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All eyes on soccer world

The World Cup is a success so far. As I write late on Sunday evening some, if not most or even all, of the games are a tribute to skillful and attacking soccer philosophies.

Already the first round has shown many signs of open, attacking and exciting footie and is a far cry from the boring tourney of 1990.

Local senior recreational soccer news from the Inter County. Andrew Jonkman signed for two teams without obtaining release from the first signed team to play for the second signed for team. This action provided major problems for the two teams and for the league which had to try to sort matters to everyone's satisfaction. Last season the player registered, and played for, Blazers. During the winter Jonkman appeared to be trying out with more than one team. In the final analysis he chose Meteor and signed cards with the club, after having already registered to play with Ajax.

The league decided to go with the player's last wishes and directed Ajax to release the player. At the same time the player was given a time suspension for his unlawful registration until the end of June. After a series of hearings and appeals hopefully the situation is resolved. Even although the results may not be to everyone's satisfaction, and not that the decisions have to be, either.

Meadowvale continue to lead the first division after a 1-1 tie with contending Meteor. Meadowvale led at the half and the home team persevered to tie before the end. Mariner move into second place after a fighting come back against Eagles. Eagles scored in the first and fourtyfourth minutes to go in at the break with a two goal lead. The second half became a little tousy with four Mariners requiring attention and leaving the game. Four goals without reply gave Mariners the victory. Blazers had another night of poor luck as they lost 1-2 to Merseyside. Mersey had a player ejected towards the end of the match. Falcons went to Caledon and were on the wrong side of a 4-0 score. Falcons are playing well enough at times but seem to lack scoring when in position and this is coupled with defensive let downs.

In the second division Winchester hold down first place. They had a narrow win over Villa, just 2-0, which says a lot for Villa's effort. Winchester's 2-0 win over Milton keeps them in second place. Britannia saw Ajax off with five unanswered goals and United won their third league game in succession. They defeated PRPA 3-1 in a strong outing.

The latest in the Knock Out Challenge Cup saw United defeat Winchester by 4-2 in outplaying the opposition in the end at Alcott last Friday. Earlier in the evening Villa made a valiant effort before going out to a 2-3 result. The opposition were a better, smoother, playing Falcons.

On Wednesday had Mariners at Meadowvale, Meteor at Merseyside-both good contests, on paper anyway. At Alcott, Eagles met Caledon early followed by Falcons and Blazers. United hosted Ajax at Meadowglen and Villa hosted Britannia.

Don't forget to register your seven to fourteen year olds for the Gary Morrow clinic in mid-July. Early registration will secure a place. Several players have signed up already which is good news and the interest grows.

Tennis juniors fall short in bid for top spot

It wasn't a great week for the Gordon Alcott tennis club. But then again, it wasn't a bad week either.

The Junior Boys played Bramalea and had a chance to move into first place, but split the 10 available points.

Tom Dembie split 3-6, 6-4, Jason Sands split 6-3, 5-7, Paul Dallison and Daniel Estevan won 6-3, 6-2, Jason Estevan split 2-6, 6-4 and Simon Deeley lost 0-6, 5-7. The Junior Boys stand second, two points behind Bramalea. The Ladies' "A" Inter-County team played Brampton and came away with three points. Kay King and Chris Steen won 7-5, 6-2, Audrey Houston and Tammie Gill won 6-2, 6-3, Carol Beeny and Audrey Jans won 6-4, 6-1 and Louise Cambell and

Sandy Lewis lost 4-6, 5-7.

The Ladies' "C" squad squared off against Tecumseh and matched the three point output of the "A" team. Marg Macenko and Muriel Fraser won 6-4, 6-2, Karin Wilson and Mary Hughes won easily 6-1, 6-1, Trudy Roy and Norma Maynard swept their opponents 6-0, 6-0 and Margot Prior and Maureen Burgoyne lost in three very tough sets 6-7(5-7), 7-6(12-10), 5-7.

The Mixed "B" side tangled with the Ontario Racquet Club and took four points. Gord Buchan and Ken Kavanagh won a three-setter 7-6, 2-6, 6-4, Rory Kennedy and Bernie Kent lost 4-6, 6-7, Jay Anderson and Rene March won 7-5, 6-3, Chris Steen and Mike Hurley won 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, Tammie Gill and Doug Yool won

1-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Louise Campbell and Linda Osso lost 0-6, 5-7.

In Mixed "C" action, the Alcott aces served it up against Bramalea, taking four points. John Dallison and John Moore won 6-1, 6-2, Ryan

Brain and Murray Jans won 6-2, 6-2, Ed Rieger and Gary Lewis won 6-0, 6-1, Deb Koster and Bill Kent lost 5-7, 1-6, Mike Bosman and Sandy Lewis won 6-4, 6-1 and Barb Rieger and Audrey Jans lost 4-6, 6-7(5-7).

Newman leads bantam attack

Limehouse Bantam Girls traveled to Glen Williams where they came away with a 19-1 victory in Halton Rural league action on Tuesday, June 14.

The Limehouse team has shown power at the plate all season but that night the defense had its best game with exceptional plays by several players allowing only 1 Glen run in the 3rd inning. Limehouse starter Sharon Kearsy pitched 4 solid innings allowing 3 hits while

striking out 8 Glen batters. Closer Robin Zander finished the game facing 9 batters over the final 3 frames, striking out 5 and allowing no hits.

On offense the Limehouse attack was led by Karen Newman with 3 hits, 5 RBI's, Sheila Bapooji 4 hits, 4 RBI's and Carrie Schenk with 3 hits and 3 RBI's. Schenk also added her second home run of the season in the first inning along with Robin Zander's homer in the 5th.

Taxi squad remain in top spot

Halton Hills Taxi remains atop the Acton Condo League fastball standings.

This past weekend, the Cabbies managed to split their two games. On Friday, they blew a four-run lead but managed to eke out a 5-4 thriller over the Milton Blues. Dave Brown was the hero as he laid down

a perfect suicide squeeze in the final inning to score Jim Reeves with the winning run. The Taxi squad wasn't as fortunate on Sunday, losing to the second-place Chiefs, who blew open a close game with a big sixth inning.

In other weekend action, the Nationals won two games to move into a third place tie with the Blues. In their second victory, the Nationals had to sweat through a last inning four run rally by the still winless Cougars.

The standings now look like this: Halton Hills Taxi, 12 points; Chiefs, 11; Nationals, 10; Blues, 10; Milton Cellular, 7; Cougars, 1; Aces, 1.

Bince no longer with Merchants

The "Binner" era is over, and Milton hockey may never be the same.

During an emotional awards banquet June 12th at the Muddy Duck Restaurant, Rick Bince announced that he would not be returning as head coach of the Milton Merchants Junior A club.

The decision, officially reached on Thursday, June 9th, was a mutual one between Bince and Merchant owner Bradley Grant - that after five years, it was time for a change for both the coach and the team.

In five years in Milton, Bince coached the Merchants to four straight division finals.

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