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Pat McElroy scores just ahead of the tag from Cabinetville player Kim Rogers during the Osborne Slo-Pitch Tournament. (Herald Photo)

Head injury casts shadow on slo-pitch tournament

A serious head injury to a local slo-pitch player marred an otherwise successfully run slo-pitch tournament on Sunday at the Fairgrounds.

Ian Crichton, owner of the Muscle Works in Georgetown, was pitching for his Sea Air team in the semi-final game when he was hit on the temple by a line drive.

Witnesses said Crichton had attempted to get out of the way but was struck by the softball. He had gotten up afterwards, but soon collapsed when cranial swelling began and forced organizers to call for an ambulance.

Crichton was first taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. Friends of the family said he had been operated on, but was in a coma and is still in critical condition.

His team-mates were shocked by the accident, but set their sights unwaveringly on the tournament championship. One of the team-mates said winning the title was a way of showing their support for

him. The Sea Air team beat the Braves in the championship final, while Barb's Oldtimers defeated Club 21 for the Ladies title. Yogi's from Brampton won the Men's Consolation, while Cabinetville took the Ladies side.

Ron Osborne said that while the accident was a tragedy, the tenth annual Osborne family tournament was successful in its goal of raising money for the mentally handicapped organizations of Halton Hills.

"I don't have a total on how much we've raised yet, but we had a record turn-out. There were 700 people on Friday and 1800 on Saturday, with a lot of them at the beer garden. I'd like to run another next year, but right now I'm going to wait and see how things go."

Osborne said the accident has upset a lot of people, especially since nothing like this was ever expected.

"I run four or five softball tournaments every year and I've done it for a long time. I've never seen anybody get hit like that before."

English rugby squad coming to Georgetown

The North Halton Rugby Football Club is hosting a junior rugby team from England on July 17, playing them in an exhibition match at Neilsons Field.

The team, the Yatton Under 16 team is from a small village in Somerset and is on its first tour outside of Europe, which begins in Canada on July 14 and ends on July 27.

Sandy McKenzie, president of the North Halton Rugby Club, said English opponents are becoming a familiar sight for the local organization.

"We played an under 19 team from King Edward VII College last year and before that, a senior team from Tonbridge, south of London. We won our first year, but lost last year, 28-10. They have some pretty good teams, so this should be another good game."

Yatton will be playing seven teams during their two week tour, starting with the Sarnia Saints Rugby Football Club on July 14. They play London St. George Rugby Football Club on July 16 and North Halton the next day. After-

wards, they travel to Oakville. "If people really like to watch rugby, they could easily travel to Oakville and watch them again on the 9th line of Oakville, about a mile north of the Ford plant," said Mr. McKenzie.

After the visit to Oakville Rugby Club, they play the Ottawa Beavers on July 22, the Montreal Barbarians on July 25 and the Newfoundland Under 17 Representative XV team on July 27 before they head back home.

McKenzie said his boys are ready for a challenge from the English team since they will be coming with a few new strategies to test against their host.

"Every country plays the game a little differently. Even different areas of Canada play it differently.

We definitely haven't seen the team before, so it should be interesting."

Yatton's visit to Georgetown won't be all work and no relaxation. McKenzie said a dinner will be put on for them at the George and Dragon after the game, where they will also be given a flag of the town and some club pins.

Sabres facing new opponents in 1990-91 hockey season

The Acton Sabres Mid-Ontario Junior C hockey team is getting some new competition this year from the Western Ontario Junior C League.

Sabres Manager Ken Steen said his team, along with Orangeville and Fergus will be playing one home and away game against each of the western league teams, while Schomberg, Alliston and Bradford will play interlocking games with the Georgian Bay Junior C League.

"We'll be playing home and home games against Goderich, Hanover, Brussels, Walkerton, Grand Valley, Wingham and Mount Forest, a total of 14 games."

Steen said the idea to change to this format was first brought up by the Junior C League in April as a means of generating more public interest.

"The whole league is in a very positive mood about this. It's the first time anything like this has been done, as far as I know. It should give us a lot more variety and make the season more interesting."

Steen, also the coach of the Sabres, said the new system doesn't mean the season will be any longer than the 34 games it is at present. The Sabres will play just 20 games against their own division.

"The point system will be the same—two points for a win and all that. But the two divisions will still play in their own playoffs, not against each other (unless they advance as division champions)."

Steen said the Mid-Ontario division teams were divided up between the Western and Georgian leagues to allow for the most convenient travelling requirements.

The more northern teams of Schomberg, Alliston and Bradford will play in the Georgian Bay Junior C League, which includes Huntsville, Penetangishene, Midland, Innisfil, Stayner, Parry Sound and Oro.

Kinnettes edge Pharmacy

By DEE DEE HAYNES
 Herald Special

JUNIORS

June 21

Kinnettes 23

Young's Pharmacy 22

Game stars Danielle King and Andrea Borg.

Standard Products 34

Delrex Smoke Shop 29

Homeruns: Jackie Grant (2), Megan Boyce (2), Erin Le Bannister (2), Lisa Laurence, Any Willis, Mandy Forbes, Andrea Pollock.

Game stars: Jackie Grant, Stacey Craig, Kerrie Snelling, Beckie Coffin and Cheryl Mastalerz.

Standard 31

Kinnettes 26

Homeruns: Katherine Leonard, Jackie Grant (2), Laura Willis (3), Lisa Earle (2), Erin Le Bannister, Lindsay Robinson and Andrea Wiener.

Game stars: Laura Willis and Danielle King.

Youngs 30

Delrex 29

Homeruns: Lindsay Mills, Mandy Forbes (2), Donna Koster,

Kristen Higgins, Jessica Blaque, Brienne Beaumont and Jodi Hutzal.

Game stars: Both teams

July 5

Delrex 31

Kinnettes 21

Homeruns: Erin Le Bannister (3), Andrea Pollock (2), Tracy Campbell (3), Amanda Emmison, Sonia Moreland, Jen Doyle, Becky Malcolmson (3), Marie White (4), Cynthia Arnold (2), Amanada Williams (4), Arden Maclean, and Lynn Moreland.

Game stars: Kinnettes team, and Andrea Pollock.

Standard 34

Young's 29

Homeruns: Katherine Leonard, Jackie Grant (3), Megan Boyce, Erin Le Bannister, Andrea Peacock, Lisa Lawrence (2), Andrea Wiener, Brienne Beaumont, Ashley McMahon and Jodi Hutzal.

Game stars: Ashley McMahon and Andrea Peacock.

INTERMEDIATE

June 21

Kentner's Dairy Bar 24

Dairy Queen 14

Homeruns: Terri Barber and Carrie Schenk.

July 5

Kentner's 33

Elks 14

Homeruns: Trisha Humeniski, Tara Grootjen, Carrie Schenk, Sheri Buker, Kim Brown (2) and Terri Barber.

Game stars: Jennifer Cash and Kentner's team.

Optimists 34

Dairy Queen 13

Homeruns: Tanya Osborne, Jamie Connolly and Lindsay Holmes.

Game stars: Mandy Webster and Laurie Ann Crooker.

SENIORS

Pictures and Presents barely slipped past Dunlop Insurance 19-18, on June 26. Slamming in homeruns were Dunlop's Susan Walsh and Jennifer Skinner. Game stars were Sara Hillman of Pictures and Presents and Susan Walsh of Dunlop.

Continuing their winning streak, Pictures and Presents walked over Remax, 20-18, in their quest for the top. Heather Lovegrove, Susan Morey and Valarie Lane were on the mound for Remax while Lisa Johnston was the sole chucker for Pictures and Presents.

Bruno smashes four records at Ontario disabled games

Four national track and field records were smashed by local Men's Flag Football player Frank Bruno at the Ontario Games for the physically disabled in Etobicoke last week.

Bruno, who plays for the Dawgs football squad, set new records in the cerebral palsy class eight division for the 100 and 200 metre dashes, the longjump and the shot put.

He ran the 100 metre race in 12.46 seconds, beating the old record of 12.48. Bruno bettered the 200 metre record of 25.7 seconds with a time of 25.55.

In the long jump event, Bruno travelled a distance of 4.57 metres, an improvement over the old 4.16. He really outdid himself in the shot put, his 10.11 metre throw easily beating the previous 8.34 mark.

While he didn't set a new record in the 400 metre dash, Bruno said his time of 58.14 was a personal best.

Bruno said that even though the record-setting are accomplishments to be proud of, his sights are set on the World Championships in Assen, Holland. Those games run through July 27, and required him to leave yesterday in order to allow enough preparation

time. He will be competing in the same five events he took part in this past weekend in Holland and expects to be a member of the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 metre relay teams.

Before leaving, the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League presented Bruno with a cheque for \$250.00 to help defray the costs involved in the trip, such as hotel accommodation and food.



Frank Bruno, a member of the "Dawgs" team in the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League, broke four national disabled track and field records at the Ontario games in Etobicoke last weekend. He is now on his way to Assen, Holland to compete in the Sport for the Disabled World Track and Field Championships, which run through July 27.