

Long haul begins towards Ontario Cup

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This past weekend saw the beginning of the Ontario Cup and the long haul towards the finals in September, followed by the National Championships. The Georgetown entry was expected by some, including me, to have a rough time in Niagara and had exactly that, although the result was in our favour by 3-1.

The lads hit the woodwork a few times and missed two penalty kicks and were the superior team by far. Last season semi-finalists, Bramalea Thistle, in old Partick Thistle red and yellow by the way, lost 1-0 at home to Hamilton Sparta. This was almost a travesty as Thistle had most of the play throughout with no goals to show for all the pressure and Sparta stole the winner on a breakaway. Next Sunday Georgetown are away to Scarborough Azzurri, not an easy task.

Soccer is a funny old game, according to the legendary goalscorer Jimmy Greaves, who played for Tottenham, Chelsea and West Ham, together with Atlanta. He was also a star for Alf Ramsey's wingless wonders who won the world cup for England in 1966 although not playing in the final game against West Germany. I stray. CRSC United ladies lost heavily to Brampton. Brampton lost to Georgetown ladies 31 or No. 2. United defeated the Georgetown by 8-0 last Monday. Funny old game isn't it?

After Maradona comes John Fitzgerald. Who? 'Fitz' represented Canada some 45 times in his career as a strong running midfielder. Recently he tested positively twice for an illegal substance, and has been reported to the CSA. The player has the right of appeal from the findings after a test in Quebec. The player is automatically suspended from soccer activity until his 'case' is heard by CSA. The substance appears to be steroids of some nature.

It is a regretful development and the CSA wish to have it known that they are against the use of this kind of performance assistance. Some 27 players have been tested in the past couple of years and this is the first 'find'. Hopefully, this will be the last.

Periodically there is news of image damaging items. In the past 50 years we have had bribery scandals in England, Italy, China and others. We can do without it all.

The Ontario Soccer Association members in their wisdom have denoted the coaching development system as its number one priority. This decision was reached earlier this year at a meeting of district associations in Toronto. My personal opinion is that game officials, or lack of, is the real priority. For a number of years there has been a fair number of new entrants who take the course, pass and register. However, in the following term, more than 50 per cent drop out for many reasons.

The drop out rate is not the only problem on its own. The resultant loss really means that the load on existing officials becomes tremendous. Locally, we have a very few qualified and experienced officials and they are busy, like most parts of the province. We need all the help we can obtain, and ideas on how to recruit and how to retain.

Meteor and Mersey continue to lead the Inter County League with three wins apiece. Meteor defeated fellow club players of United by the only goal of the game. Mersey took a 2-1 result over Winchster.

Eagles defeated visiting Marlin by 2-1, with a was it or was it not a goal. A shot from Marlin was heading goalwards and appeared to drop under the crossbar. After discussion with the linesman the referee declared in favor of the defence. Mariners carried on with their rejuvenation with three super goals to one over Acton Villa, and now lie third in the

standings.

Stingers and Milton surprise in the second division with each having three wins credited. Stingers defeated Celtic in Mississauga by 4-2 and Milton defeated fellow Miltonians, the Gunners, by 3-2. Blazers handed down a five goal loss to Ajax. Brampton's Old Triangle

defeated Laurentians 3-2 to round off the games.

This evening (Wednesday) at Meadowglen - Meteor vs. Merseyside, the big one; Alcott, - Eagles vs. Mariners; Cedarvale - Ajax vs. Laurentian; McKenzie, Acton vs. Marlin. Milton host Old Triangle at Thomson Road at 8:30 p.m.



Soccer relay race

Children of all ages participated in several activities, including soccer relay races during the Norval Presbyterian Church All-Day Picnic Saturday, held in celebration of the church's 153rd Anniversary. Norval resident Chris Henderson, 7, was one of several children who participated in the soccer relay race. (Herald photo)

Absent Atom soccer players leave many girls red-faced

The girls under 10 Atom soccer players were short of substitute players this week as many team members had a busy week of school and extracurricular activities. It was hot playing the whole game, and there were many red faces from the humidity.

The May 28 game with Dutch Nurseries Blue Sharks versus White Team number five was a very tight game with a score of 1-0 for Sharks. Team number five started off well but Sharks were biting and Danielle Weese scored late in the second half to give the Blue Sharks the victory.

Laura Page, Marianne Page and Mindy Culbert played well for the Sharks while Erin Shill-

ington, Lindsay Sproule and Sheena Weinbeck were noteworthy for the Number fives. Jennifer Apgar did a fine job referring this close game.

The Purple Municipal Trust players and the Red Tim Horton's Donuts team rolled down to the final quarter before a goal was scored. Charlene Roche scored with a hand ball penalty kick. The ball went over the heads of the Purple team who were in correct defensive position. Roche shot the second goal too, for a final score of 2-0.

Also playing well for the Red team were Faith Malinosky and Tara Rafferty. The Purple team had three players cited - Angela Sykes, Sharilyn Kogon and Leah Buikema.

The third game of the week also had a score of 2-0, this time in favor of the Green team, who were playing the Yellow Millieres TV team.

Green Hornets shared goal scoring with Janine Taylor and Crystal O'Reilly each kicking one into the Yellow net. Rebecca Culp, Karen Dillabough and Brianne Evers-Jordan did a good job of challenging the Yellows.

Yellow players who hustled the whole game were Joey Stansfield, Paula Gougeon and Julie Thompson. Steph O'Brien blew the ref's whistle for the latter two games. The close scores this week indicate some well balanced playing and organizing by the coaches and managers.

Georgetown Youth Soccer

Burgundy Squirts run down Machines

UNDER SIX MIRCO SQUIRTS
Burgundy 2, Green Machines 1
Goal Scorers: Burgundy - Eric Euteneier, Brady Malchin. Green - Jordan Armstrong.
Noteworthy Players: Burgundy - Ryan Sinnave, Ken Sippell. Green - Joel Hamilton, Tristan Cook.
Young's Pharmacy Goal Busters

Georgetown Wolves 1
Goal Scorers: Young's - Other team scored on own net. Wolves: Jason Vantol.

Noteworthy Players: Young's - Chris Peare, Mike Zelek, John White. Wolves - Tyler Kelman-Finlay, Alex Fraser, Matthew Critchell.

Georgetown Wolves 1
Armstrong Insurance 0
Goal Scorers: Wolves - Jason Vantol.

Noteworthy Players: Wolves - Justin De-Ath, Scott Kinsmen, Michael Lefebvre. Armstrong - Todd Willson, Todd Gilmore, Brock Anderson.

UNDER SEVEN MINISQUIRTS - Silver Shadows 2
Dutch Nurseries Green Hornets 2
Goal Scorers: Silver - Bryan Smith (2). Green - Mathew Fielding, Allan Humberstone.
Noteworthy Players: Silver - Robert Whitman, Matthew Lee, Matthieu Desmarais. Green - Jason Richardson, Michael Cornell, David Bodig.

Barrie Communications
Red Jets 0
Racoons 1
Goal Scorers: Racoons - James Patton.

Noteworthy Players: Red - Eric Thompson, Mathew Wyman, Byron Jacome. Racoons - Justin Bruce, Michael Walsh, Daniel Schultheiss.

Racoons ?
Andrew Murray's Bullets ?
Results not provided by team managers.

UNDER EIGHT
Red Rockets 0
Burger King Bullets 3
Goal Scorers: Bullets - 3 goals

by Timothy Mansfield.
Noteworthy Players: Red - Mathew Wellman, Bradley Holmes, Jon Booren. Bullets - Ryan Carter, Lee Bannister, James Partridge.

Ninjas 3, Team No. Two 0
Goal Scorers: Ninjas - Craig Ashton, Joe Garvey, Mark Fantegross.

Noteworthy Players: Ninjas - Daniel Roffel, Noah Malinosky, Paul Westerveld. Team Two - Allen Sykes, Mat Eagleson, Richard Welsh.

BOYS UNDER NINE
Blue Bombers 0
Terminal Warehouse 0

Noteworthy Players: Terminal - John Boutasis, Scott Thurlbeck, Jonathan Apgar.

Green Machine 1
Gino's Pizza 0
Goal Scorers: Green - Michael Noonan.

Noteworthy Players: Green - Jason Hull, Derek Mitchell. Gino's Adam Key, Andre Lefebvre, Michael Joga.

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