

**"Better to go out and do it," Hugh Graham says**

# Running farm a lot of work

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**SCHOMBERG**—For a person in charge of operations on a 60-acre farm, it is nice to have a convenient method of transportation. However, on this day, Hugh Graham is having problems.

For some reason, his golf cart doesn't want to run. "I smell smoke," he says. "I guess we'll have to walk."

A member of the Canadian World Cup equestrian jumping team the past two years, Graham has been employed at Hillcrest Farm the past eight-and-a-half years. As well as running the farm, Graham arranges training schedules for the 30 horses present. Some are owned by Hillcrest, while others come from clients.



Amanda Salter here gives Abraxus a little tender loving care. Abraxus has just been out for a little ride with Hugh Graham, and Salter was getting ready to go back to his stall.

(Herald photo)

Graham can put the animals through their paces on the mini jump course set up at the Farm. Also, there is an area designated for hay that is harvested in July that provides winter feed.

Not only does the 38-year-old Limehouse native set up the programs, he personally tries to put the animal through its paces. Graham, too, offers riding lessons and spends an average of three to five hours daily riding.

Now if that wasn't enough, Graham finds time to compete in 25 or so horse shows annually. Many of the competitions are held in Ontario, but some take Graham to Western Canada, the United States and Europe.

"If I were to sit down and look at all I have to do, I wouldn't want to do it," Graham says jokingly. "It's better to go out and do it rather than look at actually what has to be done."

Graham came to the farm in 1977 when then Georgetown resident Bert Pabst approached him about a particular farm Pabst was interested in buying. When Pabst, who owned some horse stalls, decided to indeed purchase the area now known as Hillcrest, Graham was offered a position. He has been there since.

Graham prior had apprenticed under Jim Day at Sameson Farm in Hornby when he first became interested in horse jumping in 1972. At the time, Day was on the Canadian national team.

It was under Day that Graham purchased his first horse (Spot Check) and won his first jumping event at the Royal Winter Fair Show both in 1973.

The Royal show is the culmination of the competitive season, and those riders who attend do so after accumulating points during shows held earlier in the season.

Graham also competes in shows that give top competitors points toward making the Canadian team for the World Cup. There, the top 40 riders in the world compete for global honors.

As well as representing Canada in the past two World Cups, Graham has been on the national team that won the silver medal at the Pan-Am Games in 1983 as well as riding with the Canadian team that finished fourth in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

However, Graham did not come into show jumping initially. He spent his high school years refining his technique in calf roping.

"When I was living on my parents' farm in Limehouse, someone moved in next door. I would go over there to do miscellaneous tasks in order to ride. "There were some guys there involved in Western, and they got me involved."

But a keen love for horses got Graham interested in show jumping. When he made the decision to pursue the equestrian event, he had to devote a lot of time and energy to perfecting his chosen venue.

"No one was going to hand it over to me," he said. "I had to go and get it." Now that he has been involved in jumping since '72, Graham said he really doesn't miss calf roping too much.

"I guess I might miss it if I had time to think about it, but I really don't have the time," he said.

One of the ongoing aspects of Graham's job is the search for the perfect horse. However, when Graham goes looking to buy a horse, he does it a little differently than a racing enthusiast, who buys his horse before ever seeing it. Rather, he judges the colt's potential on who its parents are.

"Buying a horse is always a gamble. Normally I would buy three, four or



Hugh Graham, aboard Take Note, here clears a jump with relative ease. Take Note is one of many young potential horses Graham has on Hillcrest Farm.

five-year-olds and I would see them first in action to see what kind of ability they had.

"There is never an end to finding the perfect horse. As to what the perfect horse is, I'll let you know when I find it."

When Graham looks over his career, and its vast accomplishments, he admits he might have to soon think about setting up different future goals. Graham said he does not totally eliminate the possibility of becoming involved in horse racing in five to 10 years.

In fact, he took somewhat of a step in that direction this past winter. Graham purchased a two-year-old, and the horse will enter Kinghaven Farm, (the largest race-horse training facility in Canada) this summer and if the training sessions go well, it is conceivable the horse could be running this fall or winter.

"I could say I can't complain (about jumping accomplishments and life's direction)," Graham said. "But there is always more, you can always do better."

"I would like to someday build my own farm, and be a little bit more oriented towards my future."

When one watches calf roping or horse jumping on television, the person feels the horse does all the work. However, Graham disagrees.

"As well as having a good horse, in calf roping you have to rope the calf which takes some skill. In jumping, the horse does less than 50 per cent (of the work)."

"The rider has to do things like getting the horse to the best jumping point. There is a lot of hand-eye coordination."

Graham also added there are times when a horse becomes a little hard to handle on the course. That requires the rider to use his strength to keep his horse under control throughout the routine.

"If it was easy and everyone could do it, I guess there would be a lot of people doing it," he said.

(Second in a series. Next week, why the Olympics still send shivers down Hugh Graham's spine.)

## North Halton tennis tourney

North Halton Golf and Country Club was the site for the club doubles tennis championships this weekend.

Audrey Houston and Brenda Sinnett won the ladies final, downing Christine Steen and Pat. Thunich 6-1, 6-1. Bob Houston and Peter Acton took home the men's crown, downing Rory Kennedy and Don Hurley in a tight 6-1, 6-7, 6-4 final.

In the consolation final, Midge Hampshire and Isla Allison downed Anne Munroe and Melanie McCracken 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. The men's final saw Gord Doig and Rob Small defeat Geoff Taylor and Brian Hermer 6-1, 6-4.

## Cubs finish on top in T-ball standings

The Cubs have won first place in T-Ball. The Angels and Mets tied for second with the Tigers coming on strong at the end of regular season play.

A round robin set of games is in progress now to determine day of champions finalists.

The Cubs won both of their games last week. Jeff Moore and Stephanie Appleby have had good games lately. The

coaching team of Linda Humenicki and Doug Willshire has a keen group working with them.

The Tigers have been on the losing end but within a few runs of wins. Jonathan Redditt and Daniel and Matthew MacNeal have been the big hitters lately. Coaches Paul MacNeal, Mary Ann Hannah and Donna Macdonald have been getting lots of help from

the kids and other parents.

The Mets have the best attendance record lately and pushed across a lot of runs last week. Ricky Plumadore, Jennifer Armstrong, Ryan Gillard and Andrew Beavan have had good game reports from coaches Len Day, Jack Walinga and Cliff Sheppard.

The hot Angels have been. Steven Robson, Terri Fedora and Chris Corney. Karen Fedora and Michelle Corney have had several assistant coaches including Jerry, Mike and Mr.

Between the bumps and bruises, there's cheers and laughter indicating that the kids (and parents) seem to be enjoying the games.

## Falcons drop squeaker

After one of their best starts in years the Junior Falcons have slipped badly in recent weeks with three consecutive losses. Monday night at Cedarvale the Home team demonstrated their new-found ability to throw away the lead and surrender to the opposition.

The Falcons started well enough and gave the visitors a few scares early in the game as they dominated the play, but it was Brampton who scored on a breakaway after about twenty minutes play. Georgetown didn't waste too much time in getting the equalizer as substitute Andy Hughes came on to the field and played a part in the first goal for the

locals when he combined with Pete Webster to set up the ever eager Darryl Bartlett with his usual goal. Ten minutes later Hughes scored a peach of a goal himself after some fine work by Webster.

**HALFTIME SCORE**  
GEORGETOWN 2...  
BRAMPTON 1

The Falcons had control of this game but now they began to let it slip as they allowed the visitors to come back into the game with some aggressive play. The Falcons failed to finish off the good chances that Webster was continually providing for them and in spite of the magnificent effort that Teetzel was giving in defence the visitors were allowed to

break through and score the equalizer on the thirty minute mark and the winning goal five minutes later. Brampton showed a lot of character in coming back to win 3-2, the kind of character

that has been lacking in the Falcons team this last couple of games. The Juniors have two road games before coming back to Cedarvale to face Mississauga on August 12th.

## Glen downs Cheltenham

The Glen Williams Peeewe Girls (green team) won a close one 5-4 over Cheltenham.

The Glen was down 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning when Michelle Keir hit a single and Sandy and Tracy weiks hit back to back home runs to even the score.

In the fourth, Jill McCurdy knocked in a run with a well hit triple to take the lead in the game. Stephanie Laflamme's single allowed Sandy Weeks to cross home plate in the fifth to make the score 5-4 after Sheri Cook of Cheltenham smacked a home run.

## Eagles get good news on and off ball field

Georgetown Eagles continue to give the top teams in the Central Ontario Baseball Association a very hard time.

Saturday night at home, the Eagles came back to defeat second place Brampton 9-8. The Georgetown team did it in fine style as with two out and the bases loaded, Louis Galvao hit a two-run single that gave the Eagles the win.

"It's so confusing to me," said Eagles' manager Dan Guistini. "We come through with big wins against the good clubs, then go to a place like Glanbrook and blow ourselves out."

"This was a satisfying win."

Just as satisfying was the news that the Eagles are going to play in the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) playoffs this year. Even with just three wins this year, manager Dan Guistini said his club has been accepted for the D round playoffs.

Exact details are not known yet.

The OBA takes recommendations each year about what teams should play in what divisions. In past years the Eagles have played in higher categories, but Guistini is just happy to have his club involved in the playoffs.

"It gives us a chance to salvage something from this year," he said. "This gives us a chance to go in the OBA, which is what this is all about."

"It's a little bit of a downer to go down to the D level, but we could win it if we play like we did against Brampton. What a great way that would be to end the year," he said.

Saturday night Mario Galvao pitched the first seven innings. The mere fact Galvao pitched was a surprise to Guistini. Last week he had to leave a game after injuring his hip in a collision with teammate Neil Sivertson.

"When he came to the park, I asked him how he felt. Mario told me he wasn't perfect, but was well enough to pitch," Guistini said.

Rod Wilson ended up earning the win as the Eagles were down when Galvao left. Another surprise for Guistini was the offensive showing his players came up with.

Louis Galvao had two singles and a double in five appearances while Jay Anderson, Paul Guistini, Rob Hagen and Dan Curtis all had two hits each. Single hits went to Mike Lorito, Mario Collocchia and Sivertson. Designated hitter Scott Farley did not get a hit, but did earn a pair of sacrifices in the game.

The Eagles scored four runs in the third inning, while adding singles in the fifth and sixth. Galvao's two runs batted in during the ninth frame highlighted a three-run final at bat that gave the locals the win.

Earlier this week, Georgetown had to forfeit a game that was to be played last Tuesday in Burlington. Guistini tried to have the contest postponed because his club was minus a pitcher (Galvao) had had just played three games in as many nights. However, Burlington wouldn't hear of it, and Georgetown had to forfeit.

"Our league convenor was upset," Guistini said. "He felt we had a legitimate excuse. But, what can you do?"

The Eagles will play their final four games of the year at home the next two weeks. Tuesday night they entertained Mississauga. Saturday night Georgetown hosts Glanbrook and will be at home the following Tuesday night to Brampton. The final game will be played next Wednesday night against West Mountain. All games will be played at the Fairgrounds.

## Acton A's win three of five games

Despite an injury to pitcher Dick Spear, Acton As won three of their five intercounty Fastball League contests this week.

Spear, who was hit in the eye with a ball in Orangeville Thursday night, suffered broken blood vessels and will be out of action a couple of weeks. However, before Thursday's incident Spear pitched a two-hitter as Acton defeated Hornby 8-0 Tuesday night in Hornby.

Spear fanned six, and had another 15 Hornby batters retire via infield putouts. He got all the runs he needed for the win in the first inning when a Kelly McArthur homer brought home two runs as Tim Baker was on base with a single

prior. The As added another score in the second when Paul Cargill singled, stole second and was sacrificed to third. Cargill then scored on a Marshall single, who then scored on a pass ball.

In the fifth Roy Spear singled and came home on a Kelly McArthur single. The As scored their final runs in the ninth when Marshall singled, and went to second when Jim Baker was safe at first on an error. Roy Spear was walked to load the bases, but McArthur hit into a fielder's choice that left Marshall out at home. Dick Spear singled in the other two Acton runs.

Due to Dick Spear's injury Thursday, Roy Spear had to go the

distance for Acton as Jim Schnarr was not present. The As didn't score until the eighth when Peter Claperton and Tim Baker singled. Roy Spear brought three runs across with a homer. In the ninth Glen Scott singled and went to

second when Baker walked. Gord McArthur's single brought Scott home. Orangeville scored three runs in the fourth, two in the sixth, one in the seventh and two in the eighth.

Saturday the As went to Rockwood for a doubleheader, and left with a split. After losing the opener 4-3 in extra innings, the As came back for a 5-1 win.

In the opener, once again Roy Spear took to

the mound, but was relieved by Schnarr. Baker walked in the first inning and scored when Kelly McArthur got on base due to an error. In the second Gord McArthur was hit by a pitch, and went to second when Claperton was walked. Mark Symes singled to bring both runners in to score.

Symes singled in the other Acton run in the fourth when Gord McArthur got on with a single. In their half of the extra inning, Rockwood singled, sacrificed the runner to second and scored the winner on a single off Schnarr, who came into the game in the fifth.

Schnarr was the winner in the nightcap as

Acton got all the offence it needed in the third inning. Singles from Mark Duval, Marshall, Symes, Cargill and Kelly McArthur resulted in three runs. In the fifth Duval singled and went to second on Marshall's sacrifice. Symes' single brought him across. Singles from Symes and Baker in the sixth result-

ed in another Acton run as Cargill singled home Symes. Finally in the seventh Duval hit a two-run homer as Gord McArthur got on board with a single to close out the Acton scoring.

In their final game of the week Sunday at home against Rockwood Roy Spear pitched a five-hitter and fanned 16 as the home team won 4-2.

## SPORTS SCOREBOARD

HALTON HILLS SERVICE CLUB BLO PITCH LEAGUE		DIVISION B STANDINGS					DIVISION A STANDINGS				
		W	L	T	Pts						
Random	9	10	3	0	20	Kinamen	9	3	1	19	
Jaycees	9	SOBs	8	2	20	Jaycees	7	6	1	15	
Shaw's SOBs	7	Royal Pizza	8	5	17	Elks	6	7	0	12	
Kinamen	14	Random	7	5	14	Optimists	5	7	1	11	
Park	20	Choice Air	5	6	11	Nfld Club	3	7	1	7	
Choice Air	8	Firemen	4	7	8	Lions	0	13	0	0	
Elks	4										
Jaycees	9										
Royal Pizza	7										
Lions	2										
Firemen	7										

## Pink ladies record powderpuff win

**PINK LADIES 16**  
**PURPLE POWER 4**

Great pitching by hurlers, Laraine Tarzwell and Janet Ransom dictated this final score. Offensively, Bonnie Malenfant 3 doubles, 1 single, Tarzwell 2 doubles, 2 singles, Mary Kelly, Janet Ransom and Pat Maahinter 1 double, 1 single led the team. Bev Compton and Sylvie Washbourne hit 2 singles apiece, Janice Raine and Lois Patrick 1 double each. Powers Jo-Anne Kemper had a good night at the plate, singling 3 times and scoring once. Debbie Pearce hit 2 singles, scoring once. Connie Darling, Bev Barrett, Marge Snow, Pat Green and Barb Terry singled with Green and Terry reaching home safely. Pitcher Jo-Anne Kemper also pitched well.

**BLACK SHEEP 15**  
**TUMBLERS 14**

For the 2nd game in a row, Sheep's strong hitting made the difference. Hot and heavy hitting came from Sherry Love, Sandy Bujold 1 double, 4 singles, Sylvia Murphy 5 singles, Janet Mather 1 double, 3 singles, Kim Nugent 4 singles, Debbie Johnson, Sheila Kirk 3 singles. Tumblers played an all round good effort in this game, but could not catch up. The 1st inning went really well, with six runs being scored, which included a super home-run by Diana Tripp. Then in the 2nd inning Chris Stoyles belted a dandy homer, Joyce Hutchins hit a great triple and Pat Morey had a stand-up double. Sandy Paddle, Gail Shepard, Julia Bowen, Linda Paul, Linda Armstrong, Donna Harder and Cindy Hoskins also had a

good night at the plate.

**DINO BATS 12**  
**BURGANDY BULLDOGS 11**

Clutch hitting by Dingbats' Sue Martin provided the spark to ignite the torch to win. Jackie Diegel, Donna Barlow, Phyllis Mercer and Ellen Tucker all had perfect nights at bat. Suzette Corley made a sparkling catch at third base. Virginia Walker and Diegel also played sharp defensively. Bulldogs were ahead in the game at all times, but had it slip away in the final inning. Pat Hunter and Lesley Beaque doubled and singled. Robin Richardson and Linda Ovenden singled twice. Richardson made a super catch in centre field and pitcher Janice Murray was alert on a solid line drive (thank goodness?).

**SMURFETTES 14**  
**BLUE JAYS 9**

A solid team effort by the Smurfettes determined the outcome of this game. Betty Fendley and Dini Adams were steady from the mound. Lois Cassista, Leanne Fournier and Bernice Griffiths made excellent catches on the field. Laurie Ingalls and Annette Vandye were perfect at 1st base and Cindy Bushell caught expertly behind the plate. Offensively Susie Williams connected for a home-run, Theresa Hartley, Jan Walker, Fendley, Adams, Bushell, Cassista and Vandye had a great night at the plate. Blue Jays attempted a comeback in the 6th inning with 4 runs but couldn't sneak by the Smurfs. Linda Lee, Mary Johnston and Marilyn Jones scored one apiece. Brenda Cole and Peggy

Rawlings scored 3 runs apiece.

**GOLDEN GLOVES 20**  
**DON'S FLOCKS 8**

Thirteen runs in 2 innings by the Gloves put this game out of reach for the Flock. Monica Mastalerz smacked a nasty homer, along with 1 single and 1 double. Nikki Carrey, Donna Sproule, Andrea Vande Valk and JoAnn Tucker doubled and singled. Pat Akers singled 3 times and Priella Royce, Judy Gibson and Sue Haskins singled twice. For the Flock, Linda Drabsby had the hot bat, hitting 3 singles followed by Pepper Tassone 1 double, 2 singles, Terry Williams 1 double, 1 single, Lynn Hodgson and Marie Louth 2 singles. Defensively, Linda Anderson and Debbie Tatham pitched well and Dianne Saunders exhibited dandy fielding.

**GREY LIGHTNING 10**  
**RED FOXES 9**

Lightning's Wendy Farrow was the heroine in the game with a big key hit and scoring the winning run. Doreen Dobbins, Lori Hofing, Susan Grant, Sheryl Wakefield, Candy Armstrong and Mary Lynn Hillier all scored throughout the game. Lesley Scarlett made an unbelievable catch at Rover and Sandy Marshall grabbed a beautiful hit at CF. Red Foxes played a good game but couldn't pull it off in the 7th. Scoring three times were Anne Korzack, and Sally Humberstone. Joy Thompson tallied twice. The other markers were Dayle Orton, Alice Edgar and Korzack pitched well.