



Soccer Talk

By ALEX TOUGH

There were more than 300 soccer players from Halton Hills at the Blizzard Clinic Saturday.

"J.C. (Penney)", exclaimed Jim Watson, when he saw the mob which awaited him, Gordie Wallace, Graham Hatley and Andy Calicos at Cedarvale. They were not quite prepared for a crowd of this size.

Nevertheless, the kids did very well and managed to show the youngsters some of the more pro training methods. The Blizzard team were impressed by the turn out and expressed the hope that every player got something positive from the session. A fair number of our own coaches were out there assisting, and a big thank you goes to them also. There was coke for the players afterwards and Coca Cola provided the refreshment.

The junior Falcons had a top of the table clash with Streetsville which I refereed and both teams had my old knees going from end to end throughout. The local team, coached by Stu Robbins came out on top by 3-0. They inspired the Falcon reserves to a 2-3 tie in the following game.

The second game ended in a downpour, which I missed whilst at Youth exec meeting.

Did I mention rain? I am told that the recent drenching of Cedarvale contained as big a drop as Hurricane Hazel. Even so the field, and others, survived and are now bone hard. Cedarvale is now referred to as the Dust Bowl!

It was nice to see Bill Barclay down at the field again these past two weeks. Bill has been a sad miss this season. From one sad miss to another. The Mack family are soon heading for the States, taking Michael and Darren with them. The Macks have been strong supporters of soccer and our best wishes go with them when they leave. By the way, my new phone number is 877-4200, and I am hardly ever here, and as difficult to reach as before.

Ralph Mulder's major atoms beat Acton in an excellent game by 7-2, the difference being in the scoring and saving departments. Teddy Weatherall allowed only 2 goals with Greg Scholdice 2, David Laughlin 2, and Glen Mulder, Glyn Owen and Doug Stamp netting singles. Brent Braas and Ken Langdon showed up well. The good form was not quite displayed against Dundas two days later, going down by 2-5. The lads played well enough and Dundas played better on the day.

Trevor Harkley, Greg Scholdice and Ken Langdon were the top players with David Harris and David Laughlin getting the goals. The Vals played their hearts out in the second half against Clarkson in a delayed kick off game. Short-handed as usual we held the full strength home team to 1 goal in that half. We lost 3 in the first, which maintains our record versus Clarkson.

For the first 20 minutes of the Ontario semi, we were in the game against Waterloo and playing well. Then disaster struck with slow passbacks which did not reach our goalie and the opposing semi-finalists were three up at the half. Some of our guys tired as the game went on, some gave up and eventually we lost a few more. The Vals are out of the Ontario and it is now up to the senior girls to carry the flag.

The Mariners lost 0-6 to Olympia and we were out run and out played by a fitter and faster team. We had a couple of good chances early on and were not much in the game until the later stages. I managed to send John Borsten the wrong way for the third goal capping a miserable display by me. We entertained the Hillsburgh coaches and came out on top by two goals in a sporting game which preceded a squirt select game with the visiting squirrels.

The girls' rural selects of Milton and Pineview combined took the Oakville tourney with four wins and a loss. This is excellent work gals.

Tips from the pros

Blizzard soccer clinic a hit

By JACK HARLOW

Herald Special

About 350 young soccer players turned out Saturday for a soccer clinic presented by members of the Toronto Blizzard professional team.

Members of the team present at Georgetown's Cedarvale Park included Graham Hatley, Gordon Wallace, Andy Calicos and Valerie Peacey. Also attending was Jim Watson, the team's marketing and public relations director as well as a national coach.

Alex Tough acknowledged that the Blizzard players were stunned by the turn-out. Tough himself was "pleasantly surprised."

"It shows there's big interest," he added. "Among the important pointers made by the pros over the course of the day were:

"Your worst enemy is getting into bad habits."

"Never have your body tight or tense."

"Relaxed and confident. That's the key to everything."

Gord Wallace remarked that the pros also benefit from teaching the kids since it reminds them about the old pointers as well.

"Sometimes we forget, too," he explained.

When asked about the turn-out, teammate Andy Calicos said, "super; the best we've had."

Advice he could give to the younger players?

"Keep on practising. You've got to work at it and have determination."

Gordon's best advice to the kids was: "Don't give up; don't get frustrated; keep trying and be confident."

Other suggestions made during the clinic included:

"Keep your arms out. This gives you balance and keeps your opponents away as well."

"Have the ball a little to the side when kicking it. This lets you swing your leg farther giving you a harder kick. Also, swing through with your foot."

"When coming in for the goal, a hard kick isn't always needed. Sometimes it's just the little ones off to the corner that gives you the point."

"Don't stretch for the ball. This makes your foot go under the ball, sending it too high, and possibly over your teammate's heads to whom you intended to pass it."

"Changing the pace, or breaking away from your opponent with a sudden burst of speed can be very helpful."

"When the ball comes to you, always control it first, then look for someone to pass it to."

"The soccer ball is your best friend."

"It's important to warm up (in any sport)."

"Try to 'shield' the ball from your opponent."

"If an opposing player is gaining on you for possession of the ball, cut in front of him. By doing this, the play-

er has to stop, letting you get away. If he doesn't stop, he commits a foul."

Some of the places Blizzard players toured with their clinics have included Ajax, Whitby, Bramalea, Oakville and Milton.



Gordon Wallace of the Toronto Blizzard shows a group of young soccer players the correct way to head the ball at the soccer clinic held Saturday in Cedarvale Park. (Herald photo by Jack Harlow)

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Ontario Outdoors

Be cautious with mushrooms

By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER
Herald Columnist

In regards to the 1988 hunting regulations, they should be studied before attempting to head out. These regulations are only a summary, yet they contain most of what you need, and, yes, there will be GOOSE hunting at LUTHER MARSH this year again.

MUSHROOMS are showing up all over now, due mainly to moist conditions and the hot sun. If you are not sure of the many varieties of mushrooms, then better take someone with you when picking, who is experienced.

There are as many poison varieties as there are edible, and there are poisonous mushrooms within every mushroom species. For example, there are even edible AMANITAS, although most Amanitas are bad news for the collector.

PUFFBALLS are a different thing altogether. They are almost all edible. If the inside is not pure white, discard it, and look for better specimens. Find them in deciduous woods or field edges and cook them as follows:

Clean the outer skin or peel it, your choice. Dip in any kind of batter mix you like. Fry in the frying pan, preferably in butter, at a low heat. Lightly brown both sides and serve hot with salt and pepper. Also, use your favorite mushroom recipe or garnish to suit you and your guests. A very helpful pamphlet put out by the federal government is MUSHROOM COLLECTING FOR BEGINNERS, by Walton Groves.

FISHING has been hot at certain periods, although the stormy summer has often put the fish down in the depths. DAVE WILLIAMS of Georgetown took a four and a half-pound smallmouth bass out of BALSAM LAKE recently. Dave took this beauty on a LAZE IKE he was trolling in mid-lake for Walleye. Just shows the bass are out in or suspending in deep water.

Talking to WAYNE ANDREWS recently, who's getting some Chinooks in Lake Ontario as well as a few good trout. Things are really looking up now as the season progresses for SALMON and the Great Salmon Hunt is on, the \$125,000 now up for grabs.

These charter fishing boats are fully-equipped and you need only bring your lunch and a warm coat in case it gets cold out on the lake and it probably will. AUG. 15 to OCT. 31 are the dates for the contest, an extension of last year's dates. I told them the fish may be late, and that was the case. It is not expected that there will be such a late run of salmon this year, since they are a different strain than those which ran last year, yet these will return in 1982.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the dates for the program on CABLE T.V. This was produced with yours truly, and is of importance to everyone who ever head out of the house, and even to those who haven't. The dates are AUG. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and AUG. 26 at 7:30 (repeat broadcast). Please take the time to watch and send us your comments and thoughts on the major problems of ACID RAIN IN ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

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