

Opinion

High school facelift will overcrowd park

By Alex Tough
Two years ago we stopped using Centennial playing field due to the dangerous surface, and were promised by the recreation staff that this field would be repaired. The field remains untouched to this day. Looking at the other fields of Harrison and

Kennedy the surface conditions are also unsuitable. This week we learn that GDHS field is to be uprooted and resurfaced in June, to be ready in time for the football season in September. This is both good news and bad news. Good news in that, at least, one field is being upgraded and will be fine for

1980. Bad news in that we have to find other spots in the already curtailed overcrowded and saturated calendar for some 150 games scheduled for GDHS. **SHORTSIGHTED** The shortsightedness of "town fathers" and the recreation director in the failure to realize and accept

the plight of our sport is nothing short of abominable. The Alcott field proposal was dropped without hesitation at the council finance and budget meeting earlier this year when it was known that the GDHS situation was a probability. A remedy is urgently required - how quickly will

the authorities move? In the past 11 years of soccer the numbers have grown from 127 registrations in 1968 to well in excess of 1000 in 1979. Youth soccer, over 850 registered, with a welcome increase in girls, leads the way.

should consider very carefully their direction. I can see the day when the soccer portfolio is put firmly on the recreation department desk and told "You do it". And so, referring back to the opening remarks, those fields in need of repair and regular maintenance, should have had attention and need it now. More fields should have been provided and must be - now.

Valentina's defeat Guelph 3-1, Mariners take two victories

By ALEX TOUGH
Valentina 1 - Guelph 3
This was the Bantam girls first time on the field this year and proved to be a frustrating night all round. In spite of all our pressure at the visitors end throughout the game the only score we managed was a blistering penalty by Vera Van Item late in the second half. It was difficult to penetrate the Guelph goal's defence and she was their star player. When our girls get used to each other and learn to spread out, support each other and knock the ball around we will improve. There are five personnel changes from last year's pee

wee team, Vera Van Item, Penny Bydevaate, Lynne Cunningham, Kim Newcombe and Erin McIntyre coming in to strengthen the team. Over the game a lot of effort was put in without much reward. A tactical change, moving Vera and Lynne up front came just a little late to have sufficient impact. Al Doherty reined a good game. **Mariners 4 - Eagles 1**
The Mariners' second game proved to be less exerting than the previous game. The Eagles played a little nearer our own pace and this was an excellent match to take part in. Injuries forced us into some peculiar positions. Colin Wilde

and I as strikers! Colin struck the trees and race track regularly. John Bew also hobbled around for the most part. Strong games came from John Ellis, who scored with a tremendous drive. Stu Robbins, Gary Spiller and Brian and Steve Clark. Ron Warner, at 49, also showed a fair turn of speed and skill. Lloyd Jones had one driving save late on which would have done justice to Gordon Banns. The other goals came from Stu Robbins, Gary Spiller and a John Ellis penalty special. Bob Marshall handled this game. **Mariners 2 - Acton 1**
Stu Robbins, with a beautifully taken 30 yard free kick, bent round a lax defence, opened the scoring after 20 minutes following non stop pressure from Acton. Acton played open man to man positional soccer throughout. As the game wore on the moves fell down on the edge of our area. So

much so, that not one direct shot on goal was recorded in the second half. Lloyd Jones was off shortly before the half and "Hobler" Tough took over in goal. The Mariners' 10 players marshalled a superb backs to the wall defensive game and kept Acton away from the danger zone. Our injury stricken news continues, myself, Colin Wilde, Steve Robbins, John Bew and Gary Spiller are suffering and Bill Brasz has just returned from a knee knock. All the lads had an excellent game which meant I had very little to do in goal, thank goodness. This was another good game to play in with lots of good soccer. Our other goal came from Bill Brasz, following excellent work by Stu Robbins and John Ellis. Ref Bob Marshall kept his usual control as the man in the middle. Acton scored a late consolation on a goalmouth scramble "In-off".


Gemini coach tried to buy Hamilton team

Reports that Harold Schooley, who coached the Georgetown Gemis through the last half of the season, has bought the OHA Tier II Hamilton team are false. The rumor circulating around town last week was that Schooley had bought the Hamilton franchise and was prepared to have the top Gems of last year suit up for the Tier I team. Among the departing were to be Marty Power, Mark Euteneler, Lance Doucette and Greg Thompson. Those players may not be Gems next year in any case as all are apparently making plans to be training for teams in higher league universities. **THROUGH**
From his home in Hamilton Schooley told The Herald that he had indeed been in negotiations to purchase the Hamilton team, but that they fell through. "The present owners had been discussing selling the team and I talked to them," Schooley said. "However the talks have now turned lukewarm and I doubt very much that I will buy the team". Gem president Bob Girdwood has said he would like to see Schooley return here to coach Georgetown next year. "I am still hoping to catch on in some capacity with an National hockey league team," Schooley said. "I'm going to wait until the draft meetings in late June before marking any plans."

Schooley is a very good friend of Joe Grozier, who has been a coach and general manager in both the NHL and WHA. He said Grozier has yet to sign with a team. When and if he does there is a good chance Schooley will go along with him. However, Schooley did say that there is still a chance he will return to coach the Gems, but he will not commit himself until after the draft.

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