

G.F.F.L. season coming to close

Grid playoff picture still tight



Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH Herald Special

Money problems playing havoc with NASL

At a time when Canada's soccer is improving at international level it is a paradox that the professional game, i.e., the NASL, is in trouble.

A majority of the NASL has attempted to go indoor with the successful MISL and were this weekend turned down.

As I said, it is regrettable that the NASL appears to be in a state of demise, as our international fortunes are on the upgrade.

Our own Blizzard have shown the way to bleed local talent at the top level of the game in the NASL and international games.

The junior Falcons returned from the Burlington International bloodied and unbowed and continued with the bread and butter of league play.

Not to be outdone the senior team came through with a 4-0 romp over D H Hawks.

Ashley Sanders opened the scoring in the second minute slotting home a cross from the right wing on slack defense covering.

McQuarrie played his strongest game to date, and Garcia was very effective as the target man up front.

Twosome wins Acton biathlon

Winning the first prize overall for the 10 kilometer run at the Ciderfest biathlon were John Warnock and Arnold Brakel.

First prize overall winners in the five kilometer contest were Sean Cleary and Jim Allen, with a time of 24:30.

The event was hosted by the Acton Y Men's Club and had the support of the town's recreation department.

Other winners in the fourth annual biathlon in the town were Carl and Doris Hentschell who did the 10 kilometers in 65:10 minutes.

In the same distance, Brendon and Joe Cleary won the father and son category, coming in with a time of 56 minutes.

For the five kilometer event, Paul and Tara Burroughs won in the father and daughter category, with a time of 28:36.

For the female, 12 to 30 years old, category, the time was 30:11. It was set by Marla Brillinger and Pam Mahal.

For the male, over 30, category, Jim Rivett and Ed Leatherland set a time of 39:39.

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By DON SCALLEN Herald Correspondent

With only two games left in the regular season, all teams remain in contention for playoff berths.

For Peel County Bandits, however, the loss to Corragan, 25-14, and Norval, who lost 22-1 to Smokers, the prospects are bleak.

In other games, Dairy Queen bested Longhorns 42-29 and M and M Pro Sports squeaked by North Halton 32-28, and IAS played well in their 35-18 tie with Greeks.

GREEKS VS IAS

The Greek armour has been feebly tarnished lately. Last week they were well on their way to defeat at the hands of Norval before Rick Baldwin arrived.

Greek scoring was handled by Mark Dehusek, Bill Rivers and John Karolidis. For IAS Duane Wilson had two majors with the other points coming from Doug Penbleton, who kicked two converts, a single and a field goal.

LONGHORNS VS DAIRY QUEEN

DQ continues to score points in bunches, and as the playoffs approach, they are the hottest team in the league. Gary Lockwood started the game in style for the winners when he ran back the opening kickoff for a major.

This began a DQ deluge that had them ahead 33-14 at the half. Gary Lockwood added a two-point convert in the second quarter. Jeff Lockwood, not calling to be upstaged by his younger brother, scored a major and kicked a field goal and two singles. Randy Lunn had two majors and Hal Holme had two points.

Longhorns' first-half scoring was handled by Rob Allison and Wayne Deell with majors. Bob Davey had a two-point.

DQ coasted in the second half, registering a major by Holme and another Jeff Lockwood field goal.

Longhorns fared better with majors by Jim Lindsay and Bob Allison. Bob Davey had two points.

PEEL COUNTY BANDITS VS CORRIGAN

Pivot Paul Larose mired the Corragan scoring when he rushed for six. Kevin Harrison had the point after and kicked a field goal to round out the first-half scoring for Corragan.

Rob Arthur's bagged a major for Bandits in the first half.

Corragan outscored Bandits 15-8 in the second half to lock up the win. Noel Stoyles and

Brent Ferguson scored two majors and Jack Butler another. Diardichuk had a two-point convert as did Itody Gogget.

Norval, who now need a minor miracle to bump North Halton for the last playoff spot in the East, broke the Smokers' shutout with a Rick Keirsted single.

MAN AND M SPORTS VS NORTH HALTON

A heartbreaker for North Halton, a character builder for M and M.

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Cohen now content after taking part in long ride

By DAN RALPH Herald Sports Editor

Mark Cohen has always wanted to ride in a cross-country event. His desire to do so once led him to ask the President of the United States if he would be interested in sponsoring such a ride.

In 1974 Cohen, who had just graduated from Penn State University, wrote Gerald Ford and asked him if he would sponsor Cohen on a cross-country ride across the United States. In return, Cohen would campaign for the President in his re-election bid against Jimmy Carter.

"He sent me a letter back politely saying he didn't think he would need that type of campaigning. I didn't think my chances were good to start with, but it didn't hurt to try."

Some eight years later Cohen got his wish to ride in such an event. Well, sort of.

The 30-year-old Mendonville, Missouri, factory worker took part in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in July. The ride was 474 miles in length and took a week to finish.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native has always been an avid cyclist, riding about 100 miles a week. However, to make time he was in shape for the week-long event, Cohen took to some serious training.

He rode 1,500 miles from May to July, using both a racing bike and a special tandem bike to ride as many hills as he could because Iowa is made up of many hills. Two weeks before leaving for the ride, Cohen just used the racing bike and rode 60 miles a day as quickly as he could.

He also had some help from some friends. Harold de Rier and Cec Simpson of Cycle Touring Club of Esquimaux set up some good tours for him and gave a lot of advice. Also, I got a lot of help from a 16-year-old girl who always came to the house wanting to go for a ride.

"She Daniels and Janet Milton really helped me out because there were days when I did not want to ride, and they would come over and get me out. It was a team effort to get me ready."

On the 10th day the riders had to ride 49 miles, which Cohen said was easy. The second day the distance went to 77 miles, with the biggest

challenge coming on the third day when 102 miles were required to be ridden.

Completing that was a milestone for Cohen. "That was the first time I had ever ridden a century (term for 100 miles)," he said.

The fourth day saw riders riding 70 miles, 66 on the fifth day, 70 on the sixth and finally 40 miles to the finish.

"I've always wanted to ride cross-country," Cohen said. "Now I am content."

But more memorable to Cohen will always be the response of the Iowa people to the ride.

"There is no ride like it," he said. "Iowa is mostly corn fields and farms. The farmers' children would set up lemonade stands for us, and there were people with hoses willing to hose us down, or fill our water bottles."

"They would clap and cheer whenever we came into a town. To me they were the heroes of the ride because the riders were doing something they really enjoyed while the people, who didn't have to be nice, went out of their way for us."

"I plan on going there next year, and this time my wife will be coming too. I really hated to come back."

The ride began 12 years ago, and is sponsored by the Iowa Register, a newspaper rated in the top 10 this year in the United States by Time magazine. In 1973, a columnist for the paper (Donald Knut) was transferred to Washington.

Worried he would lose common touch of his home state, Knut and another Register reporter (John Karras) suggested riding their bikes across the state. With only six weeks' notice, 300 people joined the two staffers on their ride, and this year 8,000 people took part in the event, which is a ride, and not a race.

Cohen also was pleased with his time in the event. He wanted to average 12 miles an hour, but when he finished, he said he averaged 18 miles an hour.

One reason Cohen might want to go back is that on the final day of the ride Reader's Digest writers were present doing stories on some of the different bikes that were present. Cohen possesses a tandem bike that is truly unique in that only one other exists in Canada.

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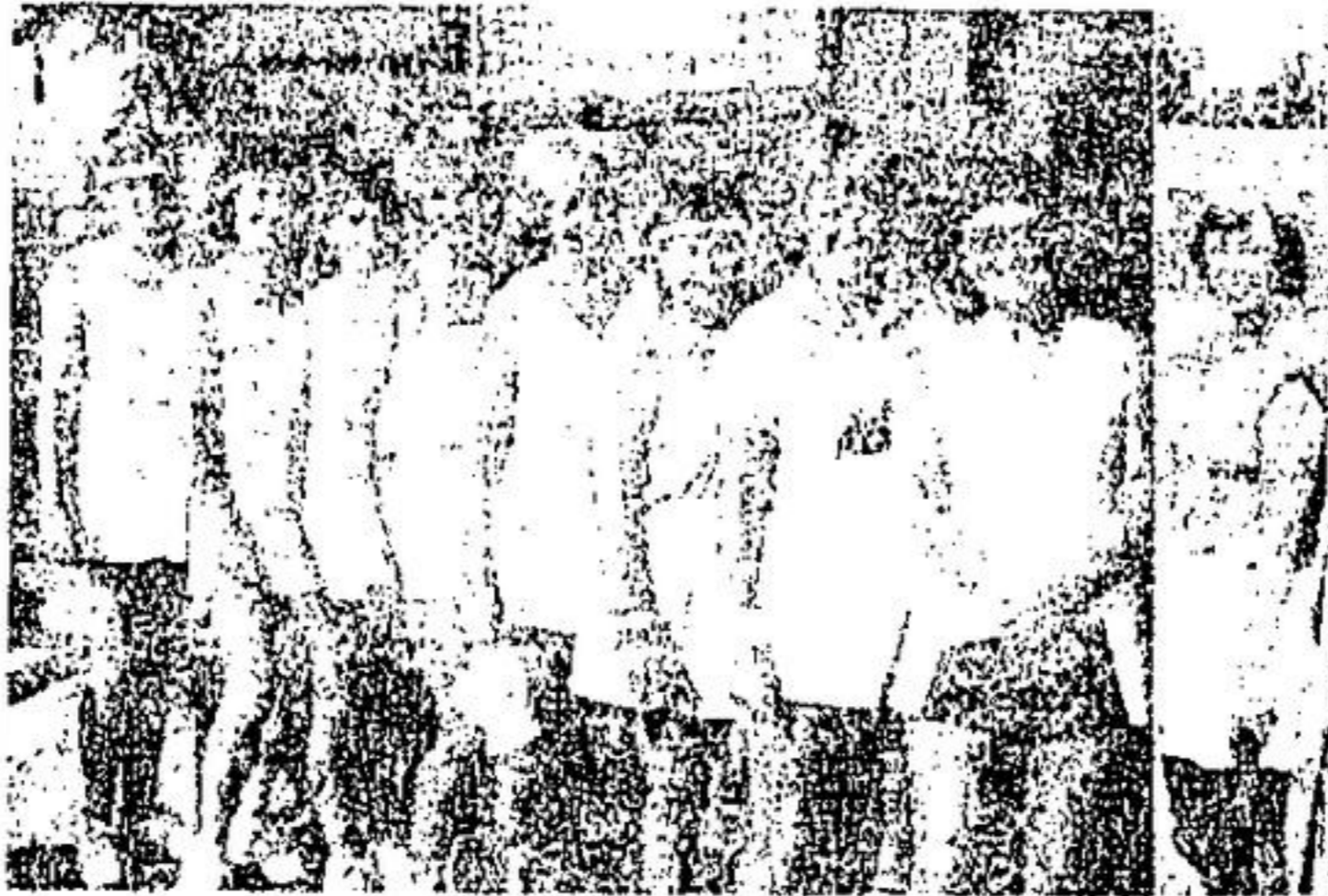
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Mark Cohen shows the tandem bike that Reader's Digest is interested in doing a story on. Cohen will be taking the cycle to the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) next year.

(Herald photo)



LADIES "C" TEAM

The Gordon Alcott Ladies "C" tennis team showed great strides this year in finishing on top of the intercounty standings. Last year the team finished fourth. Members of the winning squad are from left: Karin Wilson (insert), Norma Maynard, Mary McEwen, Midge Hampshire, Margo Prior, Daiga Zetek, Trudy Roy, Ann Munro and Lois Fraser.

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