

Hoosiers hope for last softball playoff spot

The Firestone Halton Hills Hoosiers Girls Bantam Softball team did what it had to do last Wednesday, with a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over second-place Cawthra Panthers. The win left Hoosiers one point ahead of Brampton Blazers, in the hunt for the last playoff spot.

Firestone now has to sit back and wait, as its regular season is over, while Brampton still has two games left to play. Brampton needs to take two of the possible

four points in order to knock Hoosiers out of contention.

Firestone made it hard on themselves, committing five errors during the game. Errors in the second, third and fifth innings helped Cawthra score single runs to build a 3-0 lead.

However, in the bottom of the sixth, Firestone started to roll. Andrea Chapman singled to right, to start the inning. One out later, Shannon Morris squibbed an infield single and Sherie

Peacock walked to load the bases.

Lisa Harlow's sharp grounder through the left of the infield cashed one run and reloaded the bases. Carmen Cosentino followed with a grounder to short, but Morris beat the throw home to cut the lead to 3-2 and load them up once again. A pop-up and strikeout ended the Hoosier rally.

The bottom of the inning was highlighted by an inning-ending

double play, with Chapman snaring a liner and doubling the runner off at first with sharp throw to Peacock.

The rally continued in the seventh. With two out and Chapman on via a single, Morris hit a "Texas-leaguer". Peacock's sharp grounder through the infield scored Chapman from second and on the play at the plate, the ball sprung loose, allowing the runners to advance. Harlow

followed with an RBI single. Firestone defense held in the bottom of the inning to seal the victory.

Line totals: Cawthra three runs on four hits and one walk, leaving 5 runners stranded; Firestone four runs on eight hits and four walks, with eight runners left on base. Morris notched the victory, allowing no earned runs and recording one strikeout over seven solid innings of work.

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Georgetown girls help baton club win Canadian titles



Two Georgetown members of coach Darlene King's National Baton Twirling Club played large roles in helping their teams win the Canadian Grand National Championships for the second year in a row in Calgary July 7-9. Andrea Chisholm (on left)

is on the Junior Twirl Team and also won the Two Baton Championship. Susan Thibodeau is on the Senior Twirl Corp and captured the National Solo Dance Twirl title. (Herald photo)

The members of the Kings National Baton Twirling Club recently arrived home as Canadian Grand National Champions for the second year in a row.

The Club's Junior Twirl Team won the National title on July 7 in Calgary and the Kings National Senior Twirl Corp. took the National Grand Championship title two days later.

Two Georgetown girls, who are members of those teams, also came home with individual National titles. Thirteen-year-old Andrea Chisholm won two Baton Championships and 17-year-old Susan Thibodeau captured the National Solo Dance Twirl title.

Both girls also represented Ontario as two of the top five athletes from each province in the freestyle championships which select the team of athletes who will represent Canada in Italy this week at the 13th annual World Championships. In the Junior division Chisholm placed 10th moving up two positions from last year. Thibodeau was one of only two Ontario Seniors who made the top 15 in the Freestyle event. This is a big jump in the standings for her, placing 25th last year.

Thibodeau said her success can be attributed to her being one of the 12 King's National World

Team members who earned the silver medal in Calgary. This elite team is comprised of the Kings top athletes from across Canada and the level of expertise required to be on this team has pushed her skills much higher this year.

The Kings hope to improve upon this silver medal finish at next year's National Championships, being held in Ontario next July. If they get the gold, Susan and the team will represent Canada in Paris at next year's world championships.

The goal of achieving a championship has a much better chance of becoming a reality thanks to the Optimist Clubs of both Georgetown and Scarborough. Darlene and Tim King, coaches of the team, said they are very excited that the Optimist Clubs have recognized the commitment to excellence of their athletes. With the Optimist Clubs assistance, the teams will now have more opportunities to train together and in better facilities.

Darlene is in Italy for the 12th annual world competition this week with two of her athletes, Kevan Latrace of B.C., the defending men's world champion and Alison Brown of Sask., the Canadian senior women's silver medalist.

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Timbit lacrosse

Acton Blue and White teams played to a 2-2 tie in Timbit Lacrosse League action at Acton Arena last Thursday, with a last minute goal from Justin Cole knotting things up for Blue.

White player Matt Lyons got things started for his team at 1:53 of the second period, set up by Shayne Monaghan. At 5:44, Justin Cole tied it up for Blue, assisted by Eric Goll. In the third period, Ashli Bain scored to put White ahead, assisted by Gregory Black, but Blue tied it up shortly after. Players of the game were Matt Bronazewski for Blue and Gregory Black for White.

Correction

For those trying to reach the Halton Hills Sports Operations about its upcoming hockey camp, The Herald would like to apologize for printing incorrect phone numbers. The proper numbers for more information are 873-4991 and (416) 567-9425.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Corporate challenge

All businesses in the area are being invited to participate in the Erin Mills Town Centre Road Races, challenging for the Astra Pharma Provincial 10 Km Corporate Team Cup on August 18.

The event, which begins at 8:30 a.m., is in support of the Lung Association/Peel Region and amateur athletics through Track West. Funds raised for the Lung Association will go toward asthma and health education programs in the Region of Peel. Funds raised for Track West will assist amateur athletes to compete on an international level.

Brooks merchandise prizes are available for pledge collectors and there is the opportunity to win a Panasonic 21" Color TV, a weekend for two in Niagara Falls and much more. The corporate team that raises the most in pledges will win a dinner for 10 at Woodrow's Dining and Banquet

Club. For more information contact The Lung Association at (416) 791-5565.

T-ball losses

Despite losing its three most recent games, Elliott Custom Brokers Rep T-Ball team is anticipating the big Burlington tournament on August 10.

The team played a tough game in Milton on July 16 and lost 35-15. Marc Monchamp and Cameron Sinnett were players of the game for their triple hits. Jason Angyal also hit a one run triple. Matthew Seaman, Greg Tales and Andrew Oeoch hit doubles.

At the Fairgrounds, on July 23, Hamilton was victorious 27-13 despite an outstanding effort by Tyrell Crews who caught several gies and hit a triple. A triple was also hit by Chris Cormpilas.

At Erin Mills on July 25, Georgetown were defeated 30-8. Jeff Martin and Kyle Findlay played great outfield positions. Kevin Binsell caught some key flies while teammates Ryan Van Bitterswyk and Kyle Hotham were strong hitters.

Closest football decision provided by M and M match

By ROBERT RISK
Herald Sports Editor

Save for a default, the closest score in Georgetown Men's Flag Football League play on Sunday at Georgetown District High School was a 27-20 victory by M and M over Oldtimers.

Longhorns beat Plus Welding by three touchdowns, winning 28-7, followed by a 7-0 default win for Dawgs over Moldmasters. M and M played next, with Meznic closing out the day with a 26-15 victory over the Glen.

Longhorns virtually took away Plus Welding's passing game, intercepting four attempts as Paul Allison led the offense with three touchdowns. Bruce Mitchell pulled in the other major while Bob Davey and Dave Patterson converted. Marcus Noel scored the lone marker for Welding, with Darrell Weir booting the single.

After Dawgs default win, M and M and Oldtimers battled for a victory, which was undecided until late in the game - a 90 yard kickoff return by Lawrence Fisher.

Oldtimers got on the board first

when Bill Davis got a touchdown that was converted by a Doug Pembleton kick. M and M's Horace Thomas quickly changed that by scoring the next two majors for his team, making the score at halftime 13-7.

Stu Hurst came through early in the second half to put M and M up by 20-7, but Scott Sanvido and Bill Fournier each brought in six points for Oldtimers, along with a single from Doug Pembleton to tie it up. On the following play, Fisher ran the kickoff back for M and M's winner.

The Glen made a strong effort in the first half to try and win its game against Meznic Electric, but 15 points was all it could manage, losing 26-15.

The Glen's Mark Waters got six points, followed by a field goal from Sean McQuarrie and a touchdown by Shayne Hillock. Meznic's Jeff Lockwood exploded for 24 points, scoring a field goal and a single in the first half and then three touchdowns and a convert in the second half. Greg Lawr got a two point convert for Meznic.