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**Soccer Talk
with Alex Tough**

Lookout

**Bill Rodgers
here I come**

This is it. I am going to publically commit myself to running the June 8 Mayor's Cup Road Race. Although it is still unofficial until I sign my name on the dotted line somewhere, for the time being my byline will do just fine, thank you.

Like most things in life, it is the thought that counts rather than the deed itself. I have had the greatest of intentions since I heard about the five and 10 kilometre runs, to propel myself through the industrial suburbia of Georgetown. It wasn't until I sat down to bare my sole once again this week that I finally decided to let the world in on my secret desire to run (or jog in today's jargon) not the shorter but the longer course.

Now that I have laid my life on the line (for the umpteenth time I might add) readers may or they may not see yet another body tramping through the dark morning or evening streets or under the hot mid-day sun for the next six weeks until racetime.

I had envisioned myself discreetly training until I was sure I could do the full distance. That way if I wasn't going to be able to complete the six point two mile course, I could just withdraw and no one would be the wiser, except my undisciplined body and my deflated conscience. I still may go into seclusion for the duration of my work-up.

NOT NEW

As I have mentioned here before, I am not entirely new to the world of running. I was a member of my Gravenhurst High School cross-country team in my formative secondary school years. Despite finishing next to last in most of the competitions I ran, I did manage to get a berth in the Ontario championships because our team had the two best high school runners in the province at the time.

Paul and Spencer Drysdale carried not just I but a couple others into this championship. They never amounted to anything after leaving our team, as I haven't heard of them among any of the top runners in the country in recent times. They moved to Houston, Texas, to attend Bible college I did hear. However they did finish the OFSSA championships the year I travelled with them to Richmond Hill.

I on the other hand, or foot I should say, got lost. I couldn't even keep up to the rest of the huge pack to follow the route. I did manage though to lose one competitor too. So, I wasn't the worst of the lot that year.

Over the years since, I have had different bouts with running around. I have always been sort of a bigger than (average) life character. For this reason I have periodically committed myself to pounding the streets for various lengths of time until I have accomplished my goal. My normal spring training period involves losing some 50 extra pounds I stored up for winter hibernation. The past three years I have done just that. Up and down like a yo-yo.

Once again the task is at hand. I will go from 0 to 6.2 miles in six weeks. I sound like one of those car commercials describing the rate of excelleration.

It is not an impossible task. I know. I have done it before.

DONE IT BEFORE

About this time last year I did just this thing. I was going to work for the Muskoka Free Press in Huntsville. The week I was to start the newspaper was sponsoring a fitness run in conjunction with the recreation department, the same length as the Mayor's Cup. So for six weeks prior I trained, and ran the race one cool Saturday morning in May. Although my time of 54 minutes was not Olympic class or even up to today's modern standards, it was an achievement for one who had never run that distance until that day, and who hasn't since. My training course came up just short. However six consecutive nine minute miles isn't bad for the average Joe on the street. Doing one in that time isn't too difficult but the sixth is.

Compared to the calibre of running in this town I will be slow but, it's the thought that counts. I will be there at the start and there at the finish. As part of my job I will have to be on hand so, I might as well run as sit around waiting for the first finisher. I do not intend to jump into this endeavor without proper advice, as I did last time, so I may be soliciting comments from many sources both amateur and professional. Be prepared, I may ask you for a tip.

The boot-mart was a busy and frustrating day, as usual. Customers and no boots, boots and no customers. There seems to be a need for sizes one, two, 12 and 13. We also need boots brought in early. If you have boots which do not fit this year's feet, bring 'em in.

The recreational team's drafts are on this week and the executive have had to draft a few teams. We are drafting the early, late and other registrations in that order as we are still searching for a coach or two.

**LOOKOUT FOR
DISCIPLINE**

Discipline was poor at the

competitive level last season and a close watch will be maintained this year. I am heading the discipline appeals and protests groups this year and will not be an easy mark, at club level this is not much of a problem. We do have a carry over from last year. Two of our junior players have to ref three games each as a "punishment" for late season offences. The club will hold them to that decision.

It is not news, to most people, that I am wary and suspicious of officialdom in the municipality. The master plan is being unveiled on 29 and 30 April at public meet-

ings in Acton and Georgetown. Ideas and proposals may be made later for presentation to council. Apparently this is an excellent plan and recreation director Tom Shepard is impressed with it, and advises that the plan is being used as a model for other communities.

The soccer group has received short thrift over the years so naturally we are interested in what is there for our sport. I am not selfishly soccer-minded and am interested in all.

A field preparation programme has been worked out and we are looking to early May to start. As in the past Cedarvale 1 is to be only used for competitive games, i.e. cup, league and tournament. Falcon, Meteor and youth groups are combining with schedules and I am preparing a master plan of games.

REFEREESCLINIC

The refs clinic is on 4 and 11 May, at Cedarvale, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The registration fee is \$5.00, refundable to successful candidates who officiate a fair proportion of games for G.Y.S.C.

Competitive games require qualified and O.S.A. registered refs from this year. As we are down to four refs in this category, it is essential that we have more refs and that they become organized in a Halton Hills set-up. The clinic is open to all over 16 years of age. Applications should be made

to Elaine Bertrand, 877-8353, as soon as possible.

Previously qualified refs who have allowed their registrations to lapse must apply again. They may be allowed to take only the second day by special arrangement with the instructor. It may be also possible to allow under 16's to take part, again with special permission.

BLIZZARD BYELINE

The Blizzard pulled off an easy 3-0 win over Rochester Lancers last Sunday. The score could have been more if all chances had been taken by Toronto. The local team outplayed the Lancers and let up a little in the second half.

Goals by Drew Busby and Ivan "Big Luke" Lucacevic, inside four minutes, gave the Toronto side the lead just before the half.

Hard working Jomo Sono scored the third goal with seven minutes left to play. Peter Lorimer had a hand in all the goals, playing very effectively from midfield. Colin Franks was solid at the back.

Up front Drew Busby had a great game, the best player afield. Coming from a hibs man this is a rare praise, indeed. Tony Chursky continued his good work, saving the Blizzard during a careless spell in the second half.

22,051 fans enjoyed this home opener and there will be more on hand next week to see Washington.



If the shoe fits, wear it. That's what Paul Lashley told his daughter Kelly Saturday morning at the Georgetown soccer boot exchange, at Cedarvale Park.

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