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"Unknown" United extends streak

The Georgetown United Soccer Club is relishing its role as relative unknowns in the ongoing Ontario Cup competition.

Sudbury United was the latest club to find out just who this Georgetown squad is as the northern visitors lost a 1-0 nailbiter to the local side in Ontario Cup quarter-final action at Alcott Field last Sunday. The win vaulted Georgetown into the final four of the provincial competition.

"Nobody knows about us," said United coach Sam Inglis after Georgetown's fifth consecutive Ontario Cup victory. "That's the main thing we have going for us."

It's rather unlikely, however, that Georgetown's next opponent in the competition semi-finals will be unaware of its foe. United will tackle Bluewater Blaze of Sarnia in the first of two semi-final contests on Aug. 21 with the winners advancing to the Ontario Cup final.

On Sunday an entertaining match at the Alcott pitch saw Georgetown demonstrate the aggressive and hard-running style that has spelled success for them thus far in the tournament. After sticking to a fairly conservative game plan in the first half, Georgetown opened up in the final stanza with Chris Reilly booting home the only goal of the game.

team on its toes. All three of the locals played on Georgetown's Under-18 rep team last year.

Inglis says the combination of youth and experience with emphasis on the former has been United's main strength in 1988.

"You have to have a consolidated backline," said Inglis. "The game is played in the midfield but won in the penalty area. We decided this year to abandon our tired, old experienced approach and add some young kids."

Inglis said he was "pleased with the lads" after Sunday's match but he also gave credit to Sudbury's netminder for standing up well under the Georgetown counterattacks. "I thought Sudbury's keeper was excellent in the second half," said Inglis. "The score could easily have been 3-0."

Georgetown's Ellis was also cited by Inglis for his strong play which Inglis felt was tested aggressively by some border-line foul play by Sudbury forwards. "Ellis was impeded a lot," he said.

With only four clubs remaining in the Ontario Cup hunt Inglis said Georgetown's real test is yet to come. "I'm not actually that surprised we're doing this well," he says despite acknowledging United's status as underdogs in its previous wins over Burlington and Hamilton. "After we beat Ajax in the preliminary round I knew we could win in the second round. I knew we had a chance to beat Burlington and then I thought we would be bloody lucky to beat Hamilton Star. The only team who could really have cuffed us in the first rounds was Dundas United and they were beaten out early."

Georgetown now prepares for Bluewater who they'll meet on Sunday, Aug. 21 at Burlington's Sherwood Forest Park soccer complex for a 3 p.m. kickoff. Bramalea Thistle, who Inglis refers to as "the prohibitive favorites in the Ontario Cup," meet either Ottawa St. Anthony's or SC Braga of metro Toronto in the other semi-final.

Inglis says Bluewater is a British-style club with a good blend of youth and quickness. "At this length in the competition obviously only the better teams are left. We've got to be half-decent to win," stated Inglis.

With five decisions under its belt Georgetown may be losing its unknown status among fans as well as its adversaries. A good crowd was on hand Sunday at Alcott and Inglis is hoping a healthy spectator contingent will follow the club to Burlington on Aug. 21 to lend its support.

"People are starting to take notice of us," said Inglis. "I think the fans on Sunday appreciated the effort of the boys."



Back off!

Georgetown United's Ian Skitch plays the ball off his chest under the close coverage of a Sudbury defender during Sunday's Ontario Cup soccer match at Alcott Field. A good crowd was on hand to watch United record its fifth consecutive victory in the ongoing competition as Chris Reilly's goal gave Georgetown a 1-0 win. United meets Sarnia Bluewater Blaze in the Cup semi-finals on Aug. 21 in Burlington. (Herald photo)

Burlington wins 2-1

Bantams edged in tournament final

By Sally Remedios
 Herald Special

After only one game at the Brams United soccer tournament last weekend the Georgetown bantam girls team reached the final.

Lack of support from 0-16 teams in the area meant only Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown were left to decide this championship at the Pine and Rose Festival Tournament.

Oakville played Burlington in the first game of a hot but windy Saturday. Burlington took a close game 1-0.

Georgetown played Oakville next. Knowing that a win would ensure them a place in the final. With this in mind they played excellent soccer and took an early lead through a goal by Nicole Remedios who kneeed in a shot from Sheri Nairn that gave a bouncing rebound from their goalies. The Georgetown half-back line of Sheri Cave, Sheryl Buck and Joanna Miller was settling down as a unit and feeding their forwards with some good passes and throughs.

The defense of Melanie Jans, Carol Ferguson and Mylene Benito were often tested by some good passing from the Oakville forwards, but were also hampered by some over-aggressive tactics too. Just before half-time Oakville equalized on a well-placed effort, that just eluded a diving Marianne Longo.

In the second-half with the wind behind them, Georgetown had long periods of pressure on the Oakville goal and the Oakville forwards began to get frustrated at not seeing the ball very often. They were penalized a couple of times for unfairly gaining an advantage and from resulting free kicks Georgetown eventually added another couple of goals.

One cross from Sheri Nairn was neatly tucked in the net by Cara Gogan and then Sheri Nairn scored her own from an excellent shot from the night. Kim Mizener was brought on to provide relief for the hard-running Doreen Bergsma but Georgetown could not increase their lead. Close to the end of the game, Oakville pulled back one more goal, but it was against the run of play and there was no doubt who would win.

Final score Georgetown 3,

Oakville 2.

Having eliminated Oakville from the tournament the Burlington versus Georgetown game at 3:30 p.m. was a dress rehearsal for the final game on Sunday at 3 p.m. However, this was only a 25 minute half game and Georgetown brought Marianne Longo out of goal, being replaced by Angela Fitzsimmons who proved to be a steady backup only allowing one Burlington goal, a hard shot into the top corner. Also getting her first chance to play was Tara Leavitt, who filled in ably at half back, first for Cheryl Buck at centre half and then at left-half when Joanna Miller had to leave at half-time.

After one early first half goal for Burlington, Georgetown, playing against the wind, managed to remain stingy and part way through the second half grabbed an equalizer when Doreen Bergsma connected with a sharp shot that beat the advancing goalie.

Final score: Georgetown 1, Burlington 1.

The final game on Sunday was delayed while the previous game went through overtime. As in previous games Burlington took an early lead against a tentative Georgetown team which only settled down to play good soccer when they were down 2-0.

There were prolonged periods of pressure on the Burlington goal and even a penalty shot awarded to Georgetown, but they could not score. Finally a persistent Kim Mizener forced the Burlington goalie into an error and Cara Gogan was on the spot to put the ball in the net. The other forwards, Sheri Nairn and Nicole Remedios were both unlucky with several other shots that were just short of the mark.

In the second half the defense was tested time and again by the speedy Burlington forwards but Melanie Jans, Carol Ferguson and Mylene Benito plus substitute Tara Leavitt managed to ensure that Nancy Walraven did not have too many difficult chances to save. Despite constant running by the half-back line of Sheri Cave, Cheryl Buck and Joanna Miller, they were unable to penetrate the Burlington lines which were containing the Georgetown forwards and substitute Angela Fitzsimmons in a very close-checking

formation.

There was no further scoring in the game and Georgetown were disappointed at being defeated, once again by a Burlington team which plays a well-disciplined game.

Final score: Burlington 2, Georgetown 1.

The girls were presented with beautiful gold cups as finalists and thanks should go to the Brams United Soccer Club on a well-run

tournament and especially to Bonnie Parr who spent many long hours ensuring that everyone had an enjoyable weekend of soccer.

Special thanks also go to all the many Georgetown supporters who spent so much of this weekend cheering on these fine soccer players, who are a credit to the local soccer clubs, both by their behaviour on and off the field. See you in Oakville.

Sports briefs

Coaches honored

The Georgetown Soccer Club's coaching ranks received a hearty pat on the back at last weekend's Pine and Rose Tournament in Brampton.

The coaches of the three Georgetown teams entered in the tournament each received the Most Sportsmanlike Coach Award in their respective divisions. Jeff Mills of the Georgetown Mosquito girls rep team, Dave Booth of the Pee Wee girls' contingent and Sally Remedios of the Bantam girls squad were honored as the tournament's three most sportsmanlike mentors.

"We're really proud of them," said Dave Maloney, president of the Georgetown Soccer Club and coach of the local Under-18 boys rep team. "It was quite an honor for all of them and a salute to our coaches here in Georgetown."

The tournament's Most Sportsmanlike Coaches Awards are named in memory of former Brampton-area soccer coach Art Graham who died suddenly last spring.

Town helps rugby club

The North Halton Rugby Club will receive a \$5000 boost from the town next year to help repair

Neilson Field.

Earlier this year the North Halton club asked to play eight home games and one exhibition game on either Cedarvale or Alcott fields but their request was denied.

The Parks and Recreation department was instructed by town council to help improve the Neilson field where the North Halton squad plays.

The money will pay for installation of a limited amount of sub-surface drainage tile, top dressing and seeding within the southern portion of the field.

The improvements will be made this fall so the field will be ready for use for the 1989 season.

Bowler wins scholarship

Georgetown Youth Bowling graduate, Dee-Dee Haynes, has been awarded a scholarship by the Ontario Youth Bowling Council.

To be considered for this award the candidate must be actively involved in the YBC, the community, and the school community. The candidate must also be accepted into a college or university and must maintain an acceptable average. Candidate also are required to obtain as many letters of reference as possible.

Dee Dee, also a graduate of GDHS has been a youth bowler for the past 13 years. During those 13 years she was part of many teams, the local Press Secretary for Ontario, and this past year she was a coach of the Pee Wee - Smurf division.

This fall Dee Dee will be attending Mowhawk College in Hamilton.

Ben and Carl Show a coming attraction



Paul's call

By PAULSVOBODA
 Herald Sports Editor

It's coming soon. The Ben and Carl Show.

When the world's best athletes gather in Seoul next September the biggest event -- once the guaranteed-to-be-garish opening ceremonies are concluded -- will be the Ben and Carl Show.

You know Ben Johnson. He's the world's fastest human being. He's Canadian, via Jamaica, and to quote a favorite line of hockey coach Tom Watt, he runs "like the balliff is after him".

You also know Carl Lewis. He's loud, obnoxious and conceited. To put it briefly, he's American. Carl Lewis is also very fast.

Johnson hasn't lost to Lewis in the past three years including last year in Italy when he blew the 1984 Olympic gold medalist off the track -- along with everybody else -- while establishing a new world record in the 100-metre dash.

In dramatic soap opera fashion an intense rivalry has developed between the two antagonists fuelled by flying insults and a seemingly general dislike for each other.

Add to that the cancellation of a proposed match-race series between the pair and Johnson's own feuding with his longtime coach Charlie Francis and you have a terrific buildup for Seoul.

Again, in true soap opera fashion, the match-race talks are being rekindled -- especially after Johnson's recent 9.9 performance

at the Canadian Olympic trials which proved his injured hamstring to be suitably sound -- and Johnson has been reunited with his mentor Francis.

I had the opportunity to watch Johnson train at the impressive York University-based Toronto Track and Field Centre recently. When he could find his way past the myriad camera crews and TV journalists he managed to show off some very impressive form.

For starters the guy is built like the proverbial brick... well, he's built. His back looks like a contour map -- full of hills and valleys. When he runs, even at three-quarters speed in workouts, his feet barely seem to touch earth and he blows by runners training at their maximum speeds.

Johnson and Lewis seem to represent quite nicely their parent nations as the epic showdown looms. Lewis bold and brash, much like the stoic Canadian view of the U.S. and Johnson, quiet and workmanlike as most Canucks are perceived by our southern neighbors.

So great is the media focus on this Olympic main event that it makes one wonder if all the camera crews and television personnel might not pack up and leave Korea immediately after the 100-metre final. Hey, it apparently happened last weekend in Ottawa.

But the beauty of the Johnson-Lewis confrontation lies in its simplicity. Remove all the hype, hate and hysteria and you're left with two guys running against each other. It's an age-old grudge match. Who's the fastest kid on the block.

Right now Johnson is the fastest kid on the block. And in Seoul the fastest kid will win.

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