanship and talented play. The trophy winner was selected by the Umpires of the League. Pitcher Terry Haines of the Puckering's Flyers was awarded the trophy for 1977.

Another trophy waiting at the dance for a recipient, was the Labatt's Award for the winning team in the play-offs. Play-off action continues all this week at 7 p.m. in the Fairgrounds.

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Wayside pit sought

Application for approval of a wayside gravel pit on the Fifth Line south of Highway 7 was turned down by the Niagara Escarpment Commission Friday.

But Coun. Roy Booth said he's upset over the application going before the provincial planning agency prior to notification to Halton Hills.

Located in the planning area governed by the NEC, the pit application was turned down because the area is "wet to say the least," Coun. Booth said.

Opposition to the pit operation was made because it is an aquifer recharge area on "porous gravel layers that the water permeates through."

Farm residents' bylaw change

Regional council will be asked today to endorse an amendment to the Esquering official plan allowing for development of farm buildings for hired help in a cluster near the main farm residence.

Regional staff believe the amendment is a means of maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the region and does not conflict with the interim planning policies.

Approval of the amendment would prevent the construction of hired help residences in such a manner as to allow for a severance at a later date.

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 - Alley Cats - 3
 - Hurricane Babes - 3
 - Saintly Six - 1
 - Misses - 1
 - Mountaineers - 1
 - Woodpickers - 1
- HIGH SINGLE FLAT
- Ann McMeneny - 265
 - Kathy Williams - 251
 - Betty Pentland - 250
- HIGH SINGLE HANDICAP
- Betty Pentland - 283
 - Hazel Dumper - 280
 - Ann McMeneny - 265
- HIGH TRIPLE FLAT
- Sandy Curikow - 675
 - Sylvia Graham - 656
 - Ann McMeneny - 695
- HIGH TRIPLE HANDICAP
- Sylvia Graham - 752
 - Hazel Dumper - 703
 - Sandy Curikow - 678

Plan referred to OMB

Regional planning committee has referred the Focal Properties application for areas south of Silver Creek in the Georgetown to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for resolution on its merits.

Planning committee also referred the application by Skidmount Investments for development of lands on the western boundary of the Georgetown planning area to the OMB for resolution of objection by Focal Properties Ltd.

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REGISTRATION:
Gordon Alcott Memorial Complex and Acton Municipal Offices commencing Monday, September 26, 7-9 p.m. for both programs.
Late registrations will be taken at the Recreation Dept. offices from 8:30-4:30, week days.
Phone 877-5185, ext. 19 for further information.

SKIING

Children 5-16 years of age.

Lessons will be held at Glen Eden Ski area Saturdays commencing January 6, 1978 for six weeks.

FEE: \$30.00 includes bus transportation from Acton Pool and Georgetown Memorial Complex to Glen Eden and return plus one 1 hour group lesson and 1 1/2 hours free skiing.

TIMES: Leaves Acton 12:15 p.m.
Georgetown 12:30 p.m.
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