

Panthers claw their way to top of Ladies Softball standings

BY KAREN SMITH

In a close game last Monday, Four Seasons edged out Ballinafad in Acton Ladies Recreational Softball action. Leading scorers for Four Seasons with four runs each were Clazina Van Oosten, Margie Laton, and Robin McClure. One of Margie's was a homer. Lori Taylor hit one homer and had four RBIs in the game. Vera Longstreet pitched her first complete game, hit a triple and scored three runs. Sharon Marshall also crossed home plate three times.

Random defeated Red Hots in another close game last Tuesday. Cheryl McDonald hit a triple for Random, while Elaine Rego and Kelly Hoskins each pounded a home run for the Red Hots.

On Wednesday, Double Trouble gained their first win by doubling Remax's score. Each Remax player got on base but couldn't succeed in crossing home plate often enough. For Double, Cheryl Pinsent scored four times, while Anissa Poloni, Marlene Jordan and Kathy Vandenhoeck scored three runs each. Denise Scott hit a triple. Marauders came out on top in their game against Random on

Thursday. Shelley Young crossed home plate three times, Teresa Uiterwyk and Susan Poulsen each hit a homer and a triple and Karen Smith and Lynn Albert each hit a triple. Chris Stewart in the fifth was robbed of a home run by a terrific relay effort by Sally Humberstone and Rhonda Ritchie. Also, Cheryl McDonald and Heather Webster pounded a triple each to help Random.

Also on Thursday, the Panthers swept Four Seasons off their feet. Leading Panthers scorers were Janice Gagne with four, and Monica McArthur and Nancy Oakley with three runs each. Laura Levick scored twice for Four Seasons.

Standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Panthers	6	0
Marauders	4	2
Four Seasons	4	3
Random	4	3
Ballinafad	3	2
Remax	1	4
Double Trouble	1	5
Red Hots	1	5

Quote: "Politeness is a gilt-edged investment that seldom misses a dividend." — Minna Antrim. ■

Acton soccer tourney cancelled because of poor field conditions

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

In the name of players safety Halton Hills council has been urged to improve the condition of Acton's soccer fields.

Mary Bailey, registrar of the Acton Soccer Club, appealed for help at last night's (Monday's) Town Council meeting.

"There are severe safety problems at the five fields in Acton. There are potholes and ruts; bike paths run across two of the major fields. The goals are dug out and we have a serious problem with broken glass, especially at McKenzie-Smith and M.Z. Bennett. The field at Acton High isn't in good shape and we've lost the use of Rotary Park on Elizabeth Drive because it was chewed up by some football players after a major rain storm and hasn't been repaired," Bailey complained.

"Losing Elizabeth Drive was a catastrophe as far as scheduling goes. We have 95 teams using Acton's fields—25 of those teams are from Acton. I had to cancel a tournament at the end of June in Acton because we can't play in Rotary Park.

"We've had complaints from out-of-town teams about the poor conditions and the potential for injury. They only cut the grass every 10 days and the dandelions and weeds makes the fields unsafe. There are no lighted facilities so I can't reschedule some of



JUST DANDY: Although the soccer field at M.Z. Bennett was cut by Town workers yesterday (Monday) afternoon, this is how the pitch looked on the weekend when we snapped this photo.

the games that I need to and I have one team that I can't find playing space for," Bailey said.

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Bryan Shynal defended the Town's sports turf maintenance program as "reasonably good" in Acton, but also admitted there are problems.

"I don't want to be adversarial, but I will try to answer some of the concerns raised," Shynal began. "We do cut every 10 days but the Soccer Club is wrong to say if it rains on the 10th day we won't cut for another week. We will cut on the next work day," Shynal said.

"We don't spray for weeds at three of the fields that belong to the Halton Board of Education. The Board won't let us, but we are investigating organic compounds that may help the problem.

"We have no plans for lighting

the fields for night play because we won't spend money on sites we don't own and can't control. We wouldn't put lights at Town-owned intermediate sites. Elizabeth Drive has major drainage problems which we are working on this week. The soccer clubs may be able to use it in August." Shynal went on to say that the Town would do all it can to help the Acton club reschedule any games that it can.

Acton councillor Gerald Rennie ended the debate urging Shynal and the Parks and Recreation staff to do all they can to improve the condition of Acton's soccer fields.

"It is of major importance to do all you can immediately to smooth the holes and fill the ruts and remove the potential danger of children breaking their legs as they run for the ball." ■

OPP Squirts recover from wrath of MacMillan's

BY PAUL CHUMLEY

Acton Merit Industrial drew 1-1 with their local opponents Blue Springs Flowers in local squirt

soccer action last Wednesday.

Merit Industrial's Jenna Grossman and Taylor Seeds played a superb game while Gregory Corman managed to slip a single goal past Blue Springs Flowers. Shane Stewart from Blue Springs Flowers booted his first goal of the season with strong support from Becky Taylor and Michael Van Den Hoek. The teams were well-matched, moving quickly from end to end.

Also Wednesday, Rockwood's Guelph OPP deadlocked with MacMillan's at a 3-3 final score.

The OPP side managed to recover from a 3-0 first half deficit and suppress MacMillan's winning streak. MacMillan's defenders Sean LaForest and Sabrina Fread took control to support Caitlin Lichty in net, moving the ball upfield for Amy Lynn Inscoc, who was outstanding on the forward line. Rockwood overpowered MacMillans with solid team play from Joel Hateley, Mark Penner, David Preston and Dylan Jacobs in net to allow Shane Drexler, Monica Gordon and Michael Tilson to each score a goal.

Grand Valley H & R Block battled to a scoreless draw against Acton's Mr. Mugs squad last

Wednesday.

Mr. Mugs player Laura Vanderleest as half-back, Raymond Peterson on defense and Chris LeBlanc for his headers came up big to shut down Grand Valley's forward strength.

On Thursday, Guelph's Campbell Soup triumphed over Acton Home Hardware by a 2-0 count.

Campbell Soup almost hammered Home Hardware but Blaine Murray on defense, Matthew Dayman in net and Brian Field as forward managed to keep the play in and hold the score to 2-0. Campbell's leadership by John Field, Andrew MacDonald as goalie and Judy Purten's aggression on defence proved to be too much for Home Hardware.

In Mosquito soccer action last Thursday, Acton's Frizzell Electric drew 1-1 with their Grand Valley visitors, Young's Food Market.

Both teams played well considering the poor condition of the Grand Valley field. ■



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