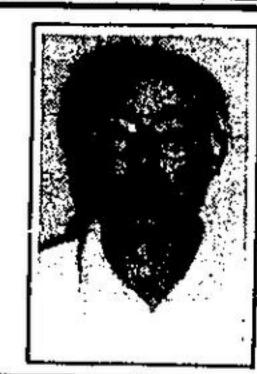


Raiders defenceman Matt Rudnicki tries to clear a Cambridge Winter Hawk forward out from in front of goalle Joe Valenti during their exhibition game at Alcott Arena on Thursday evening. The Raiders lost

the game 5-3, but managed to tie the rematch 3-3 in Cambridge on Sunday. (Herald photo by Robert

## Darts starts up with a bang while Soccer season ending

Alex Tough Sports Views



DARTS

The Halton league opened with a bang last Monday, 10th. Literally, with a bang. The lights went out and some matches were abandoned not knowing when action would be restored. Is it my imagination, or have we experienced a number of breakdowns in recent times, much more than years ago?

With new teams and players it is going to be an interesting season to say the least. Several returning players have changed teams and right now it looks a little tighter than last season.

With a new squad Time Out leading the way with a 12-2 win over Copper Kettle #1, McGibbon #1 took out Station House 11-3. Station #2 lost 3-11 to O'Tooles #3. The first tie of the season, 7-7, came to Hollywood and Copper Kettle #2. Station House #1 defeated McGibbon #2 by 9-5. Two matches between O'Tooles and George and Dragon were abandoned due to the power failure. The other O'Tooles and George and Dragon game went 10-4 to Q'Tooles.

The first maximum, 180, was fired in by Jon Brown, Station, a high finish of 110 by Rick Harden, no team name, and 100 by O'Tooles, 140 scores were made by Greg Thoms, Colin Hicks, Pauk Kirby, Bonnie Schell, Dave Scutt, Vic Lovell, Stan Rhynold, Jeff Richardson, Ian McDonald, Sean McQuarrie and Mark Snow. A few others reached extra points with 130-139 efforts.

Team names and full names on game sheets please, a league requirement which is also a help to the scribe.

On Wednesday, the Industrial league entered its second week of action at the Legion. The possibility of playing up and down exists and hopefully the cramped conditions for players and Legion members will not be for too much longer.

Westenders, Gasketman, High Rollers and Hustlers are first division winners for the week. Outlaws, Panthers, Inter County

Acadian win in the second flight. Westenders and Outlaws are the respective leaders at this early juncture. Exports and Bandits hold sway at the foot. These positions will no doubt change often along the way.

Jim Fisher had three opens and two closes including a start of 100. Dennis Thorogood and Ray Ackroyd shot 140. Brian Hicks and George Gaskell topped 120. Ian McDonald continued form with four opens, two closes and 140. Terry Hancock opened with 152 and Dan Abercrombie closed 92 to go with three finished.

Ron Scarlett had four opens and two closes with Rod Beaumont scoring high with 174. Bruce Hope finished on 124 and Jeff Richardson closed three and both players scored tons. Roy Rudiger and Russ Daigle each opened four as Laurie Hopkins scored 125. Marty Claude had a 3-3 showing in opposition to Mike Hope with a 3-2 effort. George O'Neil had five opens and two closes, Ron Corbett supporting with 140.

Dan Fraser had two opens and tons. Paul Kavanagh had three starts and two closes. Joe Poitier had three finished, Bruce McCartney shot 127. Dean Hancock and Lloyd Westlake each had three starts. Gord Bottoms shot 125 and Jim Watson had three opens and a

SOCCER

Friday's rain put a damper on the ladies finals of the season and led to a cool Saturday at Bolton for the last day of the season. However, last Wednesday was foggy for just a while and did not halt the games.

Senior men Mariners and Villa are out of the playoffs. Villa have been unable to field a team for most of their playoff games, which is a pity. Mariners fell to Dave Entwhistle and fellow Meteor by 0-2. Big Dave pounced on indecision in the early going to give Meteor the lead, then went into goal upon an injury to Ian Syme and proceeded to shut out the eager Mariners. A late penalty sealed the result.

Mariners dominated play all the way and could not score when most needed. Another late season Ancient special. United and Eagles played to a 4-4 tie at Alcott, Eagles again forcing with a late equalizer. Ajax had a belated win over Milton by 3-1, just too late to qualify for the last stages. Stingers went to Merseyside and had no referee show. The teams played a 'friendly' with the replay last Sunday.

Games at Cedarvale this Wednesday at 7:00 and 9:00, with a Thurday game at Cedarvale at

7:00 which will round off the round robin games and settle the semi

Hamilton Steelers voted local player Gary Morrow the 1990 player of the year. Quiet and unassuming, Morrow is that type of player, never the spectacular, just very steady, very solid, at the heart of the defense. The award was handed out just prior to the Wednesday playoff game with Supra, Montreal's dour defensive, successful team of the year.

The Steelers were not expected to do well against a team which had only conceded twelve league goals. However, Steelers Justin Fashanu scored twice to give the home side an advantage for the second leg in Montreal. Atrocious conditions led to a tractical game. Steelers played Supra at their own game and defended stoutly throughout. A late goal from Fashanu sent the Steelers into the Eastern division final against Kitchener/Toronto emergent win-

A safe goalie in Dino Perry and two steady centre backs in Al Lukic and Morrow will give Steelers a better than even chance against whichever opponent.

Late season reflections are a way of journalistic life and I much prefer to look forward, there is nothing can be done about the past. Yet we shuold look to the past for only to learn about the future. The 1990 World Cup was a disaster in my opinion.

Soccer is basically a defensive game and more so at the professional levels. The game begins with each side tied and teams play to preserve that one point. At the top pro level the game is no longer a game, it is a business, and a profit is to be made where the franchise is a successful one.

At the lower levels, such as locally, the game can be an attacking game and much better to watch. Better to go down with all colours flying than to give the game away with poor defensive play. Here is a thought. Let one team start a game with a goal or two lead, draw the team out of the hat at centre field before the game.

Another is to play each game to a finish, no ties, just as over here in other sports. Have the penalty kick shoot out before the game, as someone suggested then we know the winner and at least one team will have to attack. I do not believe in making the goals larger, maybe take the goalkeeper away. That would remove some of the excitement from the game, however.

See you around.

## COMMUNITY SPORTS CALENDAR

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#### WEDNESDAY

Inter County . Soccer League playoff games. First division games: Crown vs. United at Brampton Field, 8:30 p.m. Acton vs. Meteor at Cedarvale Field, 8:45 p.m. T.O.S. vs. Mariners at Memorial Field, 7:00 p.m. Second division games: Mersey vs. Ajax at Brampton Field, 7:00 p.m. Stingers vs. Marlin at Alcott Field, 7:00 p.m. Blazers vs. Laurentian at Alcott Field, 8:45 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Hockey

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association rep tryouts at Gordon Alcott Arena. Minor Atom, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Minor Novice, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Novice, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Atom, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Lawn Bowling

Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club activities. Games start at 7 p.m. New members welcome. Club located on Edith Street.

#### SATURDAY

Hockey

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association rep tryouts at Gordon Alcott Arena. Minor Peewee, 12:00-1:00 p.m.; Peewee, 1:00-2:30 p.m.; Buntam, 2:30-4:00 p.m.; Minor Midget, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Midget, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Hockey

Acton Minor Hockey Association rep tryouts at Gordon Alcott Arena. Novice, 8:00-8:50 a.m.; Atom, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; Peewee, 10:00-10:50 a.m.; Bantam, 11:00-11:50 a.m.

#### SUNDAY

Flag Football

Georgetown Men's Flag Football League championship final, Dawgs vs. Kaspers, 11:00 a.m. at GDHS field. Flag Football

Georgetown Ladies Flag Football League championship final. Burns Transport vs. George and Dragon, 9:00 a.m. at GDHS field.

## Dog Sled Symposium opening in Toronto

Sled-dog racers, Siberian dog owners, and working-dog enthusiasts from Georgetown to Guelph and Moosonee to Massachusetts will be converging on Toronto at the end of September for the Toronto Symposium "Sledding into the Nineties." The twoday evening will be held on Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, at the Park Plaza Hotel.

The Toronto Symposium, presented by the Minden Sled Dog Derby, features four seminars on topics of current interest to dog handlers. The seminars are sponsored by Martin Pet Foods of Elmira, Ontario, who are also race sponsors of the Minden Sled Dog Derby, the world's largest limitedclass speed race.

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