

Soccer talk

Halton Cable films a coaching demonstration

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Last week Dr. Stu Robbins, our head coach, with the aid of young Steve Turner and Innes Williams amongst others, taped a coaching demonstration programme with Halton Cable T.V. channel 4. This is an excellent film and is suitable for

all age groups "warm up periods" and is worth watching. Another showing date is to be advised later. The T.V. company is also lined up to televise the Swedish day matches at the end of the month. Our teams are getting together already. There are moves afoot to

re-introduce the inter-town competition with Orangeville as used to happen some years ago. This could be across the age groups, on a home and home basis at the end of the season or home one year and away the next. The addition of Hillsburgh Bantams, Ballinacfad Squirts

and the girls of Bolton and Millon has created excitement and interest in their divisions. The minor or major atoms and bantam Valentinas take off for the Waterloo tournament on 16th and 17th of June. The Valentinas return as the Pee Wee consolation cup winners, mov-

ing up to Bantam this year. Our opponents are Burlington, Oakville and Waterloo. Phew! The chaos forecast at the lack of a referee director is now apparent to all concerned. In some cases, self included, commissioners have spent several hours in one day calling refs, who in

turn have received as many as nine calls in a day. We need almost desperately an organizer for this area.

Another area of concern is the ludicrous situation of field lining. The savings to the town of this service is almost zero according to the information given by the recreation director. In which case there cannot be any town benefit in this cut back. In fact the saving from the 1979 cost of talc compared with the actual cost of 1978 would go a long way to cover the 1979 cost.

However, for the moment we are forced to struggle with a machine in our vehicles, which are covered in talc. We often find that fields need marking on the same evening, particularly following the rain, and we are all

trying to mark at the same time, that is one hour before the game. This is another part of the problem, the only time available to us volunteers is the evening, or weekend. To the best of my knowledge, following enquiries,

this is the only town which does not provide a lining service. In the competitive competition world we are liable to lose points, and be subject to fines for lack of decent markings. Whoever thought up this method of savings did not give any thought to problems vs dollars and in short, is nuts!

Mariners are shutout 4-0 by Meteors, Valentinas hot and cold against Burlington

Mariners 0 - Meteors 4

This was the second ever shut out recorded against the Mariners. All credit goes to the Mariners, for Uwe Waserman in the Meteor goal was probably more troubled by the shouts of his teammates than the shots of the lads, Bill Brasz, Colin Wilde, Stu Robbins and John Bew shot high and wide when we

did get through, which was not often.

We defended continuously throughout the first half and justice was done when the Meteors took the lead after 30 minutes. Lloyd Jones brought a couple of good saves before attempting to head clear, which manoeuvre cost a second goal. We struggled all the way,

failed to challenge for the ball and were fairly disjointed. On the move we were not playing with our usual precision passing and positional play. Badly missed with injuries were Gary Spiller and Steve Robbins and John Bew pulled a muscle shortly after coming into the game. Peter Jones is still away. These guys will strengthen us on their return.

John Ellis worked hard in the middle, with Bill Brasz and Stu Robbins trying up front without much support. Individually we worked, seldom did we click as a team and we laid back defensively too much. As General McArthur said, "We shall return!"

Valentina 1 - Burlington 4
The girls entertained a strong and skillful visiting team last Thursday. As the game wore on there were signs that Burlington's skills were being picked up by some of our players. Cathy Dobson, in the town goal, had an excellent, sometimes fortunate match from beginning to end. We started by moving out of defence, marking tightly and challenging opponents and so kept Burlington off the score sheet. Then "it" disappeared and we fell behind and remained basically defensive until the blues tired in the late second half. Most of our gang work-

ed hard yet not as a team. Team work, determination and concentration on the game are necessities and this is where we need to place our emphasis.

Erin McIntyre is improving and made two fine recovery stops in the second period. Sylvia Schrader's clearances are better, Linda Phillips also came on quite well. Vera Vanitem and Lynn Cunningham worked hard. Our wingers, Arlene Gray, Penny Pydevaate and Kary Jones saw too little of the ball to be truly effective. Our midfield area was under pressure the whole game and this was our problem.

Lori Thorpe rejoins the squad this week, at St. Andrews and should make a difference. This Saturday we go to Waterloo and Sunday should we qualify for the final. Next Thursday (21st) Oakville Blues come to Cedarvale.



RELAY WINNERS

The Stewarttown School 4x100 Intermediate boys' relay team took first place at the North Halton Relay Championships. In the front row left to right are Randy Laver (fourth leg), Brian Martin (spare), Trevor Scanlan (second leg). In the back are Joe Richardson (first leg), Tom McMenemy (third leg) and Gary Hulbert (spare).

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