

Soccer shows 10 per cent increase over 1989

Alex Tough



Funny, just writing about vandalism and fields - so also, unbeknown, was an editorial. We have had a fair amount of damage in the past few weeks in spite of vigils by officials (police and custodians of the grounds), the trouble being done whilst grounds are unattended.

The burying of broken beer bottles in the goalmouths at Cedarvale is particularly vicious and could have caused serious injury to young players. At least one game was called off due to the actions of stupid persons. Nets ripped up can surely give no great pleasure, either, yet I suppose it must give the nerds some satisfaction.

I hope they are caught and are punished for their acts and not just community work as their punishment. How about stooping to their level? An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Bill Innes had had to step down as a game official after many years of serving the game at youth and senior level. Another one of the early soccer pioneers,

his body has gone the way of others, sad to say. Bill is experiencing some pain when on the move and is forced to retire. Still, we hope to see Bill around the fields as a supporter now and then.

Soccer is not all on the field, a great deal of the game goes on off of it. I spent the weekend in Toronto closeted with 30 others, attempting to solve problems and point the way into the future at the quarterly meeting of the provincial association. Items of concern and change abound in the areas of mini-soccer, discipline and appeals, pyramid for play, finance, coaching, referees, player development, tournaments and boundary and age changes. The news will filter down the line in the next few months.

The Annual Trade Show is November 1-3. The venue, as usual, is the Skyline Hotel, Toronto. The Awards Dinner and Dance will take place on the Saturday evening. Roger Faulkner, Chairman of the USA World Cup 1994 bid will be a guest speaker, amongst others, and the MC will be Vic Rauter, TSN broadcaster. There will also be several workshops, which now prove to be invaluable to all soccer officials.

1990 showed a player growth of almost 10 per cent over 1989. The increase comes in senior recreational and mini-soccer age groups, where 66 per cent of all registrations are. The period also showed the usual loss of young, and first year, game officials by

the usual 35 per cent of the total registration. Too much. An excellent coaching booklet for young players has been produced and will likely be available when the Trade Show comes around.

The booklet is a 35-page, easy to follow, production suitable for six to 12 year old players, with diagrams, descriptions, and simple practises. The laws of the game are also highlighted in a simple fashion.

Now to the Inter County news. Mersey handed out a 3-0 loss to Mariners, who fell short of expectations in this most crucial of

crucial matches. Mariners are now out of the first place race and Mersey only require a point for the title. Meteor kept in the challenge with a 4-1 win over Marlin, they require a win and a Mersey loss next week to have a chance.

Eagles were leading United 1-0 with less than 15 minutes left for play when the lights failed. The lights failure also caused the Ajax/Old Triangle call off. Another call off was the Milton/Stingers contest due to player shortage. Blazers caught the rising Gunners with a 3-1 vic-

tory to keep them in line for the second division title.

This evening (Wednesday) has Mariners going to Meadowglen to tilt with United at 6:45 p.m. Eagles host Meteor at Cedarvale at 8:45 p.m. and Acton entertain Mersey. Villa will be hoping for a full turnout and a slight improvement in fortune. The away game had Villa leading by one goal with 15 minutes left and they lost by one goal. Blazers vs. Old Triangle at Alcott at 7:00 p.m. and Stingers vs. Gunners follow at 8:45 p.m., lights permitting, of course.

Fitzpatrick's three goal night leads soccer Falcons to victory

By DAVE MALONEY
Herald Special

Rick Fitzpatrick grabbed his second hat trick of the season and Brinley Hole came close to grabbing one of his own as Georgetown Falcons downed Bolton 6-1 Friday night at Alcott field.

Fitzpatrick staked Falcons to an early lead when he scored his first goal after about 10 minutes of play but Falcons struggled to find its form during the first half of the game and Bolton scored the equalizer shortly before the half. Once again, Falcons had

outplayed the opposition with nothing to show for it.

The second half belonged to Falcons as the roof caved in on Bolton. Steve Swinscoe, who was having his best game of the season was fouled in the penalty area and this created a problem for Falcons. Who would take the penalty kick? So far this season, Falcons have missed six opportunities to convert a penalty, so nobody was anxious to step up and take the kick.

Finally, Fitzpatrick stepped up and coolly placed his shot into the bottom left hand corner of the

net. Five minutes later, he again put the ball into the Bolton net to give Falcons a commanding 3-1 lead. Now it was Brinley Hole's turn to put on a show scoring the next two goals with cool deliberation. Only the goalpost prevented him from making it three.

Swinscoe, Hole and Fitzpatrick continued to play a strong game for Falcons and the three of them combined to give Fitzpatrick his fourth and Falcons sixth goal with 10 minutes left in the game. A good win for Falcons who have only dropped one game in the last seven.

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WEDNESDAY

Soccer
Inter County Soccer League. United vs. Mariners, 6:30 p.m. at Meadowglen. Villa vs. Merseyside, 6:30 p.m. at McKenzie. Milton vs. Laurentian, 6:30 p.m. at Milton. Blazers vs. Old Triangle, 7:00 p.m. at Alcott. Stingers vs. Gunners, 8:45 p.m. at Alcott. Eagles vs. Meteors, 8:45 p.m. at Cedarvale.

SATURDAY

Baseball
Georgetown Baseball Association Tyke House League Day of Champions. All day at Fairgrounds.

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North Halton Golf and Country Club men's championship, final round, all day.

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SUNDAY

Softball
Halton Hills Slow Pitch League. 9:00 a.m. - Random Car Club vs. Capital Ford, Lions Club vs. Living Lighting, 10:30 a.m. - Royal Pizza vs. Kendale, Elks Club vs. Firemen Club, 12:00 noon - Park Lincoln vs. Optimist Club, Newfoundland Club vs. Kinsmen. All games at Fairgrounds.

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Georgetown Baseball Association Tyke House League. Beaver Lumber Mets vs. Akers Country-Wide Tigers at Armouries. J.V. Clothing Blue Jays vs. Mike Reed DJ Angels at Barn. Halton Credit Union A's vs. George and Dragon Yankees at Harrison. All games at 7:00 p.m.

Lawn Bowling
Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club. Games start at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome. Club located on Edith Street.

Football
Georgetown Men's Flag Football League. 8:45 a.m. - Longhorns vs. M and M 10:00 a.m. - Moldmasters vs. Meznic Electric, 11:15 a.m. - Oldtimers vs. Glen, 12:30 p.m. - Plus Welding vs. Dawgs. All games at Georgetown District High School.

Football
Georgetown Ladies Flag Football League. 8:45 a.m. - Burns vs. J.V. 10:00 a.m. - CIBC vs. Arnies, 11:15 a.m. - Mobile Sound vs. West Insurance, 12:30 p.m. - O'Toole's vs. Michael's Restaurant. All games at Georgetown District High School.

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MONDAY

Softball
Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League. Green Monsters vs. Bishops Queens, Thunder Buns vs. Peellers, Tony's Tarts vs. Infield Flies. All games, 6:15 p.m. at Fairgrounds.

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