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**PLAYING THE FIELD**

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 Herald Sports Editor

**Don't give Sparky credit**

I'm learning all about the psychology of coaching. First hand.  
 And what I've learned is this. The Detroit Tigers may have won 40 ball games in two months, but don't give manager Sparky Anderson the credit.  
 Let's see what he can do with my Goliger's Travel Giants, of the GBA major tyke house league.  
 Sparky gets all the headlines, but all he has to do is pencil in the starting nine and open the clubhouse door. The Giants have lost three straight exhibition games so far in this young season - we haven't even been in a close one yet - and I've done more real managing than Spary will do all summer.

I hope Sparky doesn't take all this personally, but you have to wonder how much baseball strategy is required to balance a line-up including Lance Parrish behind the plate, Jack Morris on the mound, Chet Lemon in center field, and Alan Trammell at short stop. The Tigers have it all - pitching, hitting and defence.  
 My Giants, on the other hand, have nothing, except my managerial genius.

**COLD HANDS**  
 How would Sparky Anderson handle it if his second baseman asked to go to the store in the bottom of the fourth inning?

What would Sparky Anderson do if his left fielder walked off the practice field, to sit in the car with his mom because his hands were cold?

Where would Sparky Anderson find peace, when the left fielder wants to catch, the catcher wants to pitch, and the pitcher is more interested in climbing trees than finding the strike zone.

I'll bet you Sparky doesn't have to phone all his Tigers to make sure they know when the first game is. And when was the last time Sparky had to shell out for pop after a game?

Does Sparky carry bats and balls and bases around in the trunk of his car? Did he have to ask his girl friend to keep score? Does Sparky have to worry about providing new game balls when other clubs visit Tiger Stadium?

**GIRLS FOOTBALL**  
 If you think kids are a handful to coach, you should try to deedly combination - football and girls.

It seems to me that it has been scientifically proven that girls are not compatible with piggskin, but nevertheless, we are attempting to demonstrate otherwise right here in Georgetown.

My role in all this is head coach of the Diet Center.

It was inevitable that my chauvinistic outlook on life would peek away at team harmony, from the first practice on. I wanted to run the first work-out in a shirts vs. skins format. Three girls haven't come back.

There was practically a full-scale mutiny during one practice, when I tried to explain a particular strategy to the offensive team.  
 "It should work," I said of the play, "just like real football."

One of the girls threw a ball at my head. Then there was the gal who wanted to leave practice early on a chilly Sunday morning, because she had a new-born baby boy at home to look after. I jokingly suggested she bring the wee lad out to the field while she ran her drills.

"My God," she shrieked, looking at me with complete disgust. "He's just a baby. He would freeze to death."

Actually, though, we've run across just one major problem so far. Slant patterns and button-hooks came easy. Roll-outs and hand-offs were no sweat. Punting and man-to-man defence are coming along just fine.

No, the burning issue that has divided the team into two camps is shorts. What color shorts do we get to match our brown sweaters? Will we get orange shorts, or white ones?

What would Chuck Knox do? Have you ever seen Don Shula in shorts?

**Swimming Stars out to shine in recent meet**

The Acton Swimming Stars were less than gracious hosts to the Kincairdine Kippers and Elmira in Saturday night's three-club swim meet at McKenzie-Smith pool.  
 The Stars racked up 697 team points, easily out-distancing both visiting clubs. Kincairdine finished second with 253 team points, while Elmira brought up the rear at 160 points.  
 Among the stand-outs for Acton were Brian Dunn, Peter Bray and Brian Patterson, each of whom won all five events in which they competed.  
 Dunn (boys 9-10) was best in the 50-meter freestyle, the 25-meter back stroke, the 25-meter breast stroke, the 25-meter butterfly and the 100-meter individual medley.  
 Bray (boys 13-14) dominated in the 50-meter freestyle, the 50-meter back stroke, the 50-meter butterfly, the 50-meter breast stroke and the 200-meter individual medley.  
 Patterson paced his

division in the 100-meter freestyle, the 100-meter back stroke, the 100-meter breast stroke, the 50-meter butterfly and the 200-meter individual medley.  
 Jason Ockenden (boys 11-12) also had an outstanding meet, taking firsts in the 50-meter back stroke, the 50-meter breast stroke and the 200-meter individual medley. He was second in the 50-meter butterfly and the 50-meter freestyle.  
 Julie Ockenden and Andrea Johnston both managed to earn four first-place finishes for the Swimming Stars.  
 Julie Ockenden (girls 9-10) captured the 50-meter freestyle, 25-meter back stroke, the 25-meter butterfly and the 100-meter individual medley.  
 Johnston (girls 13-14) was first in the freestyle, back stroke and butterfly events, all 50 meters, and the 200-meter individual medley.  
 Competing against 9-14.  
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**Chargers claim title at North Halton track meet**

Record-setting performances by teammates Tara Burroughs and Bob Donker powered the Centennial Chargers to victory at the six-school North Halton Track and Field Championships, last Thursday at Nelson Stadium in Burlington.  
 The Chargers amassed 430 points to narrowly out-point W.I. Dick School of Milton, second at 423. Another Halton Hills school, Stewarttown, came third overall with 340 points.  
 Donker, 12, set new marks in both the junior boys 800- and 1,500-meter races, while 13-year-old Burroughs set standards for intermediate girls in the 200- and 400-meter events.  
 Another Charger, junior Jennifer Arnold, set

a new mark in the 1500-meter race. Arnold also picked up a pair of second-place ribbons, in the junior 400 meters and the high jump.  
 The winningest Charger of the day was Glenn Mulder, who swept the intermediate boys 400, 800 and 1,500 meter races.  
 Junior Anna Toone picked up a pair of firsts for Centennial, in the 200 and 400-meter sprints. Charger teammate Teri Korzak sprinted to a first in the intermediate girls 100-meter event, then won second in the senior girls 200-meter event.  
 Stewarttown's Jennifer Scott had an outstanding day in the junior girls competition, sweeping three events. She was best in the high

jump, triple jump and 100-meter sprint.  
 Intermediate Lisa Carter brought honors to Stewarttown in the high jump and triple jump events. Tara Bouskill raced home ahead of the pack in the intermediate 800-meter race, and then finished second in the 1,500-meter event.  
 Senior Mike Johnson put together a first in the high jump and a second in the 100-meter sprint.  
 McKenzie-Smith School of Acton placed fifth overall at the North Halton meet, with 127 points.  
 Jane Ball, in the intermediate girls long jump, and Rick Feenstra, in the senior boys 200-meter sprint, were the first-place winners from McKenzie-Smith.

Other first-place winners from Centennial included Kim Barr (junior girls 800-meters), Rych McKeown (intermediate boys 100-meters), Cam Herman (intermediate boys 200-meters), Andreas Schirm (intermediate boys high jump), Samantha Nindson (senior girls 800-meters) and Don Cruise (senior boys shot put).  
 Senior Scott Lunn ran to second-place finished in the 400, 800 and 1,500-meter races.  
 Stewarttown winners included Shannon Burrell (junior girls long jump), Micky Hans (intermediate boys triple jump), Janelle Lewis (senior girls 400-meters) and Kevin Cooper (senior boys triple jump).

**Georgetown playing .500 baseball**  
**Injuries ground Eagles**

The injury-plagued Georgetown junior Eagles dropped a pair of Halton County Baseball Association decisions this week.

The Eagles went into the weekend with their three starting pitchers on the shelf. Ace Andrew Braun will be out until next week with a stretched tendon in his right arm, and lefty Chris Fabbri has buristis in his shoulder.

Rookie Rod Wilson has contracted mononucleosis, and is out for at least two weeks.  
 Outfielder Mario Galvao was pressed into mound duty when Georgetown hosted Glanbrook Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Galvao went the full nine innings in a 6-4 loss, striking out four and walking three while allowing 10 hits.

led and stolen second base.  
 The Eagles dropped a 13-7 count to St. Catharines of the Niagara District League Sunday afternoon at the Fairgrounds.

Again, the locals trailed by just one run, 8-7, after six complete, and lost the game in the late going.

Gerry Milne sparked the Georgetown attack with a towering first-inning home run to right-center field. That shot came with Paul Blackmore on base.

St. Catharines counted six times in the top of the third to take a 7-2

**Ridley to manage Canadians at world baseball tourney**

Georgetown teacher Jim Ridley will spend most of his summer managing the Canadian youth baseball team towards a gold medal at the World Championship Tournament, scheduled to begin July 17 in Kindsersley, Saskatchewan.  
 Ridley will teach his final physical education class at Stewarttown School June 27, then catch a plane headed west that night. Training camp for the 35 best 17 and 18-year-old baseball players in the country will begin the next day.  
 A scout and former minor league coach with the Toronto Blue Jay organization, Ridley has been appointed to manage the youth team as part of the Blue Jay commitment to Baseball Canada. The World Championship Tourna-

ment is a project of Baseball Canada.  
 This will be Ridley's second time around with the national youth team. Last year, he managed them to a bronze medal, behind the USA and Taiwan. All three teams finished the tourney with identical won-lost records, but the Canadians settled for the bronze after losing play-off match-ups with both squads.  
 "That medal was my biggest thrill as a coach or manager," Ridley said this week.  
 Nine countries will be represented at the World Tournament this year, in addition to Canada's host side, Cuba, the USA, Korea, Taiwan, Australia and the Dominican Republic have already agreed to participate.  
 Ridley will be joined in Kindsersley by his staff of three coaches, Marc Gelinus of Quebec and Tom Erasmus of Alberta will work with the Canadian pitchers, while another Albertan, Randy Rasmussen, will coach the infielders.  
 The tournament is scheduled to run two weeks, until July 28. Ridley will fly home August 1.



JIM RIDLEY

**Ladies softball at Hornby Park**

The Milton Ladies Softball tournament is being held July 7 at Hornby Park to raise money for jackets and equipment.  
 Halton Hills councillors granted a special occasion liquor license for a beer garden to be held from noon to 9 p.m. at the park.  
 Approval was granted at the councillors' Monday night meeting.

**Specters beaten in tourney final**

History repeated itself at the Glen Williams Specters fastball tournament on the weekend.  
 Last year, the host Specters lost the tourney final to Samuel Steele, an Intermediate 'A' club from Toronto, by a 2-1 count. The same two clubs squared off again in this year's tourney final, and you guessed it, the Toronto team again took a 2-1 decision.

The Specters advanced through a couple of opening-round cliffhangers before defeating the Royals, from the Toronto Beaches League, 4-0, in the championship round final.  
 Samuel Steele lost their opener, 5-1 to Collingwood, but topped Orangeville, Apples of the Beaches League and the Acton junior As to qualify for the grand championship game. They loaded the bases on singles by Len Gillard and Glen Fendley and a walk to Gary Halls, and John Moore crashed a three-run double.  
 A Fendley single and a Halls double provided the fourth Specter run in the second inning.  
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 Sunday night the Specters are at home to face Hornby in a 7 p.m. start. Next Tuesday night, the Glen men host Erin in an 8 p.m. game.

**Uranick 2nd at OFSAA**

Acton middle distance runner Doreen Uranick smashed the old Canadian high school record for 800-meters on her way to a second-place finish in that event at the OFSAA track and field championships, held Friday and Saturday at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium.  
 Uranick covered the 800-meters in 2:06:11, just 16 one-hundredths of a second behind winner Elise Braithwaite of Elmwood High School in Ottawa. Both runners' times smashed the standing OFSAA, Canadian high school and Canadian junior open records for that event.  
 Uranick also took third in the senior girls 400-meter sprint, on Friday.  
 Acton High School's other track sensation, George Gidman, finished second overall in the senior 800-meter event, behind Robert Kichuk of Agincourt. Gidman's time was 1:53:23, a mere 36 one-hundredths of a second behind the winner.  
 Gidman also managed to finish eighth overall in the 400-meter competition, although he failed to qualify for the final in that event.  
 Ten athletes from Georgetown District High School also competed at the OFSAA meet, which is the largest track and field competition of its kind in North America. All together, some 2,200 athletes from 480 Ontario high schools gathered in Etobicoke, representing five provincial regions.

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**Sports in brief**

**Racquet club beaten**

The Georgetown Racquet Club team found they had their hands full with Bridlewood (Agincourt) of the Toronto and District Ladies 'A' summer league, dropping four of five matches Wednesday.

Christine Kogon was the lone Georgetown winner in this five-match affair, topping her opponent 3-1.  
 Audrey Jans and Cory Carter both fell by 1-3 counts, while captain Wendy Cotton and Diane Andrews were shut out, 0-3.

Andrews did well, considering she originally attended the match as a spectator, and was pressed into emergency duty as a fifth starter.

**Tennis juniors win**

Playing against one of the best teams in the Inter county league, the Gordon Alcott junior tennis team tied Erin Mills at four sets apiece to remain unbeaten, with three wins and a tie this year.

Rory Kennedy led the 'Under-15' team with a 7-5, 6-2 singles win while Bobby Sun and Dave Harris lost their 'Under-15' doubles match, 6-7, 0-6.  
 Mike Lorito and Dean Jackson lost a tough 'Under-18' doubles match 1-6, 3-6 while captain Mike Hurley came from behind to win his singles match 6-3, 6-2, to give Georgetown the tie.

**Eastwood rides again**

Steve Eastwood of Georgetown, sponsored by North Halton Sports, rode in two BMX challenge cups over the weekend.  
 On Saturday in Welland at the Niagara track Steve rode to a third place finish in a field of 24 boys from the U.S.A. and Canada in the 13-year-old 'Novice' division.

In Milton on Sunday, Steve again placed third, with riders from the U.S.A. coming first and second. Again, 24 riders took part.  
 Challenge Cups pits U.S.A. riders against Canadians and points are totalled at the end of the season. Blaine McCauley of Georgetown also was a trophy winner in Milton. He rode to a fifth-place finish in the 8-year-old 'Novice' boys division.

**Bowling club opens**

The Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club officially opened for another season on Monday, with an offer of free bowling to people interested in taking up the sport.  
 Anyone interested in trying lawn bowling can come out to the club any week night after 7 p.m. (except Wednesday and Friday), or Saturday and Sunday after 2 p.m., for a free try.  
 The club has selected the 1984 executive. Members include president Norris Hobbs, first vice-president Tom Eason, second vice-president George Haywood, secretary-treasurer Bill Percy, tournament secretary Morley Mills, and Officer-at-large Ted Lawrence.

**Cheltenham race**

A 10 kilometre run is planned in Cheltenham sponsored by the People for the Preservation of Rural Living.  
 The race takes place June 23 with registration at 9 a.m. at the Credit View Public School. The start is at 10 a.m. Runners follow a course north past the Cheltenham Park and through the Escarpment area the organizers are trying to preserve.  
 There will be a dance held the same evening with tickets \$15 per couple. For more information call 838-2729.