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Renegade soccer president

Look out, Georgetown - Alex Tough is moving back to town. Alex Tough is a troublemaker. "I've always said, if something is wrong - do something about it."



ALEX TOUGH

As president of the Georgetown Soccer Club he will be urging his organization, at its annual general meeting in November, and any others around the province he can pull out of the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA). In other words he wants to kill the body that is responsible for 60 per cent of the 600,000 registered soccer players in Canada.

"That's right," says the 45-year-old fiery Scotsman. "We've been getting a raw deal too long and it's time we did something about it. I'm sort of an Oliver Twist. A test case for a fairer share."

OUR MAN IN GEORGETOWN

The head people at OSA in Toronto are aware of our man in Georgetown. Although he has only been off the boat from the old country for five years he has quickly risen among the hierarchy of Canadian and Ontario soccer. His background in Scottish football has taken him through school, boy scouts, boys clubs, amateur and professional ranks as both a player, referee and official, thus giving credence to his opinions on the world's largest spectator and participant sport.

The wiry haired gentleman is an accountant with the Lustru firm in Brampton, and a strong advocate of organized soccer. That's why he became president of this 1,000 player-strong association back in the autumn of '76. He spends every day of the week eating and sleeping soccer, that has many times taken up over 80 hours a week of his spare volunteer time. He coaches the bantam girls rep team, plays for the Ancient Mariners and in addition to presidential duties, handles field scheduling.

What has kindled this fire in him and gotten his dander up is the stand the OSA has taken in not allowing Georgetown boys' teams from entering the Ontario Cup playdowns going on presently. "Why support a group that won't support us?" This latest episode is just one of many in a long line of confrontations between this Tough competitor and the boys who run the show. It involves a set of applications that were sent in for both the boys and girls along with their registration cheque. Somehow the OSA claims they didn't get the boys' teams and names in time, yet they did file through the girls who are now involved in play.

Tough says that both sets of applications were sealed in the same envelope along with the cheque.

"They cashed the cheque and entered the girls in the draw but say they didn't get our boys' applications. They're just so damn adamant about it." There was still time to get the boys in, it's been done before, but they wouldn't," says Tough.

Georgetown has had organized soccer for 12 years. It has grown from two teams to close to 90, representing over 1,500 boys and girls, men and women. This year alone over 100 new youngsters signed on to the youth soccer program.

SOCCER CO-ORDINATOR

Among the many projects that Tough has on the go is to get a full-time soccer co-ordinator for the town. He would give it a shot. There could be 20 people necessary to properly handle the duties involved. These volunteers occupy the kids' time that otherwise would be spent on vandalism. He points out the Cedarvale field which Monday night during a Falcon game looked in parts like a pig pen where the players would wallow around in the mud. It seems that some knowledgeable person turned on the sprinkler system under the field for too long, soaking it in key spots in front of the net and at centre field. But that's a different story.

As for opting out of the OSA and bringing about its demise, as it is today, Tough says basically it is a sound and constitutionally correct body but needs definite improvements. "Things have to change. They have been saying for years that things were going to change but it hasn't happened. The only way to get any change is to pull out. I'm going to pull out of all my official duties with the various groups and bodies I'm involved with. That way people will see what I am doing and say 'hey, what's he doing that for?'"

Tough has asked for a meeting with the OSA executive to present his case but he has had no word on it yet. He remains pessimistic.

DOLLARS DICTATE

"It's like beating your head against a brick wall. As far as I'm concerned it's (being affiliated with OSA) a dead loss. Why should we pay our money and not get judgements that are correct? There's no point in small clubs persevering. The big clubs dominate. Registration dollars dictate," says Tough.

What would happen if the club did pull out of the OSA? Well, it would mean the local body would play amongst itself in a house league system. Georgetown has the talent and competition within it for the majority of players. But, it is the better players who will be hurt. They need better competition to improve. "The kids are being deprived by officialdom."

Tough says that the few feelers he has put out around the province indicate that there may indeed be more behind him ready to follow suit. "If what's going on with us is happening elsewhere, then there is something wrong and it should be changed."

And what happens if the Georgetown club membership over-rides his ambition to withdraw it from the OSA, then quite simply he will resign his presidency. But, that doesn't mean that he will vacate his coaching or refereeing duties, he is quick to point out, just his official involvement.

GIFL allstar game Sunday

The top ball players in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball league meet Sunday at the Fairgrounds ball park at 2 p.m.

FIRST TEAM

Steve Marshall, Acton
Brad Edgar, Philips
Frank Robinson, Hornby
Bill Kirby, Philips
Bob Inglis, Philips
Doug Anderson, Philips
Chris Tennant, Acton
Bob Marchand, Philips
Joey DeForest, Acton

SECOND TEAM

Al Moore, RS Muffler
Art Budweiser, CIS Plumbing
Jim Hall, CIS Plumbing
Moe Leeking, CIS Plumbing
Jim Parker, Merchants
Yakimishyn, Peel Police
Wally Williams, RS Muffler
Brent Telford, RS Muffler
Norm Topping, Peel Police

Don Martin - Hornby
Bob Cunningham - Norval
R. Freestone - Akers-Clark
R. Coulson - Akers-Clark
Rick Cunningham - Norval
B.J. Legate - Acton
Gord Stanbridge - Philips
Don Richards - Acton
Bruce MacPherson - Acton

ALTERNATES

Ron Osborne - RS Muffler
Gene Inglis - Peel Police
T. Travelyan - Peel Police
Paul Sargent - Merchants
G. Bertasson - CIS Plumbing
Chuck Peavoy - Merchants
Bob Allison - Merchants
Don Peacock - CIS Plumbing
Tim McChesney - CIS Plumbing



YOU WOULDN'T PUT ME OUT

This Hornby Industrial baseball league runner looks up in wonderment at the Philp Publishing firstbaseman asking whether he is safe or not.

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Sports Week

Pit Haines brothers against each other

Glen Merchants host comedy ball California Cuties



Smoker Doug Getty, centre, stretches in vain to prevent this pass reception by the Glen Warriors. Unfortunately the pass was complete, to set up the Glen's only touchdown of the day. Smokers won 28-7

Some of the finest fastball, and definitely the most humorous many in this area will ever see, takes place this coming Tuesday evening at the Glen Williams ball park when the Glen Merchants play host to the California Cuties.

The fun(d) raising benefit game will pit the Glen's top two pitchers, brothers Jeff and Terry Haines, against each other. Nineteen-year-old Terry will be first on the mound, for the Merchants. Big brother Jeff will hurl for the visitors, resplendent in probably his mother's best clothes.

Both young men joined the touring exhibition comedy act back a few months ago in California for its training camp. The older Haines travelled with the team, which plays in drag, for the first month of its cross North America tour before retiring from road-life ball playing. He now throws for his hometown team.

The seven member Cuties team, employing a pitcher, catcher, three infielders and two outfielders, is the brain child of Trino Palacios who dons the Madam Hilda costume. As an airman with the United States Air Force during the Second World War 33 years ago, he was stationed on Guam. There he originated the idea the men dressing in the wildest ladies clothing they could find, in order to entertain his fellow servicemen. At that time he didn't realize that he was molding a career for himself that has kept him on the road ever since.

The Cuties, Madam Hilda, Fifi the Flirt, Scaggie Maggie, Lotta Fanny, Hefty Helen, Hedda Hooker and Wilma the with an even greater softball with an ever greater ingredient planned to please the entire family from grandpa to the newest baby.

Weather wilts flagfootball performances

By TIM TOLTON

Weather more suited to the Burmese jungles than Georgetown, no doubt had something to do with the rather wilted performances of several teams Sunday in Georgetown's flag football action. Dave's BP downed the slumping Dairy Queen team 31-21. Wimpy's ambushed Foberts' 41-14, and the Smoke Shop won a yawner from the Glen 28-7 while the Greeks beat the Hogs 34-19.

DAVE'S BP 31-21

In the day's opener the Dairy Queen dropped its second game in a row, this one to Dave's BP. Ken Baker had two TDs for the winners with singles to Joe Wyyergangs and Rob Taylor. Wayne Densmore chipped in a field goal and Tom Shepherd and Baker each had two point conversions.

SMOKE SHOP 28- GLEN 7

The Smoke Shop snoozed their way to two TDs in each half of their game to put away the Glen, as each team seemed more intent on the post game activities than the job at hand.

Charlie Knoepfli had two touchdowns and two converts for the Smokers, with singles to Warner Mikoleit and South American sensation Juan Viera. Viera also had a two point conversion.

The only Glen score came on a fantastic catch by Jim Boullanger. Andy Tyrrell converted.

GREEKS 34- HOGS 19

The Greek's virtually assured themselves of this year's Bronze Wiener award as they put away a very tough Halton Hogs team with a second half aerial circus.

The Hogs played inspired defense but eventually were overcome by Rick Baldwin's passing. Bill Allison and Bruce Mitchell were both superb in a losing cause.

John Karolidis led the Greeks with two TDs. James Allen, Mike Fisher and Paul Wilson each had one. Jim Baldwin and Bill Rivers both caught two pointers.

For the Hogs Bill Allison was the all around star as he caught two touchdown strikes. Terry Crawford had the other major and the Hogs only convert.

WIMPY'S 42- FOBERTS' 14

Wimpy's are currently riding high with a hot hand and they kept it going this week by pummeling Fobert's in the days' worst mismatch.

"Bill Joe" Robertson had two and Randy St. Andrews, Don Scallen, Bob Lockwood and John Owens had the other Wimpy's touchdowns. Scallen and Lockwood had two point conversions and John Clark a single.

Keith Peacock, and Bruce Urch scored for Foberts.

Norval heads out of cellar over Hornby

On Monday July 14, Norval continued their fight to climb out of the industrial fastball cellar with a 6-3 win over Hornby. Peel Police, playing their sixth game in nine nights, hung on to beat the Merchants, 4-2. Tom Travelyan went the distance for Peel Police as did Al Telford for the Merchants. Phil Publishing began their game against RS Muffler looking like easy winners but the Mufflerman came on strong, while Phil seemed to relax too much and RS Muffler won the game in the bottom of the seventh by a 4-3 score. The winning pitcher was Gary Robertson and losing pitcher was Randy Vanwyck.

Tuesday July 15th pitted Akers-Clark Real Estate against Hornby, with Akers-Clark getting a 4-0 lead before hanging on to win 4-3. Keith McKinnon hurled for the winners.

Wednesday, July 16, Norval and Merchants met for the final time in regular season play and the Merchants came out on top 6-1 scoring four of their runs in the first inning. The winning pitcher was Chuck Peavoy.

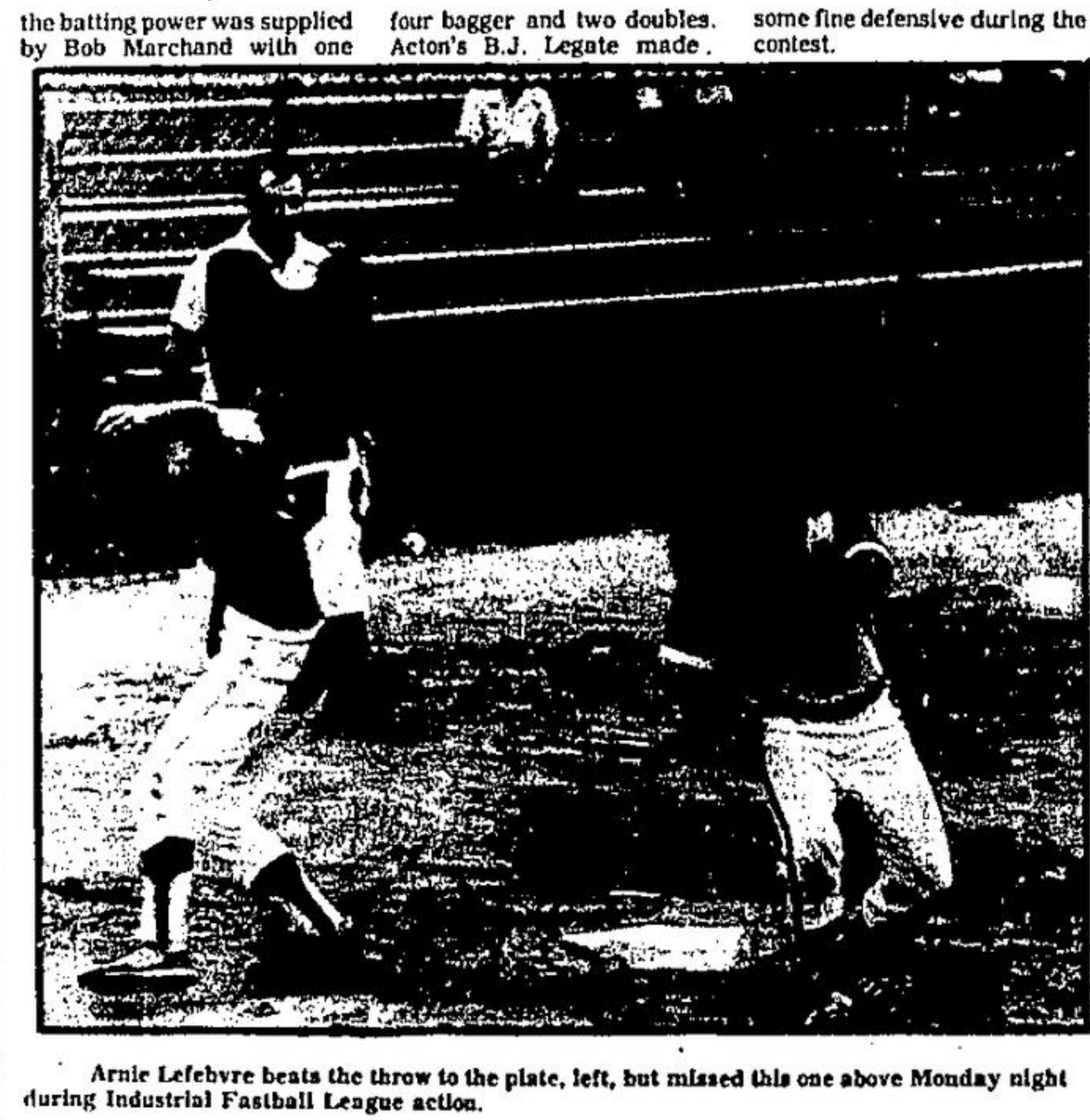
RS Muffler built up an early 4-0 lead with Al Moore having a home run and a double. Acton Roadrunners kept chipping away at the lead and finally went ahead 5-4 in the sixth inning as D. Mills drove in the winning run for Acton with a triple.

Peel Police and Phil Publishing battled to a 1-1 draw after going into overtime. Randy Vanwyck fanned 11 batters for Phil while Norm Topping struck out four for Peel.

Akers-Clark Real Estate fell behind 5-0 early in the game against CIS Plumbing but came back to tie it in regulation time. In overtime Akers-Clark won it on a two-run homer by Werner Mikoleit. Jim Murphy started for Akers-Clark before being relieved by Keith McKinnon. Gary Bertasson went the distance for CIS Plumbing.

Thursday July 17 Phil Publishing travelled to Acton to play the Roadrunners and

Team	P	W	L	T	Pt
Acton Roadrunners	23	16	6	1	33
CIS Plumbing	23	15	8	0	30
Phil Publishing	23	14	8	1	29
Hornby	23	12	9	2	26
Peel Police	25	12	11	2	25
Akers-Clark	24	10	14	0	20
Merchants	24	9	14	1	19
RS Muffler	23	7	15	1	15
Norval	24	7	17	0	14



Arnie Lefebvre beats the throw to the plate, left, but missed this one above Monday night during Industrial Fastball League action.