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# Wheelchair sports association gets off on the right tire

Now here is a sport that gives a whole new meaning to the phrase

"coasting to victory" Dunking is allowed, but certainly

not advisable. And while there weren't too many players "crashing the boards" there were a few who could be seen scrambling to hit the "retrorockets" before they crashed into the wall.

This is wheelchair basketball, and people were given the opportunity to see this fast-growing sport first hand when the Spitfires rolled into Milton for an exhibition contest with a team of E.C. Drury students, bolstered by

several other area players. The game was a fundraiser intended to generate funds for a new wheelchair sports association which

is being started up to serve this area. Pat Woode, of the Physically Handicapped Citizens Association for North Halton, was one of the organizers of the event, and said they are terming the project a success, despite a small crowd.

"We were a little disappointed with the turnout, but overall it was fairly successful," she said. "With the nicer weather, people aren't as interested in indoor sports, but we had a fairly responsive crowd. I think most people enjoyed the event.

Woode estimates they will have raised about \$200 through the game. During halftime ceremonies, therewas also a donation of \$50 made by the E.C. Drury athletic association.

Sonny Damato, of Tyson Health Care in Milton played a large role in getting the event off the ground. He secured the sport wheelchairs which were used in the game by the Drury

For the new wheelchair sports association to get started, Damato is hoping a group might come forward to help cover the costs of purchasing the chairs, which run in the neighborhood of \$1,600.

Damato says there has been considerable interest in the proposal to start up a wheelchair basketball league, which will be integrated with both able and disabled athletes.

Uniforms for the players have been provided by ESN Sports and Novelties of Milton.

The Toronto Spitfires has grown considerably as a sports association in the past several years, and offers quite a variety of activities for its members, one of the largest of which is absketball.

Players with the Spitfires compete throughout the world in various tour-

Woode says they will be considering bringing the Spitfires back again next year for a return match. That should give the E.C. Drury players a little time to work on their

As might be expected, the Spitfires took total control in the game and soundly beat the E.C. Drury



wheelchair basketball game held at E.C. Drury High defenders, and above Michael Foote goes in for a "lay-School in Milton last week, with a team of students, and up." (Herald photos) several local players. At left, Irene Wownuk-Miller

The Toronto Splittires provided the opposition for a takes a shot against a couple of worried-looking

donald.

# Frogram geared for students creates better safety awareness

Knowing what to do in an emergency situation can often mean the difference between saving a life and tragedy, and the more people who have a basic knowledge of emergency procedures the better

the chances of avoiding tragedy. That's the premise of a program targetted at Grade 4 students, which begins at local public schools next

Trent University student Sheila Macdonald has worked with the Halton Hills Department of Recreation and Parks during the last seven summers, teaching swimming and instructing water safety.

part of the Public Awareness of Water Safety (PAWS) program. In the past, this program has been aimed at the entire student body at

Until June 12, she and two

assistants will be visiting schools as

schools, but this year, it is geared strictly for Grade 4 classes. The PAWS program at this level

deals specifically with artificial respiration, and procedures involved with rescuing a choking victim "Basically, PAUS is just what the title says," Macdonald says, "We

want to make the public more aware the two-point conversion making it of water hazards, and water rescue techniques. In this part of the program, we felt the Grade 4 students were young enough to still be keen,

but old enough to understand the

Macdonald and her assistants will visit two schools a day, on average, and each lecture will last approximately one hour. The young school students who will be involved with the PAWS pro-

Macdonald

procedures.

gram can use what they learn to reinforce what they have already been taught through Board of Education programs

"If they learn it at this age, it's not a scary thing for them, when an emergency arises," Macdonald says "It's something they become

conditioned to do." Aside from artificial resuscitation, the students will also be shown variations of the Heimlich Maneuver, used widely to clear air

and given the information that should be readily available in the

event of an emergency. The groups Macdonald and ber assistants will work with will be kept small, and teachers will be provided with a kit to help reinforce what the children are taught.

Even if there are adults on hand to

look after emergency situations,

youngsters can also play an intricate

part in assisting, according to Mac-

by means of the 911 emergency

phone number. They will be in-

structed on what they should say

when making an emergency call,

This might involve calling for help

The department of recreation and parks is also offering another facet of the PAWS program to any groups who might be interested - and many

should be. This will involve lectures on backyard pool safety and

maintenance Macdonald hopes they will receive requests for the course from area service clubs scouting organizations, or any community group which might find the lecture

beneficial. Anyone interested in the program may contact Macdonald at 877-5185.

### Senior Rebels nail down home advantage for playoff

but you have to keep the violence

Nelson players were continually

employing high tackles and late hits

in the game, and getting away with

it. Bingham said. This left

Georgetown players with little

recourse other than to retaliate,

which could have led to an ugly inci-

concerns known to the league's con-

vener and hopes steps will be taken

to ensure there is not a recurrence of

Thursday, against M.M. Robin-

son, all the scoring took place in the

Ashley Richards put Georgetown

on top when he rumbled half the

length of the field out of a loose play

similar situations in the future.

first half of play.

Bingham says he has made his

out. It became a war of attrition."

The Georgetown Senior rugby squad ended their regular schedule in the East Halton League on a winning r- \* Thursday, as they shaded M.M. Robinson 6-4 at home.

The senior Rebels finished their regular schedule with a record of four wins and two losses in the seven-team league, and will host a semi-final playoff game this Friday at the Georgetown field. The victory came following a 4-0

setback Tuesday at the hunds of Nelson High School, in a game described by Rebels' coach Bill Binghum as "a travesty" The game with Nelson, in Burt-

ington had to be officiated by one of the school's rugby coaches, since no other qualified official was available.

By the time the dust had settled, Georgetown found themselves with several injured players, including three who were unable to take to the field Thursday.

Bingham said the game's official,

being inexperienced, may have been more concerned about keeping the rules straight than watching for rough play. "There wasn't an infraction that

much about the technique in a game,

by Norma Maynard

Herald Special The Gordon Alcott Ladles' 'C' Inter-County tennis team opened their season with home court advantage against Wallace Park No. 2 team, and settled for an even spllt in

wasn't perpetrated in the game," Bingham sald. "It doesn't matter so

In three sets, Daiga Zelek and Midge Hampshire finished with scores of 6-4, 1-6, and 4-6. Karin Wilson and Ouida Graville won two of their three sets with

scores of 3-6, 6-4, and 7-6.

straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

Ladies tennis results

Sandy Morrow and Barb Rieger went the full three sets in their match, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6. Margot Prior and Norma Maynard won their match in

for a try, and Jamie Spiller kicked

Robinson came back with a try

Bingham said the game Thursday

was quite a turnaround from Tues-

day's outing against Nelson,

because Georgetown and M.M.

Robinson seemed to have respect for

"They played good defence and

didn't allow us to do much,'

Bingham said of the Rebels' oppo-

nent. "They picked up on the

Game time for Friday's semi-final

playoff contest in Georgetown is 3:30

slightest mistakes we would make."

later in the half, but the wind pushed

the convert attempt wide.

each other on the field.

To mark the birthday of Margot Prior, a celebration was held following their match.

Junior players are needed for tennis after school hours through the week and on weekends when the courts are available. If enough in-

### passages of choking victims. Powderpuff teams see action

Turby Jets 27 Rambats 26

Great action at the plate in this high scoring game with Linda Anderson saving the victory for the Turbo Jets. First time Jets pitcher Joanne

Richardson gave a great effort for her team with excellent catching from Sandy Barclay. Consistent bitting from the Jets with triples from Mick Wood, Tammy Lockwood and Kay King. Doubles from Bev Bird, Sandy Barelay, Kay King and a pair from Suzette Corley. Great hitting went both ways in this game with the Rambals within one run of the Jets. Excellent hitting by Penny Butterworth as she not only hit a double and a triple but also smashed out two home runs. Also hitting well for the Rambats with doubles was Bonnie Henderson and Cathy Wilson. It was a battle of the bats to the finish. Naughty Navy 20

Golden Girls 17 Naughty Navy's batsman were responsible for this win over the Golden Glrls. Strong hitting from the Navy's Cathy Van Den Hoek, Holly Peterson and Sheri Diegel all with triples. Doubles hit by the Navy's naughty Jennifer Reynolds, Mary and Sylvie Wushbourne catching will be free roller skating or you can great behind the plate. Also on attend 60 Minute Workout at Joseph defence for the Golden Girls was Gibbons School from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wendy Graham having a super Participate in the Challenge and game at short. Offensively for the join us in supporting a healthy, ac-

Girls was Lu Oram with two great hits and Linda Anderson pounding the ball down past first base. Janice Murray kept the team going with crucial base stealing.

Leather and Lace 19

Red Caps 14 A come from behind victory for

the Leather and Lace team last Wednesday evening. With Pat Herrington belting out a triple and double cracks of the whip from Joanne Hillier, Anne Korzack and sharon Psyhk. The Red Caps led most of the

way with great hitting effort from the team With her first hit of the year Denise Brownlee got her team swinging. All going 3 for 3 were Jean Puckering, Joanne Coles (including a triple), and Sherrie Louth who was 3 for 3, crossed the plate three times and had 3 RBIs.

In last week's Powderpuff roundup, it was mistakenly stated Chris Stoyles had a home run for the Royal Blue Moons, when actually it was thris Jones who had the round trip-

### Remember the Challenge

Wednesday, May 27 is the Participaction Challenge!

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is asking everyone in Halton Hills to participate in fifteen minutes of exercise and then call the Neilson Hottine at 873-0615 to record your activity.

Anything goes, whether you cut your lawn, take your dog for a walk, play some tennis or spring clean those windows. This year the Town of Halton Hills

has challenged our neighbors to the Jones, Patti Sunnucks, Jeannette St. south, the Town of Milton, to see who Pierre and Betty Fendley. The can get the greater number of Golden Girls gave it their all trying residents to exercise for 15 minutes. for the come back with June Ford If you are last for things to do, there

tive lifestyle in Halton Hills. For more information call 877-5185 ext.



### Junior team surprises

The GDHS junior rugby team has come a long way in a short

The junior Rebels capped off their regular schedule last Tuesday afternoon with a 16-14 victory over E.C. Drury in East Halton

rugby action. The win gives the juniors a record of three victories in five starts, and qualified them for post

"The team has really done well

for having so many inexperienced players," says coach Bill Bingham. "I think we only have about three on the team who had any rughy experience prior to this

The Rebels' two losses came at the hands of White Oaks and Oakville Trafalgar.

Thursday, Georgetown will be on the road for a semi-final playoff match, to decide a league finalist.

Members of the Gordon Alcott team will next see action at Credit

terest is shown, this could work into round robin play. Anyone interested should contact Susy Lorito at 877-7409, after 4 p.m.