

Mary Bailey is working in the field again

BY ESTHER TAPLEY

When the weather gets warmer and the days longer, most people slow down their hectic schedules and making room for more leisure time. Many take out their barbecues and sun umbrellas and head for the beach. But for Acton resident Mary Bailey, the work is just beginning.

Mary is an active member of the Acton Soccer Club and for the past 11 years she has volunteered her summers coaching and refereeing soccer teams. "All of my free time," she says, "is spent answering phone calls of concerned parents and other referees and coaches."

When she's not on the phone, Mary is on the field coaching players anywhere from age 6 to 20.

Coach Bailey always enjoyed the game as a child but never played organized soccer; coming from a small town of only 200 there were not enough people to get a team together.

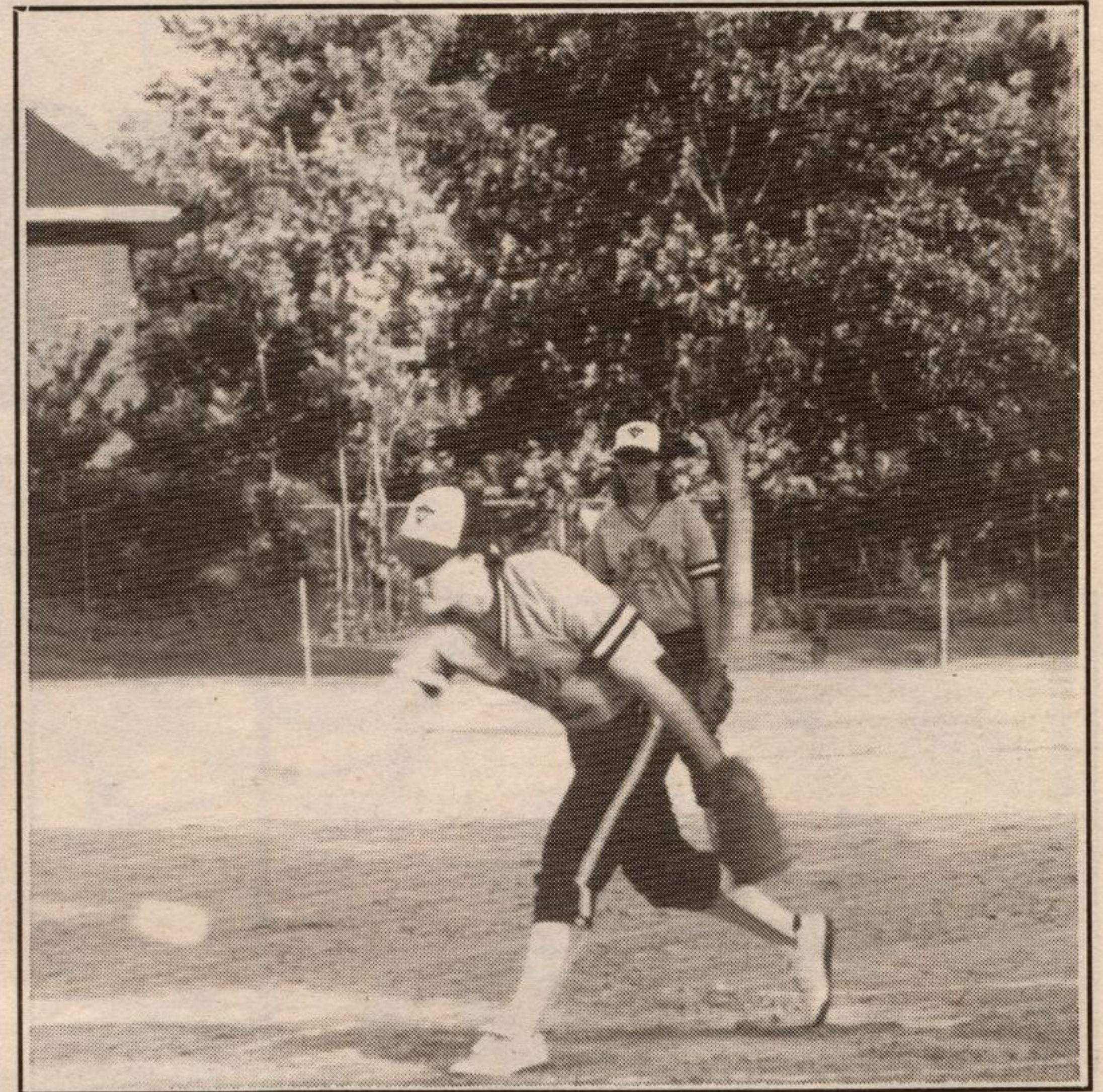
It wasn't until her eldest daughter Sheila wanted to play that Mary began coaching. Sheila wanted to play on the town team but there was no coach available. So, being a supportive mother with a love for soccer, Mary volunteered herself for the position of coach.

She has also done some refereeing for the soccer club in the

past but she did not enjoy it as much as coaching. She claims that referees take a lot of abuse from the spectators. "Don't bother the referees," advises Mary. "No one needs to be told how lousy they're doing."

Recently Mary learned that the number of qualified referees this year is down by half (no doubt due to the abuse to which they are subject). It's not surprising that Mary prefers to coach.

This summer, if you visit one of Acton's minor soccer pitches, you will likely see Mary Bailey on the field, encouraging some young players — not because she has to, but because she enjoys it.



Acton Peewee hurler Cheri-Ann Paisley delivers a pitch in minor ball against Omagh Thursday night at Prospect Park. The score for the game was unavailable, as a report was not submitted.

Halton Hills Electric gets clobbered by Glen

BY DOUG BOYKO

The Glen Williams long ball was too much for the Halton Hills Electric Squirt minor softball team last Tuesday in the Glen, as the local side lost by a margin of 21-0.

Mike Fowler and Bryan Coles helped shut down the Glen's third inning attack by working together and pulling off a sparkling double play. Unfortunately, it was not enough as Acton waits for the rematch.

Panthers, Ballinafad still on top in Ladies softball league

BY KAREN SMITH

Ballinafad defeated Remax last Monday, as Kathy Dueck had a supernight, hitting two home runs, a triple and having five RBI's. Other home run earners were Sharon Marshall, Cindy See and Vera Longstreet. Vera also had six RBI's for Ballinafad. Louise Herbert, Heather Keane and Karie Gudgeon each scored two runs for Remax.

Last Tuesday, the Panthers outran the Red Hots with Nancy Oakley, Carolyn Scott and Nadine Klooster each scoring five runs.

Marilyn Eagles, Sue Terry and Bev Smith each bagged four runs and Joyce McIsaac and Elaine Hughes each crossed home plate twice.

Heather Webster led Random to victory over Red Hots on Thursday with a grand slam. Rhonda Ritchie and Robin Burke each crossed the plate for three runs each. Susan Angel and Elaine Rego each cranked a homer for Red Hots, while Candy Stock and Elaine Hughes each scored twice.

Also on Thursday night, Ballinafad squeaked past Four Seasons. Cindy See hit a triple and Carol Ann See scored three runs for Ballinafad. Debbie Train hit a triple, a double and scored three runs for Four Seasons.

Quote: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall." —Confucius

Pawlak strokes a pair of homers in BP Siding win

BY DEVON AMBROSE

Acton I BP Siding thumped Kilbride 27-6 in Atom minor softball action last Tuesday in Acton.

Mark Pawlak smashed two homers, a triple and a single for the home squad, Paul Schiller cracked two doubles and two sin-

gles, Jonathon Hicks launched a round tripper and two singles, Shane Haslam crushed a triple and a single, Robbie Price batted a pair of doubles and a single, Wayne Hopkins cranked a double and a two singles and Jeffrey Cole and Chase Trall each hit a couple of singles in the thumping.

Mr. Mugs defeats Acton Home Hardware 3-0

The Mr. Mugs squad shut out the opposing Acton Home Hardware team 3-0 in Squirt minor soccer action on Thursday night.

Home Hardware's goalie, Matthew Dayman and team mates Lorrin Doppalt, Jason Drechsel and Shawn Meiliew played an

extremely aggressive game trying to shut down Mr. Mugs' continuous attacks but were beat by three picture goals from Bobby Pereira and John Newby with a pair.

Other scheduled games were cancelled Wednesday due to the inclement weather.

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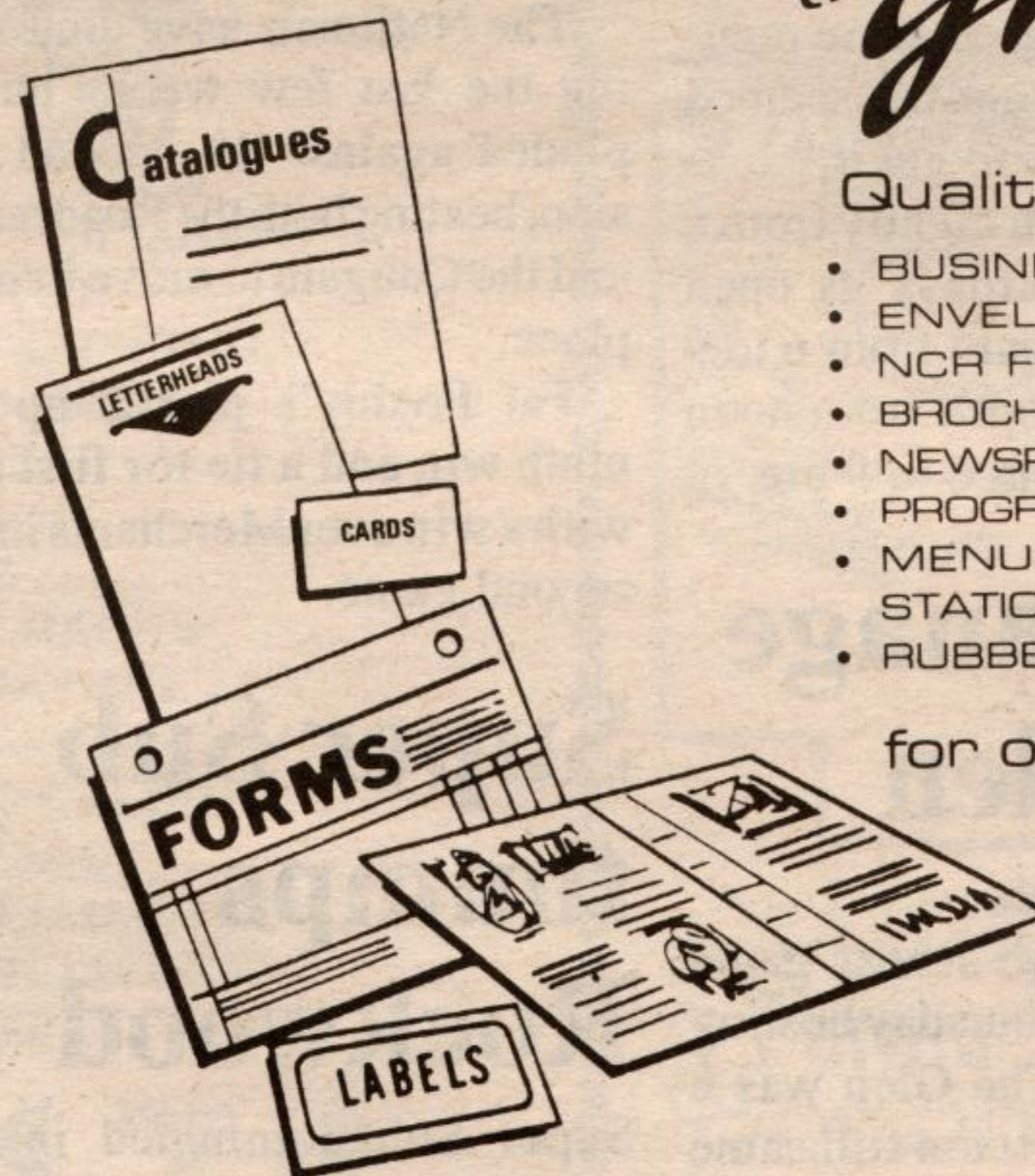
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