



On the ball

Georgetown Rebel senior girls soccer forward Becky Dobbin puts foot to ball during high school play at GDHS field last Thursday. Dobbin and her teammates were unable to solve the goalkeeping of visiting Oakville-Trafalgar, however, as the Red Devils stole a 3-0 shutout win. (Herald photo)

Big soccer kickoff this Saturday



Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH

Stu Baines, son of the famous, locally anyway, George together with Joey Clare have taken on the mantle of joint coaches, in a sense. Last year's Town semi-senior team which played in the senior division of the Peel-Halton league almost folded through lack of support from the local club and lack of a coach. The lads, with Mariner connections - Joey plays for the Ancients number one squad and Stu played for the Masters until the folding of the number two team. Their charges were out on Wednesday against a hastily-put-together opposition from the Ancients and won by 3-2 and guess who lost the last goal, the winning goal? Yes, me, no change there. Some of the lads look quite useful, and for a first run out for both teams, not a

bad effort.

The youth players should all know their teams and coaches by now and kick off day is set for Saturday, May 13 and details are not out yet. I am looking forward to my first season of full non-refereeing and so are many players.

I wonder how much of the "cheating" which goes on in the pro game will filter down to the recreational and youth ranks. There is a huge difference between the pro game and other levels. Regrettably some of the nastier moments and sneaky moves are usually seen eventually. Watching "footie" on TV these days, coming from all around the globe is very educational and very enjoyable. The Italian league has some tremendous soccer being played these days, a far cry from the earlier sorry to watch defensive tactics. The two Milan teams served up a fascinating and exciting match last week and the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

The influx of imported players has greatly increased the skill

level and the league has, in my opinion, taken over as the top club league in Europe from England's first division where the long ball and running is the measure of the game. The ban on English teams from participating in European competition has allowed the Italian clubs to take over. Italian teams are in the finals of all three top championships and the World Cup will next come from Italy. Wednesday, May 10 and May 24 sees TSN show two of these finals live in the afternoon.

The Inter County league opens on Wednesday, May 17 with a "big" game in the first division. Last season's number one and two are in opposition at Meadowglen on Mountainview Road - Meteors vs

Mariners at 6:30 p.m. Villa host Eagles in Acton at the same time. United host Ajax to lead off the second division with Stingers visiting Milton to round off the local teams.

Sally Remedios is busy preparing her charges for the upcoming and new competitive season, travelling to St. Catharines and Guelph among others. It will be much different for the sixteen year olds after being out of "rep" for so long.

Finally, Liverpool defeated Celtic 4-0 before a 60,000 charity crowd in Glasgow in their comeback game and followed up with a 0-0 tie with crosstown rivals Everton on the Wednesday. This Sunday saw them win the replayed semifinal by 3-1 over Notts Forest, and it could well have been more. The

final could well be another classic as Everton are the opposition and a repeat of the final of a few years ago, which was a classic. Watch it live on the morning of Saturday, May 20. The Scottish Cup final is on the same day and another great match up with Glasgow's Celtic and Rangers in opposition.

Rams open with 9-8 win

Acton Rams held off a late rally by the Burlington Cougars as the home side earned a close 9-8 win in season-opening exhibition lacrosse action at Acton Arena last Thursday.

Paul Wilson fired four goals for Acton with Beck Hoffland supplying a hat trick. Single goals came off the sticks of Wayne Young and Justin Nixon. Doug Taylor, George Artem, Hoffland and Young picked up two assists each while Steve Holder and Wilson had lone helpers.

Burlington took a 1-0 first period lead before the Rams roared back to outscore the Cougars 8-3 in the middle frame.

Burlington had four goals to Acton's one in the final 20 minutes but the Rams managed to cling to their one-goal lead.

The Rams and Cougars are set to meet in a second exhibition encounter tomorrow at Acton. Both squads will again compete this season in the Golden Horseshoe Lacrosse League. Also returning to the senior league are defending playoff champion Niagara Warriors and the Hamilton Wildcats.

Meanwhile, in Acton minor lacrosse play, both the tyke and bantam rep teams open the 1989 season with road games tonight in Arthur.



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