



**Mark  
Clairmont**  
Sports Editor

## Sports and politics do mix

The American proposal for an international boycott of the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics is something more than just missing a race or a jump. It has become an international political football with the athletes it will affect, the ones being kicked around.

The laces which bind this football together are the principles behind it. The original intention that sport and politics will not mix on the Olympic field have long been tampered with. It is probably only natural that politics be involved, since the Games involve different nations around the world. And what is more political than countries today?

One need only look at what happened in 1936 in Nazi Germany when Hitler ruled the Berlin Games. Or more recently when the Taiwan team, who for many years represented China, were told before Montreal that from 1980 on, Communist Red China would now be the official team recognized by the Olympic world as representing China. They were told to take it or leave it. Then there were 13 African countries who boycotted the Montreal Games in 1976, because of the Olympic attitude to the apartheid situation in South Africa.

### A FARCE

To say that sport and politics don't mix in this day and age is ridiculous, naive and the statement a farce. They do and that is all there is to it. We must then work around them.

Although it shouldn't be the case, it is. The Olympic Village concept, where the competing athletes live, eat and sleep together, is what the games are all about. Competitions go on around the world in all other venues of life. Business, culture, space races and even religious groups do battle to prove who they claim is right or best. These people don't care who they tangle with or where or when. Why should the Olympics be different?

That is not to say that I agree with what the United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) is doing, but to take such a minuscule attack as withdrawing the moneys which would be brought into Russia, is like fighting the Towering Inferno with a water pistol. Get off this case Jimmy, and continue your other good retaliatory measures and move with Joe Clark to change the site of the Games.

I have been to the Montreal Olympics, the Soviet Union and this week the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Kitchener. I can tell you, the level of competition the people participating and the dedication involved far surpass the political overtones involved. They are personal endeavors.

What needs to happen is that the Games should be stationed in one neutral place in the world, such as the original site on Mount Olympus with them open to all comers, regardless of political beliefs, race, religion or creed. And no flag bearing. Everyone will be judged by his or her own performance at the Games, not their countrymen's.

The world situation now is like a chess game being played by the Kings and Queens of the world. As in the chess game, the people and athletes are the pawns. They are dispensable in the deadly game. The Kings and Queens will be the last ones to go at the end, and by that time the game will be all over and worth nothing to the winner.

The men and women, boys and girls athletes, who spend from late infancy, to their mid-lives striving to do something and prove themselves the best, as society dictates in this competitive environment, deserve to compare themselves to others on this planet.

If the businessman can work his butt off and come up with gold why can't an athlete?

There are many athletes here in Georgetown who are world class in their chosen sports. They deserve the opportunity to better themselves with better competition and more skillful training.

Politics is part of sport, but the idea is to use it and control how it works in conjunction with sport. Bring the games back to Montreal or Los Angeles or even Munich or Mexico but, don't cancel them.

# Soccer preparations underway for 1980

By ALEX TOUGH

Preparations are now underway for 1980 and an encouraging sign are the positions filled on the executive, by comparison with this time in previous years.

The budget has been prepared for consideration at the February meeting. We appear to be looking at a registration fee of \$25 for under 18s. The meeting is set for Cedarvale on Sunday February 24 at 10 a.m. and you should be there, folks.

Registration dates are the first two Saturdays in March, 1st and 8th, at Cedarvale, between 9 - 12:00 a.m. All registrations will be accepted, teams will be limited to a maximum of 15 players and providing we are blessed with enough coaches and managers we will be able to accommodate all players. Lads and lassies, over 18

years are also encouraged to sign up, particularly for the 'rep' teams. The over 18 ladies are to get organized this year on a friendly basis and the youth organization will assist as much as possible.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Among our problems for this year, is to extend the girls divisions to the same as the boys so that there is not as big an age gap in the age groups. Last year we moved to three divisions - this year - five! Again we will be looking for cooperation with Milton, Pineview and Bolton and with Acton is a possibility.

We also hope to include Hillsburgh in the 'Bantam' boys, along with other clubs in the same shortage of numbers category. Most regrettably Brampton are precluded from joining the set up due to a short sighted

recreation department.

First and second year squirts are being separated this year. Second year players will play as normal and 1st year players will play in a mini-soccer set up to introduce them to soccer. Dave Manning is introducing this concept to our club and this seems like a good development.

Our winter gymnasium allocation is a little lopsided in spite of application to the authorities in July last year, and is still not settled. Our 'rep' coaches are not settled either at the moment although we are progressing towards 7 boys and 2 girls teams.

The Falcon-Youth clubs cooperation is to continue at junior level with Stu Robbins returning to coach. Bantam, pee wee and mosquito are open to coaching offers. The

atoms are being coached by Alex Tough Jr. and Ralph Mulder at major level, and Bryan Turner at minor level. Lloyd Jones and I are taking care of the senior and bantam girl teams.

The gym as Joseph Gibbons is reverberating to the sounds of indoor soccer organized by Bob Morrow and George Baines of the Falcon Senior club. Falcon, Eagle, Meteor, Mariner and other team players are taking part in this brand new, long awaited and welcome venture. Watch for progress in the 'falcons nest' each week.

Finally, welcome to George Howie as tournament director, a new post and to Peter Skelton as equipment director. A fond farewell and best wishes to Jerry and Jim Stoddart who are off west with the family. See you next month.

## 'Old faces' again at top of Golden Age bowling league

There were some old (pardon the terminology) faces back at the top of the Golden Age bowling results this week. Grant Real, Del Wallace, Ethel Hardman and Anne Nicholson regained their previous forms to top the list of high single and triple winners.

Real had the best highs in the triple flat and triple with handicap. His score of 756 in

both topped George Burt's 635 in the triple flat and Bob Hardman's 701 in the handicap category. In the single flat and single with handicap Real was second to Wallace. A 265 for Wallace beat Real's 257 in the flat and a 257 by Real wasn't enough to catch Wallace in the handicap category where he had 289.

Over in the ladies' section Nicholson took the high

single and triple flats with scores of 236 and 635. Hardman rolled up 185 in the single flat and Edith Mills 483 in the triple with handicap. Hardman came back in the single with handicap outscoring Nicholson 238-236. Mills won the triple with handicap 663-661 over Mabel Livingstone.

Standings after Friday's action leaves the Corner Pins at the top with 88 points followed by the 747s at 83, Blue Jays 73, Sluggers 65, Rolling Pins 64, Expos 63, Half and Half 63, Slo and Easy 61, Raiders 60, Six Dolls 56, and Friendly Five 56.

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**  
36 MAIN ST SOUTH  
HALTON HILLS (GEORGETOWN)  
877-5185

**GEORGETOWN VOLUNTEER  
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service is now accepting applications for new members.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or over with a valid driver's license.

Contact Secretary at 877-7317

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**  
36 MAIN ST SOUTH HALTON HILLS  
GEORGETOWN  
877-5185

**"PART TIME EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER 1980"**

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation Department is now accepting applications for Summer Positions as listed below:

<b>SUMMER ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>AQUATIC ACTIVITIES</b>
M.A.D. (Music, Art, Drama)	Assistant Supervisors
Sports Centres	Instructor-Guards
Day Camp	Lifeguards
Playmobile	Leaderguards-Cashiers
Gymnastics Camp	

**APPLICATIONS DUE**  
Wednesday, January 30th, 1980 Friday February 15th, 1980

All New Applications will be required to attend a Pre-selection and/or interview as part of the hiring process. Further details will be sent upon receipt of applications. Application forms are available at the following locations:

Recreation Department	(Gordon Alcott Arena)
Recreation Department	(Acton Municipal Building)
	Georgetown Indoor Pool
	Acton Indoor Pool

For further information please contact the Recreation Department at 877-5185 ext. 60 or 61

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**  
36 MAIN ST SOUTH HALTON HILLS  
GEORGETOWN  
877-5185

**NOTICE  
OF  
PUBLIC MEETING  
STEWARTTOWN SECONDARY PLAN**

The Subsidiary Planning Board of the Town of Halton Hills will hold a Public Meeting to discuss and explain a proposed Secondary Plan for the Hamlet of Stewarttown. The Secondary Plan proposes growth and development policies for the Hamlet of Stewarttown for the immediate future.

**ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS  
AND PROPERTY OWNERS  
ARE WELCOME**

TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
DATE: January 29th, 1980  
PLACE: Municipal Administration Building  
(formerly Esquesing Municipal Offices) R.R. 1,  
7th Line (Trafalgar Road) Halton Hills, Ontario.

NOTE: Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for view at the Public Meeting.

M.P. Venditti, B.A., M.A.  
Planning Director  
Town of Halton Hills,  
36 Main Street, South  
Georgetown, Ontario.  
Tel: 877-5185