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SPORTS SHORTS

Mat mayhem

Halton Hills area wrestling fans can get a close look at the action on Sunday evening as mat mayhem comes to the Acton Community Centre.

Slated to begin at 8 p.m. the Main Event for the event will pit Soul Man Ricky Johnson against T.N.T. Organizers expect T.N.T.'s manager Trixie to be at ringside for the match.

Also slated for the card is a tag team match with Steve Oceanside and partner Sergeant McDonald tangling with Mass Destroyers One and Two.

Lady wrestlers and a special appearance by one-half of the Fabulous Kangaroo, Bulldog Don Kent, is also expected.

The Wrestling Bear will not be present for the Acton card according to organizers. The Bear is currently touring Eastern Canada. Organizers also note that the bouts are subject to change.

Prices for the July 22 card are \$10 for ringside, \$9 for general admission, and \$7 for seniors and children under-12.

'Red' hot

The Acton Nellis Construction Atoms were 'Red' hot in Halton Rural Softball Association league play last week as they thrashed Acton's Dolliver O.L.S. Whites 13-0.

Adam Ahearn pounded out a triple and a homer to lead the Nellis Red squad. Mathew Bodin and Kevin Dick each pounded out a double while Ryan Turpin chipped in with a single dinger. Sandy Chapman pounded out a double and a single while Chris Yateman added a pair of one-base hits. Devon Fraser, Wayne Hopkins, Michael Smith and David Albano also picked up singles.

Just short

Acton Dolliver O.L.S. Atoms came up just short in a bid to top Lowville in Halton Rural Softball action July 11, dropping an 11-9 decision.

Acton used a power display to keep close getting home runs from Christopher Ashley, Jesse DeForest, Ryan Snook and Christopher Scully.

Still on top

The top teams continued their winning ways in the Georgetown Men's Slopitch League last week.

In the Competitive Division Rickey-Joe's maintained a two point lead over Hydro-Kiwanis by defeating Boucher Braves 13-11. Other results were not reported.

In the Recreational loop Royal Pizza kept their unblemished record intact with a 16-11 victory over the second place Country Lane Bulls. Ladner's Men's Wear held on to third with a 24-16 win over Morley Mills Spitfires. George and Dragon nipped Georgetown Sports 14-9 and The Tailgaters disposed of Leferink 21-8.



The North Halton Rugby Football Club put up a valiant effort Tuesday night in an exhibition match against the Yatton Junior Rugby Club, now visiting Canada on a whirlwind tour. The young English team defeated the local club 31-7 at Neilson's Field in Georgetown.

STUART JOHNSTON Weekend

Junior rugby team from England display talents in exhibition contest

By STUART JOHNSTON

Despite a deficit of five players due to injuries, England's Yatton Junior Rugby team defeated the North Halton Rugby Football Club 31-7 in an exhibition match Tuesday night at Neilson's Field in Georgetown.

The Under-17 players from "across the pond" dominated most of the game despite a valiant effort from the local club.

This is the third year in a row that the North Halton club has hosted an English team.

The Yatton squad arrived in Toronto last Thursday afternoon to begin their tour of seven exhibition matches across Eastern Canada.

Their first game was played Saturday against the Sarnia Saints rugby club, ending in a tie score, 4-4.

The following day they arrived in London for a short rest, before their second exhibition game against the St. George team on Monday. The London players were felled with a 14-nil loss against Yatton.

Other scheduled stops in their tour include Ottawa, Montreal and Newfoundland. They are expected to return to England next Saturday. According to coach John Hiles, his entire team was already near exhaustion before Tuesday's game against North Halton.

With a grin Hiles explained that their fatigue was not entirely due to the previous exhibition games, or the constant travelling, but to something a little more congenial.

"We really haven't been to bed yet — the hospitality everyone has shown us has been absolutely fantastic," Hiles said.

He added the tour is providing his team with an invaluable insight into not only Canada, but to the players they are competing against as well. He added the experience has been top-notch, and he is looking forward to the remainder of the trip.

"The interaction with the Canadian kids is just magic," Hiles said, whose team bunked with North Halton players for three nights. "It has been absolutely more than we had hoped for."

Yatton player Darryl Gallagher agreed. "It's nice to come out here and see what everything's like — there's not much chance otherwise," he said.

An unexpected rain storm threatened to delay, or even cancel, Tuesday's match, but fortune smiled on the players as the clouds parted in time for the game to

proceed on schedule. One English linesman commented that the rain was a blessing in disguise, because the field was "rock-hard" from the unending heat of the day prior to the rain.

The game was cheered on by a modest crowd of supporters, as both teams eagerly played to the finish. Although there were a few minor altercations between the players, the game was played with comradery and enthusiasm on both sides. In addition, Yatton players not actively involved in the match shared their thoughts on the game, and life back home with many of the North Halton team's friends and families.

Now, it's on to Ottawa to meet the Ottawa Beavers for the visiting Yatton Club while the North Halton squad heads back into Niagara and District action.



Where's the ball? Members of the North Halton and Yatton rugby clubs battled it out Tuesday night in Georgetown, but the young English visitors showed the local team a trick or two as they emerged with a 31-7 victory. The Yatton club is now in Ottawa for another exhibition match, this time against the Ottawa Beavers.