

Everyone involved in final day action

By Ruth Taylor

A gold medal game! Trapeze artists without nets are not more exciting than girls indoor soccer teams playing with empty nets and no goalies!

Heart-thumping gasps, sighs of disappointment and loud applause and cheers for brilliant plays were part of the final championship 0-0 game that went into overtime.

To determine an overall winner, the goalies were pulled and for 10 minutes, the 5-player teams passed, headed and bounced the soccer ball of doors, spectators and walls.

Good catches were made by Bethan Elliott's mother and Annie Schaefer's mother in the stands but the girl's teams on the floor were all action.

The overtime score was decided by Yellow player Colleen Thompson who sunk one in, with an assist by Annie Schaefer, despite a Herculean defensive attempt by the Purple team to cover the mouth of the net with their feet. Yellow teammate Stephanie Lefebvre drove another one in after nine minutes, with an assist from Alison Hawes, and the score was a definitive 2-0 for the Yellow side.

The championship game between the Yellow and the Purple teams was great defensive sport. Tasha Palumbo-Coates saved goals for the Yellow team while Alyssa Taylor, Jessie Brown and Kathy Irvine shared goalie duties for the Purple side.

Legs were intertwined as players fought for the ball. Purple player Jen Westman aimed shoot-ins straight down the line while teammate Trisha Edwards was always in position at the side of the crease ready to receive a pass.

In the second half Yellow player Alanna Zelek's great shot was caught by Kathy Irvine as spectators held their breath. Purple

Indoor Soccer

defense Jennie Royce and Faith Malinosky leapt in front of the net at the right times.

Yellow players Leah Crane, Kerri Neilsen and Jen Elliott danced across the gym facing their opposition, not giving an inch into their territory.

Two handballs were called but both were misfortunes, not deliberate. With the decision for overtime, the referees earned their afternoon's work.

Thank you to Kim Timmings and Lee Sperduti who alternated referee and linesman duties for the games.

The consolation game saw the Red and Blue team face-off for the last time and, in the wink of an eye, Little Red Devil Tina Peterson put the ball into the Blue net, after a pass from Kim Moore at center.

Blue players Kristina Zelek and Paula Gougeon fired up to stop the Red Devils while Blue forward Katie Morris plied the Red net with shots.

After half-time, Little Devil Bethan Elliott headed for the goalie box with a close but wide shot while Blue player Kristina Zelek aimed a deadly shot that was caught by Red goalie Davina Taylor.

The Blue forward line of Carolyn

MacNeal, Becky Leferink and Lindsay Sproule were moving the ball to and from the walls but their luck didn't hold. The second goal was scored by Little Red Devil, Jen Tremblay who found a corner behind the Blue goalie who came out to stop her. The strong defensive Red line of Becky Culp and Brianne Evers-Jordan kept the ball in the opposing team's half. The score stood fast at 2-0.

Both consolation and championship games were superb shows of good sportsmanship and neatly-executed plays culminating the efforts of the girls and parents who sat in the bleachers of the Acton High School gym all winter. Thank you to the coaches, referees and parents who set up and took down the equipment every week, too.

Many thanks are extended to the coaches for being there every Saturday, and for encouraging and supporting the girls with a positive attitude.

Marc and Ro Palumbo-Coates for the Yellow team; Colin Royce for the Purple team; Roger Roy for the Little Red Devils and Lindsey Baines for the Blue team.

After the Pizza Hut Party on Saturday, it will be out to the green leaves and pitches of Georgetown and Acton for outdoor soccer!



The Halton Hills Blue Fins returned from the Provincial Division III Championships held in Ottawa over the weekend with a net-full of medals. Outstanding swimmers included; (front centre) Patrick Potosky, (from left) Aaron Scarlett, Danny Collins, Laurie Anne Crocker, Alison Duby and Alex Main.

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Blue Fins achieve goals

Excellent results were achieved by the Halton Hills Blue Fins swim team at the Division III Championships held in Ottawa recently.

"We set out to accomplish two goals this year," said head coach, Gord Bassett. "We wanted to place in the top 15 and earn over 100 points." By earning 143.5 points and placing 12th overall out of 36 clubs attending from all across Ontario, the club did just that.

BOYS: Danny Collins: 6th in 50 and 200 free, 4th in 100 free, 8th in 50 back and 50 fly, two club records. Patrick Potosky: silver in 100 back, bronze in 50 back, two club records. Aaron Scarlett: silver in 200 breast, 4th in 100 breast, one club record. Alex Main: bronze in 200 fly. James Moore: club records in 50 and 100 breast. Michael White: club records in 100 free and 100 fly. Matthew Hardstaff: club record in 400 free. The boys 10-

and-under relay team of James Moore, Scott Willson, Patrick Potosky and Danny Collins placed 4th in both the free and medley relays. The 11/12 boys team of John Moore, Alex Main, Daniel Hardstaff and Aaron Scarlett placed 6th in both events.

GIRLS: Laurie Anne Crocker: silver in 400 and 800 free, bronze in 200 free and 200 IM, 5th in 200 back, five club records. Alison Duby: silver in 100 free, bronze in 200 free, 5th in 50 free, 6th in 100 fly, 7th in 100 back, one club record. Dawn Newman: 5th in 100 breast, 8th in 200 breast, two club records. Christianne Lent: 8th in 200 back. The girls free relay team of Erin Shillington, Amy Willis, Christianne Lent and Alison Duby placed 4th.

Also swimming well for the team and achieving many personal bests were Sara Robertson, Shirley Grant, Elaine Collins, Lauren Potosky, Tommy Jamotte, Cory Constant and Nick Jamotte.

Go get them, Leafs!

By Rod Beaumont

Round Two begins and Leaf fans are in a frenzy. A trend has formed in the first round with only two teams with home ice advantage winning. Hopefully for Toronto, the trend won't remain now that they have home ice advantage. Go get them Leafs!

People sure are crazy. I remember when you went to a sporting event you would try to smuggle in a wine flask, not seafood.

I can just see it now. A group of youths stopped by security at the turnstyle. Security asks "What's in the bag kids?" They, of course, reply "Nothing!" and security points out, "Smells fishy to me".

Come on, Detroit has to be the only arena with a seafood stand - specifically octopus - right inside the building. I can't see any security guard or arena official missing an octopus if they were really looking for it.

Which brings me to another beef. Who was that moron who was waving an octopus at the crowd on Saturday when he retrieved it from the ice. I watch the game to see fine hockey, not some arena rink rat entice the crowd by shaking dead

seafood at them.

When Toronto scored in overtime, I breathed a sigh of relief. One, my team goes on, and two, hopefully the octopi population is safe for another year.

On April 24, the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association gave out their awards at the Coaches, Managers and Trainers Appreciation Dance. Congratulations to the winners and a warm round of applause to the rest.

I'm sure it was a tough job for the GMHA executive to make the selections as all the coaches, managers and trainers deserved recognition for a job well done.

Here's looking forward to seeing the winners coaching once again next year and seeing everyone else, too. For without your assistance, the children would have no next year.

Soccer fans are on their toes awaiting the next games result. With Canada's win over El Salvador on the weekend, they need only win one more to qualify for the world cup. This feat marks only the second time in Cup history for Canada.

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