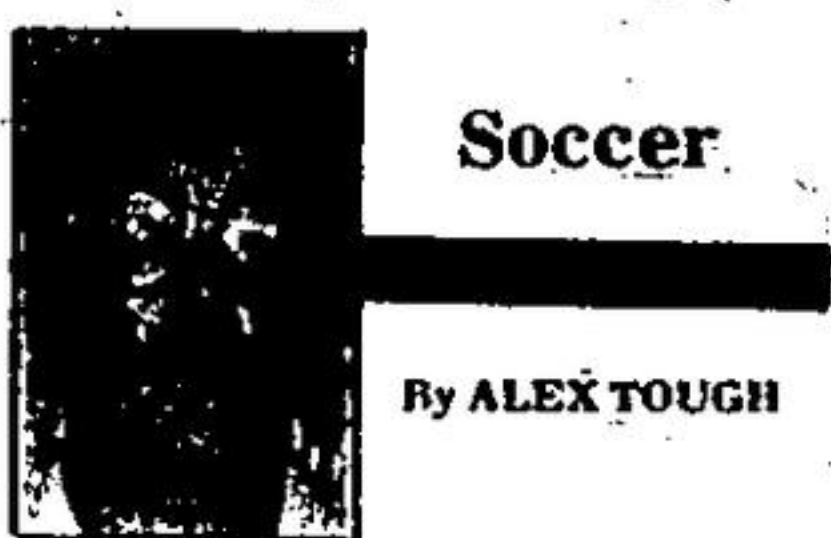


Fields remain a priority for future of local soccer



Soccer
By ALEX TOUGH

I have to begin with the fairy tale ending to the English cup final. Yes, Liverpool overcame the emotional odds to defeat cross-street rivals, Everton, by 3-2 after overtime in an intriguing final full of tense moments, good soccer, lots of hard contact, exciting goal mouth incidents and the exertions of an Everton fan five minutes from time. Pool now have the league title to play for with London's Arsenal as their closest rivals going down to the wire - the very last game of the season could be the decider. What a finish! And, up in Glasgow, another dramatic climax to the Scottish season, with Rangers and Celtic in opposition. Celtic, last season's winners trying to stop Rangers taking the famous treble, league, cup and cup championships. Celtic pulled it off and Rangers had a last minute goal disallowed to maintain the drama right to the final whistle.

This Wednesday afternoon sees the European Cup final between AC Milan and Steau Bucharest which will be shown live on the sports network at 2 p.m. To play either team is foreboding in its own way. Bucharest are an Army team

and their home games are attended by 50,000 fans of whom 80 per cent are in uniform. Woe betide anyone attempting to run on the field or make trouble at their ground. Milan with their vocal support is also quite an intimidating experience. Should be another good match.

The sports network is doing a fine job in bringing soccer from all over to the fireside of the avid soccer fan and I, for one, enjoy it all. The cup final was an excellent presentation and Fosters were a superb sponsor of the event.

Meteor set off in defence of their league championship of the Inter County league in fine style. A 6-1 result over any Mariner squad is not to be treated lightly. The Ancients took the field short of fit players and a regular goalie and time eventually wore them down with Meteor biding their time and waiting for their opportunities. Eagles came into the first division with Villa in opposition. The newcomers to the top flight came away with a 4-1 win to herald a good start. The other first division clash saw Marlin take Crown and Anchor by the odd goal in three.

Ajax went into a two goal lead against United before United came back to equalize at the end for the tie. Laurentians tied 1-1 with visiting Tam O'Shanter and last season's chopping block - Milton defeated new boys Stingers by 1-0 to round off the second division. Streetsville have entered a fourth team to take up the odd game in

the second division each week. The fixture will be an official game in the schedule although not counting for points in the standings.

No news of ladies, who also began this week and of the kids. If anyone has some matters they wish to see in print please let me know and I'll do my best to place it in the column.

As it is the Peel Halton league entrants, the Falcons, are waiting for changes to their schedule as first issued as games were all over the week which does not suit the young squad, nor fit into available fieldslots.

Talking of fields. The squirts field at Armstrong, behind Cobra, Emmerson at Joseph Gibbons school and the small field at Cedarvale take up most of the younger folk. Main Cedarvale and Gordon Alcott have to cater to peewees, bantams and seniors - male and female alike which places a great toll on these facilities. Usually one game per week per team is all that occurs and this is not enough to produce good players and officials. There is not sufficient practise time available due to the shortage of field time.

Looking ahead a year or two we shall see an influx of population no doubt resulting in more soccer, and other recreations, players. We will need more fields to cater to all shapes and sizes. Whilst there is ground set aside in the new development areas around town we must ensure that none of it is for other uses.

Mind you, it is very regrettable that town and board of education do not get together to fix the school fields for safer use. At the same time it must be noticeable following the refurbishing of the high school field last year and not used by soccer, that the field did not long remain up to the new standard. Considering that the payer of monies to both groups is the same parent of a club or school player it is a ridiculous situation is it not?

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Turkosz, Wolfer lead Acton lacrosse reps

It was an up-and-down week for the Acton Cobra bantam rep box lacrosse team as the local squad won one and lost one in league competition.

It was one for the character-building department on May 17 as the Cobra were crushed by Kitchener 14-3 in Acton. Steve Turkosz, Brad Cripps and Jeremy Cooney were the only Cobra snipers able to solve some tough Kitchener goaltending while Turkosz and Eddie Bridge earned assists.

Kitchener took a 5-0 first period lead and extended it to 10-2 with one period to go. Acton took 10 of 16 penalty minutes.

However, it had been a different story on May 16 as the visiting Cobra stung Guelph 7-4.

Steve Turkosz had a banner night for Acton, striking for five goals, while Brad Cripps rounded out the Acton attack with a pair. Assists went to Jeremy Cooney (2), Todd Chumley, Duane Piper and Jason Di Persio. Acton took only four of 16 minutes in minor penalties.

TYKE: A pair of tough losses marked last week's play for the Acton Tykes as Kitchener Braves doubled up on the home team 8-4 on May 17 after the Acton shooters had dropped a close 5-4 decision in Guelph the night before.

Thomas Wolfer had two goals for Acton in the Kitchener loss with Paul Withers and Richard Raju netting singles. Raju, Kyle Artem, Dave Lajeunesse and Sandy Chapman had assists. Acton served four minor penalties while the Braves served one.

On May 16 a scoreless third period for Acton stifled a potential comeback as the tykes were edged 5-4 in a cliffhanger. Kyle Artem, Christopher Lee, David Lajeunesse and Thomas Wolfer bulged the twine for Acton with Wolfer earning the lone assist. Guelph had seven penalties and Acton had a pair.

HOUSE LEAGUE: In the Acton "soft lacrosse" house league on May 10, the Orange nipped the Blues 3-2 in a defensive struggle.

Rory Dick had two goals for the big Orange and Kelly Turkosz had a single. Jason McGuire and John Ridley scored for the Blues.

ON TAP: House League action goes at Acton Arena tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the tyke reps playing at 7:30 followed by the bantam Cobra at 8:30.

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Hoosiers humble Oakville

Andrea Leeking and Shannon Morris combined on a one-hitter as the Halton Hills Hoosiers kicked off the 1989 season with a 2-3 rout of Oakville in Halton Peel Girls Peewee Softball League play.

The Hoosiers blew the game wide open in the bottom of the second, when they batted around twice to score 16 runs.

Everyone was contributing to the offence. Sherie Peacock, Kim

Shepherd and Julie Scarlett cracked homers for the Hoosiers. Lisa Harlow led the team with three stolen bases while Heather Bailey had two. And newcomer Natalie Cameron reached base safely three times and scored two runs before an injury forced her to retire.

Defensively, catcher Wendy Graham had a good night throwing runners out at second, and Stacy Colarossi was solid at third, despite an injured wrist.

PAWS return to Hills

Project P.A.W.S. (Public Awareness of Water Safety) has returned to Halton Hills for another season. The program, which promotes public awareness of water safety has begun its sixth session of operation. P.A.W.S. is a combined effort between the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department and the Red Cross Society.

In the past, the P.A.W.S. teams have visited both Acton and Georgetown area schools teaching water safety skills for aquatic oriented activities. The program was presented to children in kindergarten through grade eight and was well received by both teachers and students. The program has succeeded in educating children in such areas as safe boating procedures, general water safety, cold water survival, artificial respiration and choking victim procedures.

This year, the team consists of Teri Cowbrough and Tina Harvey. Their goal is to visit the public school students of Halton Hills. Project P.A.W.S. is specially geared to grade four and grade eight students. At these levels, the

program enforces water safety knowledge and introduces the students to the Junior Resuscitation Award. The award teaches the basics of simple emergency treatment of choking and non-breathing victims. The team will be touring with their friend, ACTAR, who will assist in teaching the students artificial respiration.

The Department of Recreation and Parks is also offering another facet of the P.A.W.S. program. The P.A.W.S. team is available to any community groups interested in seminars ranging from backyard pool safety, boating safety, artificial respiration or choking victim procedures.

Project P.A.W.S. promises to be an exciting and informative program this summer. If you are interested in viewing a P.A.W.S. seminar or have any questions, please contact Teri or Tina at 877-5185 extension 266.

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