



### Hot grounder

Royal Pizza second baseman Jim Lawrence has some trouble handling a ground ball as Capital Ford player John Luciani looks for an opportunity to move to third base. The two teams were tied for most of their Halton Hills Slow Pitch game at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, with Capital Ford pulling out a 5-2 win in the closing innings. (Herald photo)

## Hoosier baseball victory keeps playoff hopes alive

Sparked by Shannon Morris' first-inning three-run homer, Firestone Halton Hills Hoosiers Girls Bantam softball team kept its playoff hopes alive with an 11-4 pasting of Brampton Blazers last Wednesday.

The win left the Hoosiers one point behind Brampton in the hunt for the last playoff spot, with two games left to play in the season. The lop-sided score also ensured that the nod will go to Firestone in the event the two teams are tied at season's end.

Firestone started quickly. In the top of the first, Andrea Chapman gained base on an error and Jen Winter followed with a walk. Morris followed with a line shot to right-centre that chased the fielders to the fence and cashed in three. Brampton replied with a pair in its half of the inning to make it 3-2 after one.

Hoosiers notched single runs in each of the third and fourth innings. Winter again walked and Morris singled to advance the lead runner. After a wild pitch advanced the runners, Sharon Stigger executed a sacrifice bunt to score the runner from third. In the 4th, Stacey Colarossi singled, stole second and was driven home by Sherie Peacock.

Firestone increased the scoring pace in the sixth, producing four

more tallies. Michelle Soley led off with a triple. Colarossi singled her home, stole second and came all the way round to score when the throw to second went wild.

Lisa Harlow then singled and stole second. Chapman followed by again reaching base on an error, moving Harlow to third and then stole home. Chapman closed out the scoring by crossing the plate on another wild throw after a dropped third strike to Denise Hannah, who had replaced Winter in the batting order. It was 9-2.

After Brampton tallied a pair in the sixth, Firestone got them back in the seventh. With Colarossi and Peacock in scoring position, Harlow smacked a single up the middle to add a pair of insurance runs. In the bottom of the inning, Harlow recorded the final out with a full-flight running catch of a drive to right centre. Final score: 11-4.

Line totals for the game: Brampton - four runs on seven hits and two walks, while committing five errors and stranding four. Halton Hills - 11 runs on 10 hits and four walks, while committing two errors and leaving six baserunners. The winning pitcher was Morris, allowing three earned runs to record the complete-game victory.

## Soccer writer waxes nostalgic

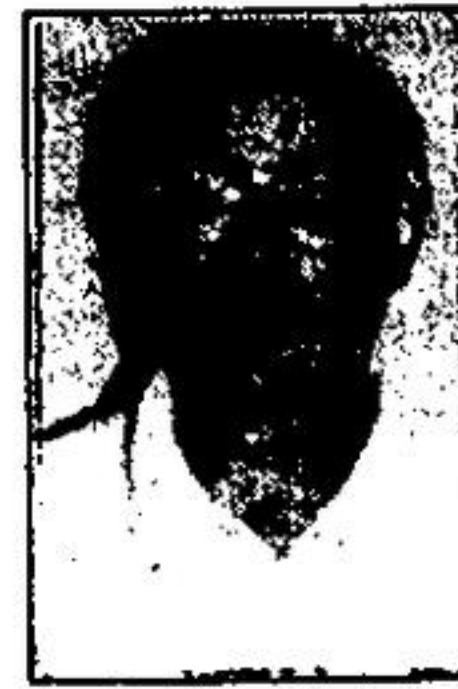
Waxing nostalgic a week or two ago about the beginnings of Georgetown soccer led me to thinking of a few more firsts, or almost firsts. Girls soccer, ladies soccer and mini-soccer all had early starts around our fields. I also recall the 'battle' to obtain soccer news in the local newspapers.

The sports editors of the day when I arrived (late 1975) could, or would, not find space for soccer due to a lack of knowledge of the game, as they said. The editors used to say give us the information and we will print. However, when information was handed in it was not published. Eventually we began to see the odd column appear and a great deal of support came from Dave Hastings, a local typesetter. The column is now one of the longest running 'features' in the Halton newspapers.

1979 was the year of a remarkable hockey/soccer joint effort with an invitation and visit from Sweden from under 14 and under 16 soccer and hockey players. Around the same period we had visits from a Bantam boys squad from Munich, Germany, a few of whom reached the pro ranks. We also hosted a young team from Mexico. Cedarvale was a hotbed of soccer in the early eighties and many a youth and senior visiting squad were shaking as they came to play in our midst. We even hosted a section of the Robbie tourney, in Bantam girls, the first and only time this has happened in the history of the Robbie outside of Scarborough.

As always, Ontario Cup weekend brings me around other towns and clubs, fields and teams and I am then reminded of the standard of play which is achievable with a properly tuned competitive and recreational pro-

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gram working side by side. Georgetown's two youth and one senior competitive squads have done well without the backup support of the past few years as the challenging side of our game has slipped somewhat.

A return to the full program may well be seen as necessary, with the introduction of all the housing development going on around us and the new players coming through. The playing standards of 12 year olds in skills and techniques these days is far above that of 10 year olds. It is very difficult for us to begin a competitive program with 16 and 18 year olds and challenge those who have been at it for much longer.

One of the best, if not the best, players to have come out of local play is Gary Morrow. He came through the club system, then went to Chinguacousy and on to professional standards with National squad membership in between. A long time Hamilton Steeler, he is currently playing the season out with Kitchener in a bizarre transfer move. Kitchener achieved their first win with Morrow steadying the back four and this past weekend entertained his former club.

Georgetown's last interest in the Ontario Cup came to an end, expected as it was, when the under 18 girls lost 0-5 to the Scor-

ptions of Scarborough. Class opposition, according to coach Sally Remedios, although some of our players may have been a little overawed by the home team reputation. The score was close at the half and then the tap turned on in the second half. However, a fair performance by the girls nevertheless.

Peel Halton's last senior male team, Burlington City, lost 1-2 to three time champions, Scarborough Azzurri. A last second goal, direct from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, was the undoing of a gallant attempt to hold out for extra time.

Mariners life at the shared top spot in the Inter County was shortlived. United, with the best defensive record in the league, first or second division, limited Mariners to one goal whilst scoring three for the win. Mersey scraped a couple of late goals against Acton Villa to come from behind and get a one goal margin. Meteor had a struggle for a while before running out 4-1 victors over Eagles at Meadowglen. Surprisingly, a rejuvenated Winchester team, defeated Marlin 5-2.

Blazers head the second division following a 2-0 away win at Laurentians with Milton holding second after a 1-1 tie with Celtic. Stingers lost 0-2 to Ajax and remain third. Ajax were awarded the points in a turnover of a recent match against Gunners who fielded 17 players in a 6-3 win, one more than allowed. The executive picked up on that error when checking the game sheet, confirmed by the game official.

The knock out cup semi-final draw pits Meteor versus Celtic and Marlin versus Eagles August 26. We could have an all Georgetown or an all Mississauga or mixed final as a result of the draw.

## Select girls soccer squad win Milton consolation prize

Georgetown Food City Select Girls attended Milton's first girls Select Soccer Tournament which was held July 6-7, winning the consolation medal.

On Saturday morning, Georgetown defeated Acton 3-1 with two goals by Marita Lescak and the other goal by Marci Roy. In the afternoon, Selects faced Oakville. Georgetown was in the game trailing 2-1 and pressing hard until middle of the second half when Oakville was awarded a penalty kick and scored.

Oakville followed with another goal late in the game. The final score was 4-1 for Oakville. Marci Roy got the goal for Georgetown Food City Select team.

On Sunday, spectators witnessed the best game of the tournament when Georgetown met Milton in the morning. The score was 0-0 the first half and Milton scored halfway through the second half on a penalty kick. The girls pressed hard to score but lost 1-0. The team was rewarded for their hard work by being

presented with the Consolation Championship Medal.

All players are to be commended for their dedicated effort: Marita Lescak, Amy Sykes, Tracey Andrews, Louise Hatton, Lisa Doyle, Cheryl Rivard, Shannon Rodda, Amy Longworth, Danielle Cary, Allison Bobor, Marci Roy, Katie Blyth, Jill McMenemy. Outstanding goalie duties were performed by Leigh Shillington, Courtney O'Brien and Melissa Watts.

### GIRLS UNDER 7 SOCCER

July 17 saw the girls under 7 soccer teams battling it out at Cobra fields. White Sox and Wendy's Fire Flies played to a scoreless tie with good offense for Wendy's Fire Flies from Sharon Rowan and Katie Duff and outstanding play from Jessie MacDonald.

White Sox played equally well with Samantha Allen, Julie Baker and Jody Stapleton as outstanding players. Meanwhile, in the next field Golden Flyers won over Ramrock Electric 4-0 with two goals by Jill Pembleton and singles by Ashleigh Dunlop and Susanne Leferink.

## Atom girls soccer league playing hot lately

Supporters of the Under 10 Atom Girls soccer teams were envious July 11 as they sat in the bleachers at Cedarvale. They were side-tracked watching the fire department fill their hoses and pumper truck with creek water, while hoping that some spray would drift over.

The heat had driven some parents to seek shade under the trees, leaving the coaches and the girls to run. At mid-season now, the lines are on the fields and there are newly painted goal posts. Thank you goes to Rod Taylor and Ken Sproule for dragging the fresh posts back to their field positions. Goalies swinging from the posts on Tuesday night got painted hands.

Purple Municipal Trust team and Remax Realty Cool Blues played to a 4-0 score favouring the purples. The goal scorers for Municipal Trust included Bethan Elliott with two and Rachel Bryan-Maloney and Alyssa Taylor with one each. Alyssa's goal was a surprise kick from mid-left field.

Noteworthy players for Cool Blues were Angie Crane, Kira Lawrence and Sheena Weinbeck. Blues will miss Sheena as a strong running forward when she moves soon. Cool Blue Annie Schaefer came to bring the halftime oranges. She is on the disabled list for a few games since kicking a soccer ball without her soccer boots on and

broke her toe. Refereeing was well provided by Danay Guignard.

Dutch Nurseries Blue Sharks and Green Hornets played a tight game with non-stop running from both teams. The well played sportsmanlike game ended with a 1-0 score for Greens with Janine Taylor as the scorer. Noteworthy players for the Dutch Nurseries Blue Sharks were Melissa Maveal, Alana Zelek and Kirstina Zelek.

Green Hornets cited Karen Dillabough, Courtney Evers-Jordan and Cheryl Eagleson as noteworthy players. This was a thinking game as the coaches encouraged the girls to plan their moves and the game plays.

Tim Horton Donuts Red Devils had players come back from holiday full of vim and vigour. Red Devil noteworthy players all got goals against Millieres TV Golden Bullets. Leah Crane was credited with 3 goals as was Charlene Roche while Tara Rafferty and Deirdre McKee got one each.

Milliere TV Yellow Bullets were hot and hustling with only one substitute player but Red Devils dominated 8-0. Playing well for the Yellow Bullets were Becky Sinnaeve, Jacquie Bajic and Ellen Smith. Thanks goes to Kerri Neilsen's Dad who played linesman for one game and Jen Apgar who blew the referee's whistle well for two games.

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