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## Local soccer programs are off and running

By Alex Tough

Well, here we are again, with a change of activity. It is back to my first love, soccer, for a few months. My, how the time does fly!

Senior soccer opened last Wednesday and youth opened this past Saturday. Both days had sunshine. However, there the similarity ends. Wednesday was dry and chilly whereas Saturday was warm and wet. The fields were ready for play as promised by Barry Shynal and his staff, of the Recreation and Parks Department. All are warmly thanked for their cooperation in getting us off to a good start.

This is the season of wild driving, cyclists on both sides of the road, many runners and walkers, lots of little people on the way to and from games. It is the season to go about our pleasures very carefully, watching all round as we go.

### Busy Places

Cedarvale and Alcott were busy places on the weekend and I did manage to attend for a short while. Some of the older girls' teams were in action and some nice soccer was being attempted. All players are in recreational play this season, with combined play with Acton, Brampton and Milton in some, if not all, age groups.

George and Pat Baines kept the coffee stall going strong all day and several well-known persons dropped in for the first feel of the game.



Georgetown Soccer Club Opening Day saw plenty of action last Saturday at Cedarvale Park. During the Under-16 boys division game opener, Time Out Roadhouse centre forward Dean Ellis (#10) challenged the McEachren Steering Specialties' defense on the goalline. Dean scored the games' only goal for the Roadhouse win in exhibition play.

### Champs Impressive

In Inter-County league play, first division league champions Meteor began their defense of the title with an impressive win by 3-1 over Merseyside. The visitors missed a penalty kick at a crucial point in the first half and the Meteor defense kept out the "big" name players.

Blazers, who retained their first

division status after a league vote, hosted the newly-promoted Meadowvale at Alcott. A fine match took place and the home team lost two goals in the last 10 minutes to throw away the chance of victory. As it was, the match ended 3-3. In the other first division game, Mariners, new look and inexperienced for the most part, lost 2-4 to Winchester, who played very well.

Ajax visited newcomers Caledon and were on the wrong side of an 11-0 result, a surprise to most of us. Milton dropped a 2-1 decision to Stingers yet may win the points as Stingers lost one too many players on the game sheet, the first decision for the committee. Falcons made their entrance into the league after several years in the competitive Peel-Halton league. A close match with the strong Eagles was envisaged and so it turned out. Eagles won 1-0 and get off to a good start.

### Canadian Chances Slim

This was almost the start to the season which would have made the year more exciting than usual. Canada's attempt to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals was thwarted after suffering two defeats at the hands, or feet, of Mexico, undoubtedly a stronger soccer nation.

A first place finish in the section would have automatically qualified us for the finals. As it is, there is a slim chance to still make it through.

The second place finish means a further playoff game against either Australia or New Zealand. A victory would furnish another playoff against a South American country. Not a pleasing prospect and a difficult route to say the least.

The English cup final was televised to some 450,000,000 people on Saturday. The game between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday was played at Wembley Stadium in front of 80,000 spectators. The stadium is capable of holding 100,000 and the crowd sizes have been drastically cut by the authorities in recent years following hooliganism and tragedies. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, and was an exciting match throughout with both goalkeepers distinguishing themselves. The replay is on Thursday (tomorrow).

### Rangers vs Aberdeen

The Scottish cup final is to come, between Rangers and Aberdeen, with Rangers favorites. In the European cup final between the clubs of A.C. Milan and Marseille, a football feast is expected.

Sadly, local soccer has lost a former enthusiast, player, coach and referee in the tragic accident to Peter Jones. Peter played for Falcons, Meteor and Mariners as well as coaching and refereeing at youth level. Paul Hulbert is another loss, although having moved out of the area some years ago. Paul, like Peter, was a former player and coach.

A big thank you to Barb and Joey Clare, Tim Davis, Danny Gallagher and self for preparing the lining and nets in time for opening day. We are off and running and I trust we all have an enjoyable season.

## Glen Williams players hot again

By Wendi Goodhew Special

With the good weather comes softball, and the Glen minor players are out in full force. This week's results show the Glen is hot again this year.

Glen A Tyke 6, Glen B Tyke 5

Glen C Tyke 16, Acton Blue 7  
 Atom Boys A 22, Limehouse 12  
 Squirt Girls 25, Acton 10  
 Squirt Boys 28, Acton 13  
 Squirt boys 10, Hornby 11  
 Pee Wee Girls 23, Milton 3  
 Pee Wee Girls 11, Omagh 10  
 Pee Wee Boys 7, Hornby 12

Pee Wee Boys 9, Puslinch 5  
 Bantam Girls 14, Hornby 12  
 Bantam Boys 16, Puslinch Green 9

### Highlights of the week

Atom girls: Ashleigh Pechalok and Erin Haines pitched great games while Kimberly Lafamme banded in a home run with two on base.

Pee Wee girls: Amanda Inglis drove in two runs with a great single. Angela Zymia made a couple of great catches while Lori Walsh and Michelle Taylor had their bats in high gear. Andrea Diaczok and April Everingham drove a few hits out to test Omagh's fielders.

Pee Wee boys: A fine team effort with many great hits and catches by everyone.

The Glen minor ballplayers are out to put Glen on the map.

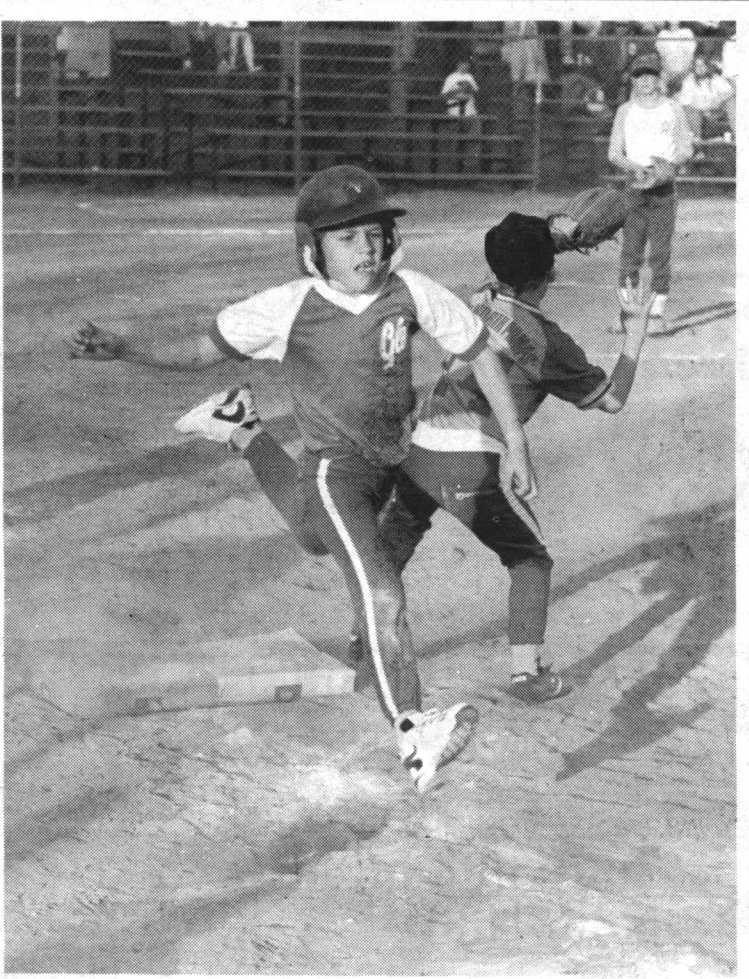
Come to where the action is at Glen ball park, Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## Alcott tennis

By Norma Maynard

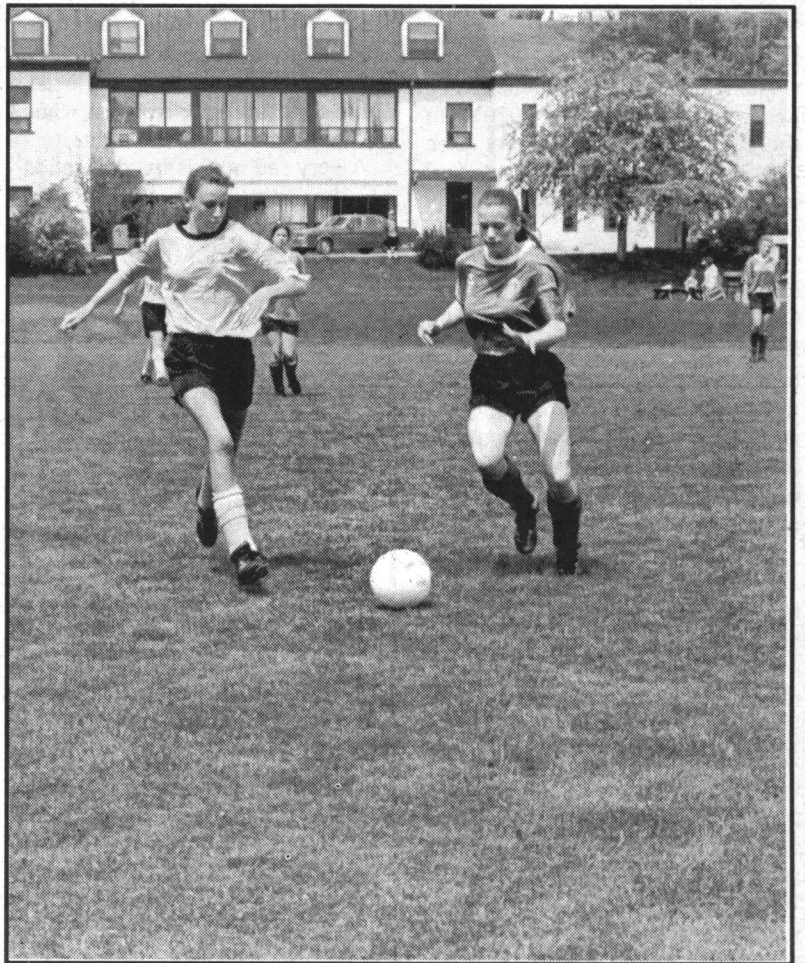
"B" 1 Mixed split against Bramalea 1. Winning teams were Mike Hurley and Gord Buchan, Carol Beeney and Doug Yool, Chris Steen and Kay King. Losing teams were Ken Kavanagh and Dean Jackson, Jay Anderson and Rene March, Ouida Graville and Vincent Mittra.

"B" 2 Mixed played Brampton 2. Teams were John Moore and Tim Gibbons, John Dallison and Tom Dembie, David Harris and Andy Hummeny, Sandy and Gary Lewis, Deb Koster and Ed Rieger. Barb Rieger and Louise Campbell won in three sets 6-1, 6-7 (7-1), 7-5.



Brandon Gabet of the Glen Squirt Boys team makes it safely to first in the game against Hornby. Unfortunately, Hornby prevailed, 11-10.

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Sarah Williamson (left) of the Gold team and Marci Roy of the Green team race for the ball during play in an Under-17 girls division game Saturday at Cedarvale Park on Opening Day of the Georgetown Soccer Club's 1993 season. All games were exhibition.

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