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By ALEX TOUGH

Soccer league problems

Late entry for the column this week as I was away for the whole weekend on my annual jaunt to Ohio for golf!

Disturbing is the news filtering down from the CSL with Calgary now having financial troubles. Together with Ottawa this is definitely not the kind of knowledge which will help the league. The league is based upon a low budget and teams have to operate within a cost structure, including salaries for players. The attempt to restrict cost is a good idea and looked as though the control would prove to be worthwhile. As the only avenue for pro soccer in Canada at this level it is hoped that solutions will work out for the better.

In the meantime Steelers move up the standings by one spot and are now tied with North York in pursuing Toronto in the East. Vancouver still lead the West in spite of dropping both points to a young Winnipeg squad. It would be a great pity should the league's money problems grow and lead to yet another demise.

The Ontario Cup has wound its way down to the last four teams in each division and Peel Halton has 16 teams left in contention. Mentioned last season's senior men finalists a few weeks ago, Braga Arsenal, and the problem of alleged illegal players. They appear to be in trouble again with their last game being abandoned late in the second half due to a little 'spot of bother' on the field. Ulster Thistle were the opponents and Braga appear to be the guilty party according to reports.

All these matters are not good for the game and animals behave better than humans is my view. The game does not need them.

Due to an emergency situation I was called out for refing duty and took in a ladies match between Georgetown and Oakville. It was heartening to see some of my former players take part. Lisa Allen scored a cracker of a goal with her left foot from outside the area.

Unfortunately the visitors netted three for the win. Penny Bydevaate still trips all over the field but does cause the opposition problems. Carol Johnston still patrols the right side of midfield and "gets stuck in" as of old. Oakville proved to be just a little too strong in the end. Coach of the local team is Jeff Lockwood.

Milton referee Tom Allen was prevented from officiating at the Eagles/Crown match the other week due to a car accident on the way to the game. The game was started by Bill Innes and abandoned after 15 minutes, the cause and result to be decided by the Inter County league. Crown also had a game not even started when visiting lightless Cedarvale at the beginning of the season. This week the woes continued for the luckless Crown when the officials did not show for a recast field for their game against Meteor. All due to a mix-up in communications.

Meanwhile Mariners' woes, or a different ilk continue. In addition to the opening season injuries the team now has Dave Chapman and Rick Middaugh join the group of crocks. Chapman tore the ligaments in his ankle and Middaugh followed up an arm injury sustained against Marlin with a leg splice at work.

Talking of the Ancient Mariners, a lady reader graciously drew my attention to my lack of knowledge of poets and poetry. You may recall my waxing on the origin of the soccer Ancient Mariners a few weeks ago and comparing them to the poetic Ancient Mariner. I stand corrected and apologize to the true author of the Ancient Mariner, Samuel Taylor Coleridge; and to John Masefield, of "Sea Fever" from where the words were taken. (In my defence I say that both poets were English, although great, and I am not, of course; I am a haggisbasher!)

Mariners lost 2-6 to Villa last week and remain safely at the foot of the table. Marlin head the first division by two points over Meteor and Eagles, who both have a game in hand. Crown have nine points and Villa seven. Marlin handed out an away loss to Eagles by 1-4. Second division standings are not available. Laurentians held the leaders United to a 1-1 tie at Derry field. Stingers lost at Alcott to Tam O'Shanter by the odd goal in three and Milton went down 0-5 to Trexcon.

A belated thank you to Paul Svoboda, now late sports editor of the Herald, who is off to Orillia and pastures new, who included this name in his 'roll of honor' in his final farewell to Halton Hills. Good luck, lad.

DARTS

A meeting of the Region of Peel darts league teams' captains is set for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Time Out. Players interested should pop into their favorite bar and find out if the establishment is putting a team on the board this coming season. Some of last year's teams will change and some are to fall. Any further information may be had from Mike Pepper, Farrar Audio, 877-1688.

I was unable to contact Joe Poirier, Wednesday Industrial League president, for information about the Legion registration and start up nights. More later.

Team I - Shaw's Trophies; Team II - Apple Auto Glass; Team III - M and M Pro Sports; Team IV - Halton Hills Trout Farm; Team V - Mac's Mountainview; Team VI - John/Glenda NRS; Team VII - Thomson Moving; Team VIII - Halton Credit Union; Team IX - Cross-Ways Donuts; Team X - Elliot Custom Brokers.

July 12

Apple Auto Glass met Halton Hills Trout Farm for an exciting game with lots of hitting by both teams. For Apple Auto Glass, Shane Mandarino hit in two RBIs with a homerun and Chad Conrad followed with a grand slam. Brett Thompson had two two-base hits. Ashley Shields did a great job at third base and Thomas Pelachuk, Andy Burns and Tristan McCallum had several hits each, adding nine runs in total. Keep up the good work boys!

Centennial School saw great action as Thomson Moving met Elliot Custom Brokers. Thomson Moving's Greg Reinelt got a double and Matt Seaman had a homerun. Wow!

For Elliot Custom Brokers, Cameron-Sisnett, Andrea Peacock, Chris Collie and Alex Fraser got doubles. Ricky Hume was The Homerun King, that night, with two homers. Christopher Smith is playing great defensive ball. Ashley Willis is having a good game at bat and in the field. What a team!

Halton Credit Union has some great hitters. Darren Selibar made one homerun and J.R. Boynton added another two homeruns. Billy Thompson and Christopher Near went three for three. Nice work!

Mac's Mountainview and Cross-Ways Donuts played off at Kennedy School. Kory Gray and Jenny Gray, for Mac's Mountainview, had two doubles each. David Penney had three good hits. David Penney, Kory Gray and Jenny

Gray added six to the score by batting in two runs each. Kory and David made good throws from the outfield, while Jenny played a solid game at backcatcher and at second base.

Cross-Ways Donuts' Alan Leonard and Kimberly Willis went three for three. Chris Styles got a forced out on second and went three for three. David Van Houten, on first and pitcher, Michael Taylor teamed up to get two outs at first and two outs at home on the last bat. Super teamwork!

July 17

Apple Auto had a great hitting game against Cross-Ways Donuts. For Apple Auto Glass, Jeff Thibodeau smacked a homer with one RBI. A.J. Ellison went three bases on his hit and added a run to the total. Thomas Pelichuk, Tristan McCallum and Andy Burns each had two-base hits with one RBI. Keep up the good work! Cross-Ways Donuts' Alana Perkin, T J Norrie and Andrew McGourty went three for three. What a trio scoring nine points! They play a strong defensive game. Pitcher, Chris Styles and first base, Patrick Downes got two outs. Richard Gostlin totalled four outs. Nicely done team.

Kennedy No. 3 was the site of the game Mac's Mountainview versus Shaw's Trophies. Ryan Field, Mac's Mountainview, had three doubles. David Penney had a triple. Wayne Meinen and Matthew Hess get credit for a homerun each. Super job! Matthew also had three RBIs. Wayne, as pitcher and Matthew, at first base, were outstanding defensively. Well done team.

Elliot Custom Brokers won by default over John/Glenda NRS.

July 19

Apple Auto Glass met Halton

Credit Union in a fast paced game. For Apple Auto Glass, Brendan Louth hit a grand slam while Ben Hazelwood followed with two homers. Jeff Thibodeau added a three-base hit with two RBIs and Brian Cole sent another run in with his double. Ryan Louth played well on the pitcher's mound and sent one runner home with his hit. You're playing well team!


It was a very, very close game between Mac's Mountainview and M and M Pro Sports. Jennifer Knight, Mac's Mountainview, had three good base hits. Brett Velten had three hits including one double. Meghan McCrackon also had three hits including a double. Wayne Meinen scored another homerun. Brett Velten and Meghan McCrackon had three RBIs each. Brett made some nice plays at shortstop while Meghan worked hard at third base and in the pitcher's position. Wonderful effort, team!

John/Glenda NRS played Cross-Ways Donuts at Kennedy's diamond three. For Cross-Ways Donuts, Richard Gostlin made six outs at first and with a sacrifice got three RBIs. Thanks, Richard. David Van Houten scored two homeruns and played great defensive ball. Graham Walker, Ryan Van Bitterswyk and David Assenhein went two for two. What a team!

The Fairgrounds Barn Diamond was the site of the Elliot Custom Brokers and Halton Hills Trout Farm game. For Elliot Custom Brokers, Jeff Martin got a double and Robbie Alcorn had a triple. Homeruns were by Rick Hume and Matt Walinga. A great repeat performance. Greg Tales and Christopher Smith are making some outstanding plays with great fielding skills. Nice work, kids.



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