

Sports



ACTON LADIES FASTBALL FINALISTS

Vying for top honors in the Acton Ladies Fastball League this summer were the Panthers (above) — Nancy Oakley, Liz Smith, Marilyn Eagles, Bev Smith, Kathy Keeler, Dianne Clark, Marnie Switzer, Monica McArthur, Deb Payne, Kelly Scott and Lia Henttonen — and the Ballinafad Jim Dandies (below) — Sandra Prowse, Lisa Longstreet, Sharon Marshall, Vera Longstreet, Marion Lumbers, Elaine Bouman, Kathy Dueck, Carol Ann See, Kathleen Topolsek, Cindy See and Betty Sojka. Coaches unidentified — sorry, guys!

Photos by BARB STEPHENS



Georgetown ladies up 2-1 in 'Burgh series

Georgetown Ladies defeated Hillsburgh 4-1 last week to take a 2-0 lead in the best of five finals.

Once again, Roberta Cuthbertson and Janet Tenant proved to be a good combination, with Cuthbertson going a solid five and two-third innings before relieved by Kelly Edwards. Cuthbertson struck out three and issued no walks reaching base herself in the fifth on a single.

Kelly Edwards came on to strike out the last batter in the sixth with runners on first and third. She retired the side in order on two fly balls and a grounder to second.

The only good solid hit came from Nadine Klooster in the second, when she hit a stand-up triple to score the Burg's only run on a hit by Joann Dennis.

The Georgetown hits were scattered around with Donna Waters' triple in the first, scoring Kelly Edwards to give Georgetown the lead 1-0.

Janet Tenant had a good night, reaching base twice, and had a standout performance behind the plate. Sandy Brownridge had a double and a single before being injured and replaced by Birgie Bergman, who scored from second on a single in the fourth.

Dianne Hicky reached base twice on a single and a walk. Another standout defensively was Susan Gaemster at third, where she held a hot glove. Nancy Rhynold and Carrie Gallant played strongly at their positions, with Rhynold reaching base in the sixth on a single, but getting her money's worth in swings before that. Gallant reached base in the fifth on a single.

Hillsburgh defeated Georgetown 6-1 last Wednesday. No further details at this time. Game four is this Monday night at 8:30 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Obituary

Hockey Heritage Award winner, ex-Leaf, Red Wing Bob Goldham

Georgetown's Bob Goldham, who grew up playing shinny hockey in the street between his house and the old Memorial Arena, and went on to Stanley Cup fame with the NHL, died last week at Toronto General Hospital. He was 69.

Considered one the best defenceman ever to play the game, Mr. Goldham was honored by Georgetown's Hockey Heritage Council in 1985.

Though a snowstorm barred Gordie Howe, then-Lt. Gov. John Black Aird and then-Metro police chief Jack Marks from attending, the reception drew King Clancy, many of Goldham's old teammates, including Marcel Pronovost, Alex Delvecchio, Ted Lindsay and Bill Gadsby, and 350 well-wishers. Another hundred had to be turned away at the door.

Once a star of the Georgetown High School hockey team, Mr. Goldham played 11 seasons with the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs, Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings.

He left the Toronto Marlboros upon signing with the Leafs in 1941, and the following year served with the Royal Canadian Navy. At the end of the war, he was back with the Leafs, and helped the team to win the Stanley Cup in the 1946-47 season.

Mr. Goldham spent the following two seasons with the Blackhawks, but found far greater success with the Red Wings in the next six years, including the 1952 championship. At the 1985 tribute in Halton Hills, Mr. Goldham said winning the Cup, being voted Detroit's MVP and receiving the Hockey Heritage Award were the biggest thrills of his life.

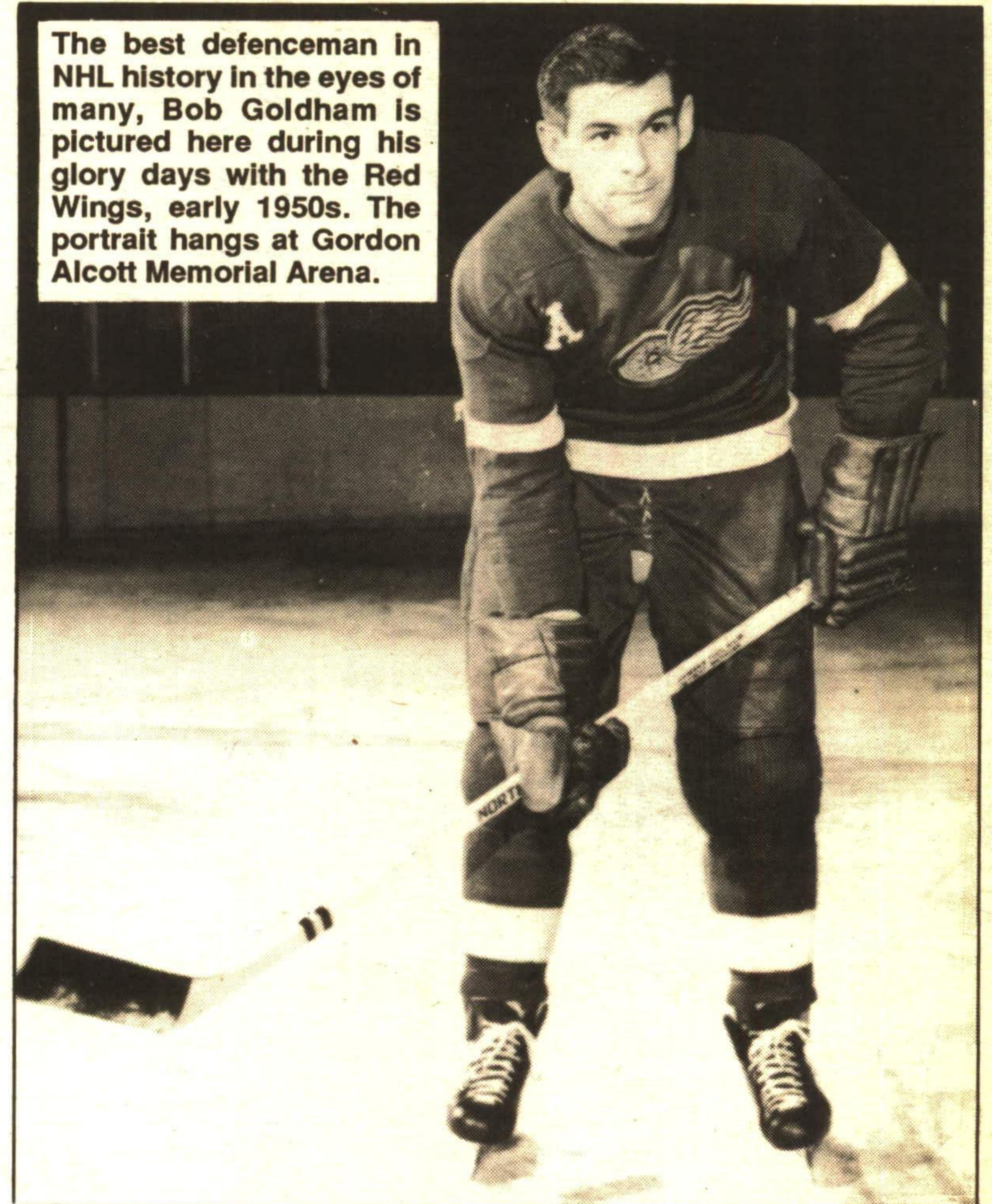
The many admirers in attendance that night heard of Bob's early days playing shinny with the "John St. gang."

"Bob's natural talent and leadership were nurtured in an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie with boys who themselves went on to make significant contributions to our hockey community," the Heritage Council noted.

Mr. Goldham distinguished himself even among that noted group of players by becoming, at age 18, a professional, and to this day, the greatest hockey player Georgetown has ever produced.

Mr. Goldham is survived by his wife, Elinor (Elly); daughters Pat (Mrs. Rick Nursey), Susan (Mrs. Jeff

The best defenceman in NHL history in the eyes of many, Bob Goldham is pictured here during his glory days with the Red Wings, early 1950s. The portrait hangs at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.



Goodman) and Barb (Mrs. Rod Loynachan); grandchildren Bob, Jim, Erin, Leah and Ali; and sister Ruth Miller of Campbell River, B.C.

A memorial service was held Wednesday in Toronto. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Local educator Tom Ramautarsingh interviewed Mr. Goldham in 1987 for an article that appeared in the GDHS Centennial Yearbook. Following are excerpts:

Robert "Bob" Goldham was born on May 12, 1922, in Georgetown. He attended Georgetown High School from 1935 to '37.

He played all sports. At first he favored lacrosse over hockey, but his hockey career with the high school team led to a junior try-out.

Bob attributed his early hockey success to the inspiration of his father and Gordon Alcott, and to endless hours of shinny hockey with "the John St. gang."

The United Church Sunday School, led by Gordon Alcott, held special significance for Bob. He

joined the Trail Rangers, a boys' group, and learned about four-fold development — mental, physical, social and spiritual.

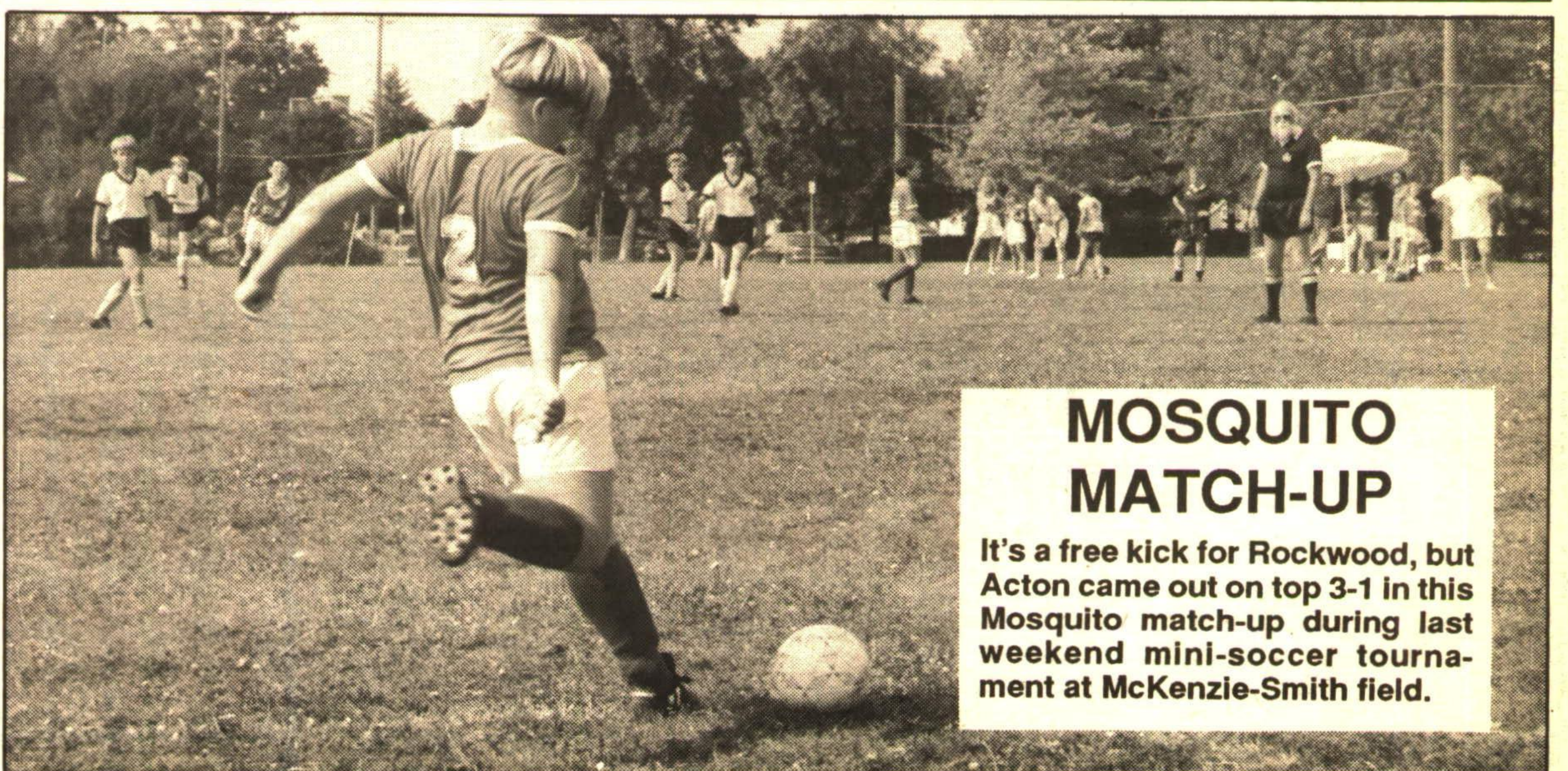
Mr. Alcott would take the Trail Rangers to outdoor ponds for skating and to Maple Leaf Gardens to witness NHL games.

Bob left high school to continue in the hockey field. He moved to Toronto, attending Northern Secondary School, where he met his future wife, a registered nurse-to-be.

Bob played for the Toronto Marlboros, and at 18, turned pro as a defenceman with the Maple Leafs, who went on to win the Stanley Cup.

The Leafs won five Stanley Cups while Mr. Goldham was on the team, and he earned the title "Outstanding Defenceman in NHL History."

Bob always credited coach Hap Day and veteran defenceman Bucko McDonald for his style of play. Following his retirement from active play, he became a well-known sportscaster and analyst on Hockey Night in Canada.



MOSQUITO MATCH-UP

It's a free kick for Rockwood, but Acton came out on top 3-1 in this Mosquito match-up during last weekend mini-soccer tournament at McKenzie-Smith field.