



Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH
Herald Special

Where are soccer fans?

I have to agree with Jim Hunt, a Toronto daily and Sunday sports columnist. There was little likelihood of Canada or the USA hosting the next World Cup.

It does seem a little ridiculous that he should receive several calls from irate 'fans', particularly those who do not attend games. Hunt berates the same Blizzard 'fans' who do not attend games, as it has always been his belief that Toronto is not a soccer supporting area. He is correct, illustrated by the support put out over the years for Metro, Metros-Croatia and now Blizzard.

On the other hand, although the team sports a 7-4 won-lost record to date, if their showing against Chicago is any indication, supporters are staying away due to the type of fare served up on the field. The most exciting part of Sunday's game was the appearance of the San Diego Chicken. Blizzard squandered many chances, and played very slowly, whereas the visitors were dangerous at every turn of play in their favour.

Now to more local matters. On a field with dual-type goal standards, the ball is out of play when it strikes the upper crossbar or uprights above the lower crossbar. There have been a couple of occasions when a ref has allowed play to continue after these eventualities.

At the same time, the goalkeeper is allowed to wear a hat, to give some chance against brightness. Outfield players are not, as wearing one could be dangerous to the player or an opponent.

The Falcons slipped up against Barbados last Monday, giving up a second half equalizer to a plodding visiting team. A defensive mix-up between three players allowed the ball to cross the line.

Alex Tough opened the scoring in the first half from a Dave Paterson free kick which rebounded from the goalie. In the last minutes a similar move almost brought the winner. This time the Barbados goalie brought off a reflex save.

Eddie Patterson received a severe injury from a vicious, and unpunished, off-the-ball tackle and will be out for a few weeks. This disjointed the team, as he had to be replaced.

The Junior Falcons had earlier given Brampton a lesson about taking chances. A disciplined performance gave the locals a 2-0 win. Gary Hubert scored first after a beautiful Howie Orant feint and Rob Fattore scored from a typical Fattore breakaway.

Eagles and Ajax played to an exciting 3-1 result in favor of Ajax at Trafalgar Road. This was an always robust, yet sporting, battle with Jeff Dykhoorn netting two goals. Also in the Inter County second division, Varian appear to be clicking at last. A 2-0 win over Milton Rangers gives the team a second victory to date.

First Division bottom-rungers, Brackens, surprised Meteor with a 3-2 win at Cedarvale. Struggling to field a team Brackens put on a good display to earn their first win. Mariners went down 4-2 at Butcher on a small, narrow field at Huttonville. Both teams were missing key players and Mariners did not play well at all. Rick Middaugh scored his first Mariner goal from an unaccustomed right wing position.

The major and minor peeewees each lost at Cedarvale. A close goal in defeat to CSC Miss was not entirely deserved. The team played some good soccer throughout and came near on several occasions. There was a big hole up the middle of the defence which was exploited to the full by the opposition and this is where the goals came from.

The following evening it was 3-2 against eight players from Dixie, and some of our lads were 'not there', so to speak. The visitors deserved to win and never gave up trying, with the winning goal coming minutes from the end.

Young Chris Wilcox reffed her first game and came out looking quite good at the task. There were one or two so-called supporters who gave her a rough time. This is not the way to gain new refs and keep them. Especially after pointing out that this was her first game. It is always easier to criticize than to do the job yourself.

See you later, folks.

Sara may retire

By GERRY TIMBERS
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Sara Aggiss can fool you. A brief meeting can leave you with false impressions. Sara can seem shy, to the point of being stand-offish, and naive. Neither assessment is completely accurate, although neither is incorrect.

But inside Sara's petite, yet powerful five foot, 100-pound frame, are important qualities that she seems to want to mask.

After three years with the Canadian national gymnastics team, she is battle weary. When she modestly belittles her many significant accomplishments as one of this country's premier amateur athletes, she may seem shy.

Sara isn't all that shy. She's just tired.

Sara is an old 19. There are no wrinkles or grey hair to make her look old, but it is painfully evident that Sara is mentally

fatigued. It hasn't been a banner year for the second-year physical education and geography major. It's tough enough keeping an honors standing at Wilfrid Laurier University, on top of five hours of workouts, six days a week.



SARA AGGISS

It's an old story line, but special people like Sara learn early in life to give up things. Sara doesn't get to go to college pubs, and she adjusted

long ago to finishing homework assignments over breakfast, or while travelling to the next meet or practice session. Two painful ankle injuries this year changed Sara's outlook on life, however.

Torn ligaments in her right ankle, her first and only serious injury in eight years, forced her out of six competitions in 1983. That included the national championships two weeks ago in Toronto. Sara knows she is old, ancient by the standards of international gymnastics. She feels she has already peaked as an athlete and competitor, and enjoyed a tremendous career.

More important, though, she is tired. Tired of pain, and tired of training.

"I'm getting bored of it," Sara admitted with a guilty shrug during a recent interview. "The travelling and the com-

peting is fun, but training, that's not fun. It's hard work. It's hard for me to keep putting in those long hours, when I don't have the time to do the things most young people my age do."

Retirement is the most likely option for Sara. She hasn't decided on a definite course of action, because no world-class competitor likes to quit anything.

Not only that, but her ranking as a world-class competitor pays for her university education, much the same as a hockey scholarship. Giving that up, and taking a part-time job, is a big decision for any teenager to make.

"I can't let that affect my decision," Sara said with particular determination when discussing her special status. "I'll get a job."

"I'm getting too old for gymnastics," she continued. "I wake up in the mornings with pain. I've reached my peak, so there is nothing more I can do. And when I was young, I didn't think about making the national team. Things just sort of happened."

Her last point is so significant, in that Sara has never had that burning desire to be the best that many top athletes express. Because she's never been driven that way, she may be able to turn her back on gymnastics without a trace of regret.

"Most people ask me, 'What about the Olympics?', and I just don't care," Sara says, thinly veiling her annoyance. "I've never had that goal."

Right now, Sara just wants to rest and get happy. And find a summer job, like every other summer student. Just like everybody else.



Georgetown gymnast Sara Aggiss was captured in this moment of thought during a competition last year in Dallas. After the World University Games in Edmonton next month, Sara may turn away from international competition. (Photo submitted)

Atom gals gain tie

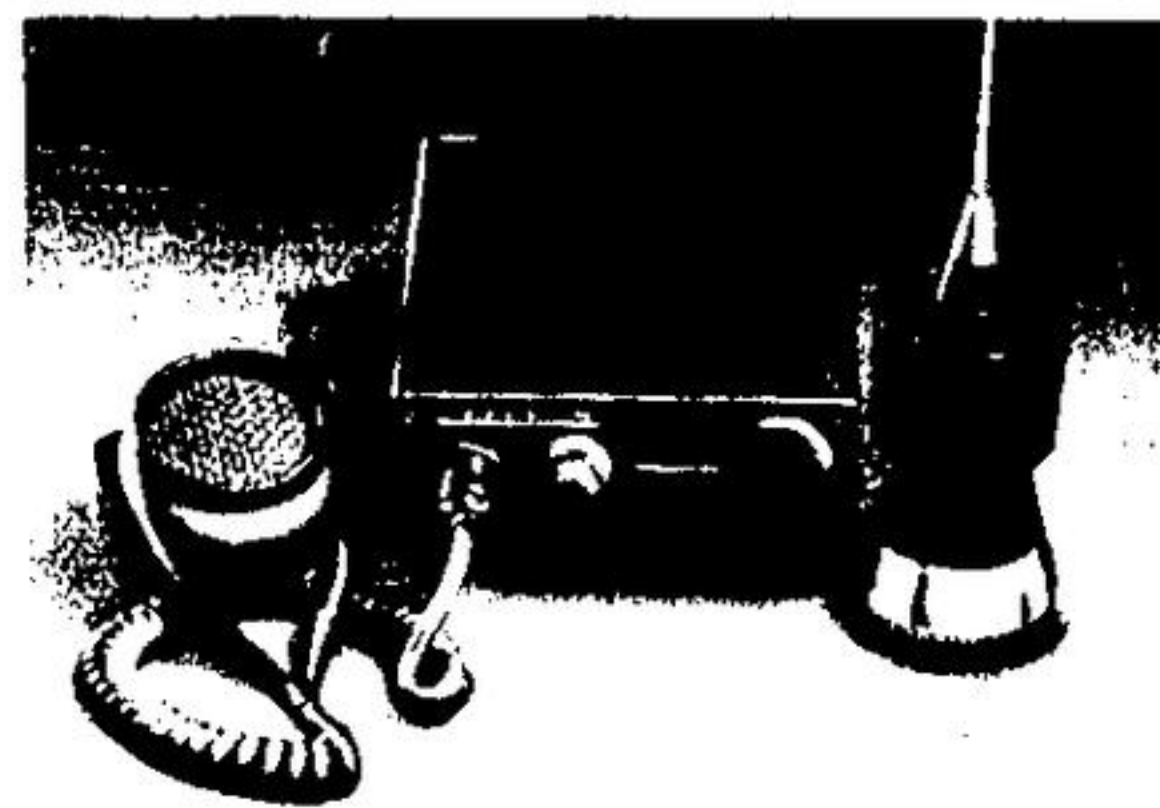
The Georgetown Youth Soccer Club select atom girls put on a fine show of grit and determination last week in Malton when they played a much larger and more experienced host club to a scoreless

draw. Georgetown goaler Tracy Rehberg was the star of the game, who stoned would-be Malton strikers on countless occasions. Leanne Inglis and

Nicole Remedios turned in top-notch defensive efforts for the locals, as did Kim Mizener and Mylene Bonito. Melanie Booth played an aggressive, determined game at her forward position.

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Moms meet

It's incredible that a hockey-mad community like Georgetown doesn't have an organized group of hockey moms.

That's the opinion of three local ladies, who are encouraging all mothers of hockey-playing sons to come out for a June 21 meeting at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Judy Pries, Vicki Pasma and Jean Roe, all hockey moms and all members of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association board of directors, are taking the initiative towards banding together interested local gals into an organized force, which would function under the auspices of the GMHA.

"Georgetown's a big hockey town, and if you could get all the moms working together, you couldn't help but benefit the boys in the minor program," Roe pointed out. "There have certainly been ladies involved in minor hockey all along, but never separately as a group. We're trying to see what interest there is out there."

Pries has invited Norma Wilson, a former president of the Milton Hockey Moms, to the meeting to "give us an outline of how they got started."

According to both Roe and Pries, the hockey moms will serve as a back-up to the existing minor program. Their primary concern will be fund-raising, through activities such as dances and sales, and cost-cutting measures such as skate and equipment exchanges.

Roe said she would like to see as many as 50 moms out to the first meeting, and she thinks there is a good chance they will get that many.

"We should have a great turnout," Roe said. "The response along the grapevine has been good so far."

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Bandits edge Roadrunners

Jennifer Ryan fired a pair of goals to lead the first-place, undefeated Blue Bandits to a 3-2 win

over the Roadrunners in Georgetown Youth Soccer Club atom girls action last week.

Karen Fear scored the third Bandit goal, while Jody Cree replied with both Roadrunner markers.

The second-place Cosmos pounded the Pickles, 7-0.

Kimberly Mizener paced the Cosmos attack with four goals, while Tricia Harkley, Janet Miller and Lynne Mieczanec all tallied once.

Jen Chantler and Kim Collison played well in a losing effort.

The Golden Gals emerged from the league basement by dumping the Destroyers, 2-0.

Leanne Inglis and Amanda Schirk counted for the Gals. Andrea Carlissen, Tara Green and Sacha Reid all played well for the Destroyers.

Tennis lessons

You can still sign up for summer tennis lessons.

Lessons are scheduled to begin Monday at the Joseph Gibbons Tennis Courts in the Delrex area, beside George Kennedy School, but there are still spots open in every class. The lessons cost \$20, and are given by instructor Ed Serjeantson. They take place on Wednesday nights, between 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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To Tint Or Colour Feathers: Mix dye or food colouring in warm soapy water in a bowl. Swish feathers around in it for several minutes until you achieve the shade you like. Rinse coloured feather under cool running water and lay it on paper towel or newspaper to dry. Smooth it back to shape with your fingers when dry. Feather Earrings: Simply attach feathers (one or two depending on size) with all-purpose glue to earring findings (pierced or clip-on) available at craft supply stores.

Hanging Hair Ornaments: You will need two feathers leather or ribbon cord (about six inches), two coloured beads and a matching coloured hair barrette.

Here's How: Loop cord through barrette. String a bead onto each end of cord. Dip feather tip into glue and then into end of bead. Note: You can also use two lengths of cord possibly in contrasting colours, four beads and four feathers for a more festive look.

Feather Pen: This can be a lot of fun and a super way to inscribe party invitations or identify books. You will need a fairly large feather with a well-shaped shaft, penknife, ink and paper.

Here's How: Cut shaft on an angle to the tip. Cut off tip to create a straight edge. Make a small slit about 1/4 in. through base of shaft. Dip pen into ink, scraping off excess. Start writing with short, sideways strokes. First efforts may seem clumsy. Don't be discouraged. The only way to perfect 'manuscript' writing is with lots of practice. For more creative Canadian craft ideas for both children and adults contact Hands, Box 887, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2N7.

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