



Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH
Herald Special

Emphasis put on word 'team'

On a cold blustery Toronto evening as only Exhibition Stadium can have the Blizzard pulled off a last gasp victory over Tulsa in their home opener. Juan Carlos Molina shot home a curlier into the top corner of the net wrong footing the visiting goalie only 11 seconds from the end of regulation time.

The win gives the lads a 2-0 record so far and 16 points of a maximum 18 to lead the division. A far cry from previous Blizzard years. And welcome indeed. The result even made the front of the sports page of a leading newspaper, and that is also a far cry from previous years. And welcome indeed.

Almost 900 kids answered the calls of the youth soccer registrations, and with the teams expected there are still a few, a very few, places to be filled. There are several players in the gyms who have not registered and they will find it difficult to register unless there are openings in their age group.

It is strange how so many people do not know of registration dates. Cable TV carried our details for several weeks, normal and late dates. So also both our local newspapers and the Star, not to mention CFIB radio and one other radio station. Probably more advertising this year than any other and yet....

There is the usual shortage of some coaches, managers and referees and anyone who has not yet come out of the woodwork is asked to contact someone in the youth movement in order to register.

EMPHASIS ON TEAM

Last week I commented upon the absentee players and officials. To continue, folks. Some appear in the first month, disappear for a couple of months and return for the closing weeks of the season. These are absentees in my book, even though we may know they are 'at the cottage'. It is not easy for a coach and manager to develop a team knowing that half are going to be missing, in fact it is downright impossible. The whole emphasis is on the word team. Those who are missing let the team down and themselves down and create ill feeling whether they are good players or not.

There is a loss of enthusiasm within the squad and the bad apple syndrome can result and we lose good attitude kids.

Sometimes the missing are involved in more than one activity. Often both activity groups lose out in the numbers actually taking part. There are divided loyalties to take care of - which one do I go to in a clash of fixture? Far better not to be in that situation in the first place, eh?

This brings me to quality versus quantity. Having huge numbers is all very well for statistics and records and have their place. However the growth of a sport is not always a numbers game. Large numbers are not easy to control when the controllers are few and though dedicated find their personal resources spread thinly in the organization.

I do wonder if having less participants, and having those less would they be of a higher quality? From the experience of the past few years, regrettably - no. It appears that the percentage of top personnel remains the same with small as well as large memberships.

NO ANSWER

I have no answer to the situation. Perhaps we should weed out the unwilling and only retain the willing - and then, who is to decide that division? Perhaps we should turn away the constant absentee the following year - and who will keep record?

I am not referring to the less skillful in this dialogue. I am referring to those who are out for the ride, so to speak. There has to be room for the non-skillful and willing individual who tries their best, no matter what and is always there when should be.

This week the youth club are holding the house league drafts and thanks go to Sheena Kewley for assistance in providing premises for one of the nights. I believe that one of the drafts will be next Monday or Tuesday.

If a player or parent does not hear, by the 8th May, from a team official then let us know. Colin and June Wilde, 877-2554, are registrars and will have the information. Colin Munro, 877-7157, Klaus Zander, 877-8577 and self 877-4200 will assist in finding out for you.

I began with the almighty Blizzard and close with almighty Raiders. Congratulations to the lads in capturing the All Canadian championship Hardy Cup. Superb stuff. I have only been able to watch midweek games at the best and have seen most of those through the season. Fordy is one of my favorite players on the team. "Old smoothy", Brian Turner nicknamed him and it suits.

Steve Lyon is another, as captain this year is a fine leader of a fine team. We end on that word, folks, - team, teamwork - it is what counts. See you later.....

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George Howie is seen here on his way to a first place finish in the 100 m hurdles in an Etobicoke high school track meet. (Herald photo by Harold Bransch)

Howie, MacPhail pace team

By HAROLD BRANSCH
Herald Correspondent

The outdoor track season is underway for the GDHS track team as they competed at the Lord Seaton-Bishop Power track meet at Etobicoke last Friday and Saturday, their first outdoor meet of the season.

Individual winners were George Howie in the midget boys' 100 m hurdles, with a time of 14.9, Lynn MacPhail in the midget girls' 3000 m, and Chris Ferguson with a personal best time of 4:23 in the midget boys' 1500 m.

Other performances in the 1500 m were Eric Hopkins in midget boys' with a third, timing 4:26, and Lynn MacPhail also third in midget girls, timing 5:04.

In the 3000 m races Eric Hopkins was second in the midget boys, and Jim McIntyre was also second as a senior, followed by Scott Harris. Sandra Marciniuk

was third in senior girls and Susan Kristensen was sixth as a junior girls.

The strongest hurdle placing for the girls came from Jody Barwell with a time of 13.7 in the midget girls' 80 m hurdles, placing third.

The senior girls' 4 x 800 relay team of Heather MacLaren, Karen Edgar, Sandra Marciniuk and Lynn MacPhail ran to first placing, as did the midget boys' 4 x 400 relay team of Chris Ferguson, Bob Lovegrove, Dan Gallagher, and George Howie.

Both the midget boys' and girls' 4 x 800 m relay teams placed second. The girls team was composed of Fiona Heaton, Leslie Bie, Anne Coughlan, and Kelly Roe, while the boys' team was made up of Eric Hopkins, Chris Ferguson, Bob Lovegrove and George Howie.

In the field events a throw of 31.88 m placed Tom

Huggie third in the midget boys' shot put, Hich Stacey also placed third with a 13.29 m effort.

Fifth placings were recorded by Susan MacLaren in the

junior girls' long jump, leaping 4.59 m, and Harold Bransch in the junior boys' high jump, with a jump of 1.75 m.

Overall the Rebels placed

third, with less than a full team, of the eighty schools competing. The next meet for the Rebels is Saturday, again at the Etobicoke Stadium.



The Georgetown District High School gymnastics team improved upon their season as five members qualified for the Halton-Peel championships. However, none of the girls were able to advance to the OFSAA (provincial) championships. (Herald photo by Harold Bransch)

Cornelius ends curling season

This was the last week of curling, for this year, and a terrific finale it was. Johnny Cornelius hosted his annual bonspiel, and presented the winners with their trophies.

The winner of the Johnny Cornelius Trophy, and the A event, was Wayne Taylor and his team of Joan Shapcott, Jack Massey and Rowena Wilson.

Runners up were Mike Geofreda with Bette Broomhead, Lynda Krouse and Mary Kiteley.

B event was won by last year's trophy winner Al Dean and his team of Eva Bradley, Alf Letson and Mae Cartwright. Runners up were Bill French, Ellen Burns, Buich Fisher and Theresa Smith.

The winner of the C event was Les Ashcroft with Alice Frazer, Paul Bagot and Pat McLeod. Runners up were Warren Micklethwaite, Greta Lamb, Tony de Hueck and Dale Kiteley.

Karin Henderson and her team of Joan Trimble, Brad Smith and Jackie Ross were the winners of the D event. Runners up were Bill Hunter, Jacky Fokkett, Scott Hunter and Donna Sproule.

MVP AWARDS

Something new this year, MVP awards were donated by one of the "silent majority", Bob McNelly. The winners, one from each draw, were Greta Lamb, Gladys Strachan and Ellen Burns. Better luck next year, Bob.

The double knockout prizes were won by Bill French, Ron Perego and Jacky Fokkett.

Best western costume prize was awarded to Mary Kiteley who looked really darling curling in a square dance outfit, complete with crinolines.

Two other big winners were Evie Gable, who won the 50 lb. box of steak, and Bea Embling who won the coveted chaise lounge.

Special thanks to Bob and Theresa Smith who M.C.'d the evening and did most of the organizing with their able assistants Gladys and Gavin Strachan. Congratulations, the entire event was superb.

A few last items of news not connected with the bonspiel. The Tuesday day Ladies draw finished on the 13th. The winners were Shirley McDermott, Alice Frazer and Joan Trimble as first, second and third place skips.

The winning vices were Molena Letson, Eva Bradley and Karen Heaslip. The winning seconds were Pat McLeod, Carol Pearson and Cathy Hodgson. The leads were Sharon Fenecan, first; Esther Malone, second and Mary Lou Grenier third.

The Juniors finished their third draw a few weeks ago. First place was won by Scott Russell and his team of Dave Wood, John Morwick and Annie Powers. Second place went



to Keith Spiller with Dave Taylor, Mike O'Brien and Doug Jewell. Third place was taken by Jeff Wood with Derrick Bridge, Steve Farrow and Doug McDermott. Goodbye folks, someone else will be bringing you all the news next year. See you on the ice next October.

North Halton curling

By PAT McLEOD
Herald Special

Raider wrap-up

Con't from B1

RICK KESSELL: Everyone knows the name of Rick Kessell. He is probably the most talented hockey player on an OHA Intermediate A team.

JOHN SAUNDERS: John told us he would like to play on a winning club. He was a star on a winning club.

LESSMITH: A special spot in my heart for him. He has the heart of a lion and loves the sport. It was a curse for him to be the fifth right handed defence man on the team.

PETER STURGEON: He got us to Timmins. I got to know him as an assistant coach - what a pleasure it

was. He provided another dimension to the team.

DOUGFRY: What an opportunity for Doug. He accepted with unconditional open arms and he starred. He did his job.

JACK SMITH: One of the hardest hitting defencemen in the league. He did for the Raiders what the team wanted him to do with his experience and steadiness on the blueline.

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