



## Soccer

### Talk with Alex Tough

# Rep teams get season started with losses

This week sees the last of the house drafts, field allocation and scheduling. The Master Plan presentation, girls league meetings and weekly team practise are lined up for me in town. I also have the competitive teams scheduling, boys and girls to complete. A busy schedule, but no busier than any of the last nine weeks, or is it twelve? I will not be able to make them all, cannot be in two or three places at once.

Colin and Joan Wilde have done an excellent job with the drafts in spite of the problems in setting them up. Running the draft goes smoothly under their control.

The problem areas of the house league dates, versus rep cut off dates; younger players playing in an older age group and incorrect registrations are not easily solved prior to the draft. The lack of communication between the various groups is

another problem. In order to make the registrars work easier these have to be solved, and with fairness to all.

We hope to have Mayor Pete and Judy Pomeroy together with Tom Shepard, down on opening day. I was at a recent Blizzard game in Toronto and Colin Wilde told Pete, "This is the kind of field we need!" - Exhibition Stadium.

#### MATCHES IN GUELPH

Four rep squads visited Guelph last weekend with mixed fortunes. Most used the chance to try out players in game situations and may be considered successful from that viewpoint. My team lost all three games, including a hard game against Burlington. "The highlight game of the day", said the girls organizer.

Ralph Mulder's major atoms came closest to the finals, missing out by one goal, in spite of two shutouts.

Gary Spiller's merry mosquitos did quite well in a major division, winning their first game after coming from behind twice.

The minor pee wees of John Young found it hard going in their section. As I said, we found out a few things. Next week Nick Ferraro and Stu Robbins take the junior and bantams down for their part of the journey.

#### BLIZZARD BYLINE

Blizzard Day for Colin Munro's mosquito selects was an exciting day. Bob Marshall reffed a close fought game with Acton reps and tied 0-0. The better chances went to Acton on a 4-2 basis. Our guys played well and can be pleased with their showing, coach Colin Munro certainly was. The one disappointing feature was in not getting to meet the players and this is something which should be considered in the future.

I saw a patchy game against Washington last Sunday with Blizzard winning 1-0.

Over the whole piece, the

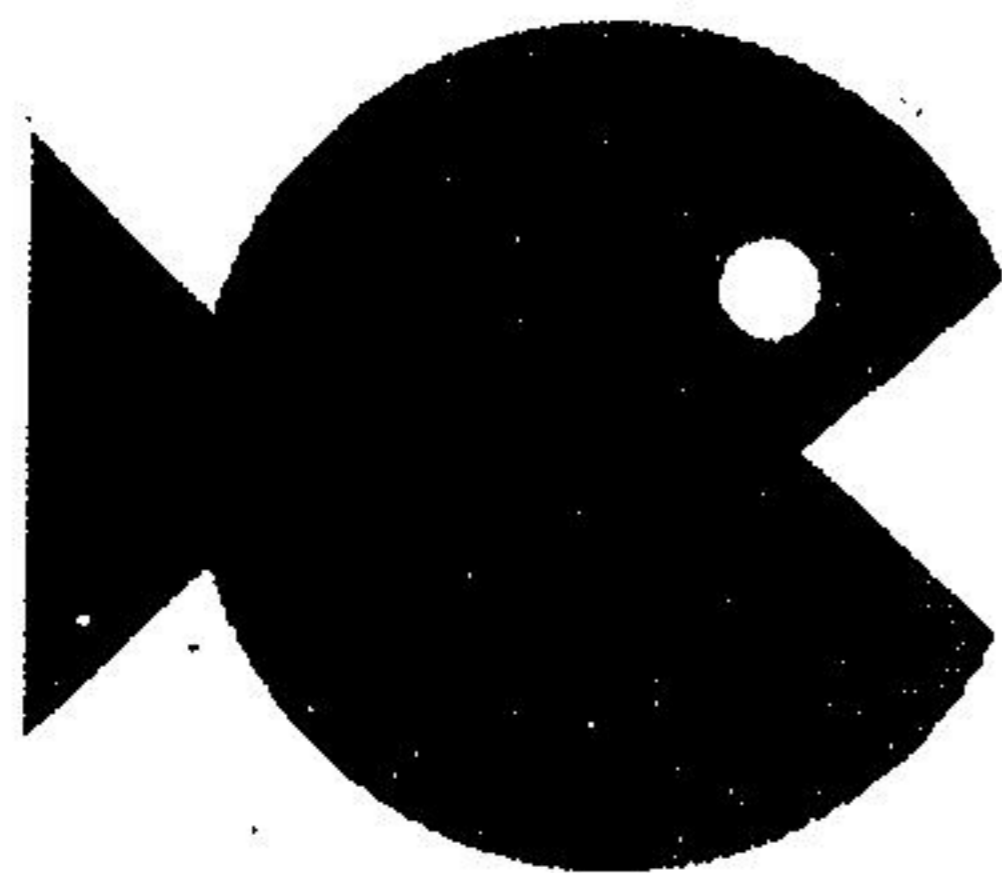
win was deserved which gives the Blizzard 2-2 for the season. Next home dates are May 8 vs New York Cosmos and on May 11 vs Tulsa. If

you wish tickets for Tulsa let

me know as soon as possible,

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