

Mexican team visits

By ALEX TOUGH
The past weekend's hectic soccer activities are ended. Hia Navia F.C. of Mexico have come and gone, leaving happy memories of skillful players, nice people and good soccer played in splendid weather.

To say that Bryan Turner, Pat Robbins and I were relieved would be an understatement. It is true that we had really had no firm idea of who was coming, when, until the merry Mexicans stepped from the bus on Friday.

There were disappointments and achievements in this first ever International Soccer visit to this area in this venture.

At the last minute the Baz Motors Atoms were invited to go to Streetsville for their tournament on Saturday.

Last minute arrangements made by Dave Manning to raise a house league select to replace the Baz Atoms came to naught late on Friday when the proposed opponents tied 3-3 with the Meteor Mosquitos and were felt to be too strong for our select.

Nevertheless the Mexicans were prepared to play Dave's select. Came the Saturday games Cercor Mosquitos coming out 4-3 winners in an exciting & fairly even match.

McArthur Peewees 5-2 and McLaughlin Bantams 8-2 winners.

Overall the Mexicans were very skillful performers and not as physical as our guys which was a telling factor. They also were forced to play with some under age players.

The great thing about their play was their acceptance, without question, of the refereeing of Al Doherty, Colin Wilde, Bob Marshall and I and their supreme good nature in spite of the trend of the games. Their coaches and managers were nice guys all round.

Our coaches, managers and parents did a great job of hilleting and there is not sufficient space to mention everyone by name.

Their reports of their guests were excellent and this venture into internationalism I believe was very successful.

We had an open air barbecue and later a disco at Cedarvale which both went superbly. It is a great feeling to know we turned up trumps and I feel all those involved thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Special thanks go to the Cedarvale caretaker, stand ins - the Junior Fields, to terrific donations from our sponsors, Meteor Foundry, McLaughlin Associates and McArthur catering (Gus himself barbecuing mountains of hamburgers) and to I.G.A. FOR trusting us with some \$60-70 worth of pop.

Disappointing was the supporting turn out by townsfolk in general and by lower soccer types in and around town. All spectators, and there were many, were very sportsmanlike in applauding fine efforts on both sides.

My vivid memory will be the corner and penalty kick awards in the dying seconds of the McLaughlin Bantam encounter. On the penalty when Dave Finlay asked what was wrong with his play I replied "absolutely nothing". Another was Colin Wilde resting on the goal post and asking for a substitute ref! The skills of Wee Carlos and Alexander and a tremendous over the bar save by the Mexican goalie.

A grand selection of parents and friends were at the disco and helped with the clearing up afterwards. El Supremo was D.J. - Pete Skelton played some really good stuff. Afterwards I repaired to Pete's and watched soccer on TV. On Sunday, early, our guests left giving us their game chant.

Then came the ancient Mariners visit to Guelph. We had 13

injured to Gary Spiller and John Bew which hopefully now are OK. We were augmented by a still skillful Peter Jones, Roy Yardley, Courtney and Martin Warner and Ernie Halter.

Some glaring misses two sharp goals from a Stu Robbins typical chip over the goalie and a 40 yard blaster from Colin Wilde gave us a narrow 2-1 victory.

Lloyd Jones had a superb diving save in the second half. And, yes, folks, had to contend with three of my vicious special pass backs! Colin Wilde also took a nasty tumble in the game and has some pretty bad cuts on knee and thigh.

However, we preserved our tremendous record of 3 losses against some 20 odd wins.

Our Sunday evening visit to the Metros went very well in spite of a financial loss, on the venture. A preponderance of competitive players, parents, friends, coaches and managers made up our party.

A repeat attempt, this will have to be evaluated very carefully indeed as will several other of this year's activities. It would be interesting to find out why so many people did not avail themselves of the opportunity of taking in a first class soccer game. General apathy? Lack of information? I do not believe so - the previous articles, notices, and telephone calls are surely enough?

Our loss is around \$400 - thank you for your support, folks. Travellers took us and brought us back safely.

The game itself showed the best and worst of behaviour.

Georgettes defeat Hornby by 11-6

Georgetown Georgettes defeated Hornby 11-6 under the lights at the Fairgrounds Monday.

The game started off slowly with only one runner left on base at the end of the first inning. Three Hornby batters struck out in the top of the second while the Georgettes brought in pitcher E. Meller to score the first run of the game.

Hornby rallied to score three runs in the third inning to take the lead.

D. Dobbie, L. Becker hit two of the three runs in for Hornby. The third run was scored by B. Marchmont. Georgettes first batter, Leanne Gilson belted out a four-sacker to

New OHA Intermediate A league

Georgetown Raider officials got the word Monday that the OHA has given the green light to a new OHA Intermediate A league to the north of us.

The new league will contain teams from Midland, Collingwood, Owen Sound and Port Elgin, Handy says.

Whether we see these teams in action through the regular season we will definitely have to play them in a semi-final for the OHA Intermediate A championship at the end of the season, he says.

There will be no changes in the old OHA Intermediate A league and Raider fans can still cheer for their favourites as they take on Thorold, Dundas, Port Colborne and Fort Erie again this season.

soccer and officiating. Pat Robbins said more red and yellow cards were issued by the ref than one of our refs ever handed out.

The trouble broke out early in the first half when a Metros player was viciously felled, unnoticed by ref or linesmen. Players of both sides then openly attacked each other, one incident within five feet of the unseeing officials. This was the terrible side of the pro game at its worst and not a game for youngsters to view at all.

After 10 minutes I thought I was watching two of NHL hockey teams without sticks.

The second was a little quieter. There were moments of good controlled soccer particularly from the 10 home players (one being ejected in the first half, and there should have been more).

Lucation covered the Metros-Croatia's four goals in great fashion, tying the club's individual performance, his fourth coming from a breakthrough and an extremely unselfish pass from Brian Budd who could easily have scored himself.

I was impressed by the showing of the brothers Roe, Peter and Paul (Mary also seemed to be playing), who, like Brian are home bred players.

The Metros-Croatia thoroughly deserved their 4-1 victory in the end and the shorthanded squad completely outplayed (and out punched) their opponents.

The Memphis Rovers now coached by former Scots International Eddie Macready, who took over from Malcolm Allison earlier.

See you next week.



MD CARNIVAL

Graham Shepherd, left, and Peter Kovacs lined up to get their tickets from Lloyd Newman and Scott Campbell, at a Muscular Dystrophy Carnival in Glen Williams on Friday. The carnival was Lloyd's idea, and the boys organized a merry-go-round, a pie toss competition, a basketball toss, a milk bottle drop, a rummage sale and a food booth.

Fair board celebrates

Acton ladies fair board celebrated its 20th anniversary Saturday at the home Eleanor Thompson of RR2, Acton.

Past presidents and directors gathered with present directors and the current president Mrs. George Cobham to relive the history of the fairboard and honor all past directors and presidents of the board.

"The reason we held this one is because some of the ladies have dropped off our board of directors," said Mrs. Thompson.

"We felt we should have something for them," she said. The reunion is the first for the ladies fair board since formation in 1958.

Nine of the 10 ladies fair board presidents during the first 20 years of the board's history attended the reunion. Mrs. Lloyd McEnery, the first president (1958), Mrs. Thompson (1959, 1960), Mrs. Wilfrid Waldie (1961, 1962), Mrs. Donald Mathews (1963, 1964, 1965), Mrs. Mel McCullough (1966, 1967), Mrs. Walter Linham (1968, 1969, 1970), Mrs. Edward Archibald (1971, 1972, 1973), Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer (1976, 1977) and Mrs. George Cobham (the current president) attended.

Mrs. Vivian Beer (president for 1974 and 1975) was unable to attend Saturday's reunion. The ladies fair board began in 1958 when the ladies decided they would be more help to the men's fair board with a separate ladies board.

"We thought if we formed a board we could have more things to help the men," said Mrs. Thompson.

The "more things" during the 20 years of the ladies fair board have included draws on quilts, lawn furniture and articles, fashion shows, euehres and penny sales.

The most historical moment of the afternoon came when Mrs. Charlotte Ironside spoke a few words to the gathering. Mrs. Ironside, a member of the provincial board of the agricultural

society during the past 20 years, helped Mrs. Thompson and the ladies fair board organize the ladies board 20 years ago.

The Acton Fall Fair will run Sept. 15, 16, and 17. The ladies fair board will pick the winner of their current fundraising draw at the fair. Winners of the draw will receive an afghan, a macramé wall hanging and a needle point cushion.

At Saturday's reunion, Mrs. Heather Rennie and Mrs. Margaret Aitkens ran several games and Mrs. Ward Bruce entertained the ladies with several recitations. Mrs. Grace McEnery was the courtesy convenor and Mrs. Cliff Storey baked two anniversary cakes for the reunion. The afternoon concluded with a buffet supper.

OBITUARY

Thomas J. Brownridge

A life-long Halton resident, Thomas J. Brownridge, died in Milton District Hospital on July 5th at the age of 86, after a short illness.

He was born on the 6th line of Esqueping, the 3rd son of William Ward and Louisa Neilson Brownridge.

He attended Ashgrove Public School and Georgetown High School then worked at home with his father.

"After his marriage to Alma Bird in 1923, they farmed on the old Brownridge homestead where his son Ward now lives. In 1934 she predeceased him and in 1949 he married Laura Miller.

In 1948 the family moved to Lot 8, Con. 8 Esqueping where he continued to operate a mixed farm until the sale of the farm in 1975 at which time he retired. His wife, Laura, died that same year.

For the past two years he lived at the home of his son Allen, on the town line in Milton.

Always an active church member, he held many offices in both Ashgrove and Hillcrest Churches. He was a member of Ashgrove Cemetery Board and a member of Credit Lodge No. 219 in Georgetown.

In 1937 and 38 he was president of Esqueping Agricultural Society and was on the board for many years.

A prominent breeder and

judge of Tamworth swine, he showed and judged at both small and larger fairs including London, the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair.

An active exhibitor from the 1920's until 1976 he also showed horses, Holstein cattle, vegetables and grain at various times.

He is survived by his son Ward, daughter Doris (Mrs. John McNabb) and son Allen; also sisters Ethel and Pearl (Mrs. Frank Brown), seven grandchildren and one great grandson. He was predeceased by two brothers, Walter and Oliver.

Rev. John Griffen conducted the funeral service from Hillcrest United Church on Saturday, July 8th with interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. A Masonic service was held on Friday evening.

Palbearers were Murray Brownridge, George Brownridge, Kenneth McNabb, Herbert Bird, Robert Miller and Fred Nurse. Flowers were carried by Edward Bridgen, Howson Ruddlell, Jim Stark, Jim Fisher, Jeff Nurse and Albert Fife.

Rain shortage won't affect crop prices

By SUE LEHN
Although southern Ontario has now gone over two weeks with no rain, the drought is not likely to have an effect on crop yield.

Howard Henry, Assistant director of soils and crops, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food, feels the present situation is not very serious yet.

"The coarse, sandy, heavy and clay areas are suffering. Areas like Norfolk County, Brighton, Picton and eastern Ontario, however, in general the crops are not yet wilted," commented Henry.

The main crops affected by the recent lack of moisture have been the second cut hay, corn, spring grains, oats, barley, and some fruits and vegetables.

"All crops are stunted and waiting for moisture, especially the second cut hay. The first cut is off on most farms now, but the growth of the second cut hay is retarded and slow," stated Henry. This slow hay growth is likely to have some effect on all farmers, as most grow and cut hay for sale or winter use.

Henry feels the rain shortage will have little effect on crop prices to the consumer. Says Henry, "We still have imports. They may try to gouge us a bit but I don't think it will be very serious. The prices won't be affected very much. Other areas may have lots of moisture and therefore a surplus, so the prices will remain about the same as usual.

The people who will suffer from this recent drought are the farmers. The cost of production is very high and will remain the same despite the yield. Every bushel drop in the final yield cuts in on the

farmer's returns. Because of the dry weather, many farmers are expecting their yield to be lower than usual.

Howard Henry stresses that the present situation is not crucial, and that if it rains

within the next week or two most farmers will experience a normal yield. "I hate to press the alarm button," he commented. "It's not too serious yet, however, if it goes on longer than three weeks it could become serious."

Couple celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schoffemeer were recipients of several parties held in honour of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

A neighbourhood party was held in honour of the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ahrharten. The couple were presented with a silver cream and sugar and two relish dishes.

Several friends from Maple Ave. Baptist Church entertained the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Eddy and they were presented with a coffee maker and several shower gifts.

The couple were also entertained by their family at the Mountainview Restaurant and presented with several lovely gifts.

Mieke and Hans were married July 1, 1953 in Hilversum Holland and came to Canada in August 1954. They have 3 daughters, Stephanie and Sharon at home and Sylvia (Mrs. Larry Turner of Skowhegan, Maine) and one son Scottie at home also.

Suspects arrested

As the result of an investigation, a Georgetown man has been charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, an orange 1974 Honda. A Huttonville man has also been charged after an investigation into the recovery of a reported stolen vehicle.

A thief or thieves removed the sprinkler heads from a field south of the Beardmore Company on Highway 25.

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