

Beloved football coach mourned

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The local football community is mourning the loss of a popular coach who passed away last week.

Neil Burfind, who died May 25 five days after his 63rd birthday was remembered by family and friends for his humour, loyalty and hard-working nature.

As per his wishes, arrangements for a private memorial service have been made.

He helped out across the board, from young to old, house league or rep, said Jonathan Nedeljkovic, president of the Halton Hills Minor Football Association.

Neil loved the association and always wanted to give back to it, so we thought that the best place for donations to go would be the Adopt-a-Tide Fund, which is right up his alley because he was so closely connected to the kids.

Burfind coached junior varsity and varsity teams in Halton Hills for several years

with both the Wildcats and North Halton Crimson Tide and was known for interjecting humour during stressful times to help everyone relax.

He coached two championship teams during his tenure, including the last undefeated Tide team in 2011, which sent five players on to the Canadian university level.



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The organization named its Coach of the Year award after him six years ago and it will now be now known as the Neil Burfind Memorial Trophy.

Nedeljkovic added that the Adopt-a-Tide Fund was established to allow underprivileged kids to play football along with support from the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program.

Cheques can be made out to HHMFA Unit #338, 162 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 5X7 or by email to president@haltonhillsfootball.com

Burfind is survived by his wife Doris along with children Thomas and Charlotte and sisters Sharon and Linda.

HHMBA HOUSE LEAGUE TOURNEY: Eric Brown of the AGE Mechanical Orange Eagles ducks away from an inside pitch during the Halton Hills Minor Baseball Associations House League Tournament last weekend at various local diamonds. The Eagles defeated Paul Armstrong Insurance 11-4 in the opening contest of the peewee division last Friday before going on to winning their next four games, including a 16-5 triumph over Sky Blue for the championship. Ryan Scutt hit four triples and a double for 12 RBIs during the tourney and pitcher Brian Cameron was outstanding, backed up by some superb team defence. Other division winners from the tournament were: Rookie Molly Maid Green Eagles; Mosquito Trendz Green Eagles; Bantam AGE Mechanical Green Eagles.

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HALTON TITLE FOR JAGUARS: Dawn Bodrug of Christ the King's Jaguars kept Burlington Assumption Crusaders batters at bay for much of the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association's senior girls fastpitch championship game Tuesday afternoon at the Georgetown Fairgrounds as the hosts prevailed 2-0. Bodrug went the full seven innings on the mound for the win, striking out a Crusader batter with the bases loaded to end the fourth inning. The victory completed an undefeated campaign for the Jaguars, who went 5-0 during the regular season before edging Milton's Bishop Reding in last Thursday's semifinal encounter. It's the third time in school history that CTK has won the HSSAA girls fastpitch title after capturing top spot in 2012 and 2014.

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CtK's Parsons 4th in OFSAA 3,000m

Christ the King's Stefanie Parsons finished just out of the medals over the weekend at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association Track & Field Championships in Belleville.

Competing in the senior girls 3,000 metres, Parsons placed fourth a dozen seconds behind the bronze medalist while also finishing seventh in the 1,500m event.

Jaguar Connor McGowan earned a silver medal in the boys 200m wheelchair dash and teammate Hannah English came in 19th spot in the junior girls 3,000m.

Acton's Madison Dempster placed eighth in the province in the midget girls 400m, as did Georgetown's Ashley Fournier in the 800m Intellectually run, beating her previous-best time by 22 seconds.

GDHS's Savanna Kent-Korell also set a PB in the 400m senior girls hurdles by finishing eighth in the final.

BASEBALL: CTK's senior boys went 1-2 at last week's OFSAA West Regionals in Windsor and didn't advance to the provincial Fi-

nal Four event Wednesday in London.

The Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference-champion Jaguars lost their opener in Windsor 8-3 to Mississauga's Mount Carmel before rebounding to defeat St. Peter's of Peterborough 6-2. CTK was eliminated from the double-knockout tourney by St. Anne of Belle River after a 2-0 loss.

RUGBY: Taking an early 7-0 lead on a try by Melissa Green, the Georgetown Rebels fended off their opponents from Oakville's T.A. Blakelock in a 7-5 triumph last Thursday to capture the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association Tier II AAA championship at Sherwood Forest Park in Burlington.

It's the first time in the school's history that the Rebels have won the senior girls crown. Blakelock scored its try 10 minutes into the second half, but the conversion failed and the Tigers couldn't close the gap.

Co-captain Kiara Jefferies supplied the GDHS conversion.

The Rebels went 7-1 on the season and their lone loss came against Blakelock.



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