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Football fever hits Halton

Football fever has hit Georgetown this week. Last night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, former Toronto Argonaut quarterback Chuck Ealey was the guest speaker for the Halton Hills Christian Men's Fellowship's first monthly dinner meeting. Ealey, who has seen his game inside out, the way most professional athletes have, was here to speak about his life in sport and the way his Christian beliefs have influenced his life.

He came to Georgetown, for the second time in two years on the invitation of Gord Barwell, a local resident and former player with the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Barwell is an official in Athletes in Action and brought Ealey, Zenon Andrusyshyn and Peter Muller to Georgetown high two years ago to talk to students about Christianity. Ealey is a member of Athletes in Action and the Christian Sportsman. Other notable pro sportsmen involved in the same way are hockey players Paul Henderson and Ron Ellis.

After going through the regular road to pro football in the States, Ealey signed with the Hamilton Ticats in 1972. God must have been with him there because he was named the rookie of the year and led his team to the Grey Cup championship. Later he played for the Winnipeg Bluebombers and the Argos for four years until now.

RELIGIOUS

He is only one of many successful athletes who are religious people. I knew of a baseball team up in my Muskoka, who played under the banner of the Christian Men's Fellowship. It was comprised of a few local young ministers and several of their congregation and association. They won the league, if I remember correctly.

A lot of major league football, baseball and basketball teams hold short prayer meetings before each contest. Sometimes it means a win and other times, say the players "it gives them the strength to accept defeat". A well put together thought.

REBELS

Also on the football front are the high school football players. Despite losing all of their games this year, the junior and senior Rebels are ready to take to the field Saturday for an unusual double header. It is rare that high school teams perform outside of school hours. However this is a special weekend. It is the windup of homecoming week and the football teams, as usual are the centre of the attraction. They hit the field for the first game at 1 p.m. Refreshments and hotdogs will be available to give it that big league atmosphere. A worthwhile way to spend your Saturday afternoon instead of in a big floppy chair in front of the TV watching the hopeless Argos.

FLAG FOOTBALL

If those young players don't go on to the big leagues of football, they will probably end up playing in something like the local flag football league. Once a football player always a football player, but, sometimes just an armchair quarterback.

The flag football league, which boasts over 100 players in the Sunday morning league, make their final grid iron appearance on the high school football field Sunday morning. The two finalists, who have weeded their way through regular season and playoffs, are Delrex Smoke Shop and Dairy Queen.

After covering the games, through my lens, I can see how enjoyable and entertaining it must be for both players and the few spectators who show up. A word on this subject couldn't do any harm to the gates at the final game. It's not generally too admirable to sit and watch someone you don't know play but, the tempo of the game is easy enough to follow and with the numerous turnovers it creates a game worth following. No harm in catching a few plays. You'll be surprised.

Sports Shorts - Saturday night the 29th official opening of hockey night in Canada was aired. Local sports enthusiasts gathered around the television to catch the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Colorado Rockies. They were waiting to eye a former member of last year's championship Raiders club. Peter Sturgeon, who starred with the team, was making his first appearance at the Gardens as a pro hockey player. From Milton, Sturgeon signed a two year contract to play with the team recently. He was introduced at the start as a former Raider. He had a fair game for a rookie. Raider coach Steve Blundy, a player with Sturgeon last year, said he was pleased to see him make the big leagues. "I never saw a guy work so hard. He was always the first on the ice after the Zamboni."

Smoke Shop vs Dairy Queen

Back in the second game of the regular season, the Dairy Queen became the first team to ever defeat Delrex Smoke Shop. In their late season rematch Delrex got revenge with a convincing victory and now the rubber match is the league championship which goes next Sunday at 12 noon.

Sunday against the DQ. Neither team scored on their first possessions nor could

Dairy Queen 24

Dave's BP 0

EASY WIN

Dairy Queen advanced to the final round by taking a surprisingly easy win from Dave's BP 24-0. BP's season has been characterized by inconsistency. They played an excellent game in the quarter finals to defeat Ego but came up thoroughly flat

they move the ball. Dairy Queen managed to get to the 35 yard line on their second drive of the day and from there Jeff Lockwood gave them all the points they needed with a field goal. Before the half ended he also threw touchdown passes to Steve Crossman and Bob Lockwood and converted

both. The second half was particularly frustrating for BP quarterback Jim McGill who continually saw his passes dropped. Dairy Queen's defense effectively shut down McGill's big gunners Scott Mason and Paul Egerton and the other receivers didn't take up the slack. Bob Lockwood had the only score of the half, a 25 yard touchdown which Jeff Lockwood converted.

TOTAL POINTS

Game two was the second of the two game total point playoff between the Delrex teams, Smoke Shop and Tavern. Smoke Shop had their hands full in fighting off a

game bid by the Tavern to upset them and it was only big plays by Bruce Cartwright and Jerry Neil that made the difference. Both men came down with clutch receptions to keep the Tavern in a hole.

The Tavern struck first on a 20 yard field goal by John Clarke but Bob Inglis bought the Smokers back with an 18 yard strike to Steve Harris. Bruce Cartwright converted.

The Tavern stayed close to the Smoke Shop with each team trading touchdowns in the second quarter. John Clark hit Dave Warman in the end zone and converted himself for the Tavern and then Inglis drilled Werner Mikoleit in the numbers to restore a 2 point Smoke Shop lead with Cartwright's convert. The Tavern then failed

Smoke Shop 35

Tavern 23

to score from in close and had to settle for a single on a punt. This spelled the end for the Tavern as Inglis made no mistake hitting Jerry Neil on a 70 yard pass and run touchdown.

Once the Tavern got down by more than one touchdown they lost their poise momentarily and tried to get it all back at once. Their offense faltered in the third quarter and the Smoke Shop went ahead by seven more on a major by Fred Harris, which Cartwright again converted.

The Tavern showed a lot of class though and fought back in the final quarter with two more touchdowns, one each to John Clark and Dave Warman. The attempts for two point conversions were unsuccessful on both.

Jerry Neil had another touchdown for the Smokers and Cartwright again converted to make the score of the game 35-23 and for the series 64-51.

FINAL GAME

If the final game can match this series for competition and excitement it should be a good one. The Smoke Shop is a poised, disciplined team and one which is used to the pressure

Smoke Shop ?

Dairy Queen ?



This man's team did not make the championship

They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words so, we won't say anymore about this picture. (Herald photo by Mark Clairmont)

Dairy Queen is younger but has abundant talent. Delrex has the big play offense, but the Dairy Queen can score from anywhere inside the 50 yd. line by virtue of Jeff Lockwood's field goal kicking. All things considered the Smoke Shop should be slight favourites.