

T-Ball playoffs

John/Glenda triumphs

PLAYOFFS FOR THE GOLD
John/Glenda NRS met Elliott Custom Brokers in a fight for the gold. Both teams played extremely well and are to be commended for their fine showing.

John/Glenda 28

Elliott Custom Brokers 25

John/Glenda NRS

Ryan Schofield scored three runs for his team. Ryan, on third, threw to Stephanie "The Rocket" Stewart to get the runner out. Simon Deeley added two runs to the total and made super stops as pitcher. Joel Shelton went three for three and did great fielding work on third base. Jason Richardson came through for the team by scoring two nice runs. Stephanie "The Rocket" Stewart went three for three. No one could catch her!

Andrew Ford made it home once to give his team 11 in the first inning. Adam McKinlay went three for three and showed his defensive talents by tagging a runner at second. Michael Mossop had a run in the first and second innings. He made some nice saves and is credited with an out at the plate.

Alan Humberstone added two runs to the score for John Glenda. Alan made some timely saves in the third inning to keep his team ahead. Matthew Rodgers went three for three and did his super fielding in the second inning.

Bart Balanowski had three runs including two home runs. He caught a pop fly and teamed up with Simon Deeley, first base to get three runners out in the second inning. Bart was nominated Most Valuable Player for his team.

Ronny Larocque was absent for the Day of Champions but played well all season and helped get his team to the finals. Thanks to Katie Lee for her contributions to a good season for John/Glenda NRS.

John/Glenda NRS story was very thoroughly recorded and reported by Nicholas Deeley.

Elliott Custom Brokers

The gold final was a close, exciting game right to the last inning. Home runs were scored by Ricky Hume, Matt Wallinga and Chris Collie. Good hitting earned Chris Collie five RBIs, Robbie Alcorn 4, Andrea Peacock and Cameron Sissett three each, Chris Shepard 2 and Dan Wallinga, Andrew Hahn and Greg Tales one each. Jeff Martin and Christopher Smith each scored runs due to their good base running.

A great effort was made by Ashley Willis trying for an out at third base. Greg Tales played a good game all around and was

Dance classes

New this season is an advance dance program for the aspiring past participants of the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. If you have already taken the Beginner course then this advanced course is for you. The Beginners course will be held at Cedarvale, Tuesday evenings and the Advanced will be held at Sacre Coeur, Thursday evenings. Program commences week of Sept. 19. Call 873-2600 ext. 268 if you would like more information.

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Soccer season coming to close

Soccer's wind down continues. The season end comes closer day by day. All too soon for me every year. The playing season is far too short in this province, of course dictated by the weather. Other 'summer' sports are in the same situation, and so, we are not alone.

I notice, that in spite of school return, teams are still short of players at game time both in youth and senior. In the seniors (over 18) many players are already off to college and university and their season is so much shorter than others.

I keep thinking we should consider holding the playoffs in mid-season as teams often progress due to opponents shortages.

The offshoot of this, is that in midseason players are often off on vacation and the team list could well be depleted at that time also.

Enough philosophy for now. It is amazing what happens at playoff time. Teams languishing around the foot of league tables often turn matters around and this season's Villa, from Acton, Mariners, from Georgetown and Milton have done just that, in their own way.

Villa have won both their games in their section to date and have seen off Meteor and Marlin, the league's number one and two teams. Scores of 2-1 and 3-1 are pretty results.

Last week, Villa demolished a shorthanded Marlin and played some good stuff in so doing. Mariners, now relatively injury free, are playing good entertaining soccer with flair and sometime risky defence. The team has also won its first two playoff matches in beating Marlin 4-0 and last week Eagles 1-0. Mariners finished in last place in league play with one win in fifteen games and Villa were one spot ahead with a ten point advantage.

The game at Cedarvale was a good one with the result just about correct. Mariners had most of the play and a late goal settled the issue, for a change in Mariners' favor.

Meanwhile, the other lowly team, Milton in the second division, rang up a 5-1 victory over the

young Stingers in the first week of the playoffs having lost their earlier clashes with the Georgetown squad. They were unable to sustain momentum and lost 0-3 to Tam O'Shanter last week.

Wednesday had

Meteor vs Mariners at Cedarvale and United vs Ajax at Alcott both late-kick-offs.

Villa travel to Crown and Eagles to Marlin. Other second division line-ups are Stingers at Tams and Milton hosting Trexcon at Brian Best.

The league has had an interesting proposal put forward for thought and possible introduction next year. Play all playoff games under lights. This would require the support of all teams.

The girls' bantams put up a spirited display against Oakville the past week before losing in the end. From what I saw the team played well in teamwork, support and endeavor.

The girls should have been given the lead when the visiting goalie lost concentration on a speculative long shot and allowed the ball to drop behind her and the ball actually crossed the line.

The referee took no action, although the linesman indicated that a goal had been scored, and the official was in no position to judge one way or the other.

At the provincial Ontario cup finals the presentations were made by players from Hamilton

Rolling balls highlighted

Every day, beginning in September, the "Rolling Balls" will be performing at Georgetown Bowl.

Participants in this display of entertaining sport come from all ages - from four-year-old Smurfs to 90-year-old Golden Agers.

From scores of 30 plus for the beginning Y.B.C. tots to such as a Y.B.C. senior high of 299 by Chris Somers (835 triple).

These first weeks of Y.B.C. tuning-up instruction to organizational nights of the adult leagues are held in order to establish han-



Alex Tough

Sports Views

Steelers.

It shows that even professional players can take time off to put something back into the game: many having themselves taken part in the premier competition at this last stage.

Steelers took a two goal lead in the crucial match with Blizzard only to give it up and settle for a tie. The result leaves Blizzard in the lead in the East division by a solitary point over rivals Steelers.

The 12-year-old boys' final between Wexford and Streetsville threw up a few players of exceptional skills and vision. But for their size and weight, several players could well show the seniors a thing or two about playing pure soccer.

The losing coach unfortunately chose the very public setting to put his players down, even although they tried and were beaten on the day by a better team. Not the best way in which to encourage young players.

As someone said at the time, "Those kids will remember 50 per cent of the good things said, they will remember 100 per cent of all the bad." The coach's performance was by far much worse than the players'.

Executives of the ladies' afternoon leagues, the men's league and the many mixed leagues still need more new bowlers to increase the sizes of their leagues. Even beginning bowlers will obtain instruction and handicaps to enable them to compete with seasoned bowlers.

All those interested in joining a league may contact the bowling centre (877-9922) for information and placement.

There are even openings on a French-English league on Sunday evenings.

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