

Sports Outlook

Arnie's catches early lead in GLFFFL

By LEANNE FOURNIER
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After three weeks of play in the Georgetown Ladies Flag Football League, Arnie's Body Shop sits on top of the pack with three wins after defeating JV Jets 15-0 last weekend.

An undermanned Corrigan squad put forth a good effort to beat Rockwell 18-10 and in other action, Burns Transport easily defeated Lett's Dive by a hefty margin of 30-12. Ferg's Flicks and Avia just could not break the tie as their game ended in a stalemate, 27-27.

Roseann Harrison provided most of the scoring for Corrigan as she posted 12 points while Jeanine

Larusso scored six. In Rockwell's favor, Carol Izzio had a fine day kicking a field goal and single along with picking off an interception. Newcomer Roseann Guy scored Rockwell's first major of the season while Nadine Romolock of Corrigan snagged her first interception.

Arnie's put on a good show as their defence proved more powerful than JV's offence. Carol Kovacevic, Donna Brown and Kelly Cunningham all pulled in interceptions. Cunningham also scored both majors while Joanne Searle chipped in a field goal. JV's only highpoint of the game came on an interception by Casey Dunn.

In the third matchup, Lett's

Dive's potent offence was stalled thanks to a solid effort by Burns Transport's defence. Lett's Dive recorded 12 points all at the hands of Kathy Waters. Looks like holidays agree with Sandra Cousens as she aided her team to victory with two TDs, one as a result of a 60-yard run. Cousens also pulled in two points and an interception. Not to be outdone, teammate Donna Davey posted 12 points while Brenda Hamilton and Janet Arnold scored two. Brenda Tost rounded things off for Team Transport as she grabbed a Lett's Dive bullet.

The last contest of the day proved to be the most entertaining. This back and forth battle saw the lead switch hand a number of times. The scoring for Ferg's Flicks was spread around as Leanne Fournier scored eight, Julie Fournier six, Carey Brabant six, Jackie Wickens six and Monica Mastalerz one. Nancy Hamilton picked off an Avia pass to keep them at bay. For Avia, the coach scouted two superb draft choices in Rosemary Gale and Sandy Brownridge. Rosemary Gale pulled in two TD passes and kicked a perfect three singles. Sandy Brownridge and Barb McKeeman added six each to give Avia the tie.

GAME STARS: Rosemary Gale (AV); Jackie Wickens (FF); Sandra Cousens (BT); Michelle Miehni (JV); Carol Kovacevic and Kelly Cunningham (ABS); Roseann Guy (R) and Roseann Harrison (C).



Splashy duo

Tracy Mayne and Todd DeForest were certainly in the swim of things in 1989. They were honored as swim team MVPs during the Acton High School athletic awards banquet on May 25. (Herald photo)

Kinsmen bats thunder

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As tradition would have it, the season opener was once again put on the shelf due to over-wet fields and unsafe playing conditions, as the Georgetown Kinsmen Girls Softball League began play for 1989 on May 30.

Fortunately, the seniors were able to get the second scheduled game in before the thunder showers prevailed. Winning a very close game was Pictures and Presents over Remax, 17-13. Smashing in homeruns were Joy Swain of Pictures and Bridget McCauley of Remax. Game stars were Shari Loke for Pictures and Sus n Morey of Remax.

Also playing that same evening, Dunlop Insurance overpowered the Glen team 21-6. Leading their team at the mound were Liane Monchamp, Carrie Walsh and Dee Dee Haynes, countering for the Glen were Tammy Davidson and Melynda Poyntz. Game stars honors were awarded to Kari Ann Puckey of Dunlop and Charlene Christie of the Glen.

Starting one week earlier than their senior counterparts, the intermediate division delighted spectators and coaches alike with their optimism for the upcoming season.

On the "B" diamond, the Optimist Club slammed its first victory of the season, 24-11, against Delrex Smoke Shop.

Nicole Brookes led her team to victory with a grand slam homerun, helping teammate Brookes were Kathy MacDonald and Cari Robichaud each with a round-tripper of their own. Teresa Currie was given the game star for Delrex, while the Optimist team split the honors because of the ex-

cellent effort shown by all.

On the senior citizen diamond, coach Tammy Green led her Dairy Queen team to a 30-7 victory over Kentner's Catering. Each with a homerun for Dairy Queen were Wanda Brown, Tara Grootjen, Jenny Grant and Kerry Whiltshire. Named game stars were Penny Martin and her great catches as well as Laura Doyle of Kentner's.

On their new diamond, the juniors treated all those who watched to a slap-stick game. Watching the youngsters run after the grounders and the expressions on their faces as they caught the first fly balls of the season, added humor to what is usually a competitive game.

Unfortunately, there cannot be two winners in a game and both teams played equally well, but Standard Products slipped by the Kinettes 26-25. The game stars were Lisa White and Christy De Weerd of Kinettes and Kristy Wiltshire, Liza Earle and Megan Boyce of Standard Products.

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Rhododendrons & Azaleas

Two of the most beautiful flowering broadleaved evergreens are the azaleas and the rhododendron. The basic difference between these two plants which are often classified only as rhododendrons is that most azaleas lose their leaves over the winter and 'rhodos' stay evergreen. All of the same planting and maintenance requirements apply to both.

Although there is some extra planning and work involved in growing rhododendrons, the efforts are well worth the results. Choosing the proper site is critical when planting since these plants thrive best when planted in a wind free area where filtered light is provided, preferably by coniferous trees and shrubs such as cedars, junipers, pines and firs. Rhodos are very sensitive to windburn and drying out. In the southern Ontario region, the optimal site to choose for planting should be on the eastern side of a dense and tall planting bed or building. Care should be taken to avoid planting your azaleas and rhododendrons in low lying areas where more dramatic temperature changes occur in the winter and spring and where the soil drainage is generally poor.

Because rhododendrons have a shallow root system, it is imperative to prepare the soil properly prior to planting. Disturbing the roots after planting should be avoided. As well, rhodos should not have to compete for food and water with other shallow rooted plants and trees.

The proper soil for rhodos is highly organic, well drained and acidic. Because most home gardens do not naturally possess these qualities, soil preparation should include the excavation of a bed which will be refilled with a 50/50 mix of good topsoil and peat moss. If the soil is heavy clay, a raised bed would be more acceptable to encourage proper drainage. Because of the work involved in preparing a rhodo planting bed, it may be more beneficial to plant in groupings.

One well established, rhododendrons require little maintenance. Mulch in the form of wood chips, oak leaves or pine needles will keep the soil moist and reduce weed production. Dead flowers should be removed after blooming to encourage new bud formation. Over the winter, a "hedge" of burlap or evergreen boughs will protect the plants from drying winter winds. Specialty formulated fertilizers can be used to encourage more vigorous growth, however, too much new growth after June is not recommended as it will not have an opportunity to mature before the winter sets in. For the same reason, watering should be reduced between mid-September and October to harden up the plant before winter with the last good waterings taking place before the winter freeze-up.

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