

Georgetown Peel County makes season debut

Soccer



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The competition for news space each week is high in a smallish community and is often the reason for the column appearing at the end of the week, and not Wednesday. Wednesday is by far the important issue and much preferable as it con-

tains news of games more current than the Friday. "Fans" have asked in the last two weeks - why the late appearance? There are, of course, two local papers, and my reply is read both for the latest and greatest! Georgetown Peel County made their debut at Cedarvale, not Alcott, as first arranged, last Friday following the under-21 Peel Falcons contest. Falcons league game ended up in a 1-1 tie with Malton. The game was an interesting one, I am told, with the locals just failing to obtain both points with a storming finish in the last quarter of the game. I missed the game entirely due to family reasons.

The County hastily arranged to play North York Rockets, the new Canadian Soccer League entrants, in an exhibition game. A last minute comment on the field from a County player summarizes the match eloquently. "I thought this was a friendly game." Early in the first half County made all the running without being too dangerous in front of goal. There was certainly no respect given to the reputation of the higher calibre league players. The visitors opened the scoring with as good an individual goal as I have seen in a long time. A Rocket player took the ball past four defenders, leaving them stranded in

his wake, from an acute angle on the goal line, and slotted the ball home past a diving goalkeeper. In the second half County equalized, from a set piece corner kick. The ball came over and a powerful header from the County striker sent the ball into the net. The goals brought the decent sized crowd to their feet in appreciation. A late penalty goal gave victory to the Rockets. The award was hotly disputed by the County left fullback and he was ejected from the game. Former Falcons, Dave Patterson and Ashley Sanders toiled in midfield for County and "keeper" Martin Warner was not dressed for this match.

Inter County had another abandoned game last week and again by ref Luc Bertrand. This time the teams were Ancient Mariners and Meteor Blue with Blue leading 2-0 at the time, seven minutes into the second half. Another one for the exec to sort out. Park Ave. Collision ran over Eagles by 4-0. Villa 'A' defeated Trexcon by 2-0 and Varian eked out a 2-2 tie with Rangers to round off the first division.

Second division results went as follows: Meteor United found the Master Mariners a hard nut to crack until a bizarre goal sent them into the lead. Whilst clearing the ball, goalie John Borsten of the Masters sent the ball against his own defender, Derek Astbury, injuring him in the process. As the "keeper" ran to the player a Meteor Mariner saw the easy chance and stroked the ball home. United went to win by 4-1. Ajax scraped through 1-0 over visiting Milton FC and Rose and Thistle defeated Villa 'B' 2-0.

Today (Wednesday) Meadowglen and McKenzie kick off at 7 p.m. and 8:30 at Alcott and 8:45 at Cedarvale. Both Ancient and Master Mariners are out of town.

Canada failed to qualify for the Olympics by going down to USA by 3-0 on the weekend. Many of the players to the national squad are new and there is a new coach in Bob Bearpark. I did not expect our country to win and am not surprised at the loss. I am not impressed with the coach nor with the players at his disposal, or choice, and regret the passing of Tony Walters, the World Cup coach. See you next week.

Junior Rebels knocked off by QEP

The Georgetown District High School junior girls' soccer team was knocked out of contention for the Halton playoff championship last Tuesday, after they dropped a 2-1 decision to Queen Elizabeth Park of Oakville.

The quarterfinal playoff game was played in Georgetown, and saw QEP lead 1-0 after the first half. "I thought we were going to win," said GDHS coach Jack Brown following the game. "We had our chances but we didn't cash in."

The top five teams in the league were very close in the standings. Georgetown finished the regular schedule with a record of three wins, one loss, and three ties.

Brown said the Georgetown team actually carried much of the play in the contest. In terms of positional play, it was one of "our best games offensively," he said.

QEP's first goal was a tough one for the locals to take. A Georgetown back and a QEP attacker both converged on the ball at the same time, and made contact. But the ball squirted free, and the QEP player found herself going in on a breakaway. The Rebels' goalie came out to try to force the player to make a move, but the shot eluded her.

Becky Dobbin accounted for the only Georgetown goal in the match. Brown said that in the latter part

of the regular season, he tried to turn the team into a more offensively-minded squad, with a few positional changes. The move paid some dividends, but obviously not enough.

"I think we were too defensive," he said. "If you look at the goals-for of the teams at the top, they all have 14 to 17 for the season. We had six, so that was obviously one of our weaknesses."

In retrospect, Brown says he is pleased with the season the team had, but feels it could have been better.

Looking ahead to next season, Brown expects to have a good nucleus of players back in the junior ranks again to begin building with

Atom teams kick off play

The Girls' Atom Soccer League got underway recently, opening with an exhibition game on May 23.

The Maroon Monsters easily won the exhibition match 7-1 over the Red Firebirds. Katie Blyth and Alison Bobor each had a pair of goals for the winners, while singles went to Melissa Coe, Esther Copland, and Jill McMenemy. Melissa Watts had the lone goal for the Firebirds. Several players, including Becky DeVries, Nicole Gledhill, and Cindy Jeffrey of the Monsters had good games, while the entire Firebirds' squad gave it a fine effort.

In another game, May 25, the

Maroon Monsters had to settle for a 2-2 tie with the Gold Stingers. Katie Blyth had both markers for the Monsters, while Leigh Shillington and Laura Appleby had a goal each for the Stingers. Marita Lescah, Marcia Hoy, and Tanya Martin all had exceptional games for the Stingers, while Nicole Gledhill, Melissa Hendry, and Jill McMenemy all played solid games for the Monsters.

Thursday, the Blue squad came up with a strong performance in overpowering the Red Firebirds 6-0. Tracy Andrews and Mary Donnelly each had a pair of markers in the game, while Caroline Page and Joy Walraven had one apiece. Louise

Hatton played a strong game for one winner, while the Red Firebirds, as a whole, played better than the score indicated.

The other game, played Thursday, saw the Maroon Monsters edge the Green team 4-3. Katie Blyth and Jill McMenemy each had a pair of goals for the winners, while Danielle Cary had a pair for the Green team, and Courtney O'Brien added a single.

The Monsters had only seven players show up for the contest, forcing them to play the entire game and earning each praise as game stars. Kim Stevenson and Jenna Stuart-Hague were standouts for the Green team.

Peewee teams see action

The Peewee Girls' Soccer League opened play recently with a pair of games.

In the first outing, the Green Team defeated the Gold Team 3-1. Nicole Hemedios scored all three goals for the winners, while Janet Seida replied for Gold.

The other peewee match-up saw the Blue Team double the Maroon Team 2-1. Cara Gogan and Leanne

Inglis scored for the winners, while Cindy Harnden replied for the Maroon squad.

Mosquito soccer teams open season as True Blue trims Green squad

The first official game of the Girls' Mosquito Soccer season was played May 25, as True Blue took on the Green team.

The first quarter saw True Blue take a quick two-goal lead on markers by Ruth Burrows and Sarah Fenske. After this, the goalies received little work as play was constantly back and forth across the centre line. The contest ended 2-0 in True Blue's favor.

Melissa DeVries, Shannon Morris, and Stephanie O'Brian played well

for True Blue, while Alison Lipp, Christy Lightowers, and Helen Tannock were mainstays for the Green.

Then, on Thursday, May 28, the Red team scored a lone goal against the Stingers and held on for a 1-0 win in another close match. Moira McGuinness had the lone goal in the game.

Kristy Johnson, Tracy Metter, and Krystin McBride played well for the Red team. The Stingers' star players were Julie Dugas, Deanne

Guignard, and Angel Hughes. It was a tough game for both teams, on a very hot night.

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