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Soccer Tykes

Georgetown Soccer Club Tykes got their 1991 season going on Saturday at Cedarvale Park, with four teams playing each other. Rumrock Electric prevailed 1-0 over the Yellow team, while Wendy's Restaurant took a 2-0 decision in their match with the White team.

Soccer shoes

The Acton Soccer Club is holding a soccer shoe exchange and sale on May 25 at 43 Norman Ave. in Acton from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Shoes being exchanged can be dropped off in the evenings before the sale. The club asks people bringing in shoes to include the size. For more information, call 853-1137.

Track meet

Holy Cross, Sacre Coueur and St. Francis Schools will be taking part in the Halton Roman Catholic School Board's 22nd Annual Track and Field Meet June 4-5 at Nelson Stadium in Burlington.

Approximately 1,000 students from all the elementary schools in the board will compete each day from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The presentation of awards will take place at 2:00 p.m. each day. Students in grades four to six will compete on June 4 and those in grades seven and eight will compete on June 5.

Glen tourney

Sixteen mixed teams are being sought to play in a three pitch tournament in Glen Williams on June 1-2.

The games will be played rain or shine at Glen Ball Park, located on Main Street in Glen Williams.

Interested parties are asked to contact Norm Lockhurst at 873-2472 or Bill Richardson at 87-3456 to sign up. Deadline to take part is May 25.

Horse trials

The Caledon Riding and Hunt Club held its spring horse trials on Sunday. The many willing volunteers and the beautiful weather made this a special day for the 92 competitors entered in this event.

The level of difficulty of the course was designed for the beginning of the season as well as for young horses and beginner riders. A great day was had by all.

Pre-Training Div. A: first Karen Moehlman-Griegall on Frado; second Alex Reinfells on Marguerite; third Trudy Aitrens on Private Benjamin; fourth Bruce Mandeville on Jitterbug.

Pre-Training Div. B: first Lindsay Caldwell on Barishnokov; second Gary Roque on Positive Thinking; third Melany Jackson on Harrest Moon; fourth Val Topp on Lexington.

Training Div.: first Sarah Irving on Criminal Mind; second Greg Paull on The Bentley; third Angela Brickendon on Eldorado; fourth Bruce Mandeville on Hit Man.



On the attack

Two Rebels midget rugby players give hot pursuit as a Bishop Reding player unloads the ball during their game at Neilson field on Tuesday afternoon. Georgetown took an early 6-0 lead, but lost the game

8-6. Rebels seniors lost 30-6 to Nelson at the same field later that day, but Juniors defeated Reding 12-4 at the Georgetown location. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Jans wins junior squash title

Georgetown resident Melanie Jans took the Girls Under-19 title at the Canadian Junior Squash Championships in Pickering, held May 9-12, making this her fourth national junior title.

Over 200 participants competed for eight titles in the four age-group categories, with Jans winning hers with a 9-6, 9-5, 9-10, 9-2 win over Carole Ann Rodgers of

Ottawa.

Jans was also awarded the Alexander Doucas Memorial Award, given annually to the junior player "best exemplifying the spirit of fair play, sportsmanship and commitment to excellence." Doucas lost his life in a boating accident two years ago at the age of 24. At the time, the Dorval, Quebec native was one of the

top ranked hardball squash players in the world.

Jans has also been appointed captain of the five-member national team which will be participating in the World Junior Girls Championships in Bergen, Norway from July 29 to August 10. In 1989, Jans was a member of the team which placed fifth.



Junior bowling stars

The Youth Bowling Council held its awards presentations at Georgetown Bowl on Wednesday evening, recognizing the efforts the young athletes have made this year. Members of the junior division posed for a group picture during the festivities. Pictured from left to right, back row, are Cindy Clarke,

Kim Conrad, Julie Lounds and Monica Beauparlant. Middle row, left to right, are Sherry Walsh, Michel Arsenaült, Danny Morris and Beth Ann Burgess. Front row, left to right, are Kevin Shapcott and Ryan Martin. (Herald photo)

Halton sports recruiter helps students connect

In a time of economic troubles for businesses, a Halton resident has found a product with unlimited resources and a high demand for his products. It's not gas or anything you'll find on the stock market - it's high school athletes.

Jim Giddens, who coaches football at M.M. Robinson High School, bought a recruiting franchise from Sports Recruits International in April and already has needed to hire eight people to help handle different areas of the business.

"It definitely grew incredibly fast after word of this got around. I started by doing information sessions at schools, talking to coaches and guidance councillors about the opportunities that are available. The demand alone for more seminars showed me things were going to be busy."

As a Sports Recruits International franchise owner, Giddens said he originally bought the rights to franchise the Halton Region, but due to the success, bought Hamilton-Wentworth's just this month.

Giddens said his company helps athletes looking to play sports while attending a university and helps market them to the various institutions in Canada and the United States.

"Before we started up, most athletes had to all the looking around themselves and try to convince the scouts to come see them. With access to over 1,600 schools and their scouting needs, we have an almost unlimited

market - about 170,000 scholarships are available in the U.S. and that's just for NCAA tier one or two."

Giddens said there are a lot of opportunities for students to find a scholarship. With 23 men's sports and 21 for women, being able to get in with the right one is almost entirely up to the player's abilities.

"That's one of the things we make clear to people. We charge \$449 for the use of the SRI service, but only if they are found to be marketable - and that money is a one time cost."

Giddens explained that anyone who approaches his group about signing up is checked out by an area representative (Andrew Nicholson is the contact in North Halton). That person talks to at least two of the student's coaches and then, if recommended, must be checked out by Giddens himself, followed by approval from the SRI head office.

"One of the ways we've built a good reputation with the universities is by giving them profiles of people who don't have to be as fully checked out, saving the school time and money, while providing them with someone who they are likely to be interested in."

Giddens said anyone who doesn't meet the qualifications gets their money back. At the current time, he said there are between 50 and 100 Halton area students signed on with the service. Anyone wanting more information can call Giddens at (416) 336-7922.