

# Sports Outlook



The Stinglers edged True Blue 1-0 Saturday during final day action in Georgetown Girls' House League Soccer. The teams were competing in the Mosquito division.

## Squirt soccer teams finish season

Georgetown girls' squirt soccer team completed their season Saturday, as they took part in the annual Cup Day festivities. The Busy Bees had an impressive day as they swept a pair of games. The Bees downed the Panthers 4-0 in their opener, as Cheryl Rivard led the way with a pair of goals, and Jennifer Armstrong and Monica Beauparlant added singles. Despite the loss, the entire Panthers' team

put in a strong showing. The other win for the Busy Bees came when they defeated the Grasshoppers 2-0. Tara Schaefer and Cheryl Rivard accounted for the goals as the Grasshoppers proved a formidable opponent for the Bees. In other action, the Grasshoppers held on to edge the Care Bears 2-1. Bobbi Squire scored both Grasshoppers' goal while Stephanie Appleby replied for the Care Bears. Terry

Jolliffe, Michelle Coe, and Sarah Williams all played extremely well for the Grasshoppers, while Shirley Grant, Christine Carter, and Renee Kitchen. The other squirt game had the Panthers edging the Care Bears by a 3-1 margin. Panthers' scorers were unavailable, but Christine Carter tallied the lone Bears' goal. The Cup Day games capped off an excellent year of soccer for the young players, and special thanks are extended to the coaches and managers who made the season such an enjoyable one.

## DQ makes it three in a row with title win

The Dairy Queen dynasty in the Georgetown Flag Football League continued on Sunday with an unexpectedly lopsided 42-14 victory over the Greeks. This championship was the Queen's third in a row and more impressively, their fourth overall, a record no other team in the GFFL can match.

The ease at which they earned their fourth McLaren Cup was surprising. League pundits, this one included, anticipated a much closer match; some looked ahead to a Greek triumph. The Greeks had easily dispatched their prior two playoff opponents and appeared to be in top form for the championship.

The Queens however, weren't listening to the "experts." They knew they were the best team and proved it on this day.

During the first half Dairy Queen QB Mitch Leblance, the architect of an artful attack hit Gary Lockwood, the most youthful member of his offense for a pair of touchdowns. To show he doesn't discriminate against the older set he hit Stu Lunn for another - a gridiron veteran old enough to be Lockwood's father. Howie Hulme padded the Queen first-half lead with a two point convert. Only Wayne Stausis with a TD

was able to score for the Greeks.

In the second half, Leblance continued to play longball with Gary Lockwood. Lockwood scored his third touchdown of the game and very nearly got his hands on a fourth. Steve Crossman, seizing a share of the limelight normally afforded the Lunn and Lockwoods, scored a pair of TDs. Brian Davis and Randy Lunn added two point converts to a Queen lead already way out of reach.

The Greek tried valiantly to mount a comeback in the second half. A pair of superb short kick recovery atjudged to have fallen short of the twenty yard minimum and shortly after, a 90 yard pass and run touchdown play was nullified because of a "guarding the flag" call on Jim Boldwin. These setbacks extinguished any hopes of a Greek comeback. The fabled Greek offense was put on ice until the fourth quarter when Dean Scallen scored a touchdown and a two-point convert. Scallen's heroics came much too late to make a difference however.

Barring the possible retirement of QB Mitch Leblance, the money in 1988 will be on the Queens to further extend their dynasty.

## Counting on pennant fever

By John Grabowski

More often than not, the playoffs each year in both the American and National League seem to bring together teams with contrasting styles of play. Last season, for example, the NL playoffs saw the New York Mets, whose offense produced more runs than any other team in the league (783), face the Houston Astros, whose defense and pitching allowed the fewest (569).

The AL playoffs saw the Red Sox - a slower, high batting-average team - take on a faster, more powerful counterpart - the California Angels. The Angels had out-homered Boston, 167 to 144, during the regular season, while the Sox outthrew them, 271 to 255. Boston's 41 stolen bases were, by far, the least in the majors in 1986.

Since 1969, has any pattern emerged, based on regular-season stats, that can help you predict the League Championship Series winners?

As a basis for comparison, let's look at the summary given for each season in The Baseball Encyclopedia. For convenience, we will group the following categories together: for hitting - runs, doubles, triples, home runs and batting average; for pitching - runs allowed, complete games, walks, strikeouts, shutouts, saves and earned run average; for fielding - errors, double plays and fielding percentage; and, for team speed, stolen bases.

Looking over the 36 pennant winners since 1969, this is what you find: The team with the better pitching (leading in at least four of the seven departments) has won the LCS 23 times (64 percent); the team with the better hitting (leading in at least three of the five departments) has won 22 times (61 percent); the team with the better fielding (leading in at least two of the three departments) has won 19 times (53 percent); but the faster team (leading in stolen bases) has won only 15 times (42 percent).

Breaking the numbers down even further shows the National League pennant winner to favor hitting (12 of 18, for 67 percent), while the American League champ is usually the leader in pitching (13 of 18, for 72 percent).

Surprisingly, the fastest team has

won only one-third of American League Championship Series (6 of 18). Last season's winners pretty much fit the model.

The Mets led the Ast as in more batting categories, with Houston ahead in fielding and pitching. In the AL, Boston led in pitching and hitting, and trailed California in fielding.

Both victors trailed their opponents in stolen bases.

When the regular-season categories are examined, no one department stands out as being vital to the winner of the playoffs.

The leaders in runs, and in home runs, have each won 23 of the 36 LCS - the same number of times as the team with the most wins in the regular season.

Twenty-two pennant winners have led their LCS foe in each of the following regular-season categories: fewest runs allowed, highest batting average, highest slugging percentage, highest fielding average, fewest bases on balls allowed, most shutouts and lowest earned run average.

The only areas in which the pennant winner has led less than half the time are triples (12), stolen bases (15 of 36) and strikeouts (15).

So when you're ready to make your choices this fall, it might be wise to keep in mind what Toby Harrah once said. He pointed out that baseball statistics are like a girl in a bikini - they show a lot, but not everything.

### SPORTSCARD



**Curtie Strange**

This 32-year-old golfer broke the PGA's one-year money record by winning the World Series of Golf, pushing his 1987 earnings to \$697,385. It was his 12th career victory. A Virginian, he was the 1985 Golf Writers Player of the Year.

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**By Glenda Hughes 877-5296**

Being a real estate agent is certainly not the easiest job in the world, and it is quite often a thankless job at that. But this week, I have had three very excited, and thankful, clients in my office. All of them have purchased homes that they never dreamed that they'd find, let alone own, and they have been most gracious in thanking me for my hard work. WOW! This is the stuff that agents dream about - honest to goodness "thanks" - because, "We live, dream, talk, and breathe real estate 24 hours a day - most of our clients don't realize what we go through to fulfill their dreams. I've written in part, before, about achieving dreams for people, and it is the most gratifying part of the profession, but when a client actually remembers to thank us - well, I can't even begin to tell you how we feel. The endless hours of showing homes, getting details for clients, working the finances out, putting together the offer, and finally making it all fly is a task cut out, not for the weak of heart! I often wonder if the clients really understand what we go through to get the job done, to make you happy. Certainly, we don't expect praise, but, boy when it happens, it can certainly make our day. Don't underestimate the work that your agents puts into your end, whether it be buying or selling. Both ends of the business have their spurs, both are hours and hours of work which we are committed to do, to get the job done. One happy client can keep me going for weeks, months even - and it is only a smile of gratitude, a scream of joy, a happy handshake or a written note that gives us the courage to continue on for another round. Goodness, I hope you have hugged your agent recently. As an old Irish blessing says, "May the wind always be at your back" - if you have, Thanksgivings blessing to you, from me, around your table this coming holiday weekend.

*Homes Sold Creatively*

**THIS WEEK'S MORTGAGE RATES**

AS OF OCTOBER 1st, 1987

	VARIABLE	1 MO OPEN	3 MO OPEN	6 MO OPEN	1 YR OPEN	1 YR CLOSED	2	3	4	6	7	10
Bank of Nova Scotia	10	-	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12	-	-
Bank of Montreal	10	9%	-	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12	12%	-
Canada Trust		10	-	-	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12	-	12%
CIBC	10	10%	-	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12	-	-
Hutton Comm Cr Union	10%		-	10%								
T D Bank	10	-	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12	-	-
Royal Bank	10	10	-	11	10%	11	11%	11%	11%	11%	-	-